



# The Knight Watch

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## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

## Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in April: Benjamin LaCru (90), Michael Lynch (67), Alfred Upshaw (81), Tom Martinez (42).



## Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Patrick McGee (43), John Bertheaud Jr (30), Dr. Jacob Skokan (27), Rudy Martinez (6), Dwain Spreier (6)

## Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft to [Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com](mailto:Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com) no later than April 28th.



## Grand Knight's Knots

He is Risen! The Easter season is a great time to focus on our good works inspired by faith. If you've never worked a pancake breakfast, check your calendar for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Consider whether you might serve the council in an elected or appointed position. Maybe you can lead this fall's Tootsie Roll drive. And of course, we need "all hands on deck" for the Beer Pairing Dinner on April 11<sup>th</sup>!



While I'm on the topic of the BPD, I'd like to recognize the efforts of Woody Ritchey and his entire committee, especially Cicerone Tom Martinez and Chefs Ken and Chris Klispie, in pulling this event together. In just two years, they've created an event that may rival our annual peach sale in contributions generated. They are expecting about 250% more attendees this year! And the cause, putting ultrasound machines in crisis pregnancy centers, is every bit as important as supporting our seminarians!

Last month I invited you all to think about men you know that should be offered membership (<http://bcove.me/zyjlupon>). When a man comes to mind, invite him to our April 28 Social Meeting. We will be hosting an Open House that evening to meet potential candidates and to answer questions. Let's repeat this year as Star Council, and let's give our friends a chance to join us in our charitable efforts.

Aiding us in spreading our visibility are blue vests, a few of which are still available for \$52 from Financial Secretary Dale Culuris. Also, keep those Form 100s handy, we'll be scheduling a first degree exemplification soon.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. This is a excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are doing. Make sure you are looking at [KofC9597.org](http://KofC9597.org) for the latest news and announcements of council activities.

Have a good month, and make it great for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!

## Knight of the Month, Pete Zuniga

Submitted by Michael Majeres, Grand Knight

Council 9597 is pleased to name Brother Knight Pete Zuniga the March 2015 Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward.

Brother Knight Pete Zuniga has provided the Council invaluable service by serving as a Trustee of the council, and serving in other offices, including Grand Knight in the past. He is tireless in his support of our council as evidenced by his leadership with the essay contest and his terrific work at every one of our Pancake breakfasts. He is a wonderful example of Knights in action. For these reasons, and the countless other ways that Pete lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; Pete is a worthy recipient of this honor.

## Corporate Communion April 26th

by Joe Lagae



Our Corporate Communion Mass is an opportunity for all the knights of our council and their families to sit and pray together in a show of unity and fraternity. The center pews are reserved for us and we all enter as a group. The Knights wear our council shirts if you have them, but please come even if you don't have

a vest. I attended the Mass last year and found it to be a wonderful time to be with our Lord and also have a sense of unity with our fellow Knights. The Knights are first of all a Catholic organization and this time together in a special Mass helps to reinforce the essential nature of our community. I hope to see you there on the 26th at the 10am Mass!



## All About the Food Box Ministry

by Stan Collins

Over 30 years ago, Deacon Joe Hawley created a food basket ministry to provide food to needy families in the parish and local area. Initially, the ministry provided baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. As the ministry grew and matured, the Christmas ministry was dropped because the planning cycle overlapped with the Thanksgiving ministry. Deacon Joe has since turned over the detailed management of the ministry to brother Stan Collins and his wife Mary Herzogenrath.

The ministry provides an opportunity for OLF parishioners support another family with a collection of non-perishable foods. Needy families are identified and screened, and the family's size is specified on each basket/box. One



weekend prior to delivering the boxes, parish volunteers make up empty boxes indicating the family size and suggested foods to include. Parishioners pick up a box and fill it, returning the filled boxes to the Parish Center the next Sunday where volunteers receive, process, store, and deliver them.

Volunteers label and loose items to ensure that each box will securely reach its destination. Some of the larger families will receive three or more boxes! In addition to the parishioner-provided non-perishables, each family receives a bag of carrots, a dozen eggs, butter, and a \$5 gift card to purchase a turkey, ham, or other main course. Frozen turkeys were provided in the ministry's early years, but that became problematic and unwieldy.

Parish volunteers move boxes into the Parish Center using carts where they are transferred to tables for processing, and then to chairs or other tables for temporary storage. At about noon, representatives from the other parishes and agencies arrive to pick up their boxes, and OLF volunteers create a "pushing line" out to the loading dock. If a parish or agency cannot pick up their boxes, OLF volunteers deliver them in a large paneled truck donated by an OLF parishioner. At Thanksgiving, brother Brent Schuller donates his truck as well.

Throughout this charitable ministry, brother Knights provide critical assistance. During this Easter ministry, brother Rudy Martinez made up empty boxes, brother John Collier collected and sorted cash donations, brother Steve Bedell brought perishables to the Parish center in his truck, brother Brent Schuller processed boxes, and brother Dick Abel delivered to local families. Brothers Owen Constansitch, Norbert Boeckman, and Grand Knight Michael Majeres delivered to the downtown locations. Brother Evan Jansen delivered boxes for several elderly individuals residing at a facility managed by the Little Sisters of the Poor. All totaled, Council 9597 contributed twenty-seven man hours. A total of 353 families received food boxes.

## Fraternal Service Program Culture of Life

by Dave Schneider

In December, I started a series on the different program areas established by the Knights of Columbus. I will continue here with the fifth program area, referred to as "Culture of Life".

Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase preceding birth. All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God, who searches and knows them. They are personal objects of God's loving and fatherly providence. In keeping with our Order's Catholic principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights, the first among these being the right to life. As Knights, we believe that human life ought to be defended with maximum determination. To this end, the Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, euthanasia, unjust war, and the death penalty when there is an acceptable alternative.



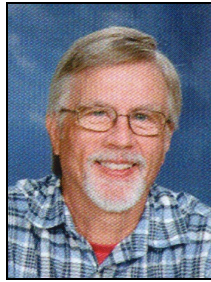
What we choose to do, as Knights, impacts lives for generations to come. Five ways you can take action are: 1) Volunteer. Your valuable time can save precious lives. 2) Educate.

Share your knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life. 3) Advocate. Work to change laws and touch hearts. 4) Donate. Your personal donation can make a big difference in the shoestring budgets of local pro-life organizations. 5) Pray. Prayer is the power that should support all of your pro-life activities.

The following are the Council activities that our council presently has planned for the coming year:

- Beer Pairing Dinner for the Ultrasound Initiative
- Archbishop's Respect Life Mass/March
- Assist OLF Pro-life Committee in putting on baby showers for unwed expectant mothers
- Pancake Breakfast supporting Gabriel House
- Prayer event at Lighthouse Women's Center
- Knights of Columbus abortion rebuttal fliers
- St. Frances Cabrini Pro-Life Vigil and Mass
- Prayer at the local Planned Parenthood abortuary

Lastly, if your mother is living, take a moment to pick up the phone and give her a call. Thank her for "choosing life". Without that decision, none of us would be alive and be members of the Knights of Columbus!



## Color Corps of the Patriotic Degree

from KofC.org



When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- Charity - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- Unity – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- Fraternity – by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- Patriotism – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

## March Pancake Breakfast

by Dave Schneider



In March, we put on another successful breakfast, the proceeds of which will support the council's charitable efforts. Being very close to St.

Patrick's day, the pancake breakfast committee added Irish Potato Hash to the menu which prompted many people to come back for seconds. If you worked the breakfast, thank you for your time and energy in order to make the breakfast a successful event. Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, April 19th. As always, if you can help out with the breakfast, just come ready to work.



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## Cheers! to LIFE!

by Tom Martinez

Ticket sales have ended and we'll have over 160 guests join us for our second Beer Pairing Dinner. Praise to Jesus! This means we have almost tripled our first year's efforts.

This dinner will be April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fatima school gym. As a reminder, all funds received from tickets, and the live and silent auctions will be matched 100% by Supreme Council and then applied to the purchase and placement of ultrasound equipment in crisis pregnancy centers.

As you can imagine, with such a fun but large event, all brothers are needed to support a successful evening. Please offer your services; there is a place for you to lend a hand.

And brothers, please pray for the continued success of this event. Our Council's event is a unique, special opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to live out their faith and mission to celebrate and defend all life. **Cheers! to LIFE!**

