



Columbus Crusader-December 2006

Our Lady of Light Council 10498 in Estero, Florida

From the Grand Knight:

Greetings Brothers,

As we enter the holiday season, this including Thanksgiving and Christmas, we need to be prepared for these blessed holiday events. And to add to the pressure of it all, we need to make time to help out the Christmas tree lot. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps keep us going all year long, financially speaking. In order to make this successful, we need to have every ones help. All Knights and their families can help out as there are all kinds of jobs to be done. Pricing trees, stacking trees, selling, collecting money, keeping the trees watered etc.....If every one could donate a few hours then no one will have to spend the next down there filling in for missing brothers. This is truly a rewarding experience, not only do you get to meet and work with fellow Knights, you also meet and work with members of the Optimists Club and get to interact with the public as they shop for their perfect tree. Seeing the joy on the faces of the children is especially rewarding. Please brothers, spend time on reflecting on the true meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and then find some time during this busy season to help out in our biggest fundraiser of the year. Christmas is the season of celebration of the birth Christ and the "season of giving." Please give a little of yourselves and your time to make this Christmas tree sale the best ever. On another note, the council will be celebrating a mass for the deceased members of the council on November 26 at the 10:30 mass. Please plan to attend this mass so we may pray together for those brothers who have gone before us. And don't forget the Christmas party in December. This is for Knights and families, come and socialize and spend some time during the holiday bustle with brother Knights and families.

**Fraternally,
Al Delago**



Council Officers:

Al Delago , Grand Knight (267-0532)
Nick Kondogan, Deputy GK (390-1032)
Dave Erickson, Dis. Deputy (267-1418)
Fin. Secretary, Pat Becker (948-7534)
Chancellor, Bob Bonza (948-3381)
Recorder, Leon Quesnette (947-9780)
Treasurer, Gary Kruegar (947-1845)
Advocate, Art Habighorst (992-1710)
Warden, Pat Maley, Jr. (267-1160)
Inside Guard, Bruce Carr (495-3257)
Outside Guard, Ed Mikovich (482-8483)
Chaplain-----Fr. Hugh McGuigan
Trustee 3 years, Scott Clare (267-1753)
Trustee 2 years, Tim Freeland (267-9899)
Trustee 1 year, John Baker (267-7638)
Lector, Jay Sauerwald (495-8010)
Field Agent, Brent Labreche (947-3386)

Service Personal:

Community Director---Steve Burmeister
Pro Life-----Sean & Catherine James
Council Director-----Ron Lo Franco
Public Relations----- Leon Quesnette
Youth Director-----Ed Roggermann
Columbia Squires-----Ed Roggerman
Membership Dir.-----Joe Klempa
Recruitment Comm.--- Jim Stathopoulos
Retention Chrm----- Don Joerger
Insurance Prom.----- Brent Labreche
Lecturer ----- Jay Sauerwald

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From the Chancellor:

Congratulations to all who partook in the November activities. We are growing in numbers and in true Knighthood.

Requests for prayers:

Mary Ann Hudson, wife of Bob Hudson, past treasurer of our Council and officer of Our Lady Rosary Assembly asks for prayers of hope for recovery of him. Bob is receiving care and treatments for a serious melanoma.

Christmas Tree Sales Schedule some dates are open and need brothers to help. Please do not leave it to someone else! Even a two hour shift will be helpful.

E-mail your preferences to:

bobbonza@yahoo.com

or call me at 948-3381

The next membership meeting is on Dec. 7th, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

DEGREE

EXEMPLIFICATION

1st Degree at St. Lcos Dec. 5th

2nd Degree at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, January 19th

3rd Degree at San Marco Council January 20th.

Your Chancellor wishes all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless you all

Fraternally,

Bob Bonza,

Chancellor

Want to play some tennis?

Call Nick on 390-1032

December Birthdays:



Daniel J. Eidem	12/1
John L. Benoit	12/2
David S. Ged	12/3
Michael L. Haskins	12/7
Sean C. James	12/14
Ralph A. Lacivita	12/14
Jerry P. Tant	12/14
Jeffrey G. Estler	12/16
Dean V. Hinderman	12/18
William A. Stanley	12/20
Natale J. Ippolito	12/23
Joseph R. Enos	12/24
Merle Giallonardo	12/31

From the District Deputy:

As your District Deputy, I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday! We have many members in our council that are still First and Second degree members. Treat yourself to finishing up your degrees. It is the best way to learn what Knights are all about. Our council cares very much about each member even if you never make it to a meeting or are unable to help out in many of the ongoing events. We would like you to continue on your journey to full Knighthood and receive the true meaning of being a Knight of Columbus member and the love towards the Catholic faith. God Bless everybody and a Merry Christmas to all.

Fraternally,
Dave Erickson

From the Vatican:

Call it part of a modern exodus, the steady flight of the tiny Palestinian Christian minority that could lead, some predict, to the faith being virtually extinct in its birthplace within several generations—a trend mirrored in many dwindling pockets of Christianity across the Islamic world.

This is one of the major themes Pope Benedict XVI is expected to carry to Turkey for a four day visit beginning Nov. 28—his first to a predominantly Muslim nation. The Vatican calls it “reciprocity.” Muslim demands for greater sensitivity from the West, but, those demands must be accompanied by stronger protections and rights for Christian minorities by the Muslims.

Christmas Tree Sales:

The preparation started some time ago, but on the 24th at about 7:30 AM, the refrigerated 16 wheeler arrived at our tree lot located at Lee and Allico.

The truck was greeted by some 30 workers, Knights, Optimists Club members, and their families. If one wanted to see hard labor, you should have seen these folks.

By 3:00PM, all the trees were sorted out and placed in stands. In fact, two (2) trees were sold. Let us hope that our sales goals are reached to help us achieve our charitable goals. Thanks to all.

Activities for January

- January 4, 2007 Business meeting at 7:30PM
- January 25, Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM
- January 28, Pancake Breakfast served from 7:AM to Noon

The Tradition of Decorating Christmas

Why do we have a decorated Christmas tree? Well, the University of Illinois tells us the following story: "In the 7th century a monk from Crediton, Devonshire, went to Germany to teach the Word of God. He did many good works there and spent much time in Thuringia, an area which was to become the cradle of the Christmas Decoration industry.

Legend has it that he (the monk) used the triangular shape of the Fir Tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The converted people began to refer to the Fir tree as God's Tree, as they had previously called the Oak tree.

By the 12th century it was hung, upside down, from the ceilings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity."

More Christmas

All of us are aware that certain elements of our society try to take Christ out of Christmas. One of our parishioners sent >>next column>>

the following to the Crusader News Letter:

**"This is a Christmas tree.
It is not a Hanukkah bush.
It is not an Allah plant.
It is not a Holiday hedge.
It is a Christmas tree.
Say it....CHRISTmas,
CHRISTmas,
CHRISTmas.
Yes. CHRISTmas
Celebrating the Birth of
Jesus Christ!!!"**



Knight of the Month:

The Knight of the month is, **Brother Scot Klare**
Congratulations Scot.

Family of the Month:

The family of the month is, **Jay Sauerwald**
Congratulations Jay



Visit our Christmas Tree Lot

We have beautiful trees at very competitive prices. We have Douglas Firs, Noble Firs, Grand Firs, Fraser Firs and Scotch Pines. Tree lengths are: 5 to 6 feet, 6 to 7, 7 to 8, 8 to 9 and 9 to 10. We also have a variety of tree stands. Visit us and take a look.

From the Crusader:

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Activities for December

- **Business Meeting-December 7, 7:30PM in room 303**
- **Officers Meeting – December 28, 7:30 PM in Room 310**
- **Christmas Party – December 21 7:00PM to 9:00PM**
- **New Years Eve Party- December 31 6:00PM to 2:00AM**

Our News Letter Boosters

Don Abberger, Thomas Aiello, James Angers, Charles Arable, Cam Aucremanne, Larry Augustyn, Bill Baker Jr, John Baker, William Barnon, Les Barnett, Pat Becker, Daniel Beiter, Denis Benoit, John Benoit, Richard Benoit, Jack Berg, Leo Berger, Bob Bonza, Joe Boss II, Joe Boss III, Skip Boyd, John Bradford, Thomas Brewer, Glenn Bright, John Brown, George Brush, Steve Burneister, Michael Bursztyn, Dennis Cantwell, Lawrence Cantwell, Bruce Carr, Tony Cilluffo, Norm Colby, Michael Conley, Ronald Cormier, James Comeillie, John Costa, Gary Crawford, Steve Cunningham, Peter D'Etia, Al Delago, Joseph Drago, Peter Dresch, Roy Eidem, Joe Enos, Dave Erickson, Jeffrey Estler, Robert Evans, Tim Farley, Paul Farr, Brian Farrar, Pat Fortuna, Everett Foster, Lou Fratterelli, Timothy Freeland, David Ged, Larry Getgen, Merle Giallonardo, Joe Grohal, Art Habighorst, James Hanley, James Hawkins, Dean Hinderman, William Hoogland, James Howell, Ralph Hutchins, Nat Ippolito, Sean James, Gordon Jirak, Donald Joerger, Roland Jolie, Dan Kerinuk, Bill Klenle, Donald King, Thomas Kinsella, Kenneth Kirgin, Todd Klare, Scott Klare, Joe Klempka, Nick Kondogan, Gary Kroeger, Gary Krueger, Nicholas Krueger, Brent Labreche, Bruce Labreche, Ralph Lacivita, William Lewis, John Liprie, Ronald LoFranco, Jeffery Maas, Pat Maley, Richard Malone, Jack Mancini, Jerry Martin, Alvin McCarthy, John McGrellis, Edward McQuillan, Edward Milkovich, Alexander Miller, Wyman Miller, Matt Mullen, Richard Nuckols, Bob Oshinsky, Greg Pearl, Vince Perfetto, Joe Perkowski, Matt Pierson, Anthony Pietroniro, Ted Pizza, Ray Pothier, Kevin Powers, Leon Quesnette, Edward Riley, Joseph Roach, Edward Roggemann, Fritz Roka, Raymond Ross, Glenn Sabetka, James Sauerwald, Martin Schneider, Syd Schofield, Lloyd Schultenover, Edward Seditto, James Seymour, Steve Shaw, David Siler, Phil Simonsen, William Stanley, Michael Stanton, James Stathopoulos, John Sullivan, Jerry Tant, Peter Thompson, Edward Trimmer, Javier Ubarr, John Uzdilla, George Van Nest, James Wahlig, Stan Walker, James Welling, Ronald Willing, Skip Zornow
