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Grand Knight's Message

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Dear Brother Knights and families,

The Christmas season is upon us, kind of hard to believe, as 3-4 month chunks seem too just disappear!

As Advent is here; I ask all of you to remember to keep Christ in Christmas; while also remembering that Jesus is the reason for the season; not the commercialization of the "holidays." When a clerk at a store tells you "Happy Holidays" please respond with "Merry Christmas".

This time of year let us remember those less fortunate than us. There are so many people in this world who do not have a safe place to live, warm clothes, or a decent meal to share with loved ones, and friends. Do the most you can to share your wealth with those who have less. Living the real meaning of Christmas by "Sharing and Caring."

From My Family to your Family Merry Christmas, and a Happy & Prosperous New Year

"In service to one, in service to all"

Todd Fournier, Grand Knight Council 6083

Editor's News

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The approach to Christmas is a busy time for all of us. It continues to provide challenges in just getting the newsletter out on time!

The primary intention of this newsletter is to wish all our Brothers and their families a Holy and Merry Christmas. However, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not at least mention the major events coming up in the immediate future.

The January meeting is currently schedule to be a pot-luck. Our Worthy Grand Knight's wife, Jamie, is providing the organisation on this. Please confirm with her what you are bringing: jamie@cadworx.ca, or 780 965 9679 (day) or 780 922 4766 (evening).

Our annual Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction is basically upon us as soon as Christmas ends. February 5th is not actually much beyond December 25th – barely over a month. If you, your wife, or anyone you know has a knack for decorating, we are in desperate need of a Decorating Chair this year. Brother Bob and his wife did an awesome job last year, but they have moved, and thus transferred to a new council. Please contact Brother Tom Ciezki if you can help.

Also needed is help with the Silent Auction items. We have managed to burn out Brother Knights with this job in the past, so it is imperative for everyone's sanity that we spread this work out.

Remember that the dinner, entertainment and tickets come out to be about a wash, and basically all the funds we earn for all the various charities are earned through

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the silent and live auctions. This is critical to the event's success.

With that out of the way, we will keep this newsletter short. For an up-to-date events calendar, please see our website, kofc6083.org, where I continue to endeavor to keep the calendar current.

Knights' Virtues

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The cornerstones of the Knights of Columbus are the virtues of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.**

During the month of November we were presented with many opportunities to practice the virtue of **fraternity.**

As a fraternal organization of Catholic men we are called through our membership and initiation to support each other and our families. During the month of November we remember those members and family members who have died. Formally we join together for an

evening of prayer and fellowship at the annual **Memorial Mass.** At other times during the year, when a member or family member dies members, through their fraternity are called together to prayer for the deceased.

Another opportunity presented to us came in the form of a request from a fellow brother Knight requesting a donation from Council to help purchase a bread slicer for the Marion Centre in Edmonton. Not only was this an act of **charity**, but also **fraternity** because he, and many brother Knights volunteer regularly at the Marion Centre, and a bread slicer is a huge benefit to those volunteering at the Centre. Each day volunteers were manually slicing 30 or more loaves of bread. We used this request as an opportunity to invite the member councils of Edmonton Chapter to also contribute. Responses are still coming in.

Fraternity is also practiced in our ceremonies. Conferring of each of the degrees, whether it be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th,

relies on a group of individuals who train themselves in the delivery of the lessons in the respective ceremonies. These ceremonies are central to the four cornerstones of the Knights of Columbus. They rely on men willing to devote themselves to their delivery. This is not a huge commitment in time, but the resulting commitment and service to the Order is

huge. If you want to know more about this aspect of the Knights of Columbus, and are willing to participate please contact Daryl Boyden.

Final thoughts

If you have anything to add to future newsletters, or feedback, good or bad, on this one, please contact the editor, Darin McBride.

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