



# The Knight Watch

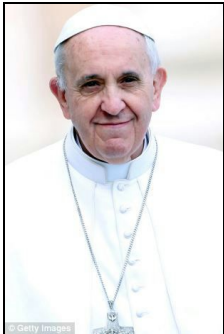
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## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly

esteemed.

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

## Happy Birthday Brothers!

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

5/2, Russ Williams 5/2, Rich Phillips 5/7, Keith Mobley 5/8, Mike Narey 5/10, Steve Bedell 5/22, Sam Berning 5/22, Leonard Ford 5/24, Jeremy Heesacker 5/24, Tom Cryan 5/25, Al Kozlowski 5/28



## Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Charles Morgan (69), Mike Delridge Jr (33), Leonard Ford (25), Bob Simpson (16), Jason Schweikert (2), Michael Soucek Sr (1)

## Grand Knight's Knots

Warmest fraternal greetings, brother Knights. May is the penultimate month of our fraternal year and is all about the State Convention. May also is highlighted by our annual Mother's Day breakfast. I know you all are looking forward to seeing what our breakfast committee has planned for this year! Hopefully, it also means an end to the snow.

Nominations for next year's officer team will be accepted at our May 10 business meeting and before the election at the June 14 business meeting. If you are interested in taking on some leadership opportunities, and have received your 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (or will before 6/28), please reach out to me via email or telephone so that I can include you in our nomination slate.

Some of you may have heard that we lost our Field Agent from the Insurance Agency. Unfortunately, this is true. Brother Dan O'Hayre, who many of you had the pleasure of working with, has left for personal reasons. While Dan wasn't available for our council meetings as often as we would have wished, he came through for the council this year and will be missed. If you have insurance questions or needs, contact the General Agent for Northern Colorado, Mr. Will Britten. His contact information can be found at the State Council's website; [www.coloradokofc.org](http://www.coloradokofc.org). I'm sure Will is looking for another great candidate to assist our council as field agent.

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](http://KofC9597.org) for the latest news and announcements of council activities. I'm trying to put more announcements there, so we don't need to send so many emails.

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



## Cheers to Life!

by Woody Ritchie, Culture of Life

The annual "Cheers! To Life" (C2L) ultrasound event was held on April 23rd at Our Lady of Fatima and it was a rousing success. We had an even larger crowd than last year with estimates of at least 180 guests in attendance. The event was made even more special with the many guests who attended, most notably Trevor and Haley Lamoreaux and their new daughter, Estelle, and Dana and Dawson Durkee. As you will recall, we dedicated the 2015 machine to the memory of Veyda Faith Lamoreaux and a dedication ceremony will be held this summer. Regarding the Durkee family, and as was revealed at the event by our Cicerone Tom Martinez, this year's machine is being dedicated in honor of Drake Durkee, the young parishioner who died tragically last summer. His siblings Dana and Dawson were there supporting our efforts.

As is always the case, the food prepared by brothers Ken & Chris Klispie and Chris' lovely wife Marina were phenomenal. The beers were superbly matched by Tom and a host of great sponsors who were very generous in assisting us. Based upon the feedback we have received, everyone had a terrific time.

Although it is too early to tell, we anticipate that we will have generated sufficient funds, with the matching grant from the supreme council, to acquire a machine in Drake's honor. The council did a stellar job in supporting and working the event and we were blessed to have over 20 brothers who worked tirelessly before, during, and after to make the event a success. Work is already underway to improve for next year's event, however we should take immense pride in what the Holy Spirit has enabled us to do on behalf of the most innocent among us. Thanks to all who took part and may God bless you for your efforts in support of C2L.



## Three Shining Knights

by Dale Culuris, Financial Secretary

At the April 12 business meeting, State Treasurer Chris Foley presented three brother knights of Council 957 with Shining Armor Awards. Show below (left to right) are Brothers Al Kozlowski, Karl Thomas, and Lou Schornack with the State Treasurer.



Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the Shining Armor Award is given to those men that exemplify a true Knight of Columbus. To qualify for the Award the new Knight must participate in all of the following requirements:

1. Be involved in three service programs
2. Attend at least three council business meetings
3. Receive your third degree within one year
4. Meet with your council's insurance representative
5. Recruit at least one new member

Please join us in congratulating Al, Karl, and Lou!



## Calling All New Council Members

by Dave Schneider, Program Director



Are you new to Council 9597? Have you thought about becoming involved with our different council activities but didn't know how to get started? At our May 24 social meeting, each of our six Activity Directors will give a short presentation on the activities within their activity area (Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Culture of Life). We have activities scheduled through June of 2017, so hopefully there will be some activities that resonate with you. You don't have to sign up then and there, but bringing your calendar and a heart open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit would help! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting where "socializing" with fellow Catholic men is part of the game!



# April Knight of the Month

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Alfred Kozlowski the April Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Kozlowski recipient of the Shining Knight, an award given to very active first year Knights is evidence of his enthusiasm. Brother Al has stepped in to the cashier role for our pancake breakfasts and as inside guard after the position was recently vacated, both requiring a long term time commitment. For these reasons, and the many ways Al lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Al is a worthy recipient of the honor.

## April Pancake Breakfast

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

SNOW! The breakfast that was snowed out, well not completely, but turnout was very light. In honor of St. John Paul II, we added Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Pierogies, and fried onions to the menu, which were enjoyed by all who braved the weather and made it to the earlier Masses. Please come out and lend a hand on Sunday, May 8 to help cook Mother's Day breakfast, we need extra help for this one. Startup is at 6:30am and cleanup begins at 11am. Please, please, show up and help.



## Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft, no later than April 29th, to [Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com](mailto:Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com).



## 15th Place Clean-up

by Stan Collins, Community

On April 9, a Saturday morning seven knights and one daughter assembled to clean up 15th Place. With many hands working, we were done within an hour. Pictured from left to right are Dale Culuris, Pete Aberle, Michael and Regina Majeres, Norbert Boeckman, Russ Williams, and Tom Cryan. Behind the camera was Stan Collins.



## Boy Scout/Cub Scout Award Mass

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Our Lady of Fatima Boy Scout Troop 166 and Cub Scout Pack 166 will hold their annual awards Mass on Friday, May 6 at 6pm at Our Lady of Fatima church. The following religious emblems were purchased by our council and will be awarded at the Mass:



- **Light of Christ** - The purpose is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With parents' active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.
- **Parvuli Dei** [Children of God] - The purpose is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.
- **Ad Altare Dei** [To the altar of God] - The purpose is to help Catholic Youth of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

All brothers in our council are invited to attend the Mass. Plan to wear your council vest to help advertise our presence. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2551 also will be in attendance in regalia.

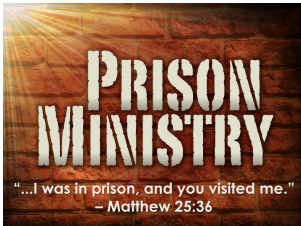


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## JeffCo Prison Ministry

by Stan Collins

I contacted Father Garrou who manages the JEFFCO prison ministry. Fr. Garrou says there are three areas of ministry to which our members can volunteer their time and talents: 1) Chapel services, 2)

Religious Education (RE), and 3) Book cart distributions. For the chapel services, extraordinary ministers (EMs) are needed to distribute communion, and anyone with a musical talent can support by playing music during communion distribution. The RE has opportunities for our members to lead Bible study classes, for those who are willing and able. And the book cart distribution involves handing out rosaries and Bibles from a cart to those who have requested them.

Any and all volunteers will undergo a background check and an interview before having access to the ministry. Those accepted will begin with an orientation visit followed by "shadowing" a veteran volunteer to "learn the ropes". All volunteers need to begin by emailing Fr. Garrou at [DGarrou@JEFFCO.US](mailto:DGarrou@JEFFCO.US). Father Garrou will then get an application to the volunteers to begin the process.

## Corporate Communion

by Grand Knight Michael Majeres

Per the by-laws of our council, we are required to come together at least once a year, during the Easter season, to receive communion as a body of Knights. For the last two years, our council attended Mass, including 15 brothers this year, at the 10am Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. It was an important sign of our unity with each other, our parish, and the universal church. If you were unable to participate this year, please watch for it next year. We may also do an extra corporate communion later in the year.

## Upcoming Exemplifications

Major Degrees: May 21 in Durango, Jun 4 in Alamosa, Jun 5 at Sts. Peter and Paul  
4th Degree: May 15 in Security, Jun 25 in Littleton