

Dear Brother Knights,

Where did 2006 go? It has been a blur to me. We have done many great things in the past year and look forward to even more old and new activities.

Special thanks go out to Brother Ken and Sherry Leblanc and Lynnette Pozorski for starting a new event for our council this Christmas Season. The Parish Christmas Party was a great success. We were able to provide a great time for families of the parish, but also incorporate the message, that the reason for the season is the birth of Jesus and our need to continue building our faith journey in his name. Please keep this in mind the next few weeks. We need to include our Lord in our thanks and praise and make sure everyone in our lives do not become overwhelmed with the commercialism that has continued to grow in our society.

I would like to suggest to everyone that for a New Years goal please consider the challenge of recruiting at least one new member for 2007. What a great goal to make that will be really easy to mark off your list by just asking a friend or acquaintance in our faith to join our group. If anyone needs material or help please call Brother Chris Keefer (625-6636) or myself.

Reminder goes out to members that you should have received your dues and other requests for support of SOS (Support our Seminaries) and the Gibault raffle tickets. Please be prompt in payment and if you are having financial difficulties please contact Brother Chris Scheer (436-9485) or myself to work something out. **We need all of you to be a part of our organization and continue the success in serving the Lord and our Church.**

Please consider making a donation to our **Christmas Family in Needs Fund**. We were not originally sure this was going to happen at our last meeting and a note was not sent to all of you like last year. We have been requested by our Parish to help six families who are members of St. Elizabeth's. We were fortunate, once again, to have Brother Bob Wantz's place of employment donate 5 hams and 5 turkeys. We will also be providing gift certificates. **So please give generously** and send a check to Chris Scheer in your billing package or send to me at 3911 Aboite Lake Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Make checks out to the Knights of Columbus and put in note area for Christmas Family Need Fund. You all have been generous in the past and I know you will continue to support this worthy cause.

We are starting to develop a calling tree in our council and we need your help. This is such an easy way for anyone to assist our council. The more people we have helping, the less calls each one in the tree needs to make. This will really help when we get these quick project requests from our parish or community. Please contact Marty Hochstetler (432-5187) or Rich Laudeman (672-9193) to volunteer ASAP.

We are also beginning a new service to our parish by running the parish monthly Donuts and Coffee gathering after 7:30 and 9:30 masses. I am looking for one or two members to help organize this event monthly and others who regularly attend these masses to help out. This will not be real time consuming and a great way to serve our parish and your council. Please call or email me ASAP.

Lastly, included in this Newsletter is a **survey form to capture all of our personal time and talent donations** to our Church, Community, and Youth in 2006. This is time that you spent not related to council sponsored activities. This is an anonymous and estimated survey to gather information. It will be used to show our involvement for new member recruitment, showing our charitable works to Supreme for their use and ours, and is probably the most important reason the self examination of our time spent serving our Lord. I know a lot of you are active in Ushering, Lecturing, Eucharistic ministering, Choir, Soup Kitchen, Redeemer Radio, and so much more. **So please take the time to fill this out and mail back to me at 3911 Aboite Lake Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 by January 15th.**

May God bless all of your families and you this **Christmas!**

Sincerely

Chris Pozorski, Grand Knight

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

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Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 61.1 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2006

- 1. Number of visits you made during 2006 to:
 Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes / hospitals
 Bereaved — visits of condolence
- 2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2006
- 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2006:
 Church Activities — service in all Church related activities
 Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities
 Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects
 Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above
- 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during: Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.

Survey on how you want to be involved in our Council in 2007

Please check mark any areas you would consider helping out with. We want to provide all of you an opportunity to be involved in a passion that interests you and serves are Lord and also assists our council in its good works. If you have any questions on what these might involve feel free to call Marty Hochstetler or Chris Pozorski.

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Membership – Recruitment _____ Retention _____ Insurance Promotion _____

Church – Vocations ___ Parish round Tables ___ Lay Apostolate ___ Parochial Services ___ Religious Devotions _____ Keeping Christ in Christmas _____

Community – Pro Life ___ Volunteerism ___ Human Needs _____ Civic Involvement _____ Environment ___ Public Safety ___ Health Services ___ Decency _____

Council – Public Relations ___ Fraternalism ___ Cultural ___ Social ___ Blood Donors _____ Athletics ___ Knight of the Month _____

Family – Survivors Assistance _____ Memorials _____ Education ___ Communications ___ Family of the Year ___ Family Projects _____ Recreation _____ Family week _____

Youth – Columbian Squires _____ Youth Groups _____ Athletics _____ Educational Programs _____ Youth Welfare _____ Youth Religious Activities _____ Youth Social Activities _____

Please send this letter to: Chris Pozorski, 3911 Aboite Lake Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 By January 15th.