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**From the Grand Knight:**

The first GK comments of the new year seem to have more importance than any other. Do I write about the past year – or the coming year? Do I tell you my resolutions (mostly boring) – or do I suggest resolutions for you (more fun by far).

I think I'll do a combination of all of these.

2007 was an awesome year for our Council. We had a great increase in participation in many areas, but especially in Council activities. We did so many projects in our Surge For Service areas that it will be hard to pick the ones to write up for State and Supreme reporting. For the coming year – I'm looking forward to keeping our momentum going, and adding new things as we have men who are willing to support them. I think we have several exciting ideas for our Youth program in 2008.

If I were to make any suggestions for others for the coming year, it would be to come to one more Rosary in 2008 than you did in 2007. If you could come to one more Business meeting in 2008 than you did in 2007 that would be even better. If you could do just one more project in 2008 than you did in 2007 – then we could accomplish so much more than we already do. And you might find out that you had a good time doing it.

My resolution for 2008 relative to the Knights is to Let Go and Let God. That should help me keep my other two resolutions – to maintain a sense of humor and to trust and lean on others to make good things happen.

Vivat Jesus!  
Tom

**From the Lecturer:**

With the start of 2008 many individuals are making the usual self centered New Years resolutions like lose 10 pounds, quit smoking, etc. As a Knight of Columbus we are called to be above that and seek the higher spiritual ground. I encourage my fellow Knights to try the following resolutions for just ONE day. It is too tough to promise to do it everyday so just say to yourself, "I am only going to do them **today**". The next day you again say, "I am only going to do the resolutions today, and not even try tomorrow".

The Knights of Columbus **just one day** resolutions:

- Just today, I will show **Charity** to someone who really needs it.
- Just today, I will **Unite** myself with someone who needs a friend or help.
- Just today, I will show **Fraternity** to a brother Knight.
- Just today, I will do a **Patriotic** task for our country.

**Restoring our Seminarian Support Fund:**

Our Council is presently supporting three Seminararians: Brother Dan Dougherty, Byran Norton and Cletus Omode. We give each seminarian \$500 over the course of the school year. We had set aside the profits from our 2006 Peach Sales exclusively for seminarian support, and now with our 2007 contributions, that support fund is exhausted. In order to rebuild this fund in advance of our 2008 fund raising efforts we are asking that Knights consider giving an additional amount along with their 2008 annual dues. As an example, if you write a check for \$50 for your annual dues, the excess amount (\$14) will go directly to rebuilding the seminarian support fund. If you want to take a tax deduction for your contribution just write your check to Arvada Knights Charities. The Council will match total contributions up to a maximum of

\$500. Please consider giving to this fund if it is within your means to do so.

### **2nd & 3rd Degrees:**

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Colorado Springs (02-16-08) and Loveland (03-29-08). If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact Tom Lyons for details.

### **Thank you for your hard work :**

I thought our **Council Christmas Card** was very nicely done this year – Thanks to Brother Troy Hayes for that.

The **Council Christmas Party** was a great time, really good food, lots of fun and Santa to boot! Thanks to David Dudden, Tom Dedin Sr and Ron Hayduk for making dinner, to Michelle Feldman for the Santa gifts, to Troy Hayes and his Family for the music and game and to Cindy Dudden, Ginny Trumpolt, Todd and Lisa Mullen for the set up and decorations. It really was fun! And, check out our Council web site – great pics of the party!

The **Alter Server party** was well attended and the young people in that ministry appreciated lunch and the Certificates of Appreciation signed by Father David. Thanks to Ed Lindeman, Troy Hayes and Father Steven for making this a special afternoon for the young ministers of our parish.

**Christmas Food Basket Delivery** was a great success – due in no small part to David Dudden's organizing skills and the efforts of over 40 Knights from SOC, St's Peter and Paul and St Anne's as well as another 40 SOC parishioners who helped deliver in two shifts. In the interest of space I will not list everyone – but know that your efforts are appreciated by everyone in the SOC Office, by Catholic Charities and especially by the families who enjoyed the food over Christmas.

We have received a lot of compliments on our **Christmas decorations**. This was the first time we did the garland and wreaths, and based on the comments so far, I think we'll be asked to do it again next year. We ran a couple of day shifts on Monday and Tuesday: thanks to Price Hatcher, Jerry Flammang, Steve Feldman, Ron Hayduk, Tom Dedin Sr and Kevin Jones for your help. On Monday night the tress were set up by Greg Collette, Troy Hayes, David Dudden, Mark Schultz,

Tom Dedin Sr, Scott Ditch, Rudy Sanchez, Randy Weinert and Tim & Matt Vettel, Pat Dougherty, Price Hatcher and Mike Avis.. You guys did a great job and made putting up the lights an easy job. Thanks to Price Hatcher for organizing the whole effort.

Special thanks to David Dudden and Patrick Feldman who built the stable in the courtyard for the life size Manger scene. It is strikingly beautiful – thank you.

### **Financial decisions at the December meeting:**

Paid expenses for the Christmas Party; Sent a \$250 check to Seminarian Br. Dan Dougherty to help him with expenses; sent a check for \$250 to Seminarian Cletus Omode to help him with expenses; gave \$300 to the Christian Life Movement to help Bridget Quinn with her mission to Peru; gave \$100 to Matt Vettel to help him with expenses to attend the FOCUS conference; gave \$250 to Sarah Odsmondson, a FOCUS missionary on the University of North Dakota campus to help her with expenses.

### **Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:**

**January 14 and 15:** we'll be taking down the Christmas decorations. We will need a couple of pick up trucks to take the trees, garland and wreaths to the re-cycling center by Lake Arbor. We will start at 9:00 am, if we have 4-5 men able to help we will not need to spend any time Monday evening or on Tuesday. Call Tom at 303-423-4015 if you can help.

**Retreat on January 18-20.** We would like to encourage all Knights to consider attending the Gathering of Men retreat on **January 18-20**. If you have any concerns about financing the weekend contact Tom Lyons, there are scholarships available.

Our Lady of Charity Prayer Service the evening of **January 30**. The Knights of Columbus have developed this liturgy of devotion to the Blessed Mother. Council Chaplain Father Steven Voss will lead the service, Brother Dick Baker will assist and Brother Ed Dill will lead the music. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are especially asked to attend and dress in their tuxes. Father Steven would like to have the Knights form a procession into the Chapel.

**Knight & Family of the Month:**

**Harold Armenta** is recognized as our Knight of the Month for December. Harold has long been playing guitar at the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass, has helped move the homeless and delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Harold also recruited Bill LaGrange to our Council. He is a good example of the variety of service activities that Spirit of Christ Knights are involved in.

**The David Dudden Family** is recognized as our December Family of the Month. Both David and Cindy have been long involved and supporters of both the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary. David is a Charter member of the Council and has served as Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and is currently a Council Trustee. David is also in his second term as District Deputy for District 22. Cindy is current Auxiliary President. I don't think it goes too far to say that without the Dudden Family we would not be the strong and involved Council that we are. Thank You David and Cindy for your hard work and leadership.

**Congratulations Harold and David!**

If you have a nomination in mind for either the Knight or Family of the Month just give the name to any Officer.

**Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:**

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting – you win only if you are there! The award is \$25 and if you are not there (Sad Knight) then the money rolls over to the next meeting, The December Sad Knight is Chris Vaness. The pot for the January 10 meeting is \$250.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Prayers at our December meeting were said for Justyn Whalin, Soul of Marie Buljung, Georgeen Katz, Joe Webber, Judith Hayduk, Vettel family, Bob Burley's son John, Carol Hatcher, Frank Armenta and all Special Intentions. We said prayers especially for those who were shot in Colorado Springs and Omaha; and for those suffering due to hard weather in the North West, Oklahoma and Kansas.

**Help us reduce expenses:**

We are looking to improve communications and reduce mailing expenses. If you want to get the newsletter by email please let me know at tomlyons7of9@msn.com.

There are a number of name badges that have lost track of their Knights. If you are missing your name badge call Tom at 303-423-4015 so we can arrange a time for you and your badge to get back together.

**New things to think about:**

If you are interested in any of these projects please give me a call 303-423-4015:

In February this year Tim Vettel and I went to **New Orleans** to help rebuild in St Bernard's parish. The group that went together is trying to get another group to go again this February to work with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes.

We are looking for a couple to head up our Council **Right to Life** efforts. The Knights of Columbus have many different programs that we can tap into with a little effort. Please consider if you and your wife are interested in putting together a Right to Life project.

I occasionally get calls from the SOC Office asking if we have a Knight with a truck and some time to help someone move that has a true need. I'd like to create a shortened call list of those Knights who would be willing to be contacted in these situations.

If you'd like to make a contribution to this newsletter please let me know. I'd be happy to share the space with my Brother Knights!

**Ladies Auxiliary:**

There will be **no December Auxiliary meeting.**

**Social on Sunday 01/13/08;** Brunch at the Dushanbe Teahouse in Boulder then tour of Celestial Seasonings; meet at SOC at 10:45am; call Cindy Dudden (303)940-6992.

## **From our Field Agent:**

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2007 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

Vivat Jesus,

Patrick Feldman

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