

SILENT KNIGHT CHRISTMAS GREETING 2006



Dear Silent Knights, Squires and Maidens,

The response to the SILENT KNIGHT story fills us with gratitude this Christmas. We feel humbled by the selfless actions of our Silent Knights around the globe and we send Christmas and New Year's greetings to all of you. Please know that due to the hearts that have been inspired to serve their neighbors anonymously we are making a difference in 19 nations. From emails we receive, we know that, since the very beginning of this noble effort, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been generated by the selfless acts of many around the world. New emails from astonishing men and women are arriving weekly sharing their latest "SILENT KNIGHT" random act of charity. The stories delight us with their candor and meaningfulness. We remain amazed at God's hand working in and through the hearts of people touched by the SILENT KNIGHT Program.

From the stories that have been shared with us, we know that we have grown in numbers of participants, imagination/ingenuity, and activity. There are Silent Knights taking care of entire school districts with the aid of partnered local clubs. Churches continue to partner with us and prosper by the involvement of their congregations in the direct aid to needy persons in their communities. Individual efforts have ranged from service in the Holy Land, to providing tuition assistance, to words of encouragement. Silent Knights have served needy people of varied cultures, ethnicities, religions, and languages. For all of these random acts of charity and for all the unknown works you have performed, we thank you. We are privileged and blessed to get to know so many gracious and generous people. Our lives are richer for having met you.

Our SILENT KNIGHT global reach this year increased by 5 nations. Additionally, Europe, Africa, South West Asia, South East Asia, and Australia are all actively working and growing in Silent Knights. We are praying for activity in South America and hope to have a Silent Knight identified there soon. Important partnerships are forming with the Knights of Columbus and many are being served by this collaboration. We have high hopes for the New Year!

We pray you are surrounded by those you love this Christmas and that 2007 brings you great joy. For those of you that have loved ones serving in harms way, we thank you, and them, for the sacrifices made and we pray for your joyous reunion in the near future. For those traveling this holiday season, we pray for your safety.

May God richly bless you all for serving Him as a Silent Knight. You continue to prove that one person can make a huge difference.

Remember, if you need more SILENT KNIGHT cards, lapel pins, or wish to share a story, please drop us a line at SilentKnightOne@hotmail.com. We will be happy to hear from you.

"Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name give glory."



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