



## *Grand Knights Goals for 2010 / 2011 Fraternal Year*



As Grand Knight, it is important that I communicate to you a vision for the Council for the coming 2010/2011 Columbian Year. This vision will be fulfilled through five (5) Goals:

My first goal will be Council **Activation (i.e. Involvement)**. We have one of the largest councils in the state, yet we continue to struggle to get people involved in the activities of the council, such as Officer or Directorships. Involvement begins by working on a robust Retention program utilizing a Mentor program. Mentoring will remind and reinforce all 3rd Degree Knights on why they joined, along with building lifelong relationships. By our 3rd Degree Knights example and leadership, 1st Degree Knights will be encouraged to obtain their second and third Degrees. If we couple this along with a full slate of solid service program activities, I believe it will help to energize and promote a healthy environment and increased involvement within the Council.

My second goal will be to continue improving our **Membership**. As my predecessors have been, I'm not driven by membership for the numbers, and I too want to make sure everyone gets the opportunity to join. We want to concentrate on bringing in good Catholic men who are both driven and desire to contribute. I joined the Knights, much like the 88% of all Knights, to be of service to the Church and enhance my faith. Not allowing others the same opportunity seems like an injustice to our fellow men. As such, we should remember that we should continually be reminding our fellow men of the opportunity the Knights of Columbus provides. Membership is a 24/7 & 365 day activity.

My third goal is to promote the **Spiritual and Personal Growth** of the Council membership. It is important that we create and maintain an environment where we all feel like we are growing. This may mean being asked to do things that we might not be initially comfortable in doing. Let us remember that the Disciples went through exactly the same thing. We must remember that as Catholic gentlemen, we are all called to go and make Disciples, and we should not turn down an opportunity to be of service when asked, especially because we believe we are either too busy, or not yet ready to make an attempt. Always, we are in the presence of a loving God, and he will not put us into something that he, if asked, will not help us through. You just might be surprised at the results!

My fourth goal is to **Serve our Priests, our Clergy, our Parish, and our Youth**. "In Service to One, In Service to All" is the Knight's motto. We should take up every opportunity to be of service along with being actively supportive of our Priests, our Clergy, our Parish, and with our Youth. We can be an example of fidelity and service through our annual sponsorship of Seminarians, by active assistance of our Priest/Clergy in fulfilling their ministries, by vigorous volunteerism in Parish and Archdiocese sponsored ministries, and in helping/aiding our Youth. We must respond both quickly and affirmatively with a "yes" to requests for help that we, as Knights, can fulfill.



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My fifth goal is to **Promote the use of TEAM within all the Council works.** “Together Everyone Accomplishes More”. The State Knight’s motto this year is “Not I, but We”. Individualism is a corrosive philosophy and cancerous growth in society today that is running rampant. Contrary to opinion, the needs of the few, or the one, do not outweigh the needs of the many! As such, I expect that in everything we do, we should be seeking out and involving as many Brother Knights as possible, that we give respect to those who are in positions of leadership by giving them our full and undivided support, truly working together so that we can accomplish more than we thought possible!

So Brothers, I ask your unwavering support to “Live the Vision”, by supporting the new officers and directors as we move forward, and together, we can turn this vision statement into reality.

Vivat Jesus,  
*Jim Hall*  
Grand Knight