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Thursday of each month

## **DECEMBER GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT**

**Brothers,**

With Christmas quickly approaching, it's evident that our society has completely lost its focus in regards to the true meaning of Christmas. If we didn't know any better, we would think that the Christmas season officially begins on October 1st, and ends on December 24th. Stores everywhere have set up snowy displays and big plastic blow-up scenes of Santa to create the perfect mood for their sales campaign. Specials and sales are created to get people to purchase that perfect gift for that very special someone in our lives, often at a deeply discounted price. Major corporations are stumbling over each other to send their customers best wishes for a great "holiday season" in an effort to not offend anyone. Even the retail giant Wal-Mart has made a savvy decision to allow its employees to wish its customers a "Merry Christmas," but it's easy to see the transparency involved with their motives.

As Catholics, we have always been on a collision course with the way things are done in the secular world. If we give in to its seduction, we can easily forget the importance of what we are truly about to celebrate. The annual campaign of our order is "Keep Christ in Christmas," but even then it is easy to forget if we get caught up in the chaos of the times. And so I ask each and every one of you to open your hearts and pray for those in the world who may have lost their way. We once again have the opportunity to welcome Jesus Christ into our hearts during this Holy Day Season.

I would like to wish each and every one of you, and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Please continue to keep our Council, and our priests and deacons in your prayers.

God Bless,

**Rich**

## *Calendar*

November 30th - Family Movie "Knight" (Saint Joseph's 7:30 PM) - Chaired by Greg Sillen and Owlfeather Dawson

December 5th - Light Up For Christ (Saint Joseph's 7:30 PM) - Burt Struble with refreshments, Color Corp requested

December 7th - Past Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators Dinner Old Erie Restaurant 6-10 PM) (PGK's, PFN's, Officer's their wives) Must RSVP by November 30th - 343-7343

December 14th - Annual Past Grand Knights Council Meeting (8 PM)

December 17th - Council Christmas Party (Saint Joseph's 2-4:30 PM)

December 28th - Council Social Meeting Cancelled

January 4th - Officers Meeting (7:30 PM)

January 11th - Council Business Meeting (8:00 PM)

January 13th - Council Free Throw and Substance Abuse Poster Contest (TBA) Chairmen Greg Sillen and Chris Pratti

January 18th - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting (Mount Carmel 8 PM)

January 25th - Council Social Meeting (8 PM)

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Welcome New member

Brother Sean Casey - 1st Degree member - November 16th at Port Jervis Council

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Please remember to pray for: **Thomas Colligan, Paul Schupp, Tom Shormis, Vincent Panetta, Joseph Gallo, Anthony Parenti, Ralph Turi**