



The Knight Watch

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Grand Knight's Knotes

Hello again, brother Knights. I pray that this edition of the newsletter finds you all in good health, ready to embrace the call to charity that is at the heart of our Order. Our council continues to lead the way in so many aspects, both in our parish and in our district. You have probably heard about new Supreme directives to better coordinate our youth programs with our parish, so I'll talk a bit about how we've always done that in Council 9597!



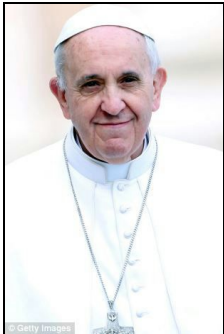
One of the ways we serve youth is through our annual free throw contest. As you read last month, we had record participation in our council contest, and our champions did a nice job of representing us at the district competition held on Feb 14 at St. Bernadette's. We qualified one young man for the state tournament, and the other competitors from OLF made their peers from Sts. Peter and Paul earn their state berths.

The other youth program I will call out is our annual essay contest. For a long time we have partnered with the religious education program in the parish school and this year is no exception. We expect to be getting essays in the middle of the month, and will need to pull some knights together to score them. This is a great way for you to get involved that is not physically demanding. Contact Brother Pete Zuniga or watch for a Flocknote with details if you are interested in helping.

As always, there will be lots of chances to live out our call to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, as we have our monthly pancake breakfast, and continue selling tickets to the "Cheers to Life" Annual Ultrasound Beer-Pairing event coming up in April.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month. The Deputy GK has taken on the lead for these awards, so let brother Klispie know who you think deserves this honor. This is an excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are accomplishing. You might want to nominate someone who has made you feel welcome, somebody who made a difference in one of our programs and didn't get enough credit from me and the other officers, or someone who did a great job at our last pancake breakfast. Make sure you are looking at KofC9597.org for the latest news and announcements of council activities. I'm trying to put more announcements there, so we don't need to send so many emails.

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in March:

Michael Delridge Jr 3/5, Phil Ward 3/6, Art Irlando 3/10, Msgr. Jibrán Boumerhi 3/12, Andy Lowry 3/15, Johnny Rico Jr 3/18, Joe Ortega 3/20, Dcn. Joe Hawley 3/21, Greg Lind 3/22, Don Frevert 3/23, Leo Bonacci 3/24, Thomas Elliott 3/28, Steve Hughes 3/28, Paul Rothgery 3/28, Andrew Koltuniuk 3/29, John Bertheaud Jr 3/30, Tim McDonald 3/30



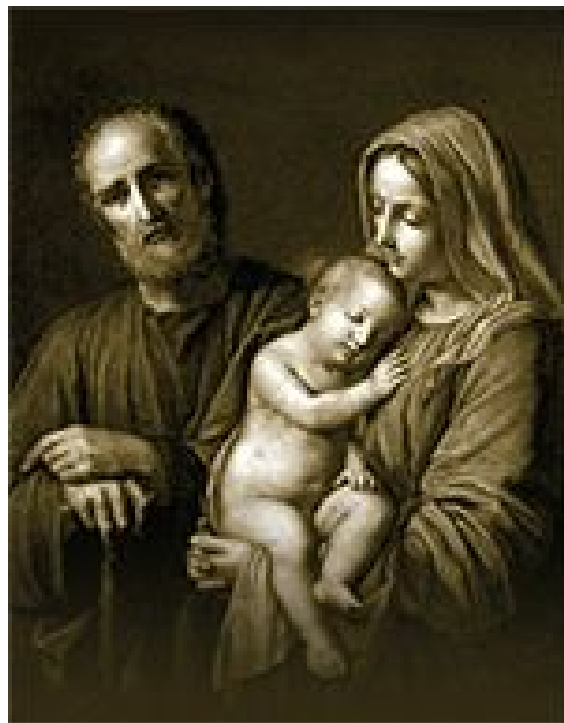
Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Dave Schneider (32), Jack Gaffigan (16), Steve Hughes (13), Ben Lacrue (10), Msgr. Jibrán Boumerhi (8), Steve Bedell (4), John Collier (4), Woody Ritchey (3), Greg Lind (2), Paul Rothgery (2)

Holy Family Icon

by Woody Ritchie, Culture of Life Council 9597 conducted a service and veneration of the Holy Family on Feb 17th at the parish. The service was led by our lecturer, Dcn. Mike Daly and included a homily by him reminding all of us to be more like the Holy Family in how we conduct ourselves and live our lives. The solemnity of the service was enhanced by the fourth degree Knights (Collier, Culuris, Majeres, Schornack, and Mobley). The service at large also involved a variety of brothers who did the readings (Brs. Stan Collins and Dale Culuris) led the responsorials (GK Michael Majeres), led the praying of the rosary (Brs. Sam Berning and Norbert Boekman) and leading the singing (Br. Carl Thomas). At the conclusion of the service, the icon of the Holy Family was processed to the adoration chapel where it has been on display since the 17th. A terrific job by all and a true blessing to the parish.



Cheers to Life!

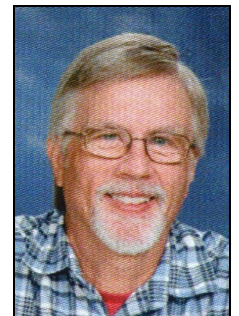
by Woody Ritchie, Culture of Life
As you know, the annual Ultrasound Fund Raising Event, Cheers to Life! will be held on Apr 23 from 6:30pm to 9pm in the OLF school gymnasium. Planning is well underway and it promises to be a wonderful event again this year with great food, perfectly matched beers, and celebration of life as we support our respect life efforts. This year we are looking to raise enough money from the event to purchase another ultrasound machine for a Colorado pregnancy center. The council is selling tickets after all Masses until we hit our target and we would appreciate any and all brothers who can assist in the ticket sales. We will also be looking for volunteers for the various assignments during the event and we will be bringing this to your attention as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, please pray for the success of the event and for a tremendous attendance in support of our respect life ministry.



Activity Planning Meeting

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

At our March social meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd, we will hold an activity meeting to discuss the council activities we plan to take on during the next 6-12 months. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and all Activity Directors should be in attendance. Anyone else from the council who would like to sit in on the meeting is welcome to come and participate.



After the activities are known, we will schedule a special meeting and invite all the new members to our council over the past year to come and learn about the upcoming activities. Each Activity Director will give a short 3-5 minute presentation on those scheduled activities in his activity area.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Even though it is still winter, Lent is upon us, and with it come the Lenten Soup Suppers that occur every Friday of Lent, except Good Friday. Our council will be assisting the parish children preparing for Confirmation, by "sponsoring" the soup suppers. Feel free to come and help serve soup, assist with setting up or cleaning up, or just come enjoy a good meal with our parishioners. Most of the work is done by the students as part of their service projects. Remember that there will be Mass and Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary before supper. This is a great way to make your Lenten journey more spiritually fulfilling this year as we prepare for the great joy of Easter!



February Knight of the Month



by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Dick Abel the February Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Abel supports the council through his very active involvement in most parish activities, his volunteer work, and his consistent presence at council meetings. Brother Dick has been part of our Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drives, Peaches for Seminarians, Beer Pairing Dinner, and almost all other events that the Knights support. Brother Abel is faithful and enduring in living out his faith, a witness to perseverance in prayer and constancy in love for Christ and his Church. For these reasons, and the many ways Dick lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Br. Abel will be a worthy recipient of the honor.

February Pancake Breakfast

by Ken Klispie

Survey says! We received 36 survey responses from our customers. How did we do? 4.7 out of 5, which is pretty darn good, and a perfect 5 for "will come back". We got a few good helpful recommendations too. We have great fellow parishioners who support us!



We served a belated Valentine's breakfast on February 21st which included strawberry topping and whipping cream, which did not make it to the last Mass, very popular. The attendance was heavy after the 8:30am Scout Mass, followed by a very light 10am. Don't forget our upcoming pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 20. We start at 6:30am for setup and really need hands at cleanup starting at 11am.



News from the 4th Degree

by John Collier, Faithful Navigator

The Mother Teresa Assembly sends you greetings. Some news: We just had an exemplification where we had the pleasure of bringing into the 4th Degree, forty 3rd Degree Knights. These fine men will join many other Catholic Knights that will help continue the traditions started by Father

McGivney many years ago. My purpose here is to encourage you to join with us in the Patriotic arm of the Knights. This doesn't mean giving up on the Council, but doubling your pleasure in the Knights of Columbus.

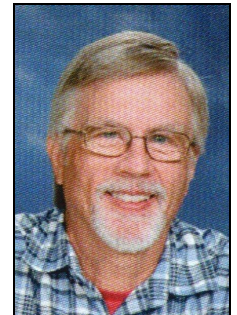
Today, February 28th, we had the pleasure of attending the Blessing of the new Council at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Parish at 47th and Harlan. What a great experience that was.

We in the Assembly strongly encourage you to consider joining us with our work and fun.

18" Away from Being a Good Knight

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Are you 18" away from being a good Knight? We have all heard the phrase quite frequently, "I am a Knight in good standing". You are in good standing if you pay your dues and are considered to be a practical Catholic. But does this make you a good Knight or are you still 18" away. Except for receiving the 1st Degree, a Knight in good standing never has to attend a meeting. You need not serve as an officer in



our council or be a specific program director. You never need to volunteer a moment of your time or one iota of talent for the betterment of the local community and our order. In other words, still 18" short of being a good Knight. You can just carry your membership card and assume that someone else will do all those other things and as a Knight in good standing you don't have to thank those brothers who do all the work.

The distance from your brain to your heart is 18". The real test for any brother Knight is not what is in your head but rather what is truly in your heart. More hands lighten the load. Get involved with our various program activities and you won't have to ask yourself "Am I 18" away from being a good Knight"?

Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft, no later than March 29th, to Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com.





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Membership = Maintenance



by Dale Culuris

Just recently I had a company visit the house to “maintain” my garage doors. What has that action got to do with “membership”? Well, I don’t want my garage doors to “fail” and this relates to ALL of us in that we want our families to have a safe home that is functional in all aspects. So, let’s look at what it takes to keep our Council healthy and functional? Membership! We need to constantly look to new members and their desires to serve our Church, Community, Council, Families, Youth, and Culture of Life. Look at the wonderful contributions our “new” members have made to improve our programs! Our council is not a “huge” council but the Culture of Life program entitled “Cheers! For Life” has achieved something that NO OTHER COUNCIL in Colorado has done in the raising of funds that, when matched with the Supreme Council funds will result in the placing of ultrasound machine in a pro-life center. So, new members = new ideas = new results that are positive and positive programs = new members! So, talk to “that man” next to you in church or in any other event and ask him: Have you thought about joining the Knights? When he asks “why” you can tell him about our council’s wonderful programs! Ask that Man! One new Knight per month!