



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 February

That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in February: Terrence Mullaney (44), Douglas Smith (53), Richard Hart (77), Joe Lagae (66), Pat Stewart (80)



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Richard Gold (16), Jeremy Heesacker (10), Paul Egan (2), Don Frevert (1), Tom Cryan (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 Feb 25th.



Grand Knight's Knots

Time flies while we are having fun! After attending the mid-year state meeting in January, the second half of our fraternal year is well underway. Let's talk briefly about our progress toward repeating as a Star Council. As usual, the quality of the programs that our council puts together makes me confident we will qualify for a Columbian Award. We can spend a little more effort to document how much time and energy we contribute, and how we make our programs so good. Likewise, we are about halfway toward meeting our membership growth goals and earning a Father McGivney Award. Every program is an opportunity to invite a man to become a Knight. Remember why you joined and convince another man that the same rewards await him! The Founders Award for insurance membership growth remains a challenge for us. I'm talking with our field agent, Dan O'Hayre; if he reaches out to you, please take time to speak to him and give him the opportunity to earn your business.

As you'll see other parts of the newsletter, we had a lot of fun with a pancake breakfast and the free-throw contest in January. This next month again offers opportunities to help with a breakfast and other programs. Watch your email inbox, or check the council website at www.kofc9597.org for details.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I report on the death of a beloved brother of our council, John DiNucci. John hasn't been active for a few years, and had been living in Maryland to be near his family, but was a long time member who served as the council's recorder from 2002-2008. Please pray for him and his family.

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 accomplishing. Have a good month, and make it a great month for council 9597! Vivat Jesus!



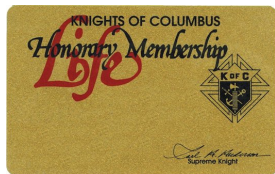
Knight of the Month, Peter Aberle

Council 9597 is pleased to name Brother Knight Peter Aberle the January 2015 Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Sir Knight Peter Aberle has provided the Council invaluable service in almost every program the council offers. Not only does Brother Peter collect funds at monthly pancake breakfasts, but he also leads efforts to keep our sponsored stretch of 15th Pl. nice and tidy year-round. He ensures that the council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign is properly installed (and removed) in a timely manner and provides a main course for the KCIC dinner. He's been a long time leader of the council serving in almost every office during his 61 year tenure. Ultimately, he is the "living history" of our council, a great source of institutional memory, and a model for every Knight in the council. For these reasons, and the countless other ways that Pete lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, Peter is a worthy recipient of this honor.



From the Financial Secretary:

by Dale Culuris, Financial Secretary



My efforts to fully utilize the Supreme Council Membership program are proving more challenging than expected. I am making very slow

progress, as is evident by my not being able to issue 2015 membership dues bills via email, using the Knights Membership billing program. However, I will be completing this effort in the next week, and those that have not paid their 2015 dues (\$32) will be shortly receiving an email with the bill attached. Now, just because I am slow on this new system doesn't mean members can be slow mailing in their dues payments! I really hope this program has positive results so please do your part and don't delete the email as another unwanted solicitation email. We are trying to move into the new electronic era! If there are any questions about dues, please contact me as shown in the email. Need to talk with a Knights Insurance Agent? Well, our council has been assigned Insurance Agent Daniel O'Hayre, (303) 870-1501 and he will be glad to hear from you with your questions!

Passing of Brother Knight

by Dave Schneider

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sir Knight, John DiNucci, five days short of his 92nd birthday. John joined the Knights on February 1, 1951 and achieved his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Exactly two years later, he became a 4th Degree Knight. John was a Knight for nearly 64 years, much of which with Council 9597 and Assembly 2551, serving for many years as Recorder. John was an Honorary Life member of both the 3rd and 4th Degree.



John served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and could tell many a story about his life at sea. He was proud to have served his country, always wearing a Navy hat at Knights meetings, even though he owned a Knights of Columbus hat. During the war, he was associated with the Manhattan Project, which produced the first atomic bombs. After the war, John married Mary, the love of his life, and the two of them raised four fabulous children: sons John, Richard, and Paul, and daughter Ellen. John was extremely proud of his children, always excited when they came to visit. John and Mary were regulars at the 7:00am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, often attending weekday Mass as well. Failing in health, John moved back to Virginia last year to be closer to family. Mary preceded John in death five years ago. They both will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery this summer.

In the private sector, John worked as an electrical engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation and later switched to the Western Area Power Administration when Wheeling Power transferred to the new Department of Energy under the Carter administration. We don't know when John retired, but we feel that it is safe to say that he served his country admirably.

John always had a "twinkle" in his eye and was a true Navy man when it came to enjoying life. He could have been a radio announcer with his deep melodious voice and wry sense of humor. He always had that "New York – East Coast" accent that managed to capture the moment of any discussion with a wee bit of sarcasm.

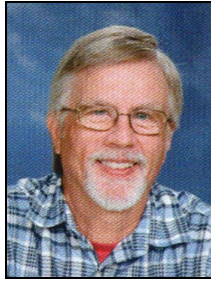
After retiring, John and Mary enjoyed taking the Senior (gambling) trips and would disappear from the group if the day's activities did not include gambling at their favorite casino. John enjoyed playing the quarter slot machines and video poker.

For those of us that knew John, and for those that missed meeting him, it is fair to say: "A Great Catholic Gentleman has returned home to be with our God!" R.I.P. SK John DiNucci!

Fraternal Service Program

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 third program area, referred to as "Council".



As a fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus offer the opportunity for its members to serve others as well as to join together in other activities including athletic activities, cultural programs, and social events. Additionally, we work to keep our members informed on current council initiatives and to let the parish and community know about the good works of the Order. The following are "Council" activities presently on the board for the coming year:

- Star Council Award
- Service Program Awards
- Knight of the Month
- Family of the Month
- Council Meetings (business & social)
- Metro Council Meeting
- District Meeting
- Annual Council Picnic
- Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Party
- Fraternal Night
- State Convention
- Council Membership Drives
- Social Meeting Video Presentations
- 1st Degree Team
- Knights with Health Problems – Visitations and Moving Assistance
- Corporate Communion
- Memorial Mass for Deceased Council Members
- Cooking at parish picnic
- Council Newsletter
- Council Website

How is God drawing you to serve our council?

Essay Contest

The 9th grade students at Our Lady of Fatima School have been working on writing essays on "Catholic Citizenship – The responsibility of a Catholic citizen in a free society". Later this month, our council will judge the essays to determine the winners. If you are interested in helping to judge the essays please contact Bro. Pete Zuniga at 303.985.7159.



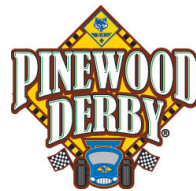
Lenten Soup Suppers

Even though it is still winter, Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday comes early this year, on February 18th, and with it come the Lenten Soup Suppers that occur every Friday of Lent, except Good Friday. Our council will be assisting the parish children preparing for Confirmation, by "sponsoring" the soup suppers. Feel free to come and help serve soup, assist with setting up or cleaning up, or just come enjoy a good meal with our parishioners. Most of the work is done by the students as part of their service projects. Remember that there will be Mass and Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary before supper. This is a great way to make your Lenten journey more spiritually fulfilling this year as we prepare for the great joy of Easter!



Racing with the Cub Scouts

by Dave Schneider



On Sunday January 31st, Cub Scout Pack 166 at Our Lady of Fatima held their annual Pinewood Derby in the Fatima School Cafeteria. At the Pinewood Derby, scouts take a model racing car kit, and, with the help of their fathers, build and race the cars. Members of our council attended the Derby, assisted placing cars at the starting line, and determined the winners after the cars went down the track. If you were not able to attend, you missed out on a really exciting event.

Supporting the Youth

by Dave Schneider

The proceeds of January's successful pancake breakfast will go to the youth of the parish attending World Youth Day, July 25-31, 2016, in Krakow, Poland. In addition to serving a nourishing breakfast, our Grand Knight took the time to introduce the youth benefiting from the breakfast. A total of \$375 will be divided evenly between the approximately twenty-five young men and women. If you worked the breakfast, thank you for your time and energy in order to make the breakfast a successful event, especially those who helped for the first time. Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, February 15th. If you can help out, come ready to work.





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Pancakes = Love

by Dale Culuris

It takes only a short time to understand that a pancake breakfast equals love! How does a nice round, fluffy, lightly brown pancake equal love? Well, as Shakespeare wrote: Let me count the ways! First, families, friends and strangers gather in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center to enjoy a really great “pancake” breakfast and when people “break bread” together then they do something else – they talk and share their ideas, hopes, concerns, wishes



and memories. So that quiet “stranger” sitting at a table finds that the other people at his/her table are friendly and welcoming. Life is not so dreary after all because people “communicate” while enjoying a plate filled with scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, and pancakes. People that talk and share ideas and concerns gain insight to all facets of life and “knowledge is power” and that brings “enlightenment”. The Knights do all the work – free labor – with this knowledge of “community” and sharing and enlightening experiences. Thus, when people are having a good time then love, in some form, is present. What else can pancake breakfasts do to make life better? Well, join the team and find out for yourselves! The funds raised help the Council support programs that aid unwed mothers, children needing warm coats, Boy and Cub Scouts and American Heritage Girls, the parish needs, and other charity programs approved by the Council members. So, when a baby gets a dry diaper, or a youth shares his or her idea of how a Catholic education improves their lives in a Knight’s essay contest, or an Eagle Scout candidate gets some assistance, or when a youth gets a free warm coat, then you know that “pancakes = love for life”. Knowing this means a few hours once a month is a very rewarding experience and the “pancake breakfast” is also delicious. Special “thanks” to Pancake Breakfast co-chairmen Tom Martinez and Ken Klispie for bringing new ideas to the program!! Thanks to all the Knights that cook, clean, and serve the breakfast!