



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 - 4th Tuesday

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.



Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in January: Jason Schweikert (40), James Sobering (52), John Browne (75), John DiNucci (91), Woody Ritchey (62)



Years of Service Anniversaries

These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Andrew Bryce (37), Rev Gary Selin (20), Tom Martinez (4), Mike Daly (2), Owen Constransitch (1), Andy Lowry (1), Terrence Mullaney (1), Theodore Pagano (1), Patrick Stewart (1)



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 no later than Jan 28th.



Grand Knight's Knots

Happy New Year (again)! Let's take a few moments to express our thankfulness to God for all His blessings on our council, our parish, our families, and ourselves. I had a wonderful time at our December Keep Christ in Christmas dinner, and am so thankful for all who were able to attend, especially those who helped cook and clean. I pray that all my brother Knights enjoyed a happy and holy Christmas.

As I pointed out last month, we received new council vests. You've probably seen your brother knights in their sharp blue vests, embroidered with the emblem of the Order on back; now is your chance to join them in "knighting it up"! Vests are \$52, and supplies are limited. Please contact Dale Culuris or myself to get one soon. These help us to improve the visibility of our council while helping around the parish, as well as acting a recruiting tool. Keep those Form 100s handy, we'll be scheduling a first degree exemplification soon.

Each January, our council submits a "Summary of Fraternal Activity" to Supreme Council. Supreme uses it to help justify the Order's non-profit status, as well as to track all the good work that Knights do internationally. The short survey in last month's newsletter will help us to complete that form. Please submit or mail your form to the parish office ASAP! Include time spent on volunteer activities, KofC related or not. Direct any questions to me.

The council will be holding a membership drive this January. Watch the council website as plans are finalized, and be ready to support the growth of your council after masses that weekend.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. This is an excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are doing. Check KofC9597.org for the latest news on council activities. Have a good month, and make it a great month for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!



Knight of the Month, Marcus Ritosa

Council 9597 is pleased to name Brother Knight Marcus Ritosa the December 2014 Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. 3rd Degree Knight Marcus Ritosa has provided the Council invaluable service in taking on the duties of editor for the council newsletter. Not only does Brother Marcus collect and layout a wide variety of materials collected from a slew of council officers, but he also manages the electronic distribution of the newsletter. He has consistently taken an avalanche of words and turned it into an attractively presented and neatly organized communication tool for brothers who don't normally attend meetings. Additionally, he and his lovely wife are actively involved in our parish's confirmation preparation program, and have generously volunteered time to raise funds for WYD pilgrims at a Colorado Rockies game. For these reasons, and the countless other ways that Marcus lives out our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; Marcus is a worthy recipient of this honor.



A Primer on Indulgences

by Lecturer Mike Daly

Consider the following story: While playing backyard baseball, you hit the ball and crash it through the next door lady's window. The old lady says, "Oh, you're forgiven. Everybody gets in trouble, and I forgive you." As sweet as that is, the window still has to be fixed. In a similar way, we are forgiven for our sins in the Sacrament of Confession, but there is still some justice that needs to be repaid for the sins we've committed. An indulgence would be like the old lady saying, "You're forgiven, and I'll take care of the window. Nothing more needs to be said about it."



With the authority Christ gave to the Church to forgive sins, He also imparted the power to forgive all punishment through indulgences. Indulgences are ultimately based in charitable love for the conversion of one soul to total purity from our inordinate connections to sin. The works of mercy and charity and prayer itself are what can earn us these indulgences. Extending this further, when we earn an indulgence, we can offer it for others, for the remission of their punishment due to sin.

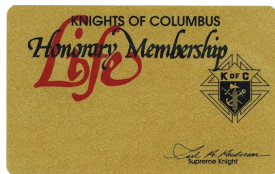
In the history of the Church, there have been abuses of indulgences. An indulgence can only be earned after sincere contrition and absolution. If it is merely reduced to performing a specific action or work, then it is a distortion. An indulgence can never bring about salvation in and of itself. For that, you need repentance, baptism, and obedient faith in Jesus.

There are two types of indulgences: plenary and partial. A plenary indulgence remits all punishment for all forgiven sins. One way of gaining a plenary indulgence, one which we, as a council, can attain, is to say a rosary in community on church ground. After this, we would pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be while keeping in mind the pray intentions of Pope Francis. We must also receive Holy Communion and have no attachment to sin (through recent confession). Please plan to join us all in January!

For more reading, consult Catechism paragraphs 1032, 1471-1479, and 1498. More information on indulgences can be found in the Catholic Encyclopedia on NewAdvent.org and on Rosary Indulgences on TheMostHolyRosary.com.

From the Financial Secretary:

by Dale Culuris, Financial Secretary



Brother knights, please take a moment to examine your 2014 membership card and note the portion that states the dues have been paid to December

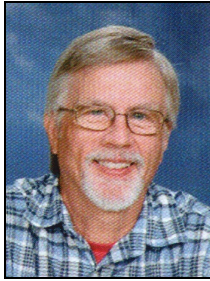
31, 2014. I am preparing the 2015 council dues notification and 2015 council membership cards. You are probably asking yourself, "so I'll get it in the mail" and "why is he telling me this now?" The answer is simple: Let's save a stamp on both ends of the process! By me bringing your 2015 membership card and you bringing your checkbook or cash to the January 13th council business meeting, then you can be issued your 2015 membership card. The Council dues are \$32 for a regular member and \$10 for our few Honorary members. Stamps are currently \$.49 each so let's save a bunch of stamps for the council and one for yourself.

So, let's "Team Work" this process and get our 2015 council membership cards on January 13th! Save a stamp for the council and for yourself. Mark your calendar! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternal Service Program

by Dave Schneider

Our Knights of Columbus council can work wonders and has the ability to change our community for the better. To be successful, our council must bring service projects from concept all the way through completion.



In the October newsletter, I talked about my responsibilities as Program Director and mentioned six program areas. Though we have done a lot in the past, I'm confident there are new and different ways our council can be a force for good. One example of innovation from 2014 is the Beer Pairing Dinner. Some of our newer brothers came up with the idea, and with a lot of hard work, we earned money to help purchase ultrasound machines for the pro-life initiative. This was a great success. If you have a new idea for a service program, please bring it to the council, for the benefit of our community.

The second program area I'd like to describe is called "Community Activities." Every community has its unique needs. For the Knights of Columbus, whose first principle is charity, finding ways to help those in need in our community is a mission our members embrace.

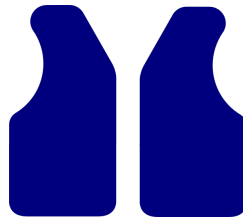
Through our good works, whether it be bringing food to the hungry, warm coats to the cold, wheelchairs to those who can't walk, or any of the many other programs conducted to help those in need, we as members of the Knights of Columbus practice a charity that evangelizes. The following are the Community Activities that our council presently has on the board for the coming year:



- Coats For Kids
- Palm Sunday March/Mass/Banquet
- Carron Coffee House
- Tootsie Roll Drive for the Handicapped
- Food Baskets for the Poor
- Community Beautification
- Prison Ministry
- Colorado State Charities Football Program

How is God drawing you to serve our community?

Council Vests Available



Council vests are finally available. Ten brother knights had made a full or partial deposit and should make arrangements with the Financial Secretary, Dale Culuris, to get their vest (and complete payment, if necessary). There

are also nine vests of varying sizes available to any brother knights on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$52, which is the actual cost to the council. These are attractive blue vests embroidered with the emblem of the order, our council name, and number. They are perfect for any council or parish function, so "Knight it up!" Contact Dale at dalec303@me.com or 303.619.0110 to get yours!

Upcoming Major Degree Exemplifications



There will be a Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) Exemplification in Brighton on Saturday, January 24. Registration starts at 11am accompanied by light food and refreshments. 2nd Degree will start at 1pm, with the 3rd Degree immediately following. Entertainment is offered for the wives of the candidates from 12:30-4:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm, with a social and banquet immediately following Mass. All 1st degree knights are encouraged to attend. Call Michael Majeres at 303.550.6632 for details.

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