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Greetings Brother Knights,

Advent is upon us! This is the Christian time of preparation by works of sacrifice and penance. The 'Advent season' can be found in documents dating back to the fourth century. Then it consisted of fasting for three days a week from the feast of St. Martin to Christmas. While times have really changed, the reason for Advent has not. Keep this in mind as you prepare for Christmas. It is so easy to get 'wrapped' up in the buying and giving of gifts. Take the time to prepare you and your family spiritually. One very special way is the use of the Advent wreath. The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. The circle of evergreen in which we place the candles are placed represents everlasting life. Seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life. You can find a variety of prayers with the Advent wreath on the internet. Start a new family tradition in your home. Let us use this Advent to prepare ourselves for His coming.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Elizabeth and I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and New Year filled with joy!

John Hundiak
Grand Knight

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Many councils throughout the country are selling these attractive car magnets to remind everyone not to forget fact, many other churches in for their congregations! Our ter all the masses during Ad-proceeds from the sales will Sacred Heart Major Seminary. these magnets. I see them on Hills areas. Don't be left out. up before they are gone.



why we have Christmas. In the area have asked for some council will be selling them af-vent. The cost is \$5.00. All go to support seminarians and We have already sold 100 of cars throughout the Rochester Stop by the gym and pick one Every Knight should have one!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 02 - Rochester Christmas Parade
December 04 - Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
December 08 - Manna Soup Kitchen
December 09 - Gift Program (All Week)
December 08 - Caroling at Mercy Bellbrook
December 15 - Advent Meditation for Knights
December 18 - Council Meetings (6:15 PM & 7:30 PM)

December 22 - Birthday Party for Jesus
December 25 - **CHRISTMAS**
January 21 - Roe vs. Wade Washington Trip
January 22 - Council Meetings (6:15 PM & 7:30 PM)
January 28 - Marian Icon at St. Mary of the Hills

ADVENT REFLECTION

Fr. Leon Olszamowski has offered an Advent Reflection time for the Knights. The date and time is Saturday, December 15, 2008 from 9:00 AM to Noon at St. Mary of the Hills Parish. Confession will also be available. Please join us for this time to prepare for the Lord's Coming.



SCAM ALERT!

Please be advised that phone scams asking for money during this holiday season have started. Calls have been received from 'a brother Knight' who cannot get back home without monetary assistance. If you receive a call and you are inclined to act, suggest to meet the individual at a nearby police station. This will protect you and still help those in true need of our help.

BIRTHDAYS DURING December

- 02 Bill Travnik
- 03 Ron Norton
- 05 Dan Azarovitz
- 06 Carrie Maffey
- 09 Rose Marie Polulak
- 13 Julie LaPointe
- 16 Pearl Kotter
- 17 Carl Lanfear
- 18 Gilda Nicosia
- 20 Dan Medved
- 24 Carol Gunther
- 31 Marylal Karbowski

January

- 02 Eric Chisolm
- 02 Jeffrey Sacdalan
- 03 Jim Grawburg
- 03 Tamela Braun
- 03 Sue LaFavre
- 04 Carl Piontowski
- 05 Paul Grandy
- 05 Debra Weisman
- 06 George Phillips
- 07 Mary Ann Ziegeler
- 17 Debbie Reblin
- 22 Andy Fadanelli
- 23 Deb Valot
- 24 Jim Nicosia
- 25 Clem Valot
- 27 Bob Reblin
- 30 Ken Corrian

ATTENTION ALL FIRST DEGREE KNIGHTS!

If you are a 1st Degree member, the next chance to become a 3rd Degree Knight is Saturday, February 23, 2008. You will be contacted to participate. You will learn much more about our Order by taking your 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Some 1st Degree Knights feel that if they become 3rd Degree they will have to be an Officer. While it is true that you must be 3rd Degree to become an Officer, you cannot be elected unless you run for office. Contact the Financial Secretary for more details.

From the Financial Secretary

The 2008 Dues notices have been sent out! The dues this year are set at \$38.00. Lifetime members, Clergy and those with 25 consecutive years of membership (and at least 70 years old) are exempt from paying dues and will not receive a dues notice. Please pay your dues as soon as you can.

If you are unable to pay your dues because of unemployment or other circumstances, please contact the Grand Knight and discuss arrangements with him.

Included with your dues notice is a request to help us with three programs. Each program is optional. You can support any combination or none at all. The programs are:

- Pennies from Heaven, this supports a Seminarian. Please add \$3.00
 - Michigan Charities (Take 5) for charities throughout Michigan. Please add \$5.00
 - McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Seminary. Please add \$12.00
- Sheets explaining Michigan Charities and the McGivney chair are included in your notice. Lifetime members may support these programs if they so desire.

Sue and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Paul Thorn
Financial Secretary

ANNIVERSARIES DURING December

- 26 Bob & Debbie Reblin
- 26 Jim & Marylal Karbowski

January

- 15 Ron & Mary Ann Ziegeler
- 18 Robert & Kathleen Armstrong
- 27 Jonathan & Julie Rea

The 4th Degree Corner

The next opportunity to join the Fourth Degree is March 8, 2008. Anyone who has been a brother knight for at least 6 months, has attained the third degree and is in good standing is eligible to join the 4th Degree. If you are interested, please contact John Hundiak at (248) 652-3433.

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