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December 2007

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. If you ate too much you only have yourself to blame. Now It's time to get ready for the holiday that started the whole Christian era. Remember while you are wrapped up in this season that if not for the birth of God's son we would not be celebrating. So everyone have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year and remember to keep Christ in Christmas. In keeping Christ in Christmas remember great gifts don't have to cost a lot or come from a store. Here are some great gifts to give and receive.

Love- Remember to tell those you love you love them. The words "I Love You" are always nice to hear.

Kindness- Share some of your Christmas goodies with an elderly neighbor or a lonely child.

Peace- Pray that our leaders will work together so our world may live in peace.

Cooperation- Volunteer your time at a local service agency. They can always use your help. We can work together to help others.

Trust- Put your trust in God to give you all you need in the coming year.

Friendship- Visit a shut in or patient in a hospital or nursing home.

Honesty- Be honest with yourself. Are you making time for Christ this Christmas?

Faternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

Greetings to all my Brother Knights and your families! I pray that this month be a blessed one for you and yours. These words of Pope John Paul II are taken from a conference he gave in Poland back in 1993:

"With an act of wholehearted and steadfast faith, renew your fidelity in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, and make His Gospel the guide of your thoughts and life. In this way, you will be today's society that yeast of new life which humanity needs in order to build a more just and fraternal future, a future that is open to the civilization of love." Our Holy Father gives us some wonderful food for thought in these brief words. Nevertheless, how do we renew our fidelity and our faithfulness to Christ each day, with the gospel as our guide? Once again, good things come in threes.

I believe we renew fidelity in three ways: first, by the relationships of our lives; second, by the need to find Christ in our suffering; and third, by our need to be reconciled to God and each other. For Francis of Assisi, the greatest gift he gave someone was entering into a relationship with them. In our relations with each other, we find wholeness, commitment, and love. First and foremost, it is a matter of relationship, and then of teaching and preaching. For, in our relationships, we attempt to wear others' shoes, walk on their street, and experience what they experience.

In this way, we renew our faith in Christ, and in each other. We also renew our faith through our experiences of suffering and our willingness to walk with others in their moments of pain. Human suffering can be difficult and challenging. It can leave us helpless, vulnerable, and even angry.

However, without suffering, we would never really understand why Jesus did what He did for us. Jesus desired to enter more deeply into our human experience. This would have been enough to show His love for us; but then; He also redeemed and freed us from our sins. This is why we need to be people who seek reconciliation in our lives. God is always ready to forgive us. He only waits for us to ask and confess. Therefore, we need the sacrament of reconciliation.

During this season of Advent, what a great time for us to deepen our relationship with God and go to confession. My Brother Knights, relationships, suffering, and reconciliation are the keys to renewing our fidelity to God, and keeping the gospel as the primary means to personal and spiritual growth. I pray that these thoughts will encourage us to make the best our Advent, and keep Christ in our hearts throughout the Christmas season. In closing, please continue to pray for all who are in need. If I can ever be of help to you in your spiritual journey, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital, please feel free to call me anytime

Wishing all of you a blessed month and encourage all of you to keep Christ in in Christmas. I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away, especially during the holidays.



Happy Birthday

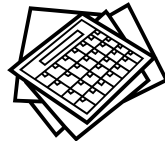
Robert J. Baker	12/28
John D. Burk	12/27
Frank M. Clark	12/05
Joseph F. Daus	12/17
Louis J. Endress	12/16
Rick B. Gallagher	12/04
Ronald A. Hileman	12/19
William J. Hooten	12/20
Thomas O. Hopple	12/14
George G. Husick	12/03
David T. Karl	12/21
Rev. Anthony Legarski	12/24
Nicholas S. Luciano	12/31
William M. Moyer	12/20
Keith A. Natoli	12/04
Frank R. Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P. Smithmyer	12/17
Timothy J. Surkovich	12/20



November Council Meeting Notes

A Thank you was read from The Armed Forces Mother for our gift last month towards the support of our troops. We will continue to support our troops through our thoughts and prayers. Also, it was decided to support the Sons of the American Legion in their efforts to help the needy at Christmas with a donation of \$100. Continued prayers are requested for Brother Knight Clarence who is continuing to recover from knee surgery. The Stiffler Family sends their heartfelt gratification to the Knights of Columbus for the Honor Guard attendance at Mr. Stiffler's funeral. The family gave a contribution to our council for use as the council feels necessary. New chairs are evident in the council hall purchased by the Home Associa-

tion. Many thanks to Jack Frank for heading up this purchase.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, December 6 at 8:00 pm
Thursday, January 4 at 8:00 pm

Annual "Basket of Cheer" and COAL tickets are now being sold. Tickets should be sold as soon possible to receive the greatest profit. The drawing for the COAL tickets will be held Dec. 8th. The drawing for the "Basket of Cheer" will be held Dec. 24th.

FS Lou Endress reported the need for continuing fundraising efforts so that we can maintain and upgrade the building and grounds. Over the past several years your generosity has allowed us to purchase some much-needed items and to improve and maintain others. If you need additional tickets please contact Lou Endress.

Degree Reminder

A second degree team has been fully formed and they will start to practice. A second degree ceremony will be planned when they

have completed their preparations.

Father Brad reported that there were 4 inquiries about vocations in the Franciscan Order. Our prayers for vocations are working! Please continue to pray for those who may be called to vocations in the Church.

Prayer For Vocations

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.
Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future
Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.
Bless Our Church
by raising up dedicated and generous
leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and
Lay Ministers.
Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.
We ask this through our Lord.

Deacon Dan reminds us of the importance of taking all the sacraments.



In our world, Christmas has become a very commercialized industry. We are all reminded to "Keep Christ In Christmas" through our prayers and works for others.