



Fourth Degree District of Sask.

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“Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil.....it has no point”

Worthy Sir Knights and Prospective Sir Knights,

December is a time for getting together, celebrating together, exchanging handshakes, hugs, and spending time in each other's presence with family and friends.

Also, the weeks of advent leading up to Christmas reminded us to set aside some of the hectic business of the holiday season, and to reflect on the promise of the Baby born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. In the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we prepared for His Coming. On Christmas Day, we rejoice and celebrate, with our family and friends, Jesus' birth- his coming.

.And while we celebrate this joyous time, may we have the gladness of Christmas which is hope, the spirit of Christmas which is peace, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

On December 8th, two years ago, Pope Francis declared a 'Year of St Joseph' to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus- St Joseph. St. Joseph remains a model and intercessor for all knights. We too should be role models for our families, our parishes and our communities. We too should be defenders of our faith, defenders of our church, and defenders of the teachings of Jesus. I encourage all knights and their families to watch the Knights of Columbus produced documentary **ST JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER** available online at www.kofc.org/stjoseph , and to have an evening showing for the entire parish.

December is also a sad time for many who suffer from hunger, homelessness or loneliness. I encourage all Fourth Degree Assemblies to participate in food drives, visits to the sick and to shut-ins and to help out at soup kitchens for a day. Also, we can offer rides to senior members to attend Christmas Mass.

I also encourage Assemblies to participate in honor guards at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass in honor of the birth of our Saviour. This is also a busy time of the year for our Parish Priests. Fourth Degree members can assist to provide transportation for the parish priests when they travel to neighboring communities to celebrate Mass. And remember to extend an invitation to the parish priests to family gatherings to share a meal as well as for a moment of relaxation from their busy schedules.

MY WIFE PAT AND I WISH EACH OF YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU AT SOME FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS IN THE NEW YEAR.

Viva Cristo Rey,

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