

December 2016

Brother Knights:

I remember as a kid thinking Christmas will never get here and now as an adult, I keep thinking "Christmas time again? So soon?" Please don't allow this busy time of the year keep you from taking the time to reflect what this season is truly about. As Catholics, we know that Christmas is so much more than putting up a Christmas tree and shopping at the mall.

We celebrate the fact our Lord has blest us with the greatest gift mankind will ever know, the gift of God's son Jesus who ultimately will himself give us the gift of his death in order for us to have eternal life. As mere mortals, we often have a hard time coming to terms as to what all that entails. So again, I ask simply that you attempt to take the time to prayerfully reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

One such way our Council has reflected on the true meaning of Christmas was with our new Christmas Celebration dinner and movie event. This year we opened up our Christmas Party to the parish and gave them the "gift" of a very economic and delicious pork loin dinner and a religious based Christmas movie. We had a great turn out for our first time and were excited to have all three of our parish priests attend! I was especially happy to see the gifts brought to go to deserving kids that might otherwise not have anything under the tree this year. As a Council, we need to support existing SMC charities as much as possible. For those that made the event, I think you will agree with me it went well and that this event needs to become an annual tradition.

I regret to say my work out of state did not allow me to make our December meeting; nor could the Deputy Grand Knight due to his work commitment. As a result, our Worthy Chancellor took over the duties of running the meeting and by all accounts, did a great job. Perhaps a Grand Knight in the making???

I want to conclude my December newsletter by simply wishing each and every one of you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Thank you for your efforts in 2016 and I trust we will continue to do good works in 2017.

Vivat Jesus,

SK David Matocha
Worthy Grand Knight