



The Knight Watch

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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 June

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in June: Stan Collins 6/01, Chris Klispie 6/01, Paul Egan 6/06, James Hagood 6/18, Manuel Portocarrero 6/22.



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: John Boyle (40), Leo Bonacci (28), Rev. Joseph W Hawley (28), John O'Grady (28), Ted Oldenburg (28), Phil Ward (28), Joe Lagae (6), Michael Whitefield (2).

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 June 26th.



Grand Knight's Knotes

It's June, which means the end of another fraternal year. We may not have met all of the goals we had for the year, but it has been an amazingly full year. We have plenty still to do this month with elections, Father's Day pancake breakfast, officer installation, and



supporting the parish picnic. Brother Mike Daly is leading a team at Light of the World's pro-life 5K.

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.

At the June 9th business meeting, we will elect our council officers for the 2015-16 fraternal year. Any 3rd degree knight who is interested can make nominations or be nominated at the business meeting. Serving the council as an officer has been more fulfilling than I ever imagined.

Aiding us in spreading our visibility are blue vests, a few of which (including 3XL) are still available for \$52 from Financial Secretary Dale Culuris. Also, keep those Form 100s handy, we'll be scheduling a first degree exemplification soon.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. This is a excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are doing. Make sure you are looking at KofC9597.org for the latest news and announcements of council activities.

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

May Pancake Breakfast

by Dave Schneider



In May, we put on another successful pancake breakfast, the proceeds of which will go to Gabriel House. This month we did a special “Mother’s

Day” breakfast for all the mothers at Our Lady of Fatima. In addition to our normal menu, we set up three different stations within the eating area. One station prepared “Served Your Way” omelets. Another station prepared Bananas Foster and cherry crepes and the last station prepared mimosas. We received some fantastic reviews and hope that we can do something similar for future Mother’s Day breakfasts. If you worked at the breakfast, thank you for helping to make the event a huge success!

Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, June 21st. Normally we don’t do the breakfasts during the summer months because so many people are on vacation, but this year we decided to make an exception and put on a breakfast for the fathers at Our Lady of Fatima. The Pancake Breakfast Committee hasn’t determined what special entrees we will prepare at the breakfast, but I’m sure they will come up with something superb. Again, the proceeds of the breakfast will go to Gabriel House. As always, if you can help out with the breakfast, just come ready to work.



Remembering a Veteran and a Knight this Memorial Day

by Dale Culuris



As I grow older I tend to avoid places that are crowded on special days. This year, for the first time in a long time, I went to a crowded place on a special day. That special day: Memorial Day. That crowded place: Ft. Logan National cemetery. Council 9597 has a few gentlemen interned at Ft. Logan. It was a fine Colorado day with fluffy white clouds dotting the blue sky. The cemetery was full of family members coming to visit the graves of their beloved husbands, wives, sons, and daughters at the final resting place for their mortal bodies. It was a quiet, reverent group of people that mingled amongst the graves which are so carefully aligned that no matter at what angle you view them, the lines are straight and evenly distanced like soldiers standing proudly at attention on a large parade field.

I went to see if I could find the grave of Brother Edward C Forst. Brother Ed had been a long time member of Council 9597, but he wasn’t active in the council when I joined it as he was having health issues. We would see him and his family at the pancake breakfasts when he could make it to church. Always, a smile and words of good cheer came from Ed as he greeted his brother knights conducting all the aspects of a good pancake breakfast. Ed and I would talk about woodworking as he was good at it and did a lot of very nice work in his backyard shop. When the knights had to borrow easels for pancake breakfast posters, Ed took it upon himself to make us two finely-crafted oak easels of our own. They are sturdy, carefully built, and were branded so it was clear to all that they were for the Knights.

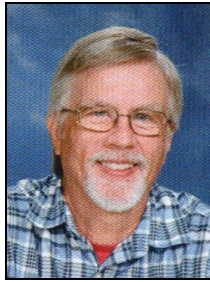
Ed died in August 2010 and the council knights supported our brother and his family at his funeral. Some of us went down to Ft. Logan for his burial. This 2015 Memorial Day, I decided it was time to go once again to thank Ed for his fine oak easels and let him know that not only the Knights but other groups use them to announce their events. Brother Ed is buried in section 45 and on his military cross gravestone is this: Edward C. Forst U.S. Navy, World War II, Korean, LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.

Brother Ed proves that point of doing “what you can” and do that well. We are lucky to have many such fine brothers in our council. So the next time you see one of those well crafted oak easels proudly displaying the announcement of a current council event, remember that Brother Edward Forst once did “his bit” and that his work continues to contribute to our council events and to other events in Our Lady of Fatima community. Then seek out some small task needed to be done for the council and do it well. Thanks, Brother Ed, for your craftsmanship and dedication to our council. Rest in Peace.

Looking for a Few Good Chairmen

by Dave Schneider

In our October 2014 newsletter, I talked about the Knights of Columbus Service Benefit Program and my responsibilities to Council 9597 as your Program Director. I mentioned that I was looking for six good brothers to chair the six different program areas. In the November thru May newsletters, I went into specifics about each program area and listed for you those activities that we might consider undertaking as a council.



In this newsletter, I am once again asking for volunteers to chair the six different program areas (Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth). Each chairman will assist me in creating a comprehensive program which includes at least four activities in each program area. As members propose new program activities, I will work with the Chairmen to align the activities to our specific situation and local needs. More importantly, we will put in the effort to coordinate and execute the different activities so that we receive the maximum benefit from your efforts as a Knight in our council. Of course, none of the activities can be performed without the physical effort of all the brothers in our council.

Our 2015-2016 fraternal year begins on July 1st. Would you be willing to volunteer to assist me as a Program Chairman? If the answer is "Yes", please give me a call at 303.988.2510 and we can talk about how you can help our council be successful within a specific area. As I said earlier, I won't leave you hanging! If you are sitting on the fence, trying to decide if this is something you can do, please pray about serving our council in one of these important roles!

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 or call Michael Majeres at 303.550.6632.



2015 Peaches for Seminarians Program

by Dave Schneider

With all the bad weather we have been having this spring, you have probably wondered if the Palisade peaches survived what Mother Nature presented to us. The word is that the peaches made it through all the nasty weather and we will be selling the peaches in 2015. The Peach Committee has determined the prices for the 10# and 18# cartons and all we are waiting for is a confirmed peach delivery time/date by C&R Farms.

This year we will be accepting credit card payments for the peaches. We utilized the process for our Beer Pairing Dinner and have decided that we might sell a few extra boxes of peaches if we go the credit card route. In addition, we will be sending out the peach notification postcards this year via email to all 2014 buyers. This should save us some money which we will of course pass on to the seminarians/novitiates.

The plan right now is to begin selling the peaches the last weekend in June and continue the sales through the last weekend in July. We will skip the July 4th weekend since so many people, both Knights and buyers, will not be in town.

We will need people to help sell the peaches before and after all the Masses on the designated weekends. If you will be at Fatima for Mass and can help us out, please stop by the sales table and/or give me a call at 303.988.2510.





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Parish Picnic this Month

by Woody Ritchie

The Our Lady of Fatima parish picnic is just around the corner and will be held Saturday, June 27th after the 5pm Mass on the parish grounds. As in years past, it is a great opportunity for the council to be visible participants in service to our fellow parishioners. The brothers will be manning the grill as well as the beverage stand and we would welcome any and all assistance in either of these items as well as setting up the event and tear down that evening.

We will be having a Knights information table at the event. It would also be terrific if all of us who are there either as helpers or guests, would be "Knighthood Up" in our council vests.

Great opportunity for us to recruit!

It promises to be a fun evening and we look forward to seeing all of you there. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer as a helpers, please feel free to contact Woody Ritchie at 847.477.7390 or woody@tritchey.