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From the State Deputies Point of View:

From the State Chaplain:

My brother Knights:

Dear Brother Knights:

During this joyful time of the year, it is the custom to all, "Will to thought phrase when I honor along eral of brother



the icon of Our Lady of Guadeloupe to the Hispanic community in Jackson on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. As I looked out over those gathered I thought how wonderful it was that under the umbrella of our shared Catholic Faith so many different peoples and cultures were represented. Our Lady is indeed **"Madre de toda la gente de las Americas."** (Mother of all the Americas.) our Savior's Lord was that was not welcomed peoples of and cul-that we
people of the And, how like birth this is. Our born in a place his home and and adored by different races tures. I believe Knights of Co-lumbus should be proud that we welcome all men of our faith, no matter what their origin, into our ranks. I sincerely hope that each and every one of you and your families have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.



Rich Lieding, State Deputy

The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is an evangelizer's dream Holy Day. Everyone, non-Christians, non-practicing Catholics, non-Knights love this holiday. Imagine belonging to a religion that has no Christmas service! Midnight mass is the perfect invitation for our non-Catholic friends to experience our religion at it's best. The solemnity, the ritual, the gathering in the dark are sure to touch the hardest of hearts. Perhaps the only thing missing is someone to go with to Mass. I challenge every Knight in the State to invite someone to one of the Christmas liturgies this year. I get miffed when I hear someone say, "Keep Christ in Christmas". I want to respond to that with, "Keep mass in Christmas"! As Knights of Columbus we have the opportunity to be missionaries of the Word made Flesh. Maybe not to Asia or Africa but in our very own neighborhood. Have a very merry and blessed Christmas!

Fr. Brian Kaskie,



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Accidental death benefit up to \$2,500 now
available to surviving family

NEW HAVEN, CT — The Knights of Columbus will begin paying an accidental death benefit to the families of members of the Catholic fraternal order who are killed while in military service in Afghanistan and in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The benefit is based on the deceased's years of membership in the Knights and ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The Knights' executive and finance committee voted a change to an existing accidental death benefit that had previously had a war-time exclusion condition. The benefit is in addition to any dividends due the family from a Knights of Columbus life insurance policy the member may have had.

In announcing the new benefit, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said it was another commitment by the Order to U.S. troops engaged in the war on terrorism. "The purpose of this additional benefit is to assist the families of our fallen members who have served their countries in these military conflicts," Anderson said. According to Knights of Columbus records, as of Dec. 31 five families had qualified for the bene-

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fit.

Earlier this year, in collaboration with the U.S. Archdiocese for Military Services, the Knights produced and distributed 100,000 prayer books to the troops stationed in the Middle East and at U.S. and foreign bases. The Knights also sent 50,000 rosaries to U.S. troops.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with nearly 1.7 million members throughout North America and elsewhere. It offers insurance and annuities to its members and their families. The sale of insurance has been a part of the organization's program since its founding in New Haven in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, a 29-year-old Catholic priest. The Knights is also known for its charitable activities. In 2002 members reported raising and contributing a record \$128.5 million and volunteering a record 60.8 million hours of service.

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