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January / February 2011 GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Guenter A. Rieger

Dear Brother Knights.

Welcome to 2011. When we look back on the 2010 calendar of activities, as Knights of Columbus we have certainly served the Lord's call by serving our community and those are in need.

Our council was able to support the following organization with financial donations. Together for Christmas \$1,000 – Schubert Center \$500 – Santa Anonymous \$200 – Silver Lake Foes Education \$500 – Saint James parent Support Group \$1250.00.

Sales of Charity Appeal Tickets supported those donations. The "Together for Christmas" initiative in conjunction with the Upper Mission, provided almost 300meals for people in need on Christmas day. A Big Thanks to Lisa Froom, Upper Mission, Ron Birch and our Brother Knight Joe Dorval, Street Center, and all the volunteers and Knights the who made this a successful community event. Our Business Meeting in January was very well attended and I would like to thank all Brothers who enriched our meeting with your presence.

I personally want to thank everyone in our Council for stepping forward with your ideas, volunteer time, and most importantly... prayers. Not everyone can attend meetings nor chair an event, but everyone can pray for the success of our good works.

To prepare us for the coming year, our spiritual theme for 2011 should be!

- 1. Share knowledge.
- 2. Give comfort to those who need it.
- 3. Comfort those who suffer.
- 4. Be patient with others.
- 5. Forgive those who hurt you.
- 6. Give correction to those who need it.
- 7. Pray for the living and the dead.

I encourage everyone in our Council to reflect on this call and participate in a Council activity that best utilizes your talent and availability. Your participation will have an impact on many people, including yourself.

Thank you and God bless you, Guenter A. Rieger, Grand Knight