

Dear Fellow Knights,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for paying my family and I homage at the annual CHRISTmas party. The plaque is beautiful and the praise heartfelt. After every mission of tragedy in the streets of Baghdad I would always think of how lucky I was to have so many people praying for me back home. The thought became part of my ritual. While clearing my weapons after each mission. I would thank God for watching over me and for the prayers of my family, friends, the St. Anne's community and the entire Nation. I honestly believe that the prayers were the shield that protected me and brought me back home to my family. I know that you prayed for Kelly Waugh and I at the meetings of the Knights of Columbus. Believe me, they were felt by both of us during our darkest days. I am looking forward to the future as a Knight in this great council and I will always be eternally grateful for what you have done for my family.

God bless you all
John Grayson