



The Knight Watch

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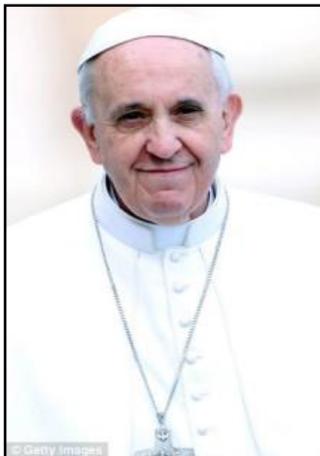
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Holy Father's Intention For May:

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

K of C COUNCIL #9597 MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Dave Schneider 5/2

Russ Williams 5/2

Rich Phillips 5/7

Keith Mobley 5/8

Michael Narey 5/10

John Pickard Sr 5/11

Steven Bedell 5/22

Sam Berning 5/22

Leonard Ford 5/24

Jeremy Heesacker 5/24

Tom Cryan 5/25

Al Kozlowski 5/28

K of C COUNCIL #9597 MEMBER'S YEARS OF SERVICE

Charles Morgan 71
Leonard Ford 27
Robert Simpson 18
Carlin Daves 5
Jason Schweikert 4
Michael Soucek Sr 3
Christopher Quinlan 2
John Bermudez 1

K of C COUNCIL #9597 MEMBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John and Norma O'Grady 5/8/54
Paul and Cindy Egan 5/11/91
Michael and Samantha Majeres 5/28/94

INSIDE LOOK FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

by Marcus Ritosa, Financial Secretary (Submitted under Medical Duress - Hope you're feeling better Marcus!)

This month's installment of "Inside Look" features Receiving Moneys and Ordering Payments. This is just one part of a recurring article series that seeks to expose everyone in the council to the work of a Financial Secretary. Please feel free to contact me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com if you have any clarifying questions.

When receiving any money on behalf of the council, the Financial Secretary must consider some basic things: Where is this money coming from? What is its intended purpose? With this information in hand, the Financial Secretary is able to process the checks and cash in a simple spreadsheet and Supreme's online accounting system. After they are processed, the Treasurer then deposits the funds as directed.

When asked to order money to be disbursed (and a check written), the Financial Secretary must consider some basic things: How much is being requested? Where in the budget is this being paid from? To whom should it go? How will it get to the intended recipient? What backup documentation exists for this request? The answers to each of these questions provide the basic, necessary elements for issuing funds, as well as for recording and coding the transaction. Thankfully, a simple spreadsheet and Supreme's online accounting system hold all of these pieces of data that enable quick and efficient financial reporting. Checks are written at the monthly Business Meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month) or by special request.

Each year in our council, the Financial Secretary orders about 100 checks written, and receives about 300 individual payments. At the end of each month, the Financial Secretary verifies all checks cashed and deposits made that month. If all is well, it's

onto a new month! If you would like to know more about these processes, feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com.

NEW "FAMILY ACTIVITIES" DIRECTOR

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

I am extremely happy to announce the appointment of Chris Mancinelli as our new Family Activities Director! Chris contacted me a while back about the position and, with the grace of God, he decided that he would like to undertake the task of being our new director. It will be great working with Chris and I hope that you will give him all the support he needs to make the Family activities we undertake in the future a huge success. THANK YOU CHRIS!!!

SAY 'HELLO' TO OUR NEW FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

by Chris Mancinelli, Family Activities Director

Hello everyone,

I am very excited to continue the great work of Lou Schornack and my fellow knights in taking over the Family council activities position. I have watched the council do many great works over the past two years and now I feel the Holy Spirit calling me to take on this exciting challenge. I have been a member of OLF for over 25 years and have been active in scouting for many years and now feel that this position is calling me. As I look down the list of activities, I noted that some of them are old favorites and some have fallen by the wayside. I am excited to bring new energy to this position and revitalize the more dormant activities. I am continually in awe of the support we receive from our members and I will be leaning on my fellow brothers for assistance in the near future.

Chris Mancinelli

RECOGNITION OF ALTER SERVERS

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres, Church Activities Director

Planning has started for our annual recognition of altar servers. We are expecting to do a small event toward the end of June, with pizza and soft drinks for the young people who serve our parish and our priests. Mike Dunn, who leads this ministry for the parish, has been contacted about assisting with the scheduling and invitations. Any Knights who are interested in assisting with this program, or have ideas about material to be presented should reach out the Church Activities Director, Michael Majeres.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SPRING FLING-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE FLIPPING CONTEST

by Mike Sullivan

Friday, May 4th, was the “Our Lady of Fatima Spring Fling”.

This is the annual school carnival attended by several hundred people, taking place in the Parish parking lot. There were various bouncy castles, music, a cake-walk, a beer/wine garden, a barbeque, cotton candy, snow cones, face painting, balloon animal making, and a photo booth.

We thought that this would be a good opportunity to do some marketing for the Knights of Columbus, and our Pancake Breakfast. Having fun with the kids and meeting (recruiting) parents was envisioned. To this end, we organized a “Pancake Flipping” contest.

The night before, my **daughter** Megan and I made 2 dozen pancakes. And we purchased 250 assorted “superballs” as prizes, along with Million Dollar Knights of Columbus “money”.

At 4:00PM, GK Ken Klispie and I set up a table and brought out the Pancake Breakfast sign boards. The “Fling” started at 5:00PM and Bro. Dale Culuris worked the first hour with me. Bro. Norbert Boeckman arrived around 6:30PM and the two of us were there well past 9:00PM.

We had quite a few pancake flippers, gave away 160 or more “superballs”, and talked to a lot of folks. Between Dale, Norbert and myself, we probably had 3 dozen discussions about the Knights of Columbus with parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. The Million Dollar Knights of Columbus bills were also given out as prizes, to be redeemed for a free Pancake Breakfast.

At times, during the night, Norbert and I had our hands full, happily flipping and catching pancakes with the kids. We sure could have used a few more Knights to interact with the parents during the “busy” times.





(Speaking of Pancakes)

APRIL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

In April of this year, our OLF parish changed their Sunday morning mass schedule. We went from 4 masses (7am, 8:30am, 10am & 11:30am) to three masses (7am, 9am & 11am). Before the changes, our council would put on our monthly pancake breakfast after the 7am, 8:30am & 10am masses. With the changes, we decided to only serve breakfast after the 7am & 9am masses. We knew that some of the original 8:30am goers would switch to 7am and some to 9am. We also knew that some of the original 8:30am and 10am goers would switch to the 9am mass. What we didn't know is to what extent the parishioners would elect to attend our breakfast.

In addition to our normal breakfast menu (scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and hash browns), we added Perogies (a dough dumpling stuffed with potato and cheese), Kielbasa (sausage) & Sauerkraut to provide the people with a Polish styled cuisine. What we found out is that we served more people under the new mass hours compared to the old. Our Grand Knight had predicted the increased attendance and purchased more supplies to make sure we could serve everyone who showed up. In the end, we only had a few pancakes and sausages left over and we received great reviews about the polish food. In fact, we ran out of Perogies and Kielbasa & Sauerkraut before we could serve everyone coming through the line after the 9am mass!

If you worked the breakfast, "thank you" for your time and effort in making the activity a big success. We netted \$536 which will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

MAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, May 20th (normal 3rd Sunday of the month). We will be serving breakfast after the 7am and 9am masses (the same as in April) and combining Mother's Day and Father's Day into one breakfast. . The net proceeds will be donated to Gabriel House. After this breakfast, we will put our food-serving talents to rest for the summer months with the intent to restart the breakfast in September.

We will get started with the breakfast around 6:30am with setup (early crew) and finish with cleanup that should conclude around 11:30am. Cleanup is where we always need plenty of help but it is up to you as to how much time you devote to the breakfast. Hope to see you there!

Knight of the Month Proclamation

by Grand Knight, Ken Klipie

I am pleased to name Brother Russ Williams the May Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Br. Williams has been an anchor for the Pancake Breakfast, usually one of the first people in before 6AM and getting the setup underway. Br. Russ has faithfully attended business meetings, filled vacant slots as needed, assisted on the first degree team, prepped and cooked food, sold and loaded peaches, and has been part of just about every activity our council is involved with. For these reasons, and the many ways he lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity I am convinced that Past Grand Knight Russ Williams of Council 9597 is a worthy recipient of this honor.

Ken Klispie, Grand Knight
Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597

Grand Knight's Report May 2018

Upcoming Events

Mother's/Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, Sunday May 20th

Parish Picnic, Saturday June 2nd

Council Picnic, Saturday June 23

Upcoming Exemplifications

Major Degrees

Stand-alone 2nd Degree, May 16, Wednesday at St. Francis Cabrini in Littleton, CO

Stand-alone 3rd Degree, May 17, Thursday at St. John the Baptist in Johnstown, CO

Stand-alone 3rd Degree, May 30, Wednesday at St. Francis Cabrini in Littleton, CO

Stand-alone 2nd Degree, June 14, Thursday at Pax Christi in Highlands Ranch, CO

EDITORIAL "CHARITY ON THE MICRO SCALE"

by Newsletter Editor, Karl Thomas

I have been reflecting on the incredible things the Knights of Columbus do, not only as a world-wide organization of Catholic Gentlemen supporting our first pillar, Charity, but more specifically on Our Lady of Fatima Council #9597. On the Macro Scale, of course, Council #9597 supports Seminarians and Novitiates, Parish Events, Food Ministries, Culture of Life Ministries, to wit., the ultrasound machine initiative, Sporting Events such as the K of C Free Throw contest, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, the OLF School Essay contest for eighth grade students, and the monthly pancake breakfasts that help many different charities. All of these activities benefit many, in many different ways, on the Macro Scale. But I think there are many instances where Knights are charitable to individuals also, instances that may benefit only one; "The Micro Scale".

There are many times that the Knights help where it is unseen, unknown and goes unrecognized (does that sound to Templar?). Stealth is a good thing, and we don't need recognition. Countless examples of helping others outside the official capacity of the Order happen every day. A recent instance involved an elderly widow whose hot water heater went out, long after some would say it should have failed. Nonetheless, there was no one to help, much less funds to replace the heater. A call went out to some brother Knights for information and referrals to solve the problem. An immediate response came in the form of referrals and help to alleviate the problem; unseen, unknown, unrecognized. My personal observation is that these acts of beneficence are every bit as common as the high profile acts of charity by the council.

We can debate whether these actions are a result of our Christian faith, following the teaching of Christ, or supporting our Knights of Columbus pillars of Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism. Bottom Line, it gets done. The elixir, like all things from God, in my personal opinion is made from many ingredients. I am proud to be associated with such a group! No names. No excuses!