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Special Olympics brings out dedication

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank State Deputy Brother Sandy Balon for his assistance throughout this past year. Thank you also to the many Knights in the province that gave of their time to Special Olympic projects and to the councils for their financial support.

Many zones would not be able to function were it not for the dedication of our organization. The reports that came in during the year indicate our brotherhood of charity continues to develop in this province. I see the results in the laughter and smiles on the many athletes.

Our program meetings have not been well attended this year. Therefore, a change of two meetings a year has been set up by person Betty Chevins. There will be one meeting for the north and one for the south of the province. Hopefully, this will decrease and improve participation. I attended the Saskatoon night as well as the Sas-

katchewan awards night. The Knights of Columbus were awarded a citation in the form of a plaque. Our State Deputy accepted the award.

This year Saskatoon hosted the 1995 Winter Games. Medals were presented by Brother Sandy and myself. The Knights of Columbus again supplied meals for the athletes and coaches. The food was enjoyed by all and many expressed praise to such excellent cooks.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run continues to be a great success. Over \$75,000 is raised each year. This supplies athletes with gym time, pool time and other expenses.

As well, the Regina and Saskatoon Sportsmen Dinners raised over \$20,000. This will offset the decreases experienced from government grant cutbacks.

This year New Haven, Conn.,

will be hosting the International Special Olympic Games. Many councils have donated funds to send our athletes. If any councils still wish to help out with the costs of hotels or air fares, please send your cheques to me before June 15.

Some 24 athletes participated in the Indoor Games in January. The Ned Helfrick award was won by Tim Churkus of Saskatoon.

Changes to the Special Olympics offices have occurred this winter. Ms. Jodi Fick is now program consultant. She is working out of Regina as the Saskatoon office has been closed. Bob Pedde remains president for Saskatchewan.

I wish to thank all the Knights for their support this past year. I hope to see Special Olympics become a main focus for all the Knights of Saskatchewan.



Randy Dobmeier, Special Olympic Chairman for the Knights of Columbus, presenting medals to athletes at one of the venues.



Special Olympic athletes are served breakfast early in the morning by the Knights of Columbus.

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