



# The Knight Watch

Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597 - Chartered June 24, 1987

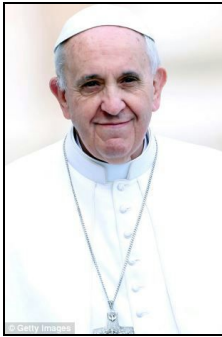
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## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity. That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

## Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in July: Bob Boden 7/1, Rudy Martinez 7/1, John Boyle 7/6, Bob Bowe 7/13, Ken Klispie 7/14, Paul Harrold 7/17, Jerry Handley 7/19, Evan Jansen 7/23, Pat McGee 7/28.



## Wedding Anniversaries

In patience and kindness, Stan Collins and his wife Mary Herzogenrath have been a witness to God's trinitarian love, and are celebrating their wedding anniversary this July.

## 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 July 29th.



## Grand Knight's Knots

It's July, which means the beginning of another fraternal year and a new opportunity to build our council and plan new programs to bring our vision of charity to life. I have to start by thanking my brother Knights for the confidence they've shown me by re-electing me as Grand Knight. I spend my adoration hour every Friday praying that I'm worthy of that trust.

The State Organization Meeting will be at the Denver Tech Center Doubletree, on July 10-12, 2015. The main purpose of this weekend is to provide training for our leadership, emphasizing the need for consistent operational procedures and communication. It's a good, local opportunity to learn more about the state council and how it's organized and run. Every program we execute in 2015 needs to be viewed as an opportunity for us to serve our council, church, family, youth, community, or culture of life; as well as being a chance for us to extend the offer of fraternity to other Catholic gentlemen. Every meeting and program is an opportunity to grow the vision of Fr. McGivney, and we hope to take three candidates to the 1st degree that Friday night!

As you know, our annual "Peaches For Seminarians" program has started. We can use all the help we can get manning the sales tables after all the Masses in July. As you can tell from the photo on page 2, it doesn't take much to help!



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. 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!



## 2015 Peaches for Seminarians Program

by Dave Schneider

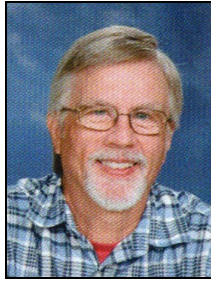
One the weekend of June 27/28, we started peach pre-sales at Our Lady of Fatima parish for our 2015 Peaches For Seminarians program. We ended up selling 70 boxes of peaches and receiving \$74 in monetary donations. We will take the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend off and not do any sales that weekend. Sales will start up again the weekend of July 11/12 (before and after all Masses) and will run through the weekend of July 25/26.

Last year, we sold a little over 400 boxes of peaches and were able to support 13 seminarians/novitiates studying for the priesthood/nunnery. We are only 17% of the way to being able to support the same number of people in 2015. Of course, our goal is to increase the number of seminarians/novitiates we help over last year's numbers, so we have a long way to go in a short period of time to reach our goal.

In response to my email invite, we had just a handful of brother knights at the sales table, which left us a little short handed at times, but we found a way to serve all the people who stopped by to purchase peaches.

In addition to selling at the Saturday evening Mass and the four Masses on Sunday morning, we now have the 5:00 pm Sunday evening Mass to take into consideration. Is this a Mass where you can help with the sales before and after Mass? No matter what your answer, we will need help at ALL the Masses in order to reach our sales goal. We have chairs to sit in at the table and a canopy to cover the table on Sunday morning, so you will be exercising your brain more than your body!

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have notified all 2014 buyers of the 2015 program. Those people with email addresses were sent an email message and those without an email address were mailed a postcard. This is the first year we sent out our notice via email, so I would appreciate your feedback as to how the process went.



Right: Two minor Majeres, Tommy and Regina, do their part to support seminarians on the first weekend of peach sales

## Remembering Andy Bryce

by Michael Majeres



On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, our council lost one of its charter members as Brother Knight Andy Bryce passed to his eternal reward. As the council noted in a resolution passed the week before, "Council 9597 is proud to recognize Brother Knight Andy Bryce for a long history of efforts to move our council forward. 3rd Degree Knight Andy Bryce has provided the council invaluable service over the history of the council, being one of the charter members of our council, as well as a member of the Knights since 1958. His brothers of Council 9597 wish to ensure that he knows of our high regard, respect, and that it is a blessing that he is a member of our council and parish. Andy lives out the order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as he has served as an outstanding model of Knighthood and is most worthy of our high esteem and regard."

Andy was one of the forward-looking men who formed our council, after almost 20 years as a knight in other councils. He served his country honorably in both the Navy and the Army, as well as a distinguished career as a chief surveyor. The Bryce family remains a fixture at our parish, and his widow, Olga, is in our prayers.

For more on Andy Bryce's life, a compiled obituary from Dave Schneider can be found at: <http://kofc9597.org/2015/07/04/andy-bryce-obit/>





## July Pancake Breakfast

by Dave Schneider



The proceeds of the July pancake breakfast will go to Gabriel House. This month we did a special "Father's Day" breakfast for all the fathers at Our

Lady of Fatima. In addition to our normal menu, we offered "Steak and Beer" as well as "beer-mosas" (beer & orange juice). As with our Mother's Day breakfast last month, we received some fantastic reviews. If you worked at the breakfast, thank you for helping to make the event a huge success!!!

We will be taking the next two months off and will re-start the breakfast in September. If you have ideas on how to make our pancake breakfasts better than they already are, bring them to Tom Martinez or Ken Klispie.

## Parish Picnic Report

by Woody Ritchie

The annual parish picnic held on Saturday, June 27th was a great success. As in so many things, the Knights showed true service and commitment to the parish in providing many capable and willing hands. The Knights were the core of the team that set up, served, and cleaned up. Brother knights manned the grill and drink station and provided the structures for the evening including the "bouncy house". Special thanks to Brother Tom Martinez for the donation of beer and to the entire Council 9597 for donating the wine for the evening. So many brothers assisted that it would be hard to list them all. Thank you to all of you who were so very helpful in making the event a huge success.



## Upcoming Major Degree Exemplifications

There is one exemplification on the horizon in July. 2nd and 3rd degrees will be offered on Saturday, July 18 at Queen of Peace in Aurora, hosted by Bishop Evans Council 10122. Registration and degree start times are TBD. Mass, social, and banquet will follow the degrees. For more information, look at the calendars on [KofC9597.org](http://KofC9597.org) or call Michael Majeres at 303.550.6632.



## Update from the 4th Degree

by Keith Mobley

It was an incredible day for Mother Teresa Assembly 2551 on June 20, 2015, when four Sir Knights attended the ordination of Deacons at the Cathedral as part of the fourteen-member Honor Guard. It was a honor being there for all the new Deacons, most notably for Brother Knight, Deacon Michael Daly. Later that evening Sir Knight, Lead Marshall Gerry Dreher installed the 2015/2016 Officers of our Assembly.



Please extend congratulations to the incoming Officers:

- Faithful Navigator, John Collier
- Faithful Captain, Keith Mobley
- Faithful Pilot, Jerry Webb
- Faithful Admiral, Peter Aberle
- Faithful Comptroller, J.R. White
- Faithful Purser, Ed Rossillion
- Faithful Scribe, Michael Majeres
- Faithful Inner Sentinel, Mike Fisher
- Faithful Outer Sentinel, Bob Scheich
- Faithful Trustees, Jim Espey, Michael Koffman, Joe Upshaw
- Faithful Color Corps Commander, Keith Mobley

We at Assembly 2551 would like to extend an invitation to all 3rd degree knights to join our group as the Major Degree of the KofC, the Patriotic 4th Degree. Let it be known, 98% of knights extending themselves to the 4th Degree remain a knight for the rest of their life.



If you would like to talk to one of us about the advantages of the 4th Degree please contact Sir Knight, Faithful Navigator John Collier or Sir Knight Faithful Captain Keith Mobley, or any 4th Degree Knight from Assembly 2551, to get more information.



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## New Fraternal Year Officers

by Michael Majeres

The following officers were installed on Tuesday, June 23rd among family:

- Grand Knight Michael Majeres
- Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie
- Chancellor Tom Martinez
- Recorder Don Frevert
- Financial Secretary Dale Culuris
- Treasurer Paul Egan
- Lecturer Dcn. Mike Daly
- Advocate Norbert Boeckman
- Warden Keith Mobley
- Inside Guard Brent Schuller
- Outside Guard Dick Abel
- Trustees Pete Zuniga, Russ Williams, Woody Ritchie
- District Deputy Michael Majeres



## Respect Life 5k Race

by Dcn. Mike Daly

The charitable works of our knights moved a bit quicker on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Four members from our council entered as a team and competed in a 5K fun run that was hosted by Council 12567,

Light of the World Parish. Knights Marcus Ritosa, Paul Rothgery, Dave Swavely, and Deacon Mike ran and won second place for the council team competition. Brother Paul crossed the line in the top 5 of all the participants. Brother Marcus was in the top 15. Dcn. Mike's motivation was to finish ahead of the 12 year olds. Brother Dave gritted his teeth, due to a leg injury, and still finished with a time that put the team second place among Knights councils. Not bad for the council's first attempt for the trophy! Proceeds from this event went toward the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Program.