



# The Knight Watch



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Regular meetings, 7-8:30pm: Business - 2nd Tuesday

Social meetings -4th Tuesday

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## Pope's Intention for January: Christian Unity

**That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.**

### Grand Knight's Notes by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Completing the annual survey of fraternal activity during the Christmas season was very helpful to me. It gave me an opportunity to review this past year, to understand where I was spending time, and more importantly where I was not. What did I find? An empty box. There it was, at the bottom of the form. Fraternal service was empty, nothing. The third degree was missing in 2016 for me. As a Knight, I cannot ignore this, or expect my fellow Knights to make up for my lack of attention. Brother Knights, help me in 2017 to make sure I live up to the third degree of our order. I need each of you to help me be a better Knight.

### January Service Anniversaries

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|-------------------|--------|
| Lorne Sedlacek    | 23 yrs |
| Fr. Gary Selin    | 23 yrs |
| Tom Martinez      | 7 yrs  |
| Owen Constansitch | 4 yrs  |
| Andrew Lowry      | 4 yrs  |
| Terrence Mullaney | 4yrs   |
| Pat Stewart       | 4yrs   |
| Al Kozlowski      | 2yrs   |
| Chris Quinlan     | 1yr    |

### January Birthdays

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Jason Schweikert | 1/7  |
| James Sobering   | 1/20 |
| John Browne      | 1/26 |
| Woody Ritchey    | 1/27 |
| Michael Soucek   | 1/29 |

## Knight of the Month Proclamation by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Sir Knight and District Deputy, Michael Majeres, the January Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Sir Majeres has taken on the selling of Angel Haus Nativity Panels, Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets, worked with brother Knights to install the Keep Christ in Christmas sign at Fatima, continues to lead our council's first degree ceremonies, all in addition to his District Deputy duties. Sir Michael is also part of the Fatima Centennial committee to ensure the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is present for all processions throughout 2016-2017. For this reason, and the many ways he lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, I am convinced that Sir Michael Majeres of Council 9597, of Assembly 2551 and District 36 is a worthy recipient of this honor.

### **Upcoming Culture of Life Events** By Woody Ritchey

- \* Sanctity of Life Week - January 14th
- \* Denver March to Celebrate Life - January 14th. Abby Johnson will be speaking
- \* Sanctity of Life Sunday - January 15th
- \* OLF Baby Shower - weekend of January 21/22. All donations go to local pregnancy centers
- \* Beacon of Hope Gala - January 28th at Wings over the Rockies
- \* Ultrasound Fund Raising Dinner - Weekend of April 28-29 at OLF school gymnasium

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Advent Fundraising** by Ken Klispie

Great news! Our council undertook the sale of Keep Christ in Christmas vehicle magnets and the sale of Nativity Panels from Angel Haus (a local charitable organization employing disabled adults). We sold 41 magnets at \$5 each and 13 Angel Haus panels which together added over **\$650** to the Council's general fund.

### **December Pancake Breakfast** by Ken Klispie

We have an amazing parish! We made December breakfast free and received \$462.75 in donations. The Saturday snow storm did not impact attendance, we had a full house after the 8:30AM and 10:00AM masses and needed to setup some additional seating.

### **Do Your Duty, Support Your Council**

By Marcus Ritosa, Financial Secretary

With 2017 upon us, we must talk a bit about Council Dues. Many brothers may think that our dues support merely the infrastructure of the council, that is, all of the small, regular expenses that allow the rest of the operation to work smoothly. While these are a part of it, the majority of Dues goes to our perennial support of the parish, of our clergy, of our youth, and of our council itself. Programs like the Free Throw Contest and KCIC Poster Contest, the Council Picnic and the Parish Picnic, the Clergy Appreciation Dinner and the Memorial Mass are all made possible solely through Dues collected. This year, as last year, dues are set at \$40 per year for regular members. The overwhelming majority of brother knights in this council have kept their dues current for years. Are you one of them? As of this writing, over half of our council has paid their dues for 2017.

First dues notices have already been sent by email or by regular mail. Alongside these statements will be a request to update contact and personal information. When you receive them, please complete and return them right away. Don't delay in supporting your Council 9597!



## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

by Woody Ritchey

Seen above with Grand Knight Ken Klispie and Brother Woody Ritchey are this year's winners of the 2016 "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest". The students at Our Lady of Fatima school provided some terrific posters reminding all of us of the wonders of the season and the ultimate reason for our celebration, that being the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Winners received a cash award and certificate and all participants received candy canes courtesy of Council 9597.

### **2016 Tootsie Roll Program Wrap-up** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

In 2016 our solicitations at the 3 local King Soopers stores and Our Lady of Fatima church resulted in donations totaling \$2,755.64. This was 31% less than we took in during our 2015 campaign and I am not able to explain the reduction except to say that we did have one store on a Saturday where we had no volunteers to work the store. Hopefully we can do better next year with the continual growth of the council membership.

We will be sending a check to the Colorado State Council for the entire \$2,755.64 amount and they will take 25% (\$688.91) off the top for use in those parts of the state where there is no Knights of Columbus presence. We will also send the State Council the names of the organizations we want the remaining money to be given to and the State Council will write checks for those organizations and send them to us for forwarding to the respective organizations. At our November business meeting, we decided to divide up the remaining amount (\$2,066.73) evenly between four organizations, giving each \$516.68. Those organizations are:

Carron Coffee House: Provide entertainment to the developmentally disabled on Friday evenings at Light of the World in Littleton.

Havern School: Started by the Sisters of Loretto in 1963 and located in Littleton, provide an education for elementary and middle school students with learning disabilities.

Margaret Walters Center: Provide therapeutic recreation for the developmentally disabled adults.

Steamer's Coffee House/Jack's Bar & Grill: A privately-owned restaurant and coffeehouse in Arvada that employs a large percentage of individuals from the "Intellectual/developmentally disabled" community.

If you worked the tootsie rolls this year, give yourself a big pat on the back for your support of a most worthy cause.

## **ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month I told you about the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity and the need for all Knights of Columbus council to complete and submit the survey to the Supreme Council. The report lists the time we spent in calendar year 2016 performing the various activities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Last month we sent out to all brothers in the council with email an Excel spreadsheet which allows you to enter your time in each activity area. You were asked to complete the survey spreadsheet and return it to me for use in calculating our council's report which is due to Supreme by January 31, 2017. As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, I have received reports from only 7 brothers. If you are one of the 7 then thank you for filling out the report and sending it to me. If you have not completed the report, please take a few minutes to enter your time and then send it to me. My email address is:

[DAVESCHNEIDER@Q.COM](mailto:DAVESCHNEIDER@Q.COM)

If you don't have email, we have a paper report that you can fill out and submit to me. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call (303-988-2510). Some people are not familiar with Microsoft Excel and I can easily help you navigate through the survey.

## **CUT SCOUT PINWOOD DERBY** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

The Cub Scouts here at Our Lady of Fatima will be holding their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in the OLF School cafeteria. If you were a Cub Scout as a youngster, you know what pinewood derbies are all about. If, however, you have never experienced a pinewood derby, the activity involves each Cub Scout taking a kit and building a car (with his father's assistance) which is raced against the other cars built by the other scouts in the pack.

The 2017 Pinewood Derby will start at 12:00 noon and end around 3:00 pm. The Knights of Columbus have been asked to assist the pack by determining the heat winners, lining up the cars for each heat and starting the heats, and also judging the cars for the various awards.

Is this something you might be interested in helping out with? If so, simply show up at the OLF School a little before noon and the Cub Scout pack leaders will quickly put you to work. YOU'LL HAVE A BLAST – I'LL GUARANTEE IT!

## **K OF C – FREE THROW CONTEST** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

This January, our council will again be participating in the Knights of Columbus free-throw contest for youth. Information posters will be placed in Fatima School and the

OLF parish hall, detailing the scheduled event. The contest will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Fatima School gym. The event will need volunteers to help with registering participants, scoring baskets, shagging basketballs, and a quick set up and clean up. Watch your email for exact details.

### **MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

For the past two years we have scheduled our May pancake breakfast on Mother's Day and prepared a special breakfast for the mothers in our parish. For the fathers of our parish, we added a special pancake breakfast on Father's Day.

We have been throwing around the idea to combine the two breakfasts into one breakfast and holding it on a day other than Mother's Day or Father's Day. The thought is that many mothers and fathers go out to breakfast/brunch at a public restaurant on their special day and thus don't participate in our special pancake breakfasts. By combining the two breakfasts into one breakfast and moving it to a new day, we hope to have better turnout and thus we can better express our thanks to more mothers and fathers of the parish.

We would appreciate feedback from the members of the council on our idea to combine the two breakfasts. If you think this would be a good idea and have some ideas on when we might want to hold the breakfast and what we could serve at the breakfast, please contact our Grand Knight.

### **OLF Statue Dedication Results** by Michael Majeres

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Knights were pleased to participate in the installation of a new statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the church. The Mass was well attended. 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights provided an honor guard, and the actual procession of the statue was managed by many knights of our council. Photos of the event are available at <https://fatimalakewood.com/photoalbums/statue-dedication>. Thanks to all who participated!

### **5th Sunday Rosary - January 29th** by Michael Majeres

Please plan on joining us for a special rosary to be prayed on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the church after the 11:30 Mass to participate in this "Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parish" program. All are welcome, so bring you family, friends, children and neighbors. Especially consider inviting men who would make good targets for our membership committee to chase. Help them see that the Knights are also about building a spiritual strength to lead our families!

### **Holy Family Icon** by Michael Majeres

Once again, our parish will be blessed with the annual visit of the Knight's travelling icon. Like last year, it is an icon of the Holy Family. Also like last year, Deacon Mike will be leading a prayer service in the church (Date TBA). Knights who were there last year will confirm that this is a reverent and holy service, and that this particular icon is especially beautiful. If you are unable to join us for the prayer service, try to visit the icon in the adoration chapel, where it will be displayed while it is in our district (2/20/17-3/8/17) and other councils aren't using it.

### **Upcoming Major Degrees** by Michael Majeres

Council 3285 will be hosting a Major degree on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January in Brighton. All 1st degree Knights are encouraged to speak with an officer of the council about getting registered to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. The ceremony will be held in the St. Augustine Parish Life Center. Registration fee is \$20, with a \$15 fee for those attending the banquet (which is HIGHLY recommended). There will also be a program for the ladies during the exemplification.

3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights are encouraged to prayerfully consider joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree at their next exemplification on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Northglenn. Speak with Michael Majeres or Keith Mobley to understand the requirements and expenses for this degree.

### **Fourth Degree Notes**

The Mother Teresa Assembly 2551 sadly announces the passing of our Brother Joe Weber. Joe was a founding Charter member of our assembly and made many trips to Our Lady of Fatima for meetings. He will be fondly missed by our members. Joe was a member of the St. Joseph Parish in Golden and from that Council for many years. Joe was extremely involved in the church and was a wonderful volunteer in his parish. So long Joe.

John Collier, Past Faithful Navigator.

### **Father Henri Asks Council 9597 to Honcho Lenten Soup Suppers** by Stan Collins

Since the age of confirmands is now lower than it used to be, our confirmands are no longer able to participate in OLF's Lenten soup suppers. Father Henri has asked our council to step up and completely run those Friday evening suppers after the Stations of the Cross. Our council will be discussing options and issues surrounding the Lenten soup suppers at our February 14 business meeting. Any and all ideas and suggestions as well as contributions of food and labor will be needed. Please plan to share your thoughts with Grand Knight Ken Klispie before the next business meeting and dig out those favorite recipes you'd like to share!

**The Next Step**  
***The Patriotic Degree of the Order***



**VISION AND GOALS**

**Standing Firm in Support of the Order**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement.

**Proudly Serving the Country**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations a though, Christ, were the one being served.

**Unwavering Support of the Faith**

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

**Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood**

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Fact: 98% of Knights that progress to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, remain a Knight for the rest of their life.

Are you ready to take the next step? My experience as a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight, has been nothing but a fulfillment of a long-time dream. I always wanted to be part of group that

exemplify the meaning of the Knights of Columbus. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight is the show case of the order.

I would like to address the reasons I have heard to not take the next step to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:

**Another monthly meeting (don't have time)**

Mother Teresa Assembly meets the first Thursday of the month, the meeting is opened with the rosary, and then a business meeting that usually last less than 1 hour.

**The expense of becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight (can't afford it)**

There are expenses to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight, first of all, the uniform of a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight is a tuxedo. Yes there is an expense, but most spouses really enjoy their husband looking really good in a tux. If you opt to join the Honor Guard, there is an expense involved. We have set a fund at 2551 to help Sir Knights purchase their regalia and pay back in an affordable / timely manner.

**More activities, to take me away from family**

The 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights activity is generally service to fellow Knights at funerals, weddings and special events that require an Honor Guards. The Sir Knights are also involved in actions/ events regarding Patriotism. The assembly does not hold fund raiser or work groups, like Councils.

**Another annual dues.**

Our dues are \$20 annually and we ask for an additional \$10 for the regalia fund.

If you would like to consider the "Next Step" contact a member of Mother Teresa Assembly.

Sir Knight Michael Majeres – Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight Keith Mobley – Faithful Captain / Color Corp Commander