



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

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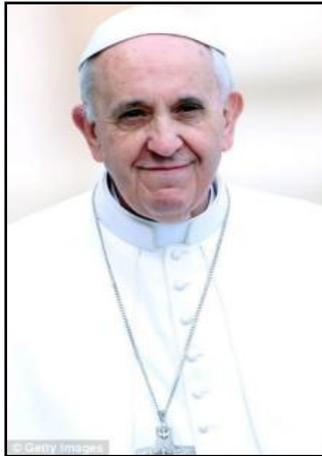
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Holy Father's Intention For October:

Workers and the Unemployed.

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Council #9597 October Birthdays

Owen Constransitch 10/2

Charles Morgan 10/10

Jacob Skokan 10/11

Marcus Ritosa 10/14

Fr. Gary Selin 10/16

Pete Zuniga 10/19

Christopher Gerow 10/23

Council #9597 October Service Anniversaries

Gerald Handley 10/1 31 years
Michael Capone 10/24 21 years
Robert Boden 10/17 16 years
David Swavely 10/23 13 years
David Miller 10/27 8 years
Douglas Smith 10/27 8 years
Henry Handler 10/18 2 years
Andrew Koltuniuk 10/18 2 years
Roman Koltuniuk 10/18 2 years

Council #9597 October Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth and Kim Klispie 10/5
Gerard and Mariellen McClory 10/6
Robert and Patsy Bowe 10/10
Christopher and Marina Klispie 10/13
Robert and Joycelynn Boden 10/16
Dale and Suzanne Culuris 10/16

Membership Drives - Not Again!!

by Sir Dale Culuris - Membership Director

Yes, we need to continue to recruit new members! Council 9597, Our Lady of Fatima, has been successful in recruiting new members and with success comes challenges. First challenge is that the council has grown into "Big Boy Pants" as we move up the council size categories established by the State. Second we need new members to take over the reins from the aging Knights. Thirdly we need those new members to be welcomed and encouraged to participate in making the council better with new programs to support Church, Community, Council, Youth and Culture of Life.

Our upcoming Membership Drive will be on October 14 and 15, 2017 after all masses. Brother Karl Thomas and Nick Smitley have developed a video program that is designed around the "FUN" aspects of our programs. Brother Karl has taken pictures of our events and Brother Nick has contributed his musical talents by adding audio music to the video. This video will be shown on the council monitor while Knights share their experiences with potential candidates.

If you haven't signed up to spend some time after masses to encounter potential candidates then don't be bashful! Remember – SOMEONE ASKED YOU TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS and, who knows, you could be the person that some future Knight will say YOU were the Knight that showed him the way to Knighthood!

Farewell to K of C Council #9597

by Br. Stan Collins

Brother Knights of Council 9597,

It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to count myself among your number for these past several years. I joined the Knights in search of a venue to contribute to my parish through works of charity and service. I found that there is much more to being a Knight than that. Being able to regularly pray the rosary with like-minded catholic men has been a highlight of my membership. Sharing the load in planning and executing various projects with Brother Knights has also been a highlight.

As I transfer from our council to the new one in Victoria, I wanted to leave you with a personal observation. During my whole adult life, I have been a member of one organization or another. All of those organizations generally conformed to the oft heard axiom that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the membership. That's a shame, in my opinion.

For those who raise their hand to volunteer to either organize or help with a project, or to serve as a council officer, the rewards of contributing are many and very satisfying. But just as even the best-made tire wears down through continued use, that 20% of active volunteers can wear down and become disillusioned. I worry about the active 20% in our council. While our membership has grown significantly in the past five years or so, we still find unmanned slots in our recent Tootsie Roll campaign, as an example. We all have lives outside of our Council, but we all can stretch ourselves a little and help out where needed. For that 20%, do not hesitate to personally ask your fellow Knights for help with a specific project. A personal request is much harder to say "no" to, whereas an "at large" request for volunteers often goes unanswered. But beware of always asking the same 20% all the time.

I am looking forward to joining the local council in Victoria Texas. When I was house hunting there, I saw a stand-alone K of C building in town. To me, that bodes well. I anticipate a large and active membership in Victoria. If they are half as successful with their programs as we have been with ours, I will be very satisfied. Please know that I will cross-pollinate many of the good ideas I have witnessed in our council into my new council. While I will miss the diverse personalities and characters in our council, I am hopeful that I will make new friends and find new opportunities for service and charity in Victoria. Thank you all who have shown me the meaning of catholic charity, service, and fraternity.

Farewell, and Vivat Jesus!

Stan Collins

“CULTURE OF LIFE” & “COMMUNITY” ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

For the past few months, I have advertised an opening in the Culture of Life Activities Directorship. With the departure of Woody Ritchey and his wife, Terry, to Wisconsin earlier this year, the Culture of Life Activities Director position has been vacated and is in need of being filled by a brother in our council. Is the Pro-Life movement something that is dear to your heart? If so, would you be interested in stepping into Woody's shoes and filling the Directorship for our council? If you hear God talking to you and you feel that you would like to make an attempt to be our new Culture of Life Activities Director, please give me a call (303) 988-2510 or get in touch with our Grand Knight, Ken Klispie.

Also, with the surprise announcement by Stan & Mary (Herzogenrath) Collins that they are pulling up stakes and moving to Texas, the Community Activities Director position is now open and in need of being filled. Some of the activities the Community Activities Director helps me to administer are: 1) Cleaning 15th Place, 2) Coats For Kids, 3) Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled, 4) Colorado State Charities Football Program and 5) Prison Ministry. Do these areas of involvement interest you? If so, would you be interested in becoming our council's new Community Activities Director? If so, please give me a call.

I would like to personally thank Stan for the work he has done as our Community Activities Director over the past few years. Stan and Mary will be sorely missed by the membership of our council. When Stan was up flying for United Airlines, he found time to donate to our order. After his retirement, we all thought he would do a super job down the road as our Grand Knight. Well that idea won't become a reality but I am sure that Stan will become involved with the Texas Knights and will become an effective member of whatever council he transfers his membership to. Stan, thanks for a job well done! SALUTE!!!

Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Oct. 14/15, 2017

Council members will be available after all masses with answers to questions as to how the world largest and greatest FAMILY men's organization has FUN helping church, community, council, family, youth and culture of life through dynamic programs. See and hear how these activities could enable YOU to assist others with just a small effort! Pick your area! Bring your ideas! New ideas welcome! 2 Million Catholic men and we need YOU!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

by Br. Norbert Boeckman - Youth Activities Director

Hello Brother Knights! As we move into the fall and winter months our counsel will be sponsoring several programs for our youth. One of these programs is our "Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Contest. In a society where Christmas has become for many, especially children, a secular holiday. To combat this, the Knights of Columbus introduced the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. This program allows young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups—ages 5 through 7, ages 8 through 10, and 11 through 14. In some cases it may be appropriate to group students by grade rather than age. Our counsel will be soliciting entries from kids who attend OLF school, kids in our parish through our Religious Education program, and any of our Brothers who have children or grandchildren that may not attend OLF, but want to participate. We're in the primary stage of this program, and in early November we will be getting the word out to the school and parish. Our hope is to have all entries in and judged by our "Keep Christ In Christmas" party the second of December, where we would like to display all the posters in our parish hall. The winners of our counsels contest will be eligible to compete in a District, Regional, and State contest. As we get closer, I will be asking for volunteers to help with the judging.

Knights of Columbus

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



For more information contact: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Posters Due by: _____



Peaches for Seminarians Program 2017

by Br. Dale Culuris

Council 9597 and the nearly 500 customers worked well as a team again this year! The Council Church Director is working with the State Vocations Director in identifying seminarians and novices that need financial aid. This year the total funds raised will enable the Council to support a tremendous number of seminarians/novices. The peaches sales profit/donations plus the RSVP funds from Supreme total just under \$9500!

So, what is "RSVP"? This is a program Supreme started in 1981 and the acronym "RSVP" means Refund Support Vocations Program. Supreme will refund \$100 for every \$500 that a council donates to Support Vocations (program). The "rules" are very simple and are, in a condensed version:

- The funds must be provided to the seminarians/novices between July 1 and June 30
- The amount given to the designated seminarian/novice must be \$500 or greater (up to \$2000).
- The funds must be given to a PERSON and NOT an organization
- The council must obtain the cancelled checks and provide Supreme with copies of the front and back (showing the name of the person along with the signature of the person on the back of the check).

And just like the commercials: But Wait! There's more!

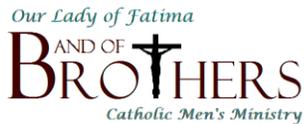
The Council needs to provide:

- Correspondence to the seminarian/novice
- Personal visits
- Invitation to council events
- Similar signs of interest

Thus Council members are encouraged to participate in supporting these dedicated followers of Jesus. They, like the first disciples, are now walking the life path of self giving as they help others come to Jesus by living a wholesome life and being that kind of person that helps others in need. We need Brothers to write and visit seminarians in order to show these "followers in the footsteps of Peter" that they are not alone and that others care and pray for them. Contact Dale Culuris, dalec303@comast.net and help support our seminarians/novices!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

by Br. Sam Berning



Brother Knights,

I'm privileged with the opportunity to provide you an invite to the OLF men's weekend retreat, as well as provide an insight into aspects of it.

As Knights of Columbus members, we have a flair for fellowship and camaraderie. We enjoy the company of our fellow brothers and we look forward to meeting with them again, whether at a social event or a charity event. Those of you who have spent time with the Band of Brothers are aware this ministry offers those same charisms. Imagine a weekend of fellowship and camaraderie, one where the Holy Spirit is present and you have the opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Three In One.

The essence of the weekend retreats is inexpressible because everyone has a similar experience and yet each participant realizes an individual experience. I've invited many men to participate in this event and a common pass-up is - "It's not for me". An answer to that reply is; it's not about us, it's about answering a call from the Most High to experience his fullness, to spend time with him in a unique way with men of like mind. Each participant brings with him a different aspect of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit unites those aspects into a fulfilling weekend, a weekend with the power to remove you from societal pressures, if only for a few days. I strongly encourage you to join us and promise you won't be disappointed.

The annual Our Lady of Fatima 3-day men's retreat is scheduled for Friday evening Nov. 3rd thru Sunday morning Nov 5th at YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch in Winter Park, Colorado. The retreat includes three days, two night and five meals for only \$140.00 per person. Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening.

For more information or to register please contact Sam Berning @ sam.berningbmc@gmail.com or 303.432.8535. Payment and registration may also be made at the R.E. office. Registration deadline is October 22, 2017.

Knights of Columbus Campaign For The Intellectually Disabled

by Br. Phillip Gallet

"Give and gifts will be given to you..." Luke 6: 38

Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus gave 70 hours of their time and raised over \$2,745 to support the mentally disabled. On 5 weekends, brothers took 2 hour shifts at two of three King Soopers grocery stores. The consistent response from the brothers was "I can't believe how generous people are." This was an opportunity not just for us to give our time for a good purpose, but to allow the community to receive the graces from their own gifts.





SEPTEMBER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month we started up our monthly pancake breakfast that was placed on vacation for the summer months. The funds from the popular breakfast at Our Lady of Fatima parish are utilized to support various programs we implement as a Knights of Columbus council. We served our normal menu of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and hash browns and netted a total of \$232. The attendance was somewhat light because the confirmation mass the evening before pulled many parishioners from their normal Sunday morning masses. If you helped out in any way with the breakfast, thanks for stepping up to the plate and contributing to the success of this important activity. Your next opportunity to pitch in and help us out with a breakfast will be on Sunday, October 15th. The council voted at the September business meeting to give all proceeds from the breakfast to the parish Sundancer Gala. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the breakfast.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie

Br. Dale Culuris is recognized for his long standing service as Grand Knight and a wide variety of other council offices and for his continual and tireless support of virtually every council activity.

GRAND KNIGHT'S KNOTES

by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie

From Screwtape Letters (C.S. Lewis)

"There is nothing like suspense and anxiety for barricading a human's mind against the Enemy (God). He wants men to be concerned with what they do; our business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them."

From G.K. Chesterton

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

Each day we have obligations of duty and love. Let us do these things. As Jesus tells us in the Gospels, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

MEN'S CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAM

by Br. Don Frevert

Eight men (including GK Ken Klispie, Br Chris Mancinelli, Br Nick Smitley and Br Lou Schornack) have signed up for the Men's Called and Gifted Series where we discern the charisms God has given us and put them into practice in our day to day lives and especially in our parish ministries.

The introductory sessions were held the week of September 22 through 29 and were facilitated by Kathy Gill who was assisted by Brs. Marcus Ritosa and Don Frevert.

Private interviews will be held between October 1st and 15th and these will be followed by a series of small group discussions in late October and November. These discussions will be facilitated by Br Marcus and Br Don.

The Band of Brothers has requested that a special Called and Gifted series be held for their members at their 6am Saturday time slot. This request is under consideration by the Called and Gifted team.