



The Knight Watch



Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597 - Chartered June 24, 1987
Newsletter Edition: **April 2017** Regular meetings, 7-8:30pm:
Business - 2nd Tuesday Social meetings -4th Tuesday
1985 Miller Street, Lakewood, CO 80215 - Parish Hall, Knights Room

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Holy Father's Intentions for April:

Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

STATE FREE THROW CONTEST RESULTS

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

The Colorado State Council held their 2017 Free Throw Championship on Saturday, March 4th, at Mullen High School in Denver. The competition was open to all the District Shootoff winners from the entire state of Colorado.

I am happy to announce that two of our council winners both participated and placed in the State contest:

Jada Goodman placed 4th in the 10 years old girl competition

Jacob Sushinsky placed 6th in the 11 year old boy competition

A big "Congratulations" go out to these two individuals who proudly represented Our Lady of Fatima and Council 9597 at the competition.

2017 Colorado Knights of Columbus State Convention

Dates: May 4-7, 2017

Location: Denver – DTC – Marriott Hotel and Convention Center
4900 South Syracuse, Denver CO 80237

Agenda - Key Items Only (for a complete listing visit <https://www.coloradokofc.org/2017-colorado-knights-of-columbus-state-convention/>)

Thursday, May 4th,

5:00PM Opening Mass

6:30PM Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Friday, May 5th,

6:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast

7:00AM Daily Mass

9:00AM Men's Opening Business Session

5:15PM Banquet Doors Open

6:00PM Grand March / Banquet, Serving begins at 6:30PM

Saturday, May 6th,

6:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast

8:00AM Men's Business Session

12:30PM 1st Degree Exemplification

2:00PM Awards Ceremony

5:00PM Memorial Service

5:45PM Memorial Mass

7:00PM Hospitality Rooms

Sunday, May 7th,

6:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast

7:00AM Prayer & Rosary

8:30AM Men's Business Session (voting delegates)

12:00PM Convention Adjourns

Easter 2017 Food Box Ministry

by Brother Henry Handler

Brothers, the Easter Food Box Ministry was a great success. We collected over 775 food boxes to support 360 families from over 11 organizations and parishes. Our brothers showed up to help with just about any task needed.

As Deacon Joe would say, it takes an army to process all the food boxes and our council was an important part of making the Food Box Ministry successful again.

Thank you again and please remember to pray for those families which we support.

Cheers To Life! 2017 Ultrasound Dinner

by Brother Woody Ritchey

The C2L dinner is less than a month away and everything is moving forward as planned, which is a nice way of saying it is chaotic as always! ☺The Holy Spirit is at work and we will continue ticket sales during the weekend of April 1-2 to get to our targeted number of guests. As you might expect, (and as we get closer to the April 28-29 weekend), our biggest need is for volunteers to assist in the various duties during the weekend, so please let Brother Ritchey know of your availability.

This year's event will be enhanced by having Colleen Smitley (Queen C) performing as DJ at the dinner and we have multiple terrific silent auction items thanks to Brother Martinez. Finally, we will be joined by some of the state K of C officials as well as one of the seminarians we support thru our peach sales (John Croghan) so make sure you make John and the other dignitaries feel welcomed and appreciated. Please continue to keep the event in your prayers and thanks for all you do to make the C2L such a wonderful event.

March Pancake Breakfast

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Another good turnout with over \$650 in sales, although net was a bit lower given our added expense for corned beef. We managed to end with few leftovers and cleanup was completed before 12:30PM!

15th Place Clean-up

by Brother Stan Collins

Many thanks to brothers Norbert Boeckman and Russ Williams for their help cleaning up 15th Place on Saturday, March 18. Now that the Nissan dealership has relocated, there was not as much trash as in the past. We were complete with an hour of effort.

April Grand Knight's Notes

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Lent, Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday, what a blessed month! We have a full calendar as we conclude Lenten Soup Suppers. We move right into the Cheers to Life Ultrasound dinner, State Convention, Election of New Officers and our 30th Anniversary as a council. Of course we have a couple of pancake breakfasts, Corporate Communion and the May 13th Our Lady of Fatima Statue Procession as well. The blessings continue to pour down upon us as we serve our parish community! Maybe we could find a few men we could bless with membership in our Council?

5 Reasons you should be a Knight of Columbus

1. *The Heartbeat of the Knights of the Columbus is Service. The Knights are one the largest charitable organizations in the world. Through a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, the Knights raise financial support for many charities, including the Special Olympics and the Global Wheelchair Mission. The service aspect of the Knights encompasses the Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-Life, and Youth.*

2. *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.*

3. The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Family. Since the traditional family is composed of the husband, wife, and children, the Knights see them as the core, foundation, and fabric for all of society. Although the council meetings are for the members, many councils sponsor activities with the family in mind. It's a great time to gather together as Catholic Christians and members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Realizing that the youth are an integral part of society, the Knights seek to foster the development of the child from adolescence to adulthood. Asking for the intercession of the Holy Family is at the center of prayer for the Knights when it comes to family life.

4. The Knights of Columbus are strongly and devoutly Pro-Life. Following the teachings of the Catholic Church, they believe that Life begins at conception and ends in natural death. While the Knights are involved in a plethora of activities locally that foster the Pro-Life movement, they are also major supporters of the March for Life in Washington, D.C., the National Prayer for Life Campaign, the Ultrasound Initiative, and the Culture of Life Fund.

5. The Knights of Columbus are Faithful to the Catholic Church by being obedient to the teachings of the Church, its Bishops and Priests, and showing fidelity to the See of Peter. As faithful Catholics, the Knights foster and develop Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Holy Matrimony. Standing with the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus also fight for Religious Liberty, which is being threatened not only here in the United States, but across the globe still to this day.

April Pancake Breakfast

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Brothers, please mark your calendars for Sunday April 23th 2017. This will be the Divine Mercy pancake breakfast. We will add special items to the menu like Pierogies, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut. We start at 6:30AM with setup, and start cleanup at 11:30AM. We always **need lots of hands for the cleanup**, so please, if you can, drop in after 11AM, cleanup will go much faster.

April Birthdays

Lou Schornack 4-14
Harry Cigliano 4-20
Benjamin Lacrue 4-20
Michael Lynch 4-22
Joe Upshaw 4-22
Tom Martinez 4-30

Service Anniversaries

Patrick Mc Gee 45 yrs
John Bertheaud 32 yrs
Jacob Skokan 29 yrs
Rudolph Martinez 8 yrs
Dwain Spreier 8 yrs

Knight of the Month Proclamation

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Henry Handler the April Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Handler has taken on various activities. He stepped up and took over the food box ministry. The most recent Easter Box ministry was very successful. Br. Handler has agreed to take on the silent auction for Cheers to Life and has also been very active in our monthly pancake breakfasts. For this reason, and the many ways he lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Handler of Council 9597 is a worthy recipient of this honor.