



The Knight Watch

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

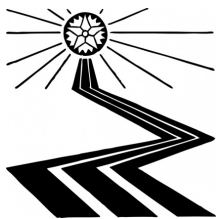
That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in October: Owen Constransitch 10/2, Charles Morgan 10/10, Jacob Skokan 10/11, Marcus Ritosa 10/14, Rev. Gary Selin 10/16, Pete Zuniga 10/19



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Jerry Handley (29), Bob Boden (14), Dave Swavely (11), David Miller (6), Doug Smith (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 no later than October 29th.



Grand Knight's Knots

October already! This has been a fruitful fraternal year so far, thanks primarily to your tireless efforts to promote our order. Thank you! That doesn't mean we rest on our laurels, but it does mean we are on pace to win a Star Council award. Most years that award is given to fewer than 10% of all US councils, so it's a reflection of how extraordinary you all are!

October brings with it Columbus Day: a national holiday dedicated to our Order's namesake. While historians debate his legacy, remember that he was chosen to remind everyone of our brother knights' love of country. That has not changed since 1882.

The "Tootsie Roll" Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities is wrapping up with a Saturday (Oct. 3rd) at two King Soopers stores, and a weekend (Oct 10-11) at our parish. Don't forget to sign up for a shift on [SignUpGenius](http://SignUpGenius.com). The link is on KofC9597.org. We are on pace to top last year's collection, while working fewer shifts. My gratitude to those who've already worked a shift (or more). It doesn't require much more than showing up!

Having just returned from Philadelphia to see the Pope, I can tell you that the Knights were very visible at and around the World Meeting of Families. Our State Deputy, Jim Cafferty, says our council and programs need to be open to families, and to assist (not hinder) young men to raise their children.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month. Please let DGK Ken know who you think deserves this honor. We've given KotM awards every month, but I haven't seen ANY nominations for Family of the Month! This is an excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are accomplishing, including for the Council picnic or our 1st pancake breakfast. Look to KofC9597.org for the latest news and announcements of council activities. I'm putting more items there, instead of emails.

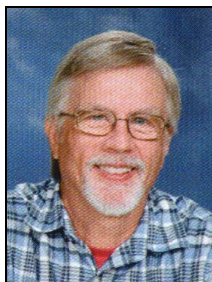
Have a good month, and make it a great month for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!



Knights Stand Up for the Disabled

by Program Director Dave Schneider

We are winding down the 2015 Tootsie Roll Program (better known as the Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities), and at the time of this writing, we have worked seven of the nine King Soopers stores in the Lakewood area.



People have been quite generous and have given us a total of \$2193.67. On Saturday and Sunday, October 10/11, we will conclude the campaign by standing outside Our Lady of Fatima church after all weekend Masses and soliciting donations from the parishioners. We will need brother Knights to stand outside church and accept donations and at the same time give away tootsie rolls. If you will be at Mass that weekend please slip out of church a few minutes early and help us with the program. It will only take a few minutes of your time and the money goes to good causes. You don't need to sign up to work. Just come prepared with a big smile and the desire to interact with the church parishioners.

September Pancake Breakfast

by Program Director Dave Schneider

In September, we put on another successful pancake breakfast for the parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima. We served breakfast after the 7:00, 8:30, and 10:00 am Masses and the hall was filled after each Mass. We ran out of food and drink after the 10:00 am Mass, but not until we ensured that all paid customers had a good breakfast to eat. If you worked the breakfast, thank you for your time and efforts. The more guys we have working the breakfast, the easier it is for everyone involved.



For October, we will be putting on a pancake breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, October 18th. If you will be in town that weekend, please mark your calendar. We will get started at around 6:30 am (early shift) and finish up around 12:30 pm. If you can help, all that I ask is for you to show up at the parish hall, ready to work.

Dues Are Important!

by Financial Secretary Dale Culuris

What? Council annual dues are IMPORTANT! Really? Yes, Brother Knights, Council annual dues are important, and there are good reasons why our new \$40 annual dues are meaningful. Our dues cover the semi-annual "per capita," Culture of Life and charities costs levied by both Supreme and State.



Our dues cover supplies for events, New Knight rosaries, books, and membership cards. We also have "general" supplies like Knights placemats used for our pancake breakfasts, customizable advertisements for our events, programs, and membership benefits. Other "general" costs are events insurance and communications/mailings. I'm sure to have overlooked some other "practical" costs but you get the point.

Why else are our "dues" important? My dictionary has several definitions for the word "due(s)" and the one that applies in this instance is a *noun*: *an obligatory fee*. I view the "obligatory fee" in another way word that begins with "O" – OWNERSHIP. When we put our hard earned money on the table for food, goods, services, etc., we want to make sure our money is spent on "good stuff." Thus, YOU HAVE OWNERSHIP as a Knight of Columbus and YOU have committed to supporting the Council with the act of paying annual dues. In the Knights, ALL members "whose dues are current" have a voice and a right to use that voice in all council, State, and Supreme actions.

Our annual dues were voted to increase for the first time in over 20 years and the dues cover the period of January 1 to December 31. Our 2016 council dues notification will be sent out via email and "snail mail" on December 1, 2015. Members can pay their dues via mail or in person at any Council meeting. With the cost of postage we hope to avoid sending out reminders, so please take the time to mark your calendar that YOUR Council 2016 dues can be paid at the December 8th business meeting or dropped off at the Our Lady of Fatima parish offices in an envelope marked "Knights of Columbus – Financial Secretary." You can also mail in your dues as detailed in the dues notification. So, take "ownership" and "pride" in being a "dues paying member" of Council 9597! Oh, yes, I really don't want to be a nag so please pay your dues promptly! Thank you for your support! Vivat Jesus!

Knights 2015 Family Picnic

by Rich Phillips

On a beautiful late September evening, Our Lady of Fatima's Knights and their families met for a family picnic. Nearly 100 attended! There were Knights with over 50 years of service all the way to those who had just joined. The evening included delicious side dishes provided by the Knights' families, great meats off the grill provided by the Knights, a fun raffle organized by Grand Knight Michael Majeres, and a Knight's cake and ice cream served by a great group of kids. Best of all, there was a heightened sense of comradery and fellowship among families as new acquaintances were made and old ones renewed.



The project was a joint coordination effort between Lou Schornack, Family Director and Rich Phillips, Council Director. They were assisted by Tom Martinez who purchased supplies, Ken Klispie who supervised cooking, and Woody Ritchey who helped coordinate the setup. Many other Knights helped with food prep, setup, serving and clean up. This event was a joint effort by the knights to promote family fellowship among parishioners. Thanks to all who participated!

Upcoming Major Degree Exemplifications

There are a quite a few exemplifications coming up in the next month! If you have not received your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th degrees, consider making them this month.

- 2nd degree on Thursday, October 22 in Loveland, hosted by Council 3434. Registration starts at 6:30pm, 2nd degree at 7:45pm.
- 2nd and 3rd degrees on Saturday, November 7 in Highlands Ranch, hosted by Council 1498. Registration starts at 10am, 2nd degree at 12 noon, and 3rd degree immediately following. Mass and social/BBQ will follow the degrees starting at 4:00pm.
- 3rd degree on Monday, November 9 in Fort Collins, hosted by Council 1214. Registration starts at 6:30pm, 3rd degree at 7:45pm.
- 4th degree on Sunday, November 15 in Byers, hosted by Assembly 3193. Registration starts at 11:30am, exemplification and knighting at 1:30pm. Mass, social, and banquet will follow the degrees starting at 4:30pm.

For more information, look at the calendars on KofC9597.org or call Michael Majeres at 303.550.6632.





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