



The Knight Watch

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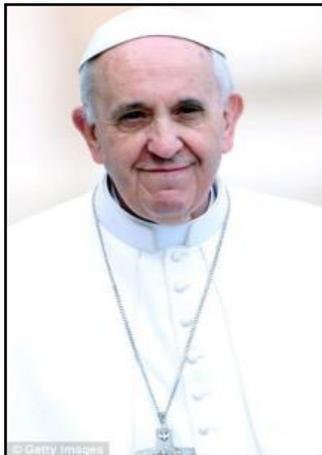
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WE HAVE NOT BEEN OFF FOR THE SUMMER, THOUGH IT MAY ARGUED THAT WE WERE! ILLNESS, SURGURIES, VACATIONS HAVE RATTLED OUR COUNCIL, BUT WE'RE BACK WITH A BIG ISSUE THIS MONTH COVERING WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON THE PAST THREE MONTHS!!



Holy Father's Intention For September:

Universal: Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Rudy Martinez 7/1

John Boyle 7/6

Bob Bowe 7/13

Ken Klispie 7/14

Paul Harrold 7/17

Chris Quinlan 7/18

Gerald Handley 7/19

Carlin Daves 7/22

Evan Jansen 7/23
Michael Capone 7/29

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Ted Pagano 8/1
Angel Caro 8/5
Brent Schuller 8/10
Stephen Davison 8/19
Lorne Sedlacek 8/22
Dave Swavely 8/23
Gary Mages 8/28

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

David M Gaouette 09-10
Richard C Gold 09-11
Ryan J Slinger 09-13
John K Luft 09-14
Theodore J Oldenburg 09-16
Phillip A Gallet 09-19
Robert K Burns 09-21
Richard A Abel 09-23
John W Collier 09-26

MEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Sam Berning 3
Karl Thomas 3
Lou Schornack 3
Vincent Cremona 2
David Gaouette 2

MEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Bob Bowe 53
Dick Hart 42
Dale Culuris 38
Russ Williams 36
Michael Lynch 21
Joe Upshaw 18
Norbert Boeckman 5
Stephen Davison 5

James Bollen 3
Brian Flees 2

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Lewis C Berger 34
Thomas G Elliott 34
Evan L Jansen 22
Arthur C Irlando 20
Michael P Narey 20
Anthony L Traverson 20
James M Hagood 19
Angel L Caro 6
Christopher A Klispie 4
Richard Phillips 4

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Russell and Claudia Williams 7/23/80
Sam and Tina Berning 7/25/98
Chris and Bobbi Mancinelli 7/28/12

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Harry and Jesica Cigliano 8/17
Anthony and Becky Traverson 8/31

MEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Bob & Karen Simpson 9/1
Brian & Angie Flees 9/13
Brent & Anne Schuller 9/17
Michael & Rungnapa Lynch 9/18
Evan Jansen & Kristen Knutson 9/20

INSIDE LOOK FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY (JULY)

This month's installment of "Inside Look" features Yearly Budgeting. 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 purpose of any budget is to forecast and constrain spending. "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to

see if he has enough to complete it?” (Lk 14:28). Our council budget has sections for each program in addition to general operating expenses. The budget is drafted by the Financial Secretary, but it is available to everyone for review at any time.

Each budget year starts in January, but preparations start in the prior August. Look first for a newsletter article asking for input from the council. This is your opportunity to get your ideas and concerns heard from the beginning. Next, the FS will bring a draft budget to the September business meeting with some specific questions for everyone to consider. Responses are weighed and included as appropriate for final presentation and voting at the October business meeting. Any dues adjustments necessary will be finalized at the November business meeting.

Riveting stuff, huh? Well, the great benefit of having a budget is that it prevents us from having 50 conversations throughout the year about “should we spend money on X?” or “I’d like to request some funds for Y.” If you value an efficient council and especially council meetings, then you should be thankful for such a clean budgeting process! If you’d like to learn more about our budget, feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com.

Inside Look from our Financial Secretary (AUGUST)

This month’s installment of “Inside Look” features How to Become a Financial Secretary. 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.

Quiz Time! Multiple Choice Question: How do you become a Financial Secretary?

- A. Have perfect attendance at all Business Meetings in a calendar year
- B. Find 5 or more errors in the Semi-Annual audit
- C. Ask the current Financial Secretary how our Council Dues are calculated
- D. 6 years of business school, plus an internship at an accounting firm
- E. Complete a Form 101 and email it to Supreme Council

As you can probably guess, the simple answer is (E). This is the final step, beyond being nominated by the Grand Knight and receiving some training and support from the current Financial Secretary.

Regarding the other options:

(A) is not a requirement, but it is very important that you are able to attend Business Meetings as Financial Secretary. Business Meetings are where most of the work gets done.

(B) is something that would both impress and embarrass the current Financial Secretary.

(C) is likely the reason I was chosen to become our current Financial Secretary.

(D) is not a requirement at all. But it couldn’t hurt.

If you’d like to learn more about becoming our Financial Secretary, or have an interest merely in shadowing for a short while, feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com.

Inside Look from our Financial Secretary (SEPTEMBER)

This month's installment of "Inside Look" features the Financial Secretary's Business Meeting Role. 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.

I'll keep this article short and sweet, just like most business meeting reports. The FS needs to be prepared to share any new mail, new Form 100s received, and any news from Supreme. Beyond this, the FS presents a summary of expenditures and revenues from the prior month.

Finally, since a Business Meeting is a prime opportunity for the FS to get work done, any and all receipts or moneys should be delivered to him immediately!

If you'd like to learn more about the FS report, see prior meeting minutes or feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com

2019 Budget Input Request

In a handful of months, 2019 will be upon us. In preparation, I will be compiling a council budget, and I'd like to include the input of the WHOLE COUNCIL. In the next few months, I'm calling on everyone, you reading this included, to reach out to me to offer your thoughts and ideas. What is the best productive use of council funds? Which programs should we continue, cut, or expand? How much is a reasonable yearly dues amount? Reach me by email at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com or by phone at 330.212.8853.

K of C 5K Race

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres

On Saturday, July 21st, members of our council participated in the "Respect Life 5K", hosted by Father Francis Syrianey Council at Light of the World parish. This annual event invites runners from all over the metro area to race as a fundraiser for the order's Ultrasound Initiative. Like most 5K races, awards were given to top 3 finishers in each age/sex category. Our own brother Knight Paul Rothgary took second place in his age group for men (and was only seconds behind the winner!) Unlike many other races, there are also awards given to parish teams (with at least one woman), and teams made up of Knights from a council. It was this last competition for the "Respect Life Cup" (pictured below) that motivated the participation of the OLF council team made up of Paul Rothgary, Stephen Davison, Deacon Mike Daly, and Michael Majeres. With a combined time of 111 minutes and 38 seconds, your council was crowned champions! Our council name will be added to the traveling trophy for future racers to admire. The team celebrated afterwards at the Grand Knight's brewery, and there may or may not be embarrassing videos of the celebration floating around. We will be expected to defend our title next summer, so speedy Knights are encouraged to train and sign up next July!



Council 9597 at Our Lady of Fatima - "Thank You Supporters!"
by Sir Knight Dale Culuris

The Knights of Columbus Council 9597 extends to all a **GIANT THANK YOU** to the parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima and their friends and extended families for their fantastic support of our 2018 Peaches for Seminarians program! YOUR support resulted in the purchase of 565 boxes of peaches and, in addition, **YOU DONTATED \$1,305.53!** Both purchases and donations were the greatest in the 14 years of this project to help seminarians in their journey to become priests. Fifteen boxes of peaches were purchased by parishioners (per a suggestion from Fr. Frank from the pulpit) and delivered to the Samaritan House by the Knights on your behalf. We plan to support 20 seminarians with this tremendous support of yours! We thank the OLF staff for all their support and a special "Thank You" to Barbara Bauman, a parishioner here at Our Lady of Fatima, for her assistance in selling the peaches. Barbara is a resident of Brookdale Meridian Westland Living Center in Lakewood and she sold 27 boxes of peaches to her neighbors at Meridian and oversaw the delivery of the peaches to their buyers on Peach Pickup day!

2018 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

In August we completed our most successful Peaches For Seminarians program. This was our 14th year of selling Palisade peaches and we sold a total of 565 boxes, a new council record. We also received \$1,305.53 in monetary donations, also a council record. \$250.00 of that amount came from bro. James Bollen! Thank you James for your generosity! Knights from our council manned the sales table outside church for five weekends of sales at Our Lady of Fatima, plus many of you sold peaches to family, friends and co-workers. Bro. Evan Jansen helped to put us over the top on sales with the sale of 71 boxes of peaches to his co-workers and business associates. This was also a council record for personal sales by a brother Knight. Thank you Evan for all your efforts! We also received help on the sales from parishioner, Barbara Bauman, who sold 27 boxes of peaches to her neighbors at Brookdale Meridian Westland Center here in Lakewood.

On Saturday, August 18th, the peaches were delivered to us in the church parking lot by C&R Farms. This day has come to be known by the council as "Peach Pickup". We had a good crew of guys at the church at 6:30 am, setting up the parking lot for the customers to come and pick up their peaches. The designated pickup time was from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, but people started showing up about 7:30 am and continued arriving throughout the morning hours. Out of the 565 boxes we sold, only 23 remained unclaimed by noon and they were placed in the parish hall for pickup when the hall was open the next few days. By Tuesday, only 4 boxes remained unclaimed and those boxes, along with one box purchased by a woman visiting from Arizona, were donated and delivered to St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver by bro. Michael Majeres.

We also had 15 boxes of peaches that were purchased and donated to Samaritan House by OLF parishioners (per a suggestion from the pulpit from Fr. Frank). 31 of the total 565 boxes were extra boxes we purchased for sale during Peach Pickup. We sold 17 of those boxes Saturday morning and the following morning before/after the 7am, 9am and 11am masses. I set up outside church and sold the remaining 14 boxes. Bro. Ken Klispie brought homemade beer and wine to Peach Pickup and we sold 13 6-packs of beer and 12 bottles of wine for \$10 each, which netted us \$250. Thank you Ken for your donation which equates to ½ of a seminarian donation. Megan Sullivan, daughter of bro. Mike Sullivan, kept track of the beer and wine sales for us. Thank you Megan for your assistance!

Financial Secretary, Marcus Ritosa, has given me the following dollar numbers from the program:

\$5,687.00 Peach Sales Net
1,305.53 Monetary Donations
250.00 Beer & Wine Sales
1,700.00 2017 RSVP Refund from Supreme

\$1,000.00 2017 peach funds not used by the recipient seminarian
\$9,942.53 Total Program Proceeds

In 2017, we sponsored 17 seminarians by giving each of them \$500. Supreme Council refunded to our council \$100 for each \$500 we gave under the R.S.V.P. (Refund Support Vocations Program) $\$100 \times 17 = \$1,700$.

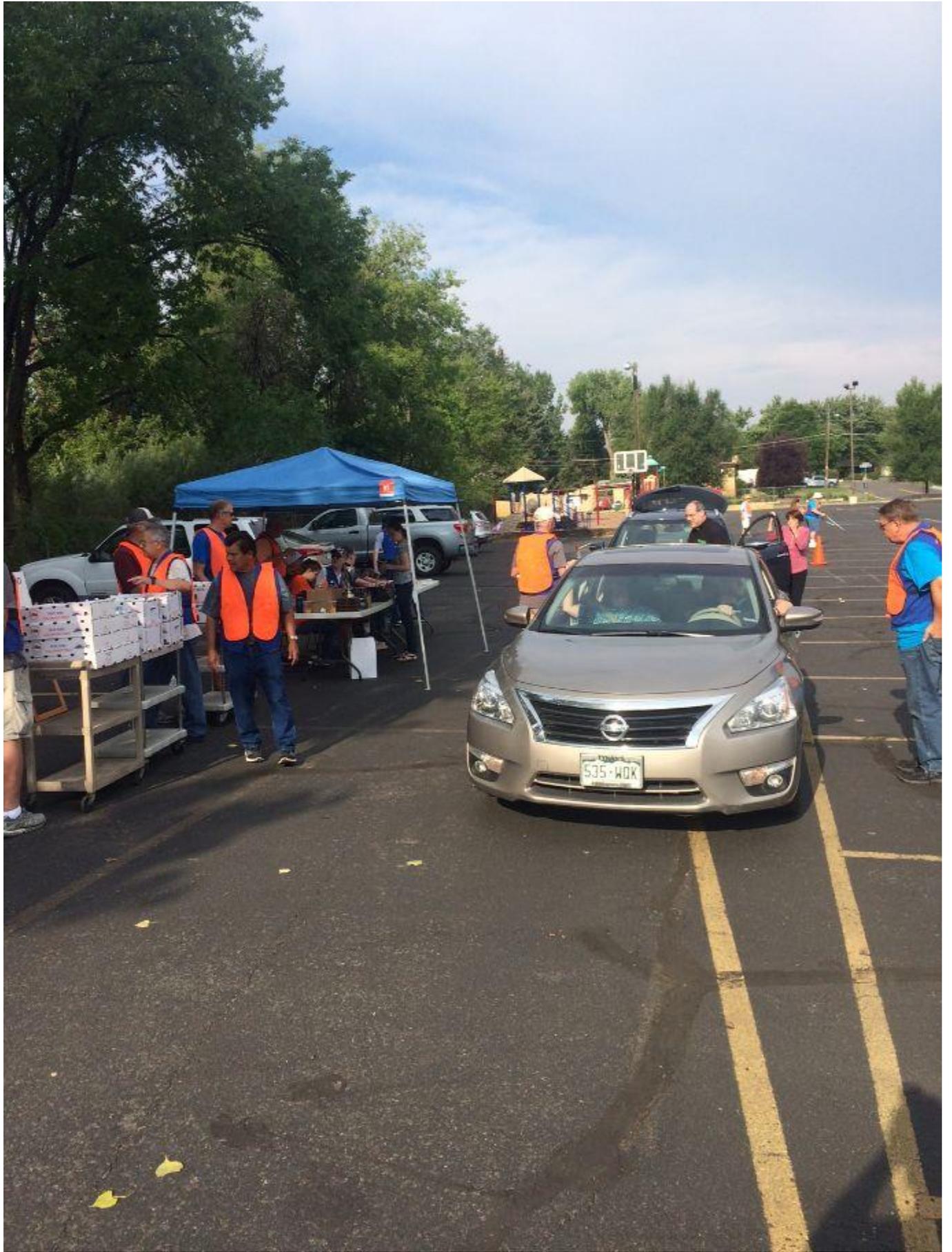
As you can see, we are \$57.47 short of \$10,000. We will be deciding at the September business meeting the number of seminarians to support for 2018. If the council makes up the \$57.47 shortfall, we have enough money to sponsor 20 seminarians this year!!! This, again, would be a new council record!!!!!!

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to bro. Dale Culuris for being our liaison this year with C&R Farms. Thank you for all your efforts, Dale. You will be a hard Knight to replace in our council! I would also like to thank bro. Evan Jansen who, for the 14th year in a row, printed for us all of our Peach paperwork at his expense. Thank you Evan for your assistance and generosity!

Let me end by saying that we couldn't have put on this very successful activity without the assistance of all the brothers in our council. If you helped in any way (sales, Peach Pickup, keeping track of pickups, loading peaches into the vehicles, directing traffic, setting up and tearing down, delivering peaches to Meridian, Samaritan House, St. John Vianney Seminary) and anything else I have failed to mention, on behalf of the council I would like to say "Thank You". This clearly demonstrates what being a Knight is all about!!!







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PANCAKE BREAKFASTS ARE BACK!!!!

by Chris Mancinelli

The summer is cooling off and the griddles are heating up. Once again, our pancake breakfast is starting up and our first Sunday is September 16th after the 7:00 and 9:00 masses. As always, we need your help to pull off this important fund-raiser so please plan on donating an hour or two during this event if you can. We get started around 6:00 a.m. and are finished by 11:00 a.m. or so. We can always use extra help on the clean-up crew. Council 9597 has selected worthy charities each month to donate to so your participation in this important fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Please mark the following dates on your calendar. If you have any questions, please call me at 303-810-0617 for more information.

Yours in Christ, Br. Chris Mancinelli

Pancake Sunday Dates:

September 16, 2018

October 21, 2018

November 25, 2018

December 16, 2018

January 20, 2019

February 17, 2019

March 17, 2019

April 28, 2019

May 19, 2019

2018 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

The peach program is over for 2018 and we are now into our 2018 Tootsie Roll program. For you who are new to the Tootsie Roll program, we stand in front of King Soopers stores and solicit monetary donations for the intellectually/developmentally disabled while at the same time giving away tootsie rolls.

We were scheduled to kick off the program at the Golden King Soopers store on Saturday, August 25th, but we weren't able to get all our supplies together in a timely manner so we cancelled for August and have rescheduled for Saturday, October 13th. We will be working three different King Soopers stores. The one on S Golden Rd, the one at 34th & Youngfield and the store at Colfax & Quail.

Brother Phil Gallet has set up SignupGenius to allow you to easily sign up to work a shift. We are asking each able-bodied brother to work one(1) two hour shift at one of the three stores. We will also be soliciting donations at Our Lady of Fatima the weekend of October 6/7, before and after all the masses and will need help there also. So please look at your schedules and then click on the link in Phil's email message to you and signup for a shift. If you didn't receive his message or you have already deleted the message, please

send an email to me at DAVESCHNEIDER@Q.COM

or to Phil at PAGALLET@GMAIL.COM

and one of us will resend the message to you that contains the link to SignupGenius.

Phil is also looking for a few brothers to help with getting the supplies (tootsie rolls, yellow/orange vests, money collection cans, etc.) to the different stores and picking up the supplies and the money we have collected at the end of the day's solicitations. If you can help out in this regard, please let Phil or I know.

Council Membership Drive to be Launched in October

by Don Frevert, Chancellor

Our council is planning to launch a membership drive for a weekend in October. Pulpit speakers from our council are needed for each of the five weekend masses - 5 pm Saturday, 7 am Sunday, 9 am Sunday, 11 am Sunday and 5 pm Sunday. These speakers will be emphasizing our service projects and our accomplishments as a council.

After each mass a team of three or four Knights will be talking with interested men of the parish outside of church and hopefully passing out a number of application forms. Each Brother Knight is asked to consider how he can support this effort. Pulpit speakers and volunteer Knights will be signed up at the September 12th business meeting and the Chancellor will work with Fr. Henri and the parish office to schedule the specific weekend prior to that meeting.

FAITH IN ACTION

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Since 1971, the Knights of Columbus has operated under the “Surge With Service” program for all activities we perform as Knights. We had six activity areas that our activities fell under (Family, Church, Community, Council, Youth and Culture of Life). On July 1, 2018 (the start of the 2018/2019 fraternal year) the Supreme Council eliminated “Surge With Service” and introduced “Faith In Action” which is a new model for a new age. The former six activity areas have been condensed into four activity areas to bring to us a new focus on Faith, Family, Community and Life.

The new model more fully integrates Christ-centered family programs into daily council activities. It provides us with the opportunity to do what we do best: stand shoulder to shoulder as a force for good in our homes, parishes, communities and the world. We have changed to the new program to make things more simple for councils and make clear the roles and requirements of all activities recommended by the Supreme Council.

The new model takes its inspiration from the Domestic Church program, which focuses on creating dynamic parish-based councils. Likewise, spiritual renewal is at the center of the new model, especially the renewal of family, council and parish life.

The four new categories represent our main priorities as an Order: The primary goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the Catholic faith. We also emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal family plays in modern society. Additionally, a critical part of our mission as Knights is to spread a spirit of charity and service throughout our community. Finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to “be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and condition.

There are 32 activities recommended by Supreme Council, eight(8) in each of the four activity areas:

Faith

Community

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) *

Coats For Kids *

Into the Breach

Global Wheelchair Mission *

Marian Icon Prayer Program

Habitat for Humanity *

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Disaster Preparedness

Rosary Program

Free Throw Championship

Spiritual Reflection Program [new]
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Holy Hour [new]
Soccer Challenge
Sacramental Gifts [new]
Helping Hands [new]

Family

Life

Food for Families *
Marches for Life *
Family of the Month/Year
Special Olympics *
Keep Christ in Christmas
Ultrasound Program *
Family Fully Alive
Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week
Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family
Mass for People with Special Needs [new]
Family Prayer Night [new]
Pregnancy Center Support [new]
Good Friday Family Promotion [new]
Novena for Life [new]
* A featured program

Community

Coats for Kids*
Wheelchair Mission*
Habitat For Humanity*
Disaster Preparedness
Free Throw Championship
Catholic Citizenship Essay
Soccer Challenge
Helping Hands(new)

Life

Marches for Life*
Special Olympics*
Ultrasound Program*
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose
Mass for People With Special Needs(new)

Pregnancy Center Support(new)
Novena For Life(new)
* A featured program

Councils are given the latitude to develop and conduct any activity that makes a difference in their parish or community; however, the Supreme Council does recommend the 32 activities listed above. We will earn CREDITS for every activity we conduct and we must earn a total of 16 program credits and complete the following four activities (Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena For Life) in order to be eligible for the Columbian Award. Featured programs will earn two credits while all other Supreme Council recommended programs will earn us a single credit.

We plan to hold a meeting in the very near future to review the new Faith In Action program and classify all the activities we presently conduct under the new program activity areas. As soon as a date/time has been set, we will notify all brothers in the council of this information via email. We will also need an Activity Director for each of the four new activity areas. If you would like to help me out as an Activity Director, please let me know.

GRAND KNIGHTS KNOTES

by Grand Knight Tom Martinez

What is your vision for the future of your Knights' Council 9597?

I ask this question of all the men of our Council. Each and every one of us joined the K of C for a reason. Different reasons for sure, but there was at least one reason we each joined the Knights.

Along with that reason for joining was a vision you had for what the Council would look like to you. I think quite a bit about losing sight of the future.

There are many reasons for the future to not look the way we envisioned. But, many times those reasons can better be labeled excuses, and are due to our lack of attention or efforts or follow through with needed help to create the vision we had for our council when we joined.

Maybe you have heard or even commented yourself with excuses such as...

Our council is aging.

Our council is decreasing in membership.

Our council is overworked.

Our council is stagnant.

Our council has too many activities.

Our council requires too much time.

But...can you find a reason...

To visit an elderly brother in your council, or give him a call to chat?

To ask a young man to join our council?

To Lend your hands to a project or charitable activity to ease the burden?

Attend at least one business meeting since joining, and offer new fresh ideas?

To step up for a leadership position and help direct our council's efforts?

To participate in just one activity so a few brothers aren't shouldering the biggest time commitments?

Please revisit the valid and worthy reasons you joined the Knights, and recall the vision you have for our council's future. That future includes and is depending on you.

Please don't rest behind excuses, please be the reason our council is what you envisioned when you became a brother Knight.