



The Knight Watch

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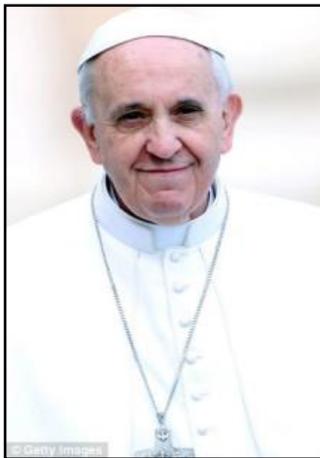
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Holy Father's Intention For June:

Universal: Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Council 9597 Member's Birthdays

Christopher 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

Father Henri - 6/20

Robert Boden - 6/25

Council 9597 Member's Years of Service Anniversaries

John Boyle - 43

Leo Bonaci - 31

Rmr Joseph Hawley - 31
John O'Grady - 31
Theodore Oldenburg - 31
Phillip Ward - 31
Joseph Lagae - 9
Michael Whitefield - 5
Brad Van Brauman - 3
Kenneth Flees - 2
John Luft - 2
Christopher Mancinelli - 2
Nick Smitley - 2

Council 9597 Member's Wedding Anniversaries

Tom and Hilda Cryan - 6/5/71
Stephen and Marlene Hughes - 6/7/75
John and Jeanne Boyle - 6/9/84
Roman And Mary J Koltuniuk - 6/10/95
John and Diane Pickard - 6/10/89
Michael and Karen Sullivan - 6/13/87
Vincent and Kirsten Cremona - 6/17/95
Richard and Shirley Abel - 6/22/63
Henry and Christina Handler - 6/26/15

Inside Look From The Financial Secretary

by Marcus Ritosa, Financial Secretay

This month's installment of "Inside Look" features Supporting Council Programs. 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. The visible workings of our Council is made up of its programs. We exist to serve the parish and its families. We raise money, put on events, and organize prayer. If we stopped doing these things, we would cease to have a purpose.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity we can offer our prospective and new members is the ability to partner with the organization we have built to meet new needs, to serve more people, and to creatively address the problems we have as a parish. It was creativity like this that produced the Cheers! To Life dinners, Peaches for Seminarians, and our Family Social Meetings.

In service of these new efforts, the Financial Secretary must be willing to change the way we think and operate. The way we structure accounting and the rhythm of processes can change to suit the greater and more direct need. Frankly, this is the fun in accounting! So, if you are interested in starting something new, in using your God-

given insight and talent, by all means, your Financial Secretary is your advocate. If you'd like to learn more about how to make something happen, feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com.

Celebrating our Catholic Marriages and Families

by Chris Mancinelli, Family Program Director

Council 9597 was looking to initiate a new Supreme Council Domestic Church Activity in 2018 with a celebration of Father's Day and Families through an affirmation of wedding vows, or a blessing of married couples given by the priest during the weekend masses. I approached Fr. Henri on the subject and although he is supportive of the celebration, he was concerned that there is not a similar program for the other groups in the parish. Fr. Henri stated that if our Council wants to have a K of C designated mass where all knights and their families attend, he would be willing to perform the blessing. I will bring up this topic at the next business meeting for further discussion.

MAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

On Sunday, May 20th, we put on our annual "Father's Day/Mother's Day" pancake breakfast in the parish hall. In addition to our normal menu, we added omelets, crepes and mimosas. Breakfast was served after the 7am and 9am masses and the hall was filled for both meals.

The additional stations took a lot of manpower to operate which meant we were a little short in the kitchen. But we made it through without any problems or delays. Normally we would be done and out of the hall by 11:30am but with the large attendance and the people wanting to just sit there and "talk", we didn't finish until after 12:30pm which attests to the great success of the activity. It was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves, especially the fathers and mothers of the parish for whom the breakfast was served. We netted \$625 which will go to Gabriel House for the fantastic work they do in the community.

If you worked the breakfast, "thank you" for your time and effort in making the activity a big success. Next year we will have to do a better job with brothers volunteering to work the breakfast, but for now we know that if we put a good meal together our parishioners will come and partake.

We will be putting the pancake breakfasts on "vacation" for the summer months with the plan to start them back up in September when the children go back to school.



A Pancake Recruiting Mishap?

Photo Courtesy of Br. Mike Sullivan

COUNCIL 9597 ANNUAL PICNIC CELEBRATING 41 YEARS

by Chris Mancinelli, Family Program Director

Please join us for our annual Council 9597 picnic this coming June 23rd at 6:00 (after the 5:00 Saturday mass) outside the parish center. All council members and their families are welcome. Please bring a side dish if your last name ends in A-P and a dessert if your last name ends in Q-Z.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats as well as beer, wine and lemonade will be provided along with a celebration cake.

Help setting up and cleaning up is always welcome. Set up starts at 4:00PM and cleanup after the food is gone.

Come support the Council and have a great time!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

by Sir Knight Michael Majers

As another fraternal year comes to a close, knights from all over the state gathered on the weekend of April 26th -29th, for the annual business meeting of the state council. District deputies reported on the amazing work of the 156(-ish) councils across the

state, our fallen brothers were remembered in a memorial Mass, and all the current state officers were re-elected to serve another year. One of my favorite parts of the State Convention is the awards ceremony, where the outstanding efforts of knights to live out our principles of charity, unity and fraternity are recognized. Unsurprisingly, Council 9597 did very well, earning top 25 recognition as the 7th best council of any size in the state, 2nd best in the green division (other councils about our size), and bringing home the Supreme Culture of Life Award for our 2017 "Cheers to Life!" ultrasound fundraiser. That program information will be sent to the Supreme Council, where it will be entered into the international completion. Grand Knight Ken Klispie and Financial Secretary Marcus Ritosa represented the council well. There is a lot that happens at the state convention, and all knights are encouraged to take a role in helping to drive the state council. Next year's state convention is even more important as there will be an open election for State Warden. Start planning now for your attendance!

RECOGNITION OF ALTER SERVERS

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres, Church Program 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.

HAVE YOU EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC GENTELMAN TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9597 THIS MONTH?

2018 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Back in April of this year I reserved the three King Soopers stores for our annual Tootsie Roll program. The following is the schedule we will be working with:

August 25th - Golden

September 1st - no program that day due to Labor Day holiday

September 8th - 34th & Youngfield / Colfax & Quail

September 15th - Golden / 34th & Youngfield

September 22nd - Colfax & Quail / Golden

September 29th - Colfax & Quail / 34th & Youngfield

I have asked Phil Gallet (who headed up the program last year) to head up the program in 2018. So far I haven't heard back from Phil with a "yes" or a "no". So if you would like to help me out with this activity that does a wonderful job to assist the developmentally disabled citizens of our community, please let me know. This person will help to make sure we have the necessary supplies at each store and then to pick up the supplies and money at the end of the day. If you are good with money, you can also help me by counting our daily collection and getting the money over to Marcus Ritosa, our Financial Secretary.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres, Church Program Director

June 3rd, 2018 was the feast of Corpus Christi. Our parish, as it has done in years past, held a procession around the church property with Eucharistic exposition, to remind everyone of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the forms of bread and wine. The canopy covering Fr. Frank and the monstrance was carried by members of our council, with some assistance from potential members, while Sir Knight Michael Majeres escorted the procession in honor guard regalia. Approximately 50 people participated in the procession, and Knights were well represented (with their families in many cases) throughout the crowd. It was a great conclusion to a very busy weekend for our brother knights!

2018 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

We have received word from Megan at C&R Farms that the 2018 peach crop looks to be excellent and therefore we will be able to do our Peaches for Seminarians program in 2018. The following are the prices we will be charged for the peaches this year:

10# box - \$14.25 (an increase of \$.25 over last year's price)

18# box - \$23.50 (an increase of \$.50 over last year's price)

The Peach Committee reviewed the pricing information and has set the following prices that we will charge our customers this year:

10# box - \$23.00 (the same price as 2017)

18# box - \$36.00 (an increase of \$1.00 over last year's price)

We have asked C&R Farms for August 25th (1st choice) for delivery of the peaches to us, and August 18th (2nd choice). When we receive word of the exact delivery day, I will prepare the necessary paperwork. Right now we plan to start selling the peaches at Fatima the weekend of July 8/9 and conclude sales the weekend of August 4/5 (we have to give C&R Farms at least 10 days notice of the number of boxes of peaches we want to purchase) and if we receive August 25th as our delivery date, we will continue our peach sales through the August 11/12 weekend. I will need plenty of help at the sales table before/after all the weekend masses. If this is something you can help out with, just show up ready to work. Watch your email on down the road for reminders.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PASRISH PICNIC

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres, Church Program Director

On June 2nd, the council helped with the always popular Parish Picnic. After the 5 pm Mass concluded, about 300 parishioners gathered as a flock to celebrate our community of faith. The Knights manned the grill, cooking up hamburgers, hotdogs, and bratwurst. The council also staffed the beer and wine station, slaking the thirst of the adults on a warm summer evening! Knights were also active in assisting with the setup and cleanup for this important annual event. There was plenty of laughter and frivolity throughout the event. Parishioners also had an opportunity to talk with Fr. Frank as he prepared to leave our parish for the monastic life in the Czech Republic, and see some photos of his new home there.

Thanks to all our brother knights who attended and assisted!

Knight of the Month Proclamation

by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Michael Soucek the June Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Br. Soucek has been a powerful force for the April and May Pancake Breakfast, being the first guy in, cooking like a madman and staying through the cleanup process. Br. Michael works through the night and comes directly to anchor our breakfast. For these reasons, and the many ways he lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity I am convinced that Br. Michael Soucek of Council 9597 is a worthy recipient of this honor.