



# The Knight Watch



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

Newsletter Edition: December 2016

Regular meetings, 7-8:30pm: Business - 2nd Tuesday, Social -  
4th Tuesday

1985 Miller Street, Lakewood, CO 80215 - Parish Hall, Knights Room



Note from editor: You may notice a format change to The Knight Watch Newsletter in this, the 'Year End' edition. The cover page is a photograph of the State Award for the Two Star "Star Council Award" Plaque. Wow! What a council! Way to go, Council 9597!



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State Deputy Jim Caffrey awards Council 9597 Grand Knight Ken Klispie and Past Grand Knight Michael Majeres the 2015-2016 Two Star Award. This achievement is earned by the Council recruiting 233% of the Supreme annual quota for new members and 100% of the Supreme

insurance quota. This Two Star Council award was achieved by only four Councils in the State of Colorado. The Two Star award also includes a pin for the Grand Knight, Program Director and Membership Director for that fraternal year. The State Deputy was very complimentary of the Council activities.

**The Pope's intentions for December:**

**Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

We're proud to announce that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was among the outstanding Catholic leaders recognized by *Our Sunday Visitor* for contributions to the Church and society throughout the year!

## **Grand Knight's Notes** **By Ken Klispie**

Brother Knights, 2016 has been a blessed year for our Council.

Eleven men joined us this year.

We supported 16 Seminarians.

Cheers to Life and additional donations provided enough funds for a second Ultrasound.

We gave time and treasure to dozens of needs including Gabriel House, People with Intellectual Disabilities and Coats for Kids to name just a few.

We began the 100th year celebration of Our Lady of Fatima.

Our parish was granted a Holy Door.

And we were all given a year of Mercy!

2017 can be a year rich in even greater blessings, all we need to do is ask Our Father in heaven.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PARTY** **By Lou Schornack and Rich Phillips**

The keep Christ in Christmas party was a great success. This success was a result of a lot of greatly appreciated effort by many. Pete A. came with 3 large cooked hams. Four others brought cooked turkeys. There was a large abundance of food because of their collective efforts.



Mike Capone set the mood for the party by his great, original music. It kept our minds on the fact that Advent is the season of preparation for the birth of Christ. He is a great performer, and we were privileged for his presence and his performance at the party.

There were about 90 people there, and this filled the parish hall. We owe the setup crew a lot of thanks for their effort in preparing the tables, chairs, and table settings for this many people.

Adding to the ambience in the parish hall were the results of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest which were displayed on the walls. Tom Martinez did a great job of arranging the poster contest with the school.

Many Knights spent time in the preparation of the food and having it hot a delicious at the buffet tables, which were in the Fireside Room. Having the buffet tables in the Fireside Room allowed ample room for the great turnout of Brother Knights and their families to be seated in the parish hall without being cramped for space.

Also, our thanks go to the very large number of Knights who participated in the teardown and cleanup of the facility. The many hands which were available for this effort helped tremendously so not to overburden a few Knights with this task.







**KofC Council 9597:  
Birthdays:**

Paul Narey 12/2, Michael Whitefield 12/5, Lewis Berger 12/9, John O'Grady 12/10, Gerard McClory 12/13, Anthony Traverson 12/15, Brian Flees 12/16, Dale Culuris 12/19, Steven Whitney 12/19, Christopher Mancinelli 12/25, Karl Thomas 12/26

**KofC Council Service Anniversaries:**

Gerard McClory 19, John Browne 14, Stan Collins 14, Keith Mobley 12, Marcus Ritosa 7, Steven Whitney 5, Robert Burns 5, Michael Majeres 5, Paul Narey 5

### **Pancake Breakfast By Tom Martinez**

Our council pancake breakfasts continue to be a successful endeavor. The November breakfast was not only delicious with the addition of homemade apple butter from Brother Keith Mobley, but it is also very rewarding to see so many Knights attend and help with the efforts. Please join us again and invite others to our next breakfast on December 18th. The Knights very much enjoy feeding the parish and hope to see you there.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest By Tom Martinez**

Calling all young artists! Your Knight's council will again participate in the annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster program. Every year we offer the opportunity for children to enter a poster drawing for their age category that creatively conveys the real meaning of Christmas. Information has been sent out by Flocknote, including the registration form with official rules. The deadline for submitting posters is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please turn posters into the Parish/School office or give them to a Knight in our council.

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony By Paul Rothgery**

On November 17<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Council 9597 joined with Our Lady of Fatima Cub Scout Pack 166 for a night honoring Old Glory. The annual Cub Scout flag retirement ceremony is typically held around the time of Veterans Day and is intended to strengthen the scouts' patriotism. This year's ceremony included a special bonus: the year's first snowfall to add to the ambiance. Nonetheless, Fourth Degrees Michael Majeres and Keith Mobley in their full regalia led the procession of scouts from the school to the controlled fire waiting in the parking lot. Those gathered stood in awe as each flag being retired from service was lowered into the flames while narrators recited solemn words about the flag of our great nation. The retirement of soiled, faded, and tattered flags no longer fit for service is the proper method of disposal. The Knights stood at attention during the ceremony as a model of respect for the flags and the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the retirement ceremony, the Knights joined the scouts in the school cafeteria for the conclusion of the meeting. The Knights



described what the Knights of Columbus represent, their role in the community, and the many shared values between scouting and the Knights of Columbus.

### **Council 9597 Membership Drive By Dale Culuris**

The October 2016 Membership Drive was proven to be successful with the recent First Degree that had three candidates complete their first step towards full Knighthood. The membership drive was worked by five Knights speaking briefing at the end of the week-end masses and other Knights stationed outside to provide answers to prospective men thinking about joining the Knights of Columbus. In addition to Knights there was membership material available to be distributed along with the all important Form 100. What really is important is that Knights have the opportunity thanks to our Pastor to address the congregation after each mass with a short but personal statement about how Knights Charity programs equates to the Mercy that has been declared by Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy. So now these three new Knights begin their journey and all Knights of the Council are encouraged to welcome these three new First Degree Knights. These new Knights have pushed the council to pass the Supreme membership growth quota!! That achievement is only part of our objective to earn the Star Council award for 2016-2017. We need to have TWO more Knights take on a qualifying insurance package in order to meet our insurance quota of 3. Insurance quota requirements are achieved by both insurance and annuity products. Have YOU been visited by our new insurance agent?? See our council web for his contact details!

### **Memorial Mass of Nov 12, 2016 By Dale Culuris**

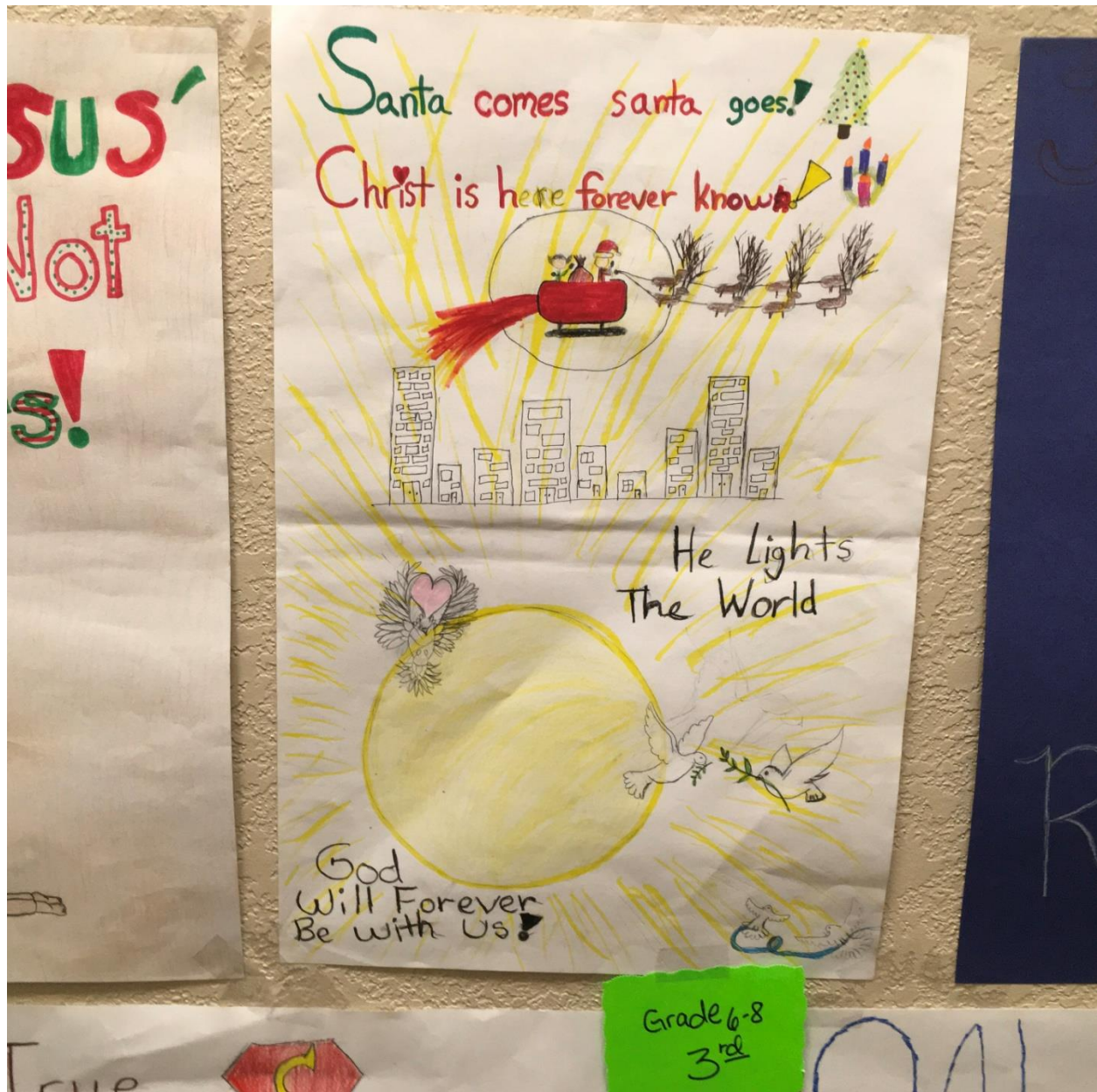
Our Council annual Memorial Mass was conducted on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday 10:00 AM Mass. Presiding was Pastor Fr. Henri. Deacon Daly of our Council had made all the church arrangements leaving on the acquisition of roses and inviting of widows to attend the mass. Council 9597 has 32 deceased Knights that are remembered with a single rose placed on a chair when the name of the Knight is called out during the petition phase of the mass. Our Grand Knight Ken Klisipie read off the names and as each

deceased Knight was announced a member of Council 9597 took a red rose and placed it on an empty chair that ringed the altar area. The council was formed in 1987 and so it has lost 32 Knights in 29 years. Fr. Henri gave an excellent homily about returning to God as our life on earth ends. At the end of the mass Knights provided a rose to all the family members in attendance and the remaining roses were then placed in a vase which was moved to the Adoration Chapel. Due to other activities ongoing in the parish center we did not have social gathering after the mass. The three widows and their families expressed great appreciation for the memorial mass.

### **Upcoming Culture of Life Events By Woody Ritchie**

- \* Prayer in the Square - December 3rd at Shrine of St Anne's in Arvada
- \* Prayer in the Square - January 7th at Shrine of St Anne's in Arvada
- \* Sanctity of Life Week - January 14th
- \* Denver March to Celebrate Life - January 14th. Abby Johnson will be speaking
- \* Sanctity of Life Sunday - January 15th
- \* OLF Baby Shower - weekend of January 21/22. All donations go to local pregnancy centers
- \* Beacon of Hope Gala - January 28th at Wings over the Rockies
- \* Ultrasound Fund Raising Dinner - Weekend of April 28-29 at OLF school gymnasium

(The following are photos of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster winners from Our Lady of Fatima School, taken by Dale Culuris)

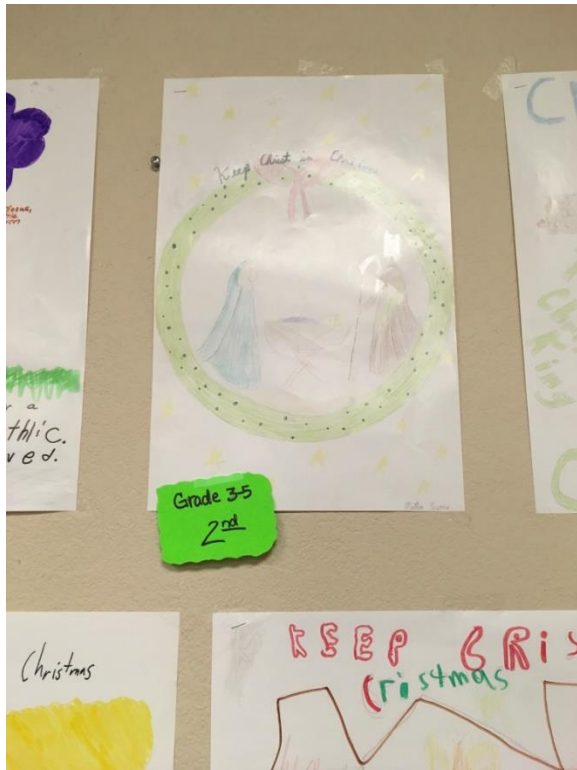


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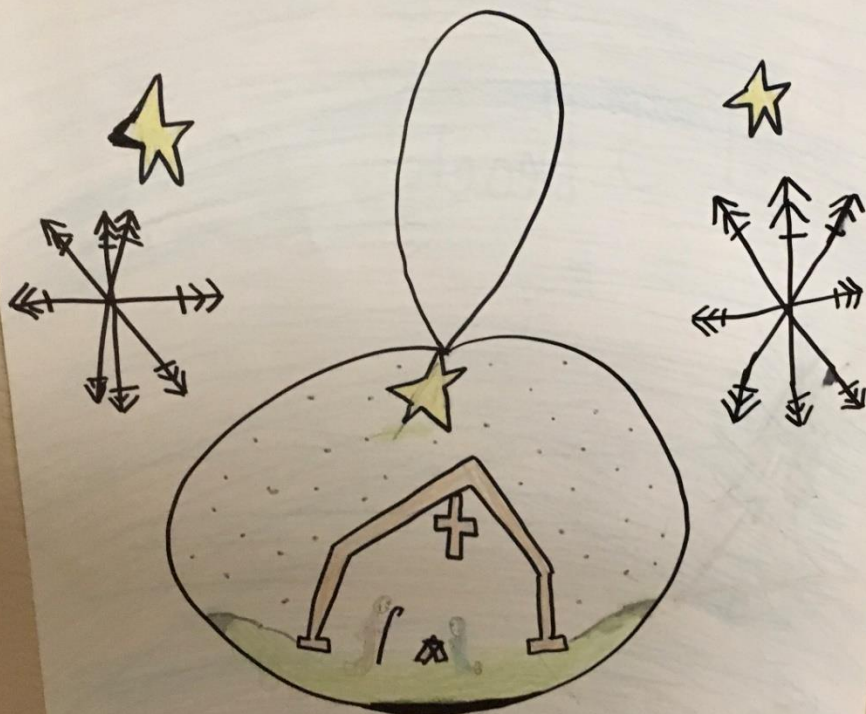
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