



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 meetings -4th Tuesday

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Holy Father's Intention for August:

Artists.

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Birthdays

Theodore A Pagano 08-01

Angel L Caro 08-05

Brent W Schuller 08-10

Stephen E Davison 08-19

Lorne M Sedlacek 08-22

David M Swavely 08-23

Gary J Mages 08-28

Notes From Our Financial Secretary

by Marcus Ritosa

In a handful of months, 2018 will be upon us. In preparation, I will be compiling a council budget, and I'd like to include the input of the WHOLE COUNCIL. In the next few months, I'm calling on everyone, you reading this included, to reach out to me to offer your thoughts and ideas. What is the best productive use of council funds? Which programs should we continue, cut, or expand? How much is a reasonable yearly dues amount? Reach me by email at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com or by phone at 330.212.8853.

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Service Anniversaries

Robert J Bowe 52 yrs.

Richard W Hart 41 yrs.

Dale S Culuris 37 yrs.

Russell P Williams 35 yrs.

Michael J Lynch 20 yrs.

Alfred J Upshaw 17 yrs.

Joseph N Ortega 12 yrs.

Norbert J Boeckman 4 yrs.

Stephen E Davison 4 yrs.

James M Bollen 2 yrs.

Brian K Flees 1 yr.

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Wedding Anniversaries

Harry M Cigliano and Jesica Cigliano

Pete J Zuniga and Rosanna Zuniga

Anthony L Traverson and Becky Traverson

15th Place Clean up

by Stan Collins

On Saturday, July 15, brothers Michael Majeres, Pat Stewart, and Stan Collins met at 15th Place to pick up trash. After less than an hour the job was complete.

Fourth Degree Notes

By Sir John Collier

Many of the Sir Knights were involved at St. Joseph Church in Golden this past week. We had the honor of escorting Father Tran to the Alter while he was installed as the new Pastor Priest of the Church. He was a very proud and happy man. Father Henri of Our Lady of Fatima was the installing Priest as he is the Dean of the local Deanery. For all Knights information, the Supreme Knight has announced that the new Regalia will not include chapeau, cape and black tuxedo in the future. More can be seen online in a report made public by the Supreme Council.

Changes to 4th Degree Uniform

by Sir Michael Majeres

At the recently concluded Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced some changes to the official uniform of the 4th degree. If the tuxedo, plumed chapeau, and silky capes discouraged you from taking the Patriotic Degree, please speak with Michael Majeres, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2551 to get more details. The new uniform is pictured here:



CORRECTION

by Dave Schneider, Program Director



In our July edition, we incorrectly identified Jerry Handler as one of the four charter members of our council who attended our 30 year party. The correct member should have been bro. Jerry Handley. Sorry about that Jerry!!!

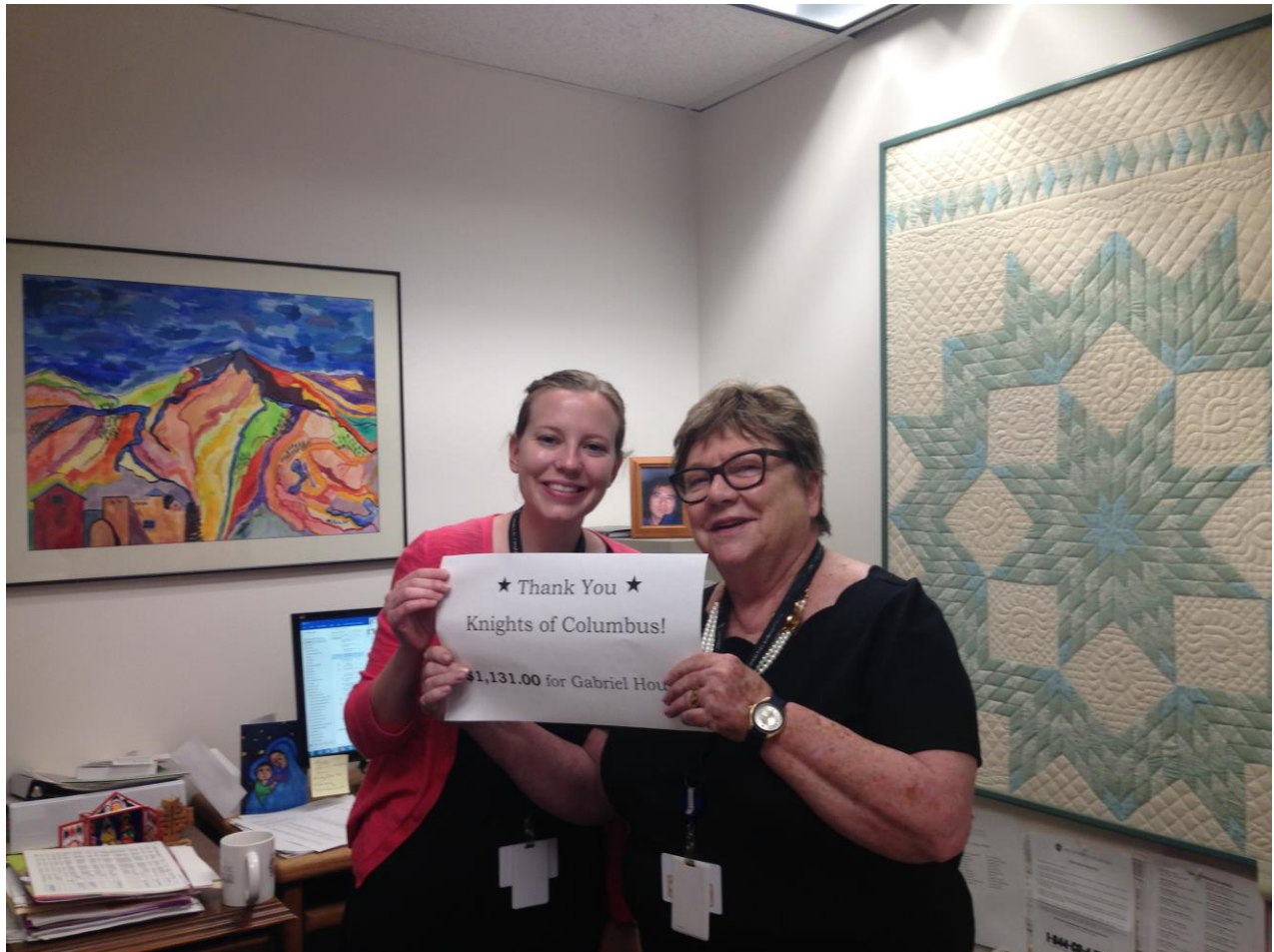
For those of you who are fairly new to the council, Jerry participates in Special Olympics and in 1999 was the worthy recipient of the Colorado Male Athlete of the Year award. Jerry and his family traveled in style to the event in a limousine (rented by the council) and he received his award from former Denver Bronco linebacker, Bill Romanowski. What a thrill that must have been!

So the next time you see Jerry at Our Lady of Fatima, consider stopping him and giving him a handshake and asking him for his "BIG SHOT" autograph!

Mother's Day/Father's Day Breakfast

by Sir Michael Majeres

In May, Council 9597 hosted a breakfast to raise funds for the Gabriel House in honor of Mother's and Father's Days. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to donate over \$1100 to support mothers and families in need. The check was presented to Catholic Charities by the Financial Secretary, Marcus Ritosa.



2017 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

The end of August is coming up real fast and that is the time when we will be starting our 2017 Tootsie Roll program. Bro. Phil Gallet, our Tootsie Roll program chairman, has set up Signup Genius on the web which will allow you to go online and sign up to work a 2-hour session in front of one of the King Soopers stores we have reserved in August and September. If you are new to the program, we stand in front of the stores and give away tootsie rolls and at the same time solicit monetary donations for the intellectually/developmentally disabled people of our community. If you have not yet signed up to work a shift, please click on the following URL:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4da4ac2da3f85-2017>

I am happy to announce that the tootsie rolls have arrived, so we are all ready to get the program going. If you are “able-bodied” and can work a shift on a Saturday morning or afternoon, please go online and check out the slots we still need workers for.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

by Sir Michael Majeres

As part of Council 9597's efforts to build the domestic Church while strengthening our parish, the council has taken on responsibility for one of the more difficult hours to fill in the adoration chapel. Under the leadership of our Grand Knight, 7 men are now rotating to cover the 2am Monday slot. This reinforces our connection to the parish, as well as ensuring that the prayers and intentions of our council are brought before the holy sacrament. All the intentions brought to the council under the “Good of the Order” are specifically prayed for by this team. If there are items that should be added to that list, please send them to the Church Director, Michael Majeres, at mmajeres@gmail.com. As I'm sure you know, there are still open slots in the chapel, so if you'd like to build another KofC team to cover those, bring your suggestions to the next business meeting, or email me.

2017 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Our council has completed peach sales at Our Lady of Fatima and I am happy to announce that we sold a total of 510 boxes, 15 boxes more than in 2016. This is a new council record! At our August business meeting, the council voted to purchase 30 additional boxes of peaches which we will sell the morning of Peach Pickup. We have also received monetary donations totaling \$1,181 which will allow us to give \$500 each to two more seminarians over and above our peach sales.

I would like to thank all of you who helped with the peach sales. We could not have processed all the orders without your assistance. I would also like to personally recognize two of the members of our council who helped us reach our record sales. Bro. Evan Jansen sold 53 boxes of peaches through his business and Bro. Pete Zuniga sold 16 boxes at the American Legion hall in Lakewood. Thank you Evan and Pete for your efforts to make 2017 another successful peach sales year. I would also like to recognize parishioner, Barb Bauman, who sold 16 boxes to her friends at the Meridian Living Center in Lakewood.

The next big process with the peaches will be Peach Pickup Day. On Saturday, August 19th, C&R Farms will deliver 540 boxes of peaches to us at the OLF church parking lot. From 8:00am to 12 noon that day, the people who purchased peaches from us will come to the parking lot and pick up their peaches. This process will take a lot of manpower as we load the peaches into the vehicles for the customers. So if you are "able-bodied", we can use your help. Members of the council will show up around 6:00am to start setting up with the C&R Farms truck showing up around 6:30am. We have a lot of fun "dodging cars" and the more guys we have the easier the job will be. So please mark August 19th on your calendar and plan to come and help us out. If you are new to the council this will be a really good way to meet a bunch of the council members and find out what a great group of brothers we have in Council 9597!

5th Sunday Rosary - July 30th

by Sir Michael Majeres

For those of you who haven't heard, the Supreme Council has changed the 5th Sunday rosary program! It is now the "Family Rosary" program, and it has been revamped and improved to allow for the timing to work with all the council's other programs. No longer does it give preference for councils who organize their public praying of the rosary per accidents of the calendar. Instead this program challenges councils to find ways to get more people involved with this powerful and important prayer. One of the ways that Council 9597 is implementing this change is with our Family Game Nights. By starting this activity with the rosary, and opening our social meetings to the entire parish, we accomplish our goals, while participating in Supreme programs. A classic win-win scenario! Please consider the following action plan:

- Invite someone else from the parish to pray and play with us
- Pray the rosary daily; and carry the "How to say the rosary" prayer card to share with others

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Within the past couple of council newsletters I have told you about the need for one of our council members to step up to the plate and accept the Culture of Life Activities Director position after bro. Woody Ritchey and his wife, Terry, moved to Wisconsin. By now I thought the position would be filled, but I have to report that I am still looking for a new director.

So I am once again asking that God touches the heart of one of the members of our council and I receive a telephone call from someone who is involved in the Pro-Life movement, telling me of their interest to head up the programs we do as a council.

If you hear God talking to you and you feel that you would like to make an attempt to be our new Culture of Life Activities Director, please give me a call (303) 988-2510 or get in touch with our Grand Knight, Ken Klispie.

JULY SOCIAL MEETING - GAME NIGHT

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

We tried to do something a little different, we converted our Social into a game night and invited the Parish to join us. We did have a Parish family show up, we had lots of Knights families show up. Seems the format change was enjoyed by some. We will give it another try likely in October, hope we can include more families. An informal survey indicated the desire to stick to the dinner format we enjoyed in the 2016-2017 year.

GRAND KNIGHT'S KNOTES - AUGUST

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Brother Knights, our Council, Parish and Church Militant need our prayers, our sacrifices and our good works. Today is the feast day of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who lamented the growing indifference of members of the church. His zeal and holy fire inspired hundreds of men to join his Militia Immaculata and to reignite a consecration to Jesus through Mary. He was committed to winning souls for Christ. Our zeal and holiness can have the same affect on men in the pews of our own church. May our prayers, sacrifices and good works attract and inspire future Brothers!

Knight of the Month Proclamation

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Sir Knight Dale Culuris the August Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Dale is a very active member of our council, present at almost every event including Peaches for Seminarians, Pancake Breakfasts, Tootsie Rolls, Business and Social Meetings, and Essay Contest just to name a few. Br. Dale has also volunteered to take on duties for the State Deputy in addition to his Council and 4th Degree Assembly duties. Furthermore, he is actively creating plans to attract and recruit new members to grow our council. For these reasons, and the many ways Dale lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Dale is a worthy recipient of the honor.

RED NECK BEER PAIRING DINNER

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Our council hosted the first annual Red Neck Beer Pairing Dinner, from the tickets sold at Cheers! 2 Life for the Ultrasound Initiative. Plenty of low brow entertainment, yellow beer and not-so-good fer ya' food was enjoyed by all.







