



# The Knight Watch

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## Grand Knight's Knotes

I cannot believe that this is my final time writing these "knotes" for the newsletter. The last two years have been a great opportunity to serve you and our council. Thank you all for the chance to be your Grand Knight. It's been a real honor. I hope I have exceeded your expectations. I am proof that you don't need to be a natural leader to take on this role. I look forward to assisting Ken in his efforts to take our council to the next level. I am sure he will be a great leader!

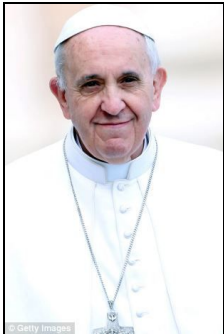


Nominations for next year's officer team will still be accepted before the election at the June 14 business meeting. A slate has been proposed, but if you think you or another of your brothers should have been considered, be ready to nominate that person. The proposed slate is constructed to make the election as painless as possible, but elections should never be a mere formality. Our council is a democracy, so exercise your voice in directing its activities!

We have had a great year of recruiting success, but that's no reason to rest. We'll be inviting men to join our council after all the Masses the weekend of June 4-5. Come help us answer questions, offer prospect cards, distribute materials, and invite "the man in the pew next to you" to become a knight. Remember why you joined the knights, and ensure that other men have that opportunity!

Two other items to put on your calendar. First is the Parish picnic on June 11. We'll be pouring "adult beverages" and grilling up some food. This is always an excellent time, so plan on joining us! The other is the State Council's Organizational Meeting the weekend of July 8-10 at the Denver Tech Center Doubletree. This is an opportunity to learn about what the Knights in Colorado will be doing in the upcoming fraternal year, get training on how to improve and support our council, and spend some fraternal social time with your brother knights. You can contact me for more details.

Have a good month, and make it a great month for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!



## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

## Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in June: Stan Collins 6/1, Chris Klispie 6/1, Paul Egan 6/6, Brad Van Brauman 6/6, Roman Koltuniuk 6/14



## Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: John Boyle (41), Leo Bonacci (29), Dcn Joe Hawley (29), Jack O'Grady (29), Ted Oldenburg (29), Phil Ward (29), Joe Lagae (7), Michael Whitefield (3), Brad Van Brauman (1)

## Cheers! To Life - Ultrasound Machine Dedication

by Michael Majeres, Grand Knight

On the afternoon of May 19, your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Chancellor were honored to participate in a gifting ceremony at Life Choices in Westminster. Brothers Stan Collins (with his wife) and John Collier also attended.



With the State Deputy and the state Ultrasound Initiative chairman, Michael Beiriger, we presented the staff at

Life Choices with a symbolic check for the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for them to use in their pro-life ministry. They had already purchased the machine with funds that our council raised at the 2015 "Cheers To Life!" beer-pairing dinner and the matching funds from the Supreme Council. We learned about their powerful efforts to save the unborn, and assist women with unexpected pregnancies. We were also able to share the story of how you all were able to raise the money they needed and recognized your incredible efforts. The staff was very appreciative! We also shared the story of Vayda Faith Lamoureux, and presented a plate to be attached to the machine recognizing that Council 9597 provided the machine in her memory. Finally, the pastor of the nearby parish blessed the new machine, and we shared refreshments. We hope to be able to work with these wonderful witnesses for life in the near future for another machine funded by our 2016 event.

## 2016 Peaches for Seminarians

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

We have received good word from C&R Farms that their peaches have made it through the rough spring weather and will be available for purchase in 2016. The Peach Committee has determined the prices we will sell the peaches for (10#: \$23 - 18#: \$35) and we are waiting for a confirmed peach delivery date from Megan at C&R Farms before we start our sales.



This year we have developed a Peach Flyer that will tell the parishioners at Fatima about our program. The Flyer will be inserted in the church bulletin around the middle of June. We will follow up by email and by postcard. Of course, we will start taking advance peach sales outside church starting around the middle of July. We will need help at the sales table, which is an easy job for any brother Knight. I will give you more detailed information about the program in our July newsletter.

## Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft, no later than June 29th, to [Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com](mailto:Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com).



## You Should Join the Knights of Columbus

If you're reading this now, and you aren't already a Knight, we'd like to give you one good reason this month to join the Knights. If you are a Knight, you can use this as "one good reason" to pass along to another Catholic man you know:



The Knights of Columbus Supports the Catholic Church because the order is composed of a fraternity of 1.8 million Catholic Men. From the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Venerable Michael J. McGivney, the Knights have been a foundation of support for the Catholic Church. In recent years, the Knights of Columbus have performed a variety of projects for the Universal Church as well as worked with Bishops of the particular churches here in the United States and in countries where the Knights currently reside.

## May Knight of the Month

by Deputy Grand  
Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Henry Handler the May Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Henry jumped into the Knights Ultrasound Initiative in a big way, working tirelessly from early morning set up through late night breakdown of the event. Br. Handler has been a workhorse for pancake breakfasts as well, working through the cleanup hours when help is needed most. For these reasons, and the many ways Henry lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Handler is a worthy recipient of the honor.

## May Pancake Breakfast

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Happy Mother's Day! All proceeds, less expenses from the Mother's and Father's Day breakfasts will be donated to the Gabriel House. In an effort to simplify our Mother's Day Breakfast this year we replaced the Omelet Stations with Egg and Salmon Benedict. We also served bacon, crepes suzette, mimosas, and beer-mosas along with our regular fare. We had a pretty tasty lineup for the families that did show up, unfortunately it was far fewer than the prior year, so more marketing next year. Next up, Father's day breakfast on Sunday June 19. Startup is at 6:30am and cleanup begins at 11am, any and all help is always needed and appreciated.



## Protecting Your Paycheck

by Will Britten, General Agent

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations, holidays and special occasions. We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at that freedom. But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with an illness or an accident? Will we be prepared? Can we be? With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.



Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think it will never happen to them. Their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability is simply something they will never experience. But the statistics tell a different story. A staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67. The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement. And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck. Our disability income insurance can be customized to fit your specific needs. And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching, and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared. If you'd like to talk with me about this, feel free to call me, Will Britten at 303.427.5056.



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## Essay Contest Winners

by Dale Culuris, Financial Secretary

It was a most enjoyable morning visiting with the OLF 8th Grade and listening to them talk. The photo below shows all 21 contest participants. The three top essays were written by: #1: Adam Balke, #2. Aidan Kroegen, #3. Weiland Kurt. The top three received prizes of \$50, \$35, and \$25, while everyone participating received \$10. Look forward to seeing the first place essay either in the parish bulletin or here through the newsletter.

