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Blessed Christmas



In the course of trying to write this month's article I am reminded of how it is easy to get caught up in the "busy - ness" of the world. Our days seem short because we have many obligations and cares. The holidays can help us to get our world back in focus by slowing down and sharing time with our families and friends. Isn't it strange how 2000 years ago a little child came into the world to show us how to live and we still don't always get the message. We consider ourselves living in the most advanced society the world has ever known and yet we still have all of the afflictions to our society that were present 2000 years ago. Let's try and live the Knight's theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas" this year. It shouldn't be just a cutesy theme. It is a call to action for us to improve the way we live our lives in this hectic world.

Congratulation to the seven new Knights who participated in the November 18 - First Degree. Please welcome these new brothers into our Council. I want to especially thank, my wife Joie, for coordinating the coat drive for Rosemont center. We provided approximately 70 coats to this needy cause. I thank God for the safe return of our brother Knights and their spouses from the Carribean cruise. I'm sure they have some interesting stories to tell.

Joie and I want to wish all of you a very Merry and Holy Christmas. Remember, take some time to rest and enjoy your family and friends during this joyous season.

Fraternally Yours,

Dick Petersen,

Grand Knight

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Grand Knight Dick Petersen presents the Measure Up check to Pickerington's Special Olympic representative Heidi Cornhill.

Upcoming Events

December 2002		January 2003	
7	Rosary Service/First Saturday Mass 8:30 a.m. Officers Meeting 10 a.m.	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
8	Santa visit (Library)	4	Rosary Service/First Saturday Mass 8:30 a.m. Officers Meeting 10 a.m.
9	Business Meeting - CR 10 8:00 p.m.	12	Pancake Breakfast 9 am - 1 pm - HH
24	K of C Men's Choir	13	Business Meeting - CR 10 8:00 p.m.
25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	19	Free Throw Contest
30	Blood Drive	20	First Degree & Parish Retreat
31	NEW YEARS EVE	25	Monte Carlo Night-AC - 6 pm - 1 am
		27	Social Meeting - HH

The Christmas season is in full swing. This article is a little shorter as I am sure you are busy with preparation. I have been thinking about it and hopefully preparing for it for a while now. I blame this on my son. And I am forever grateful. Read on and see why.

My son had a homework assignment for Thanksgiving. For the assignment, they had to bring to school one of their father's "special" ties. They were to explain to their class why it was so special. This seemed easy to me until I started looking at my tie rack. Sure, I have some very nice ties ... thanks to my wife's excellent taste, but none seemed especially noteworthy of discussion in front of a class of third graders. I turned to examine my other tie rack ... the one with all my holiday-oriented ties. Disgusting, huh? Anyway, as I scoured through my selections, my eye fell on one of my favorite Christmas ties. It is pretty old now, but very special. The tie depicts a homey scene. Two little children are asleep in bed on Christmas Eve. Smiles adorn their angelic, little faces, as they have apparently been "nice" all year. Santa stands at the window with a sack full of gifts in tow. The Christmas star illuminates the sky in the background. Matt would take this tie in to school.

I remember getting this tie soon after Matt's birth. It surely has represented our family during the holidays with Santa and gifts and happiness. Then, as I gazed at the tie, deeper thoughts started racing across my brain. Short trip, I know, but here are those thoughts. The true meaning of Christmas seemed to mesh with the figures on that tie. I saw the children asleep in bed take on the representation of all mankind. Santa turned into Christ, sent down from heaven by his Father and bearing the burden of the forgiveness for our sins. The Christmas star is heaven; our gift from God for a life lived in his image here on earth. The smiles on "our" faces show anticipation for and appreciation of receipt of this great gift. Because, after all, we have been good, haven't we? That tie seems **very special** now.

Wow. I found a reminder about the true meaning of Christmas on a ten-dollar tie as part of a homework assignment. Thanks, Matt. And all those years I thought the tie was just about Santa and my family. So, here is your Chancellor's Challenge for this month. Let us look at the season as receipt of the greatest gift of all ... Christ and what he brings us. Try to make it through the season, and the rest of the year, living life as Christ would expect. Look at all the things that happen around you. Try to find Christ in them. Make all your actions worthy of him. Be able to affix that smile to your face knowing the greatest gift of all is coming ... and we are worthy to receive it.

Mike Croyle

Chancellor

CRANK'S CREEK CHALLENGE:

Brother Knights, It is that time of year again. Yes, time to Crank up the donations for Cranks Creek. I am making a special challenge to you this year. Bob and Heidi McAlister spoke after all masses on Christ the King Sunday. Something they said stuck in my brain. It was about someone giving us 10 tickets to an OSU game and all that the giver wanted was for us to let him sit with us at the game. They were referring to tithing and the 10% that we should be giving back to charity (including the Church). God has been very good to most of us and we must remember that all we have, He has given to us. We owe all that we have to Him. Remember that we can't take it with us. In my last class in "Deacon School" I learned about our Kingly mission on earth. That mission is for us to ensure that we help in balancing the level of food and things that we all have. Seton Parish has been given a special assignment to help the 700 or so families who live in the Cranks Creek area. Our parish has been involved in the Cranks Creek outreach for eight years now and the tradition continues. The challenge for you, my fellow Knights, and for me, is to help make this project successful. You can do this by sponsoring a family or two through the giving tree. I plan on going down to Cranks again this year (sixth year). I enjoy the work, fellowship, and fun and most of all; I enjoy seeing our youth see "God" in each and every person down in Cranks Creek. This is a wonderful experience. I recommend it to everyone. I plan on making a donation through the giving tree and I challenge you to do the same.

Hector Raymond

PANCAKE OR FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST



Join us for breakfast Sunday, January 12th from 8:30 AM to 1 PM
in Bishop Herrmann Hall.

The Knights will be preparing pancakes and sausage
French Toast breakfasts will be \$1 additional.

Cost: Adults \$4
Children \$2

Checks may be made payable to the Knight's of Columbus, Council 11187.

WANTED KNIGHTS *in SERVICE*

There are two remaining *Pancake Breakfast* events... **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Thank you to all who have served. If you have not been able to volunteer in the past don't let that stop you now. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated, even for an hour or two. There are many demands of our time, especially with younger families, and we all understand. The best help we can receive is for YOU to bring your family and friends. The food is good and the price is right, and even if you are unable to work, do not let that keep you from enjoying the fellowship of our Parish Community.

JOIN US.....January 12th & February 9th 8:30 to 1:00
To Volunteer – Contact Pat Cleary at 837-4456 : e:mail pcleary@insight.rr.com
TO HELP - BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Fourth Degree Corner

Regalia Events:

December 22, 2002 - Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, 40th Anniversary for Father DeVille.
Gather at 10 am for a 10:30 Mass.

December 29, 2002 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City, 5th Sunday Mass. Gather at
10 am for a 10:30 Mass.

Up-Coming Activities:

February 8, 2003 - Past Faithful Navigators Dinner

February 9, 2003 - Clergy Dinner

April 4 - 6, 2003 - The 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at the Marriott North. It's not too early to plan for this event ...



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Insurance Questions????

Mark Mandel is available for all your K of C insurance needs,
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K of C First Saturday Mass

First Saturday of the month Mass, will start a 8:30 am, with a
 Rosary service for vocations.

We're on the WEB at <http://www.setonparish.com/KnightsFolder/11187/index.htm>

Prayer Corner

Christi Rogers
 John Samborski's son Jeff (surgery)
 Rick Humphrey's daughter and new grandson
 John Siebert's sister-in-law
 Betty Sanderell
 Tim Bowie's brother has terminal cancer
 Larry and Peggy Lotz
 Father Weithman
 Monsignor Maroon

