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Merry Christmas

Chaplain's Column



By: *Father Gzregorz Golyzniak*

Dear Brother Knights

Christmas is such a beautiful time of year. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcomed into our homes with loving arms as we anticipate the birth of Christ. He is the reason for the season, and we need to be sure to celebrate his birth appropriately. Unfortunately, many of us Christians are only concerned with the material side of Christmas. We get caught up in the hustle and bustle of sales and deadlines and so forget why this month is so important.

As children, we eagerly await Christmas morning, with all its glamour and glitter beneath the tree. The tearing open of presents along with squeals of delight from the children warms our hearts. These memories are precious and few. But are we doing all we can to celebrate Jesus's birth? Are we teaching them that He is why we celebrate this glorious day? Maybe you can start to focus on giving your children and grandchildren daily reminders all during the month of December about why Christmas is special, and what we should actually be focusing on besides our wish lists. Here are a few ideas:

1. **Advent.** Having prayer time each evening is a good idea. Our own challenge girls are selling Advent wreath with advent candles. It would be fun to have and light it every Sunday at home at talk about the meaning of our faith and meaning of Christmas.
2. **Giving.** Children love to receive gifts, of course! We all do. Either we are 15 years old or 75 years old we like gifts. I have also found that children really do enjoy the gift of giving, especially our school kids. Our teachers do a good job. I have noticed that if we offer charity in some way to those in need, they begin to think of others more often. They think about helping others before we even mention it. I truly believe that this is a character trait that portrays the image of God. Singing at a nursing home, making handmade ornaments for neighbors, or perhaps helping with a meal are ways to give. There is no need for spectacular charity event. The small ways of giving are the best. These activities do not require large

sums of money, thankfully. It also helps us think creatively! The way you help set up our church and gym for Christmas Masses is a beautiful way and proof to me that you understand what I'm writing here about.

Christ. He is the reason for the season. Many times children are caught up in the materialistic side of Christmas. If you think about it, it is quite appalling that Christmas has become a huge retail holiday. It overshadows the joy of Christmas by making us stress out about gifts, parties, and too much food. We sometimes become so agitated that we dread Christmas day. The fear of disappointing someone, hurting someone's feelings, or undercooking the food can take away from what God intended us to celebrate: the birth of His Son.

If you do encounter one of these scenarios (and you probably will), remember to stop and think about what God wants from us during Christmas. Love, togetherness, and rejoicing are the things He wants from us! Slow down and take in what is around you. Attend Mass and rediscover the glory of the season. Go to confession during Advent and cleanse your soul from the burdens you carry. We cannot please everyone all the time, but we can surely try to please God. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Brother Knight Fr. Gregory

Small Stuff ~

- People of integrity make an easy target for critics because they stand upright.
- Others determine your reputation. You determine your character.
- The manner in which you cultivate your inner garden will be evident to all manner of pests.
- The practice of honesty is more convincing than the profession of holiness.
- Rest on God's promises; stand behind yours.



St. John the Apostle at the crucifixion of Jesus

St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the “beloved disciple” and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him guardian of His Mother. His later life was passed briefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus and he founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Domitian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Pathmos for a year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died at Ephesus about the year 100.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The “beloved disciple” died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb which was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.

John is credited with the authorship of three epistles, and one Gospel, although many scholars believe that the final editing of the Gospel was done by others shortly after his death. He is also believed by many to be the author of the book of Revelation, also called the Apocalypse, although this identification is less certain. St. John was the only apostle not to have achieved martyrdom.

He is the patron saint of Asia Minor and his feast day is celebrated on 27 December.



Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 08 December 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.”

The term **conception** does not mean the active or generative conception by her parents. Her body was formed in the womb of the mother, and the father had the usual share in its formation. The question does not concern the immaculateness of the generative activity of her parents. The person is truly conceived when the soul is created and infused into the body. Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect on her soul.

The formal active essence of original sin was not removed from her soul, as it is removed from others by baptism; it was excluded, it was never in her soul. Although Mary was exempt from original sin, she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam- from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death.

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter’s at 1900 on Friday the 7th and 0800 on Saturday the 8th for this Holy Day of Obligation.



Christmas

The Magical Time of the Year

For a few weeks before Christmas everyone is in a happy mood, with laughter and good cheer the norm for the season. Parties are given by friends and places of employment. In the midst of the pre-Christmas frenzy, it is easy to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent season. Your greatest temptation during Advent will be scrimping on your spiritual needs because so many other things are going on.

There are presents to make or buy, cookies to bake, cards to mail, gifts to wrap and trees to decorate. Even the parish can put demands on your time with choir practices, pageant rehearsals, candy sales, food collections for the poor and Advent evenings of reflection.

There is nothing wrong with pre-Christmas preparations, but it’s important to balance the sacred part of the Advent season with all the other things you are doing. If you don’t make time for the quiet reflection, prayer and conversion of heart, you will find yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted by Christmas Day. Your Christmas celebration will look perfect on the surface, but will feel spiritually unsatisfying. You will have a hard time experiencing the joy and peace that the Babe in Bethlehem brings.

Block into your calendar specific times every day for personal prayer, spiritual reading and reflection. As you move through Advent you will begin to relish those quiet moments in your day. They will become like a spiritual port in a secular storm. The prayer time will renew your spirit. The spiritual insights will help keep you focused. You will like it so much that you’ll decide to carry over into the New Year the practice of setting aside daily quiet time with God.



Knights in Action

Newest Knights

During an Exemplification held on Wednesday, 14 November, St. Peter's Council 11514 added two new members to our roster.

Jon Thorpe- a member of the parish with a child in St. Peter's School and he was a Squire in his younger days.

Derek Taylor recently moved from Denver to the Monument area to be closer to his work in Colorado Springs. He decided to join the Knights after discussions with a fellow worker who is a long time Knight.

Welcome aboard!

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.



Karen Hartling presents checks from St. Peter's Assembly 2594 and American Legion Post 9-11 to Ruth Gallegos, administrator of McCandless Veteran's Home in Florence, Colorado. Standing by are SK John Hartling, his grandsons Matthew, Nate, and Anthony with Legion Post Adjutant Bob Cleveland, far right.





Grand Knight Dave McCloy presents the Family of the Month Award to Nolan Behr, whose wife Jeannie was not available at photo-op time. Nolan is a reader at Sunday Mass, takes Holy Communion to the home-bound and is at every Council fund raiser to lend a helping hand. His wife Jeannie is the bus driver for all school and church activities and fills in at the church front desk when needed. She also helps with the front desk at Nolan's dental practice when needed.



Jim Desautel accepts the Knight of the Month Award from Grand Knight Dave McCloy. Jim is very active in the Council, attends daily Mass, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and recently became Council Financial Secretary where he converted the system from a paper to an electronic one.

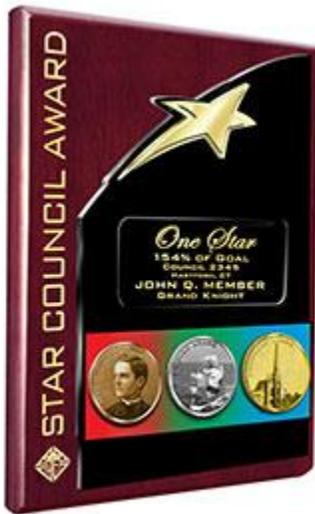


A Golden Day! Brother Knight Jim and Penny Mack in front of St. Peter's altar after receiving a blessing from Chaplain Father Golyzniak on their 50th wedding anniversary, Friday, 09 November. With them were son Brian and daughter Jennifer.



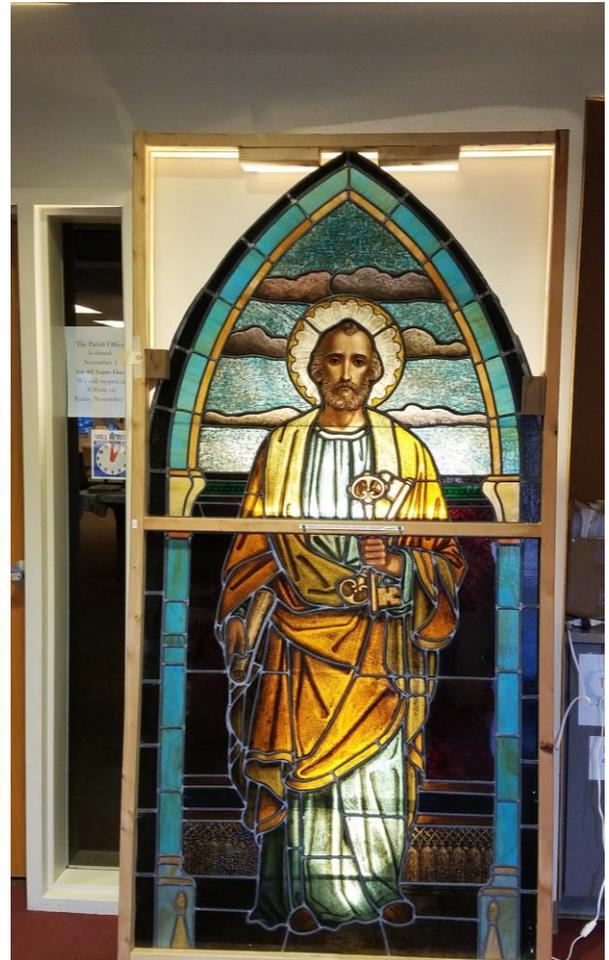
USAF Colonel Jim Randall, a Tuskegee airman, speaks to Council members and families at a ceremony commemorating Veterans Day that included a flag folding ceremony. Sitting next to Col. Randall is American Legion Post 9-11 Commander and Sir Knight Dr. Randy Fritz.

Star Council Award



Council 11514 was one of four out of 151 active Knights of Columbus Councils in the State of Colorado to receive the Star Council Award, the highest award a council

can earn. The Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit several reports and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments. Finally, to be eligible for the Star Council Award in the United States and/or Canada, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.



Thanks for the on-going generosity of SK Allan and Lady Sandy Feldkamp, the stained-glass representation of St. Peter will be placed in the new “old” St. Peter’s Church that is currently being renovated as an Adoration Chapel. It was the original St. Peter’s Church and was sold when the present building was erected and went through many business ventures before being recently purchased by the parish. The stained glass is a 19th century piece and comes to us from Germany.



Sir Knights attended the funeral of brother Knight Dan Sabin at St. Gabriel's Church as part of the 25-man Color Guard on 17 November.

L to R: Bob Leise, Dick Peters, Ed Paulovich, Bob Knapp, Chuck Hardy, John Hartling, Jim Bergeron



Assembly News

Thanks to the Sir Knights who volunteer in regalia at the First Sunday Knights of Columbus 0800 Mass. The presence of these men certainly add to the dignity and solemnity, and are also a good recruiting tool. The children, especially, seem to be fascinated with the swords!

Assembly 2594 sent a generous check to the Archdiocese of the Military Services based in Washington, DC. The Archdiocese serves active duty and retired military, plus their dependents, much like a civilian parish would care for its flock assuring our Catholic servicemen and families are able to receive religious education, the sacraments and pastoral care. Since the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus is the Patriotic Order, it is only fitting that a contribution is most fitting to this cause.

On Saturday, 17 November, Knights from St. Peter's travelled to St. Gabriel's in Colorado Springs to form an honor guard for a fallen member, Dan Sabin. Dan was a member of St. Peter's Council 11514, but transferred to St. Gabriel's to be closer to medical care for advancing stages of cancer.

At the Monthly meeting on 16 November, Sir Knight Robert Knapp gave a well-thought out presentation on Patrick Henry in line with monthly presentations about our founding fathers. Thanks, Robert, for a job well done!

The planned Veterans Day tribute by Sir Knights to Palmer Lake Medal of Honor recipient MSgt. Bill Crawford had to be called off due to a snow storm that tied up traffic and closed local schools.



Christmas Trivia

“*White Christmas*” (a 1954 takeoff of the 1942 movie “*Holiday Inn*”) starring Bing Crosby was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process.



The movie “*Holiday Inn*” (1942) starring Bing Crosby first introduced the song “*White Christmas*.”

According to a 1995 survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their doting owners.

Animal Crackers are not really crackers, but cookies that were imported to the U.S. from England in the late 1800's. Barnum's circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so they could be hung on a Christmas tree.

Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim in “*A Christmas Carol*”, three other names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam.

Christmas is not widely celebrated in Scotland. Some historians believe that it is downplayed because of the influence of the Presbyterian Church, which considered Christmas a “Papist”, or Catholic event. As a result, Christmas in Scotland tends to be somber.

In the Thomas Nast cartoon that first depicted Santa Claus with a sleigh and reindeer, he was delivering gifts to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. The cartoon, entitled “Santa Claus in Camp” appeared in *Harper's Weekly* on 03 January 1863.

The song “*Jingle Bells*” was composed in 1857 and was originally called “*One-Horse Open Sleigh*”.



Fourth Degree Knights march in Colorado Springs during the Veterans Day parade on 03 November. Leading the Sir Knights is SK Bob Knapp of Father Kekeisen Assembly 2495,



Your Insurance Corner

In a Quandary about a Christmas Gift?

How About Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for the family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas.

I am your K of C field agent and brother Knight, **Kip Gaisford**

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Month's Sermonette

No one goes to Mass on Christmas Eve in the morning without deliberately taking the time to be there. There are Vigil Masses and Midnight Masses yet to come. Why not wait for one of those? With gifts to wrap, food to prepare, and last minute details to attend to, isn't there enough to do around the house? Yet being at Mass on Christmas Eve morning is the best reminder that the Christ comes to us even without the hurried and harried preparations, without our doing anything at all. In the reading from 2 Samuel, King David has settled in his own house after establishing the kingdom of Israel. That's when he realizes there is still no house for God. God is living in a tent. But just as David gets busy with plans to build a house for God, the prophet Nathan comes and speaks a word from the Lord. God, it turns out, is going to build a house for David. This house is not the Temple David is busy planning. This house isn't a building at all. This house will be a kingdom of David's line, the kingdom that will one day welcome a new king "from the house of David." That king is Jesus himself. Before our busy preparations, even without our busy preparation, God's kingdom comes in grace as he prepares a place for us all in his house.

When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

Word of the Month

From Catholic Word Book, A K of C Publication

Crib (Also Creche): A devotional representation of the birth of Jesus. The custom of erecting cribs is generally attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who in 1223 obtained from Pope Honorius III permission to use a crib and figures of the Christ Child, Mary, Saint Joseph, and others, to represent the mysteries of the Nativity.





Christmas

But the angel said to them; "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the LORD."
 ~ Luke 2:10-11

Strange is our situation here on earth, each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we know:

That Man is here for the sake of other Men. Above all for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labor of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.
 ~ Albert Einstein

Brother to Brother, family to family, we celebrate as Knights the birth of our Savior, the Son of God, and that in our faith we may have life in His name.

How can we make the spirit of Christmas last more than just one day?

Happiness will never be ours, if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

From **K of C Booklet "Knights To Christ"**

Monthly Council Mass

Knights and Families Urged To Attend



The Knights celebrate Mass as a group on the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill or deceased. The Mass on Sunday, 02 December 2018 will be for the **repose of the soul of Dan Sabin.**

A breakfast or brunch will be planned occasionally and advance notification will be made at council meetings. Remember to sit in the pews reserved and wear your Council nametag and the Order lapel pin.

If you know of any Knights, or their families, who should have a Mass said for them, please contact **Bob Leise at 303-681-2182.**



Remember in our prayers: Fred Wolfe, Father Brownstein, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez, and Joan Durbin.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Dan Sabin** and all of our departed Knights and their families.

Continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray for our Armed Forces, especially those in the combat zones.

December Birthdays



A Monthly Feature

Our birthday recipients for the wintry month of December include:

- 03 Dec- Brian Payne
- 04 Dec- Rudy Tamayo
- 05 Dec- Richard Heebner
- 07 Dec – Father Michael Holmquist
- 11 Dec- Don Weidinger
- 13 Dec – Father Tomasz Jamka
- 17 Dec- Don Caughlin
- 18 Dec – Colin Cassidy
- 18 Dec- Gerard Eppig
- 18 Dec- Derek Hemmer
- 20 Dec- Ricardo Gomez
- 20 Dec- Richard Walker
- 22 Dec - Alfonso Bince
- 22 Dec- Tony Trifiletti
- 25 Dec- Baby Jesus
- 27 Dec- Gary Spoto
- 28 Dec- Mike Casarez
- 29 Dec- Howard Feller
- 31 Dec- Robert (Wayne) Gibbons



Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during the cold Colorado month of December.

Upcoming Events



- 01 Dec – Council Christmas Party
- 02 Dec – Council Corporate Mass at 0800
- 05 Dec – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 07 Dec – Pearl Harbor Day
- 08 Dec – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary – a Holy Day of Obligation
- 08 Dec – Spaghetti Supper at 1800 (Team C) and School Bingo
- 20 Dec – Chair pickup at Grace Best at 0900
- 21 Dec- Winter begins
- 25 Dec- Christmas Day
- 30 Dec – 5th Sunday of the month Rosary after 0800 Mass
- 31 Dec- New Year's Eve



History

- 01 Dec 1906- Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 07 Dec 1941- Japanese war planes hit Pearl Harbor in a sneak attack killing over 2,000 Americans.
- 08 Dec 1941- The United States entered World War II.
- 12 Dec 1925- The first motel in the U. S., The Motel Inn, opened in San Luis Obispo, California.
- 15 Dec 1939- The movie, “*Gone With The Wind*” premiered.
- 15 Dec 1944- The plane carrying Bandleader Major Glenn Miller was lost over the English Channel.
- 17 Dec 1903- The Wright brothers first successful manned powered flight occurred near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 23 Dec 1823- “*A Visit From St. Nicholas*” (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement Moore was published in New York.
- 24 Dec 1865- The Ku Klux Klan was formed.
- 25 Dec 336- The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome.
- 25 Dec 1818- “*Silent Night*” was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nicholas, Oberndorff, Germany.
- 27 Dec 1947- “*Howdy Doody*” with Bob Smith made its TV debut on NBC.





The Story of Santa Claus

Though it may be hard to believe, it's that time of year again. And, as you've probably heard on the radio at least 5 times in the last month, Santa Claus is comin' to town.

While Santa is a staple of millions of people's Christmas traditions, how many really know the story behind the jolly, white-bearded fellow?

The earliest signs of Santa Claus of Christmas present can be traced back to Saint Nicholas, the beloved religious figure who traveled Turkey in the third century to help the poor and, as part of his efforts, left children secret gifts to brighten their days.

Later, starting in 1863, artist Thomas Nast contributed holiday drawings of Santa to *Harper's Weekly* magazine. The illustrations portrayed a jolly, portly figure in the familiar fur who lived at the North Pole and had a bustling toy workshop. From then on, the image of Santa – and his position as a beacon of Christmas cheer – was firmly entrenched in American culture.

Advertisers and retailers jumped on Santa's sleigh, and faster than you can say, "Ho, Ho, Ho", he was in shopping malls across the country. So this year, when you're knocking back some eggnog and waiting for Kris Kringle to decide whether you've been naughty or nice in 2016, at least now you "know the rest of the story".

Merry Christmas to Knights and Families of Council 11514 from the Staff of *The Knightly News*.

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Sent by a brother Knight who felt this would be a timely warning, especially during the Christmas shopping Season

I locked my car. As I walked away, I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store. They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation. I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening....

While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase -you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device.

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen.

Be wisely aware of what you just read and please pass this note on. Look how many times we all lock our doors with our remote just to be sure we remembered to lock them -- and bingo, someone has our code...and whatever was in our car.

Snopes Approved -- --

