

Dear Brother Knights,

With the writing of this message we are into the Advent Season. Advent marks the beginning of the church year and the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It is a time of preparation that directs us to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the Lord's birth on Christmas.

As Knights, our main theme during Advent is to "Keep Christ in Christmas". One way you can keep Christ in Christmas is to reveal the character, love and spirit of Christ that dwells in you by allowing those traits to shine through your daily actions. Some other things you can do to keep Christ in Christmas is to set up a nativity scene in your home. Set aside time to read the Christmas story in Luke. Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message. And be sure to attend a Christmas Mass with your family and loved ones.

I want to offer my congratulations to our Knight of the Month for November, Tom Dougherty, and our Family of the Month, Jim and Lois Murawski. I also want to personally thank all the Knights who have volunteered their time and efforts this past year to make our fundraising events and honor guard requests a success. And, I want to take this opportunity to wish my brother Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Vivat Jesus!

*Joe Maffa*, Grand Knight

*"Christmas is the delight of loving and being loved in return, not for gifts tied with bows, but for gifts of the Spirit offered with an open heart every day of the year." Pearl Buck*