



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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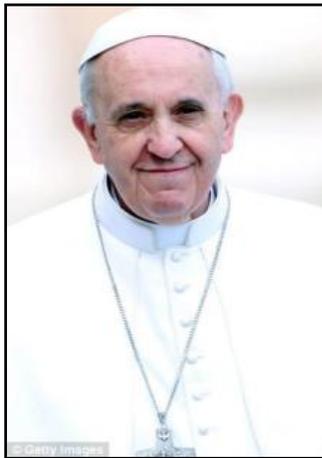
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Holy Father's Intention For November:

Christians in Asia.

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Council 9597 Years of Service Anniversaries

Pete Aberle - 64

Paul Harrold- 37

Dick Abel -16

Brent Schuller -10

James Solbering - 8

Ken Klispie - 5

George Johnson - 1

John Pickard - 1

Michael Sullivan - 1

Council 9597 Members Birthdays

Dwain Spreier 11/1

Jack Gaffigan 11/3

Pete Aberle 11/4

Norbert Boeckman 11/7

Michael Majeres 11/9

Deacon. Michael Daly 11/12

Michael Sullivan 11/12

Robert Simpson 11/18

Henry Handler 11/30

Council 9597 Member's Wedding Anniversaries

John and Kathy Berthoud 31 years 11/1

Alfred and Clemencia Upshaw 49years 11/3

Ted and Starla Pagano 11 years 11/14

Marcus and Caryn Ritosa 4 years 11/16

Deacon Michael and Megan Daly 18 years 11/27

THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL SOCIAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER DUE TO THE "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" EVENT FOUR DAYS LATER ON DECEMBER 2, 2017!

Financial Secretary's Notes

by Marcus Ritosa

2018 Budget

At our October Business meeting, the council voted to approve the draft budget. This sets out our plan for financial responsibility in the new year. I want to invite everyone to ask questions and provide input to our budget, both during the year and during budget conversations. I plan to send out our 2019 budget draft in September of 2018.

Dues for 2018

In looking toward the new year, I am charged with upkeep of membership records and collection of Membership Dues. By the time of this newsletter's publishing. You should have received an Information Update request by email. If you reply to it, you will not be included on subsequent email requests! Our council needs this information to properly communicate for official business.

Dues for 2018 will be the same as 2017: \$40. Dues are slated to cover only our Per Capita charges from State and Supreme, our Council events like social meetings and KCIC, and our administrative expenses (insurance, printed materials, postage, etc.). Dues emails will be sent in the middle of December to all those with a functioning email address. Printed copies will be sent only to those without a functioning email address.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

On Sunday, October 15th, our council put on our monthly pancake breakfast in the OLF parish hall. We had a great turnout and netted \$488 from the donations given to us by those attending the breakfast. This amount will be donated to the OLF School Sundancer Gala that was held in October. 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. We had a few new faces at the breakfast and enjoyed getting to know these brothers.

We will be putting on our next breakfast on Sunday, November 26th. We normally serve the breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month but due to a conflict with the Food Boxes for the Poor program, we have had to move the breakfast to the next Sunday. So please mark your calendars for the 26th and plan to come and help us out. I thought I would be missing the breakfast because I plan to travel to SW Missouri for a whitetail deer hunt with my cousin on November 8th with plans to return home on November 20th. But with the rescheduling, I will be able to be in attendance. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the breakfast!

Knight of the Month Proclamation

by Grand Knight Ken Klispe, Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Henry Handler November Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Henry is an active member of our council, present at many business and social meetings, organizing and running the church food box ministry, selling Peaches for Seminarians and the Tootsie Roll campaign just to name a few. For these reasons, and the many ways Henry lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Handler is a worthy recipient of the honor.

OLF Sundancer Gala

by Sir Michael Majeres

The annual Sundancer Gala was held on October 21st. This event is the premier fundraiser for our parish and school, and was especially meaningful in this centennial year of the apparitions. As usual the knights were active in supporting this parish-wide program, as well as the many knights who attended. You have probably seen the breakfast article that spells out how much in donations the council collected for the gala at our monthly pancake breakfast. A great time was had by all!

Keep Christ in Christmas Party

By Sir Michael Majeres

All knights and their families are invited to the "Keep Christ in Christmas" dinner. There will be turkey and ham, and whatever sides you bring. Everyone is asked to bring a side for 12 people. As in years past, St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, will be making an appearance and bringing small gifts for the children. I'd expect there to be a program on Advent themes as well. This is always a great opportunity for us and our families to come together to remember the ways the God has blessed us and our council over the past year. Hope to see you there!

K of C Council 9597 Supported Eagle Scout Project

by Karl Thomas, Newsletter Editor

Our Lady of Fatima K of C Council 9597 was approached by Eagle Scout candidate Dana Henderson to request financial assistance to complete his final project to achieve the Eagle Scout designation. Mr. Henderson proposed to expand the area around the statue of Our Lady and the Sheppard Children on the Miller Street side of the church, add benches, and remove some "shabby shrubs", add colored landscape gravel around exterior areas in front of the fireside room and the Priest's residence. Mr. Henderson (and some troop 166 helpers) completed all the improvements proposed on time and in fine fashion. If you haven't already noticed the changes, take some time to admire the excellent results! Thank you, Dana Henderson, and congratulations on achieving the Eagle Scout designation!!

Recognition of Altar Servers on October 22, 2017

by Sir Michael Majeres

Our council was privileged to host over a dozen of the parish's altar servers for a brief appreciation luncheon. All 70+ current servers were invited. The council provided pizza and drinks for the servers who were able to attend, as well as certificates of appreciation signed by the Grand Knight and Fr. Henri. The Coordinator for this ministry, Mike Dunn, expressed his thanks to the Knights, and indicated that he would like for this to become a regular event and grow in the future.

Partnering with Angel House

by Sir Michael Mageres

Once again this fall, our council will be making available to parishioners, the beautiful advent signs produced by Angel House. These signs remind those who see them of the "reason for the season" and reinforce our message of "keep Christ in Christmas." Last year this was a successful fundraiser for the council, and we'd love to have assistance after Masses with the sales. Please keep an eye out for a flocknote calling for volunteers, and consider buying and displaying one of these signs in your own yard.