



The Knight Watch

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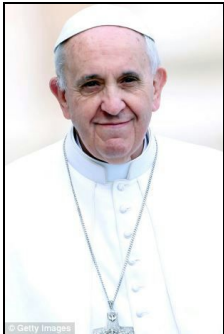
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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in February:

James Bollen 2/5,
Terrence Mullaney 2/6,
Doug Smith 2/17, Richard Hart 2/18, Joe Lagae 2/22, Pat Stewart 2/27



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Harry Cigliano (26), Richard Gold (17), Jeremy Heesacker (11), Phillip Gallet (10), Gary

Mages (4), Paul Egan (3), Don Frevert (2), Tom Cryan (2)

Grand Knight's Knots

We've already completed a month this year! The time flew by during January as we completed a slew of reports for the Supreme and State Councils and performed our semi-annual audit. I have to thank all the program directors, trustees, and my fellow officers for all the help in pulling this together.

I can't promise that we'll bring hardware home from the state convention, but I know we made a great effort. I'll bring copies of the program reports to the Feb 9 business meeting to share.

Thanks to all the Knights who participated in the "Celebrate Life" events downtown last month. It's obvious to any observer that our culture continues to devalue life, and we will have a great battle ahead of us to defeat another physician assisted suicide bill this legislative session.

Of course our greatest weapon in this fight will continue to be prayer. On that note, you are all invited to the Holy Family Icon Prayer program on Feb. 17th. Our council has always taken its turn with the various Marian icons that travel the state, but I've asked Brother Deacon Mike to work with the parish to put on the full prayer program. It looks like it will be a great evening, and I hope to see many of our brother knights in attendance. The supreme Knight has been reminding us lately of the importance of being connected to our parish, and this program may strengthen those bonds.

As always there will be lots of chances to live out our call to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, as we have our monthly pancake breakfast, and will start selling tickets to the "Cheers to Life" Annual Ultrasound Beer-Pairing event coming up in April.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month. The Deputy GK has taken on the lead for these awards, so let brother Klispie know who you think deserves this honor. This is an excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are accomplishing. You might want to nominate someone who has made you feel welcome, somebody who made a difference in one of our programs and didn't get enough credit from me and the other officers, or someone who did a great job at our last pancake breakfast. Make sure you are looking at KofC9597.org for the latest news and announcements of council activities.

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



March for Life

by Woody Ritchie, Culture of Life

The annual Denver "March for Life" was held on Saturday, Jan 16 to recognize and give witness to our support for life in all its stages. The day began with Masses at three different Denver churches including a Mass in the cathedral being said by His Excellency Archbishop Samuel Aquila. After the Masses people gathered at the steps of the capital to hear songs and speakers supporting the right to life and why we as Catholics and Christians must never relent in our fight against this evil. It was estimated that there were over 4,500 attendees at the event and Our Lady of Fatima and Knights Council 9597 were very well represented. There were at least ten Knights from our council and several spouses in attendance. Thanks brothers for all your support!

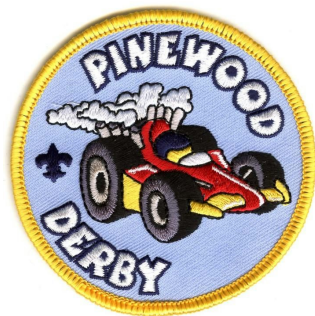


Pinewood Derby

by Russ Williams

On Jan 9, 2016 the Scouts of Fatima held their annual Pinewood Derby. Council 9597 Knights are asked to help out at this event each year. Helping out at the Derby is a lot of fun and spending time with the Scouts is very rewarding.

I would like to inform my brother Knights that I was the only person from our council who showed up to help with this event. Since the Scouts donated all of the proceeds from the Derby to our council it would be nice if more of us came to help out at future Pinewood Derbys.



Why I Joined the Knights

by James Bollen

I come from an Evangelical background and I did not meet a true practicing Catholic until I attended The King's College in New York City. At my college there was a small group of Catholics who started a Catholic club to answer Protestants questions about Catholic theology and about the Church. I attended the group for three years, began to attend a Catholic church in New York City, and read Saint Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* to better understand the connection between Catholic theology and moral teachings. I later transferred from The King's College to Colorado Christian University, where during my junior year, I attended RCIA at St. Bernadette and converted to Catholicism.

I later switched parishes from St. Bernadette to Our Lady Fatima for the Young Adult Group and for a more active Knights Council. I joined Knights of Columbus because I wanted to be involved with a fraternal organization that emphasized helping different communities while assisting the needs of the parish. As someone with skills in digital marketing and website design, I wanted to help update the Knights website and presence on new media that Protestant churches and organizations have learned to successfully utilize to engage the congregation and the culture. Ultimately, I want to synthesize and integrate my professional skills and my knowledge of what Protestant churches have used to implement into the Knights of Columbus.

As a student, a young professional, and a Catholic, I want to fully integrate my religious and work life. I believe that the Knights of Columbus is an organization at Our Lady of Fatima where I can do that while deepening my Catholic faith in a culture that continues to become more secular. As a convert, I want to be a strong defender of the Catholic faith in a relativistic culture that looks down on traditional values. The Catholic faith has strong medicine for a culture that neglects the truth in the name of compassion and diversity. I believe that the Knights of Columbus is one of many groups that are able to help me and others to live life as a practicing Catholic at Our Lady of Fatima.



Council 9597 Celebrates Memorial Mass

by Stan Collins, Community

Our council celebrated a memorial Mass for twenty-five deceased knights on Saturday, Jan 30. Several family members and about fourteen knights heard a stirring homily from Council Lecturer Deacon Mike Daly. The Mass concluded with a recognition ceremony where a single rose was placed on an empty chair for each of the deceased knights, and given to family members afterwards. The next memorial Mass will be scheduled for November 2016.



January Knight of the Month

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Brent Schuller the January Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Schuller supports the council through his volunteer activity and his past support of the council business meetings. Brother Brent has been part of our Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Roll Drive, Peaches for Seminarians and other events that the Knights support. Further, Brother Schuller is a Lecturer, participates in Band of Brothers and Youth Ministry with a more than full personal and business schedule. For these reasons, and the many ways Brent lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brent will be a worthy recipient of the honor.



January Pancake Breakfast

by Ken Klispie

This was our first official opportunity to compete in the District Pancake Breakfast competition against our culinary rival, Light of the World! So we served up a breakfast feast on Jan 17th, for each of the Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, and 10am. Parishioners enjoyed Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Orange Juice, Coffee, Pancakes and Red Velvet Chocolate Chip Pancakes. Another breakfast with receipts over \$550! Don't forget our upcoming pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb 21st, we need all hands all shifts, starting at 6:30am for setup, but most especially around 11:00am for cleanup, that is where a lot of work happens and one or two extra hands makes a huge difference.

Annual Free Throw Contest

by Tom Martinez, Youth

On Jan 31, our council conducted the annual K of C basketball free throw contest. The event was held at OLOF school gym. The program is an opportunity for Knights to influence the youth of our community in a positive activity.

The contest is open to boys and girls aged 9 to 14. The contestant in each age/gender group who makes the most baskets won a cash prize. That contestant also will move on to represent our council in the district level competition which will be held February 14th at St. Bernadette School. There is a further competition level that will be held in Colorado Springs.

We had 26 competitors, and many Knights arrived to help judge, shag basketballs, and support the program.



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!



Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft, no later than February 29th, to Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com.





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From the Financial Secretary



by Dale Culuris

There are two major events that fall to the Financial Secretary: dues and receipt of bills and funds from council programs. The Treasurer receives the funds from the Financial Secretary and then deposits the funds in the council account. This is a “check and balance” internal control so that one person does not have control over the funds. The current year dues notifications were sent out in early January, and so far about 50% of the members have sent in their 2016 dues. The 2nd Notification has been prepared and mailed in the first week of February. So, if you get the 2nd notification, please take action and mail in your dues. You can also attend any event and give your dues to the Financial Secretary. We have been busy paying bills and our Treasurer has kept the Grand Knight busy counter-signing checks!

The Council has been doing the “Good Works” as reflected in the Grand Knight’s article. The next Financial Secretary will take office in September 2016, as I am a believer in “not being an institution”. The Supreme website for officers (Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies and State Officers) has a complete program for managing the revenue (income) and expenses (vouchers) that allows the FS to record revenue and bills. The system will provide separate revenue reports (including the details of members paying their dues) as well as expense reports and there is also a combined income/expense report that can be either printed or generated in electronic report. We plan on using this income/expense report program as a means of showing how the council is doing. Since it will be electronic, the “game plan” is to provide this report to the Council Recorder for inclusion in the Council Minutes. This report will be at the Summary Level so no details will publish in the Minutes. Look for this report in the next Council Minutes! Also, please keep your dues current and let’s keep our status “current”!