



Columbus Crusader-January 2007

Our Lady of Light Council 10498 in Estero, Florida

From the Grand Knight:

Greetings Brothers and Families,

As we leave 2006 behind us and forge ahead into 2007, we can look back on the mistakes we have made and either grow from them or fall back. Few things in life go smoothly and easily. There are always good times, bumps in the road and down right road blocks. We sit now at a cross road, like every council, we need to look at each other and outside ourselves and continue to grow. New, "ACTIVE MEMBERS" are the life blood of every council. As we enter 2007, look at the person next to you. Would he make a good Knight, is there something he could offer us, is there something we could offer him?

Let's make 2007 a great and prosperous year for the council. Make time to help your brothers in the coming year with the various events we have coming up. Soon will be the basket ball free throw and soon will be one of our biggest events, the handicapped drive. And don't forget, with the soon completed church, there may be the possibility of more events in the Parish Hall. Let's make 2007 the best yet.

Hope all had a Merry Christmas and are having a Happy New Year.

**Fraternally,
Al Delago**



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News Letter Boosters

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From the Chancellor:

Once again, a hearty thanks to all of you who helped with the Christmas tree sales! It was indeed inspiring to realize the sacrifices made and the generous amount of time that many put into it.

Results of the sale will be forth coming.

If I missed any one on the list I sent out last month, I apologize and beg you to inform me of any left out.

There will be a second degree Exemplification this month at Elizabeth Ann Seaton. You will be informed of the date and other degree information at the next membership meeting on January 4th.

Prayers are requested for Ann Mikovich and Bob Lambert, who are ill and in need of our support.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to all! May it be one filled with God's special blessings for each and every one of you.

Fraternally, Bob Bonza

From the Field Agent:

The Knights of Columbus members and their wives in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties recently participated in a project with Waterman Broadcasting NBC2-WBBH and Perkins Restaurants called the "Giving Tree."

Fifty agencies providing care for the elderly in this area were contacted and asked to provide a list of residents and a suggested gift that would help brighten their Christmas. The names were placed on trees at Perkins and taken by their patrons, who then went out purchased the gift, wrapped it and returned them with the gift tag attached.

The Knights of Columbus members then went to Perkins and collected the gifts brought them to San Carlos Storage, who donated over 2500 square feet of storage space where the gifts were scanned, sorted and stored.

On December 13 and 14, the gifts were then distributed to various senior facilities. Over 100 Knights and their families were involved in distributing over 5200 gifts.

Waterman Broadcasting has made a \$8000 donation in appreciation of our efforts and it has been decided to make the "Catholic Faith Appeal" the recipient in appreciation of Solidarity with our Bishops.

Sincerely,

Brent J. Labreche and Erin Labreche

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Knights & Families of the Month:

**Dec.: Knight of the Month,
Fritz Roka**

**Family of the month,
Pat Maley**

**Jan. Knight of the month,
Gary Kroeger**

**Family of the month,
Les Barnet**

**Congratulations to these
Brothers and their families.**

Thanks to San Carlos Storage

For Donating 2800 Square feet of Storage space for our Giving Tree program, Council 10498 thanks San Carlos Storage for their kind and generous donation.

**The Columbus Crusader
Staff.**

January Birthdays



Thomas E. Morton	1
James A. Cornellie	5
Lawrence E. Augustyn	7
Patrick J. Becker	8
Lloyd J. Schultenover	11
Rev. Hugh J. McGuigan	11
Anthony E. Leonard	13
James E. Howell	15
James O. Wahlig	18
James P. Seymore	19
Robert E. Haug	21
Thomas C. Brewster	23
Robert A. Collins	23
Martin Schneider	29

Welcome Back

The Columbus Crusader extends a warm "welcome back" to the Ladies Auxiliary. If we can be of any service to you, please let us know.

Coming Activities

January:

January 25, Officers Meeting
NO Pancake Breakfasts
NO Spaghetti Dinners
Jan. 13 & 14th run from St. Williams to Marco Island. Call Al Delago on 267-0532 or Dave Erickson on 267-1418 for details.

February:

Business Meeting -- 1st 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting- 22nd 7:30 PM
Pancake Breakfast-February 25
From 7:30 AM to Noon
Also in February, we will be having>>>next column please

our annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. Again this year, Cass Swamba will be our chairman. To join the drive as a volunteer, please call Cass on 495-3939.

Christmas in Iraq

On Christmas day, the Crusader received the following from an Associated Press writer, Qais Al-Bashir. Here are some excerpts from the story:

The population of Iraq is about 26 million people. It is estimated that 800,000 are Christians. One of these, a 56 year old widow, celebrates the Holiday quietly with her and grandchildren as violence sweeps the country.

The evening service at the local church was canceled for security reasons.

According to the United Nations, more than a million Iraqis have fled since the US led invasion in 2003, with people now leaving daily. About 40% of those that left are Christians.

Umm Salam, who goes by her tribal name meaning "mother of Salam" out of ear she will be targeted if she reveals her Christian name. She has no choice but keep her religion a secret. "We cannot show our happiness (about Christmas) to neighbors. But every singal Iraqi has his own wounds and lives on," she said. "Happiness is for the children when they will awake tomorrow and find their gifts near the tree."

That was all we could use from the article.

"God Bless America"