



# The Knight Watch



Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597 - Chartered June 24, 1987

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

Social meetings -4th Tuesday

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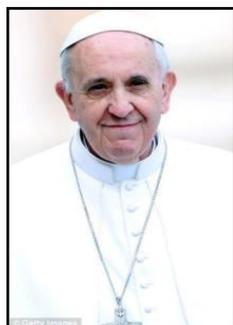
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## Holy Father's Intention For JUNE:

**National Leaders.** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

## K of C Council #9597 Birthdays:

Stan Collins 6-1

Chris Klispie 6-1

Nick Smitley 6-5

Paul Egan 6-6

Brad Van Brauman 6-6

George Johnson 6-7

Roman Koltuniuk 6-14

James Hagood 6-18

Donald Martinson 6-30

## **K of C Council #9597 Service Anniversaries:**

John Boyle 42 yrs  
Leo Bonacci 30 yrs  
Deacon Joe Hawley 30 yrs  
Donald Martinson 30 yrs  
John O Grady 30 yrs  
Ted Oldenburg 30 yrs  
Phillip Ward 30 yrs  
Joseph Lagae 8 yrs  
Michael Whitefield 4 yrs  
Brad Van Brauman 2 yrs  
Ken Flees 1 yrs  
John Luft 1 yrs  
Christopher Mancinelli 1 yrs  
Nick Smitley 1 yrs

## **Grand Knight's Notes**

Brothers, you are Council 9597. You have served thousands of breakfasts, moved hundreds of peach boxes, spent hundreds of hours in front of Church and King Soopers, setup, cleaned up, cooked numerous events, written reports, attended meeting and given thousands of hours of your time to support all of the programs this past fraternal year. Your time and passion given to Knights is the power of Council 9597. You are amazing! Council 9597 on June 24<sup>th</sup> will complete its 30<sup>th</sup> year. This past year would not be possible if not for the Knights who founded 9597, and the Knights who have grown and strengthened the Council over the last three decades faithfully. On Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM we will celebrate the men, our brother Knights who gave so much of themselves.

### **Disability Income** (by Trent Davis, Insurance Field Agent)

Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability, many don't have a plan for replacing lost income due to a disability from an illness or accident. Disability is more common than you think. The real odds of winning the big lottery jackpot? 1 in 259 million. The real odds of becoming unable to work due to illness or injury? 1 in 4. Disability costs are expensive, but disability income insurance doesn't have to be. **Protect your most important financial asset – your paycheck... Contact me to learn more** about the Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

### **Corporate Communion (May 13)**

After the conclusion of the Fatima procession, members of the council and their families joined together to celebrate Mass as a fraternal community. Fr. Frank celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with special readings, and a homily that will long be remembered for its examples of our blessed mothers love and care for people throughout history. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

### **2017 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM**

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

We have received word from Megan at C&R Farms that the 2017 peach crop looks to be excellent and therefore we will be able to do our Peaches for Seminarians program in 2017. The prices they will be charging us for the peaches will be the same as in 2016, so the only thing we are waiting for is an approved peach delivery date in August. As soon as the date has been set, I will be preparing the 2017 receipts and other paperwork related to the program. We will most likely start our sales at OLF the weekend of July 8/9 and I will need plenty of help at the sales table before/after all weekend masses. If this is something you can help out with, just show up ready to work.

### **A Word from the Financial Secretary**

by Marcus Ritosa

Brothers, the end of our fraternal year comes at the end of this month, and with it, another milestone for me. It marks (approximately) one year since I started in this position. If figure now is a good a time as ever to reflect back on this year. While most of what I do is, by necessity, behind the scenes, I'd like to share a few of the changes I've made for the council, all in the interest of strengthening our financial resources.

First and foremost, and guided by our immediate past Financial Secretary Dale Culuris, we have transitioned to fully utilizing the system set up by Supreme for accounting of all transactions. The benefit of this transition is two-fold. First, it guides our accounting to smooth all financial reporting. Second, it permits us to perform a "three-way-match" between the receipts, bank statements, and the Supreme system. All of this has made reporting and auditing much easier.

Next, we have automated the completion of Supreme, State, and IRS forms. With the structure provided by the Supreme system, each transaction is coded to ensure it all totals per IRS and Supreme requirements. To illustrate, our IRS filing (30 pages of government forms) was completed in January, while many councils are filing for extensions because of the complexity.

Finally, something for the near future. While the Knights are a non-profit corporation, our classification does not allow us to directly issue charitable contribution documents to individual donors. However, Supreme has provided us with clear guidance that will allow us to serve as a "pass-through" for charitable donations. This will allow us to proudly advertise that donations through our fundraising are tax-deductible.

As I said in my first article as Financial Secretary, I hope I can fulfill my role through enabling the creativity and passion of our council. If you have an idea for raising, using, or organizing our financial resources, feel free to get in touch with me. I'd love to be of help. Vivat Jesus!

### **Ultrasound Dedication**

On Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, PGK Michael Majeres traveled to Longmont in order to represent the council at the formal dedication of the ultrasound machine our council purchased with the proceeds from our 2016 "Cheers! To Life" dinner. The machine was blessed by a local priest, and our partners at Life Choices talked about how they are using the machine to increase the number of women and families they serve in their advocacy of life programs. The PGK shared a little about our event and our honoree, Drake Durkee. Michael Beiriger represented the State Deputy in presenting a symbolic check for the purchase price. This is the same machine that visited OLF after Masses on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to partner with Life Choices again for the proceeds of the 2017 event. (Photos at the end of this edition of The Knight Watch)

### **2017 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM**

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Back in March of this year I reserved the three King Soopers stores for our annual Tootsie Roll program. Toward the end of May I ordered 8 cases of tootsie rolls for the program, so we are looking good right now to get started soliciting donations for the developmentally disabled in September. I am still looking for someone to head up this program and assist in getting supplies to the various stores on the days we will be soliciting and to pick up the supplies and money at the end of each day. Is this something you might be able to help me out with? We will only be soliciting on Saturdays so there shouldn't be any conflict for most brothers between work and the tootsie roll program. If you would like to help with a program that does a lot of good for

those people of our community who aren't as gifted as you and me, but loved every bit as much by our Lord, Jesus Christ, please give me a call at (303) 988-2510.

### **OLF Statue Procession (May 13)**

As part of our council's continuing efforts to celebrate the centennial of the apparitions in Fatima, the knights processed through the neighborhood on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first vision of Mary by the 3 shepherd children. They were escorted by 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights from assemblies 2409 and 2551. They carried a statue of Our Lady of Fatima provided by St. Joan of Arc parish in Arvada. Although it was a hot day, everyone reported finding the procession a valuable form of evangelization!

### **YOUTH/CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS**

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month I told you about the loss of our Youth Activities Director and Culture of Life Activities Director. I asked you to think about these two positions within our council and to let me know if you would be interested in taking on one of the Directorships. So far I haven't heard from anyone who is interested in stepping up and assisting me with the activities we will be taking on related to the youth of our parish and the unborn. If God has touched your heart and you think that you would like to become one of our Activity Directors, please give me a call at (303) 988-2510.

### **Major Degrees**

by First Year Trustee and PGK Sir Michael Majeres

First degree Knights are encouraged to take their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. Having participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification is required to be eligible to serve as an officer in the council. Upcoming Major Degrees include June 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's in Grand Junction, and June 24<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity in Trinidad. Speak with the grand knight if you have interest in these, or are looking for something closer to home!

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL / KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST**

by Pete Zuniga

The 2017 essay theme was "Catholic Citizenship". The grading of the entrants essays took place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM in the Knights of Columbus room at the Parish. There were 26 entries from the 8th grade class of Language Arts teacher Mrs. Susan Kilbride. A group of Knights including Brothers Stan Collins, Marcus Ritosa, Karl Thomas, Mike Sullivan, and myself graded the essays based on a criteria of points that included content (35 points), grammar (30 points), and style (35 points).

After the total score from each grader was added up and divided by five (5 graders), each student received that average number for their final score. PGK Michael Majeres used his handy computer to determine the First, Second, and Third place winners.

On May 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM, presentation of certificates and cash prizes was made by Grand Knight Ken Klispie in the 8th grade classroom of Stephanie Koch. Joining GK Klispie were Dale Culuris, Karl Thomas, Keith Mobley, and myself.

The first place winner was Carla Ellefsen, who received a \$50.00 prize. Second place winner Anna Kreiling received \$35.00 and third place winner Makayla Trapp received \$25.00. All other participants received a certificate and \$10.00. Brother Dale Culuris took pictures of the entire class along with Mrs. Koch and the Knights present. I thanked Mrs. Kilbride and Mrs. Koch for their excellent assistance. The event ended at 9:40 AM. (Photo of Essay Contest Winners at the end newsletter)

## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH PROCLAMATION**

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Knight Dave Schneider Knight of the month for June for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Dave has faithfully been our activities director for many years and continues to provide guidance and leadership in that role. He has been very active in our Council activities, including Pancake Breakfast, the Membership drive, contributing articles to the newsletter, and attending business and social meetings. Brother Dave recently steered our council activities so effectively that our council won awards at the state convention.

These awards were:

- 1) Supreme - Church Council (Seminarian Support from Peach Sales)
- 2) 2nd Place Green Division for overall activity and reporting
- 3) 5th place at state level State for overall activity and reporting

For these reasons, and the many ways Dave lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Dave is a worthy recipient of the honor.

## **Family of the Month Proclamation**

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name the family of brother Tom Martinez as Council 9597's Family of the month for June 2017. This family is recognized for a variety of efforts to move our parish and council forward. Brother Tom's family has faithfully supported his active roles as Youth Director, chair of free-throw contest, and lead roles in the annual ultrasound dinner over many years and he continues to serve as Deputy Grand Knight. He has been very active in our Council despite his recent blindness. Tom's wife, Lynn is an active and visible participant in many parish functions, as well as his top supporter in the Knights. His children offer their time and talents to our parish community through altar service and volunteering with the religious ed and vacation bible school programs. Tom's oldest son just graduated from the parish school, and is headed to great things at Mullen HS.

For these reasons, and the many ways Tom's family lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Tom Martinez and his family is a worthy recipient of the honor.

## **Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Celebrates 30th Anniversary!**

by Karl Thomas, The Knight Watch Editor

K of C Council #9597 at Our Lady of Fatima Church will celebrate their 30th anniversary of inception at the council #9597 Annual Pick-nick on Saturday June 24, 2017 after the 5:00 PM Mass (this is a family event!). Council #9597 was Chartered on June 24th 1987. The Council will provide Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs and cake and ice cream for dessert. Family members are encouraged to bring appropriate side dishes for a pick-nick. Set up will begin at 4:00PM and much help will be needed at the beginning, during, at the end for clean up. Contact Sir Lou Shornack for further information on help. We hope that this event will be attended by many Knights to celebrate this auspicious milestone in the history of Council #9597! Don't be a KnINO (Knight In Name Only)!

## **May Pancake Breakfast (Mother's & Father's Day)**

Our donation only big breakfast spread on May 21st was very successful! We netted over \$1,000 after expenses for the Gabriel House. Our Parish community is very generous. We served up our standard breakfast plus Omelets, Crepes & Mimosas. Thanks to all Knights who were able to help out, we needed every set of hands!

## Winners of the K of C Council #9597/OLF School 2017 Essay Contest



The following photos are of the Life Choices Mobile Unit visit to Our Lady of Fatima Church









**Thank you to the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church and The Knights of Columbus Council #9597 for providing this life saving alternative!!**

And Thank you to br. Dale Culuris for the photo documentation contained in this edition of The Knight Watch!!