



# 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

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

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## Holy Father's Intentions for February:

**Comfort for the Afflicted.** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

## Grand Knight's Notes: by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Knights of Council 9597 have been very, very busy. January 31 is the deadline for completing numerous reports for Supreme and the State Deputy, no small task! Brothers Schneider, Majeres and Ritosa spearheaded the efforts with the help of several Brothers who gathered photos, information and wrote reports! Eight brothers volunteered to assist the Cub Scouts with the Pinewood Derby, and the Cub Scouts again generously donated all of the proceeds from their food sales to our council! Brothers Cryan, Johnson, Pickard, Rothgery, Smitley and Sullivan entered into full knighthood receiving their 2nd and 3rd degree on Saturday January 28th. We had over 20 Knights present for the Free Throw contest on Sunday January 29th, where brother Martinez MC'd the event and brother Smitley and his wife Colleen added an extra kick of energy with some great music. Prior to getting the contest underway, Br. Ritchey led the entire gymnasium in a 5th Sunday Rosary. What a Council!!!





Participants





Spectators and Participants



### Queen 'C' adding an extra kick of excitement

#### **ANNUAL FREE THROW CONTEST** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

On January 29<sup>th</sup> our council put on our annual K of C basketball free throw contest. The event was held at the OLF school gym. The program is an opportunity for the Knights to influence the youth of our community in a positive activity.

The contest was open to boys and girls ages 9 through 14. We had a total of 30 contestants and each was awarded a Participation certificate. In addition, the contestant in each age/gender group who made the most baskets won a \$15 cash prize and was given a Winners certificate. All winners from our council are eligible to represent our council in the District Shoot-off competition which will be held February 19<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Peter and Paul school gym in Wheat Ridge.

We had a total of 17 brothers show up and help with the event. If you were one of the 17, thank you for making the contest a successful event. A special thank you goes out to brother Nick Smitley who reserved the gym and put up all the posters at the school. He also provided the PA system for the event and his wife, Colleen, provided music and DJ'd the contest to keep the atmosphere really upbeat.

**Do Your Duty - Support Your Council!** by Marcus Ritosa, Financial Secretary

So far in 2017, 77% of the council has fulfilled their duty to financially support the basic operation of the council. Thank you! Second Dues notices have been sent out to all brother knights with an outstanding balance. Alongside these statements will be a request to update contact and personal information. When you receive them, please complete and return them right away. Don't delay in supporting your Council 9597!



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### **Cub Scout Pinewood Derby** by Paul Rothgery

Even before a cub scout reaches his teenage years, he is into fast cars. January is Pinewood Derby season and each scout attempts to break the sound barrier with a 5-ounce block of wood with four wheels. Cub Scout Pack 166 conducted their annual Pinewood Derby on January 21st in the OLF cafeteria on a classic wooden track. The Knights of Council 9597 provided the impartial race support for the scouts and served as race commentators, analysts, starters, and track masters. Brother Keith Mobley even constructed his own wooden truck to race in the "Open" race at the end of the day. It was a fantastic day of racing fun and surely a day that the scouts will remember for a long time. A special thanks to all of the Knights who participated.

**Latest Update on Brother Tom Martinez,  
Council 9597 Deputy Grand Knight** by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie

Update from Lynn Martinez 2/7

We went to see Dr Bennett at UCH today for optic CAT scan and review. Tom's medical prognosis for sight returning has greatly decreased at this time due to how minimal sight has returned and the amount of time lapsed. There is some atrophy on the optic nerves now.

We are following up with another MRI soon and will start to work with low vision/blind specialists for Tom to learn new skills and see where we go from here. Thank you all for your support and prayers. We remain hopeful , God Bless.

**Council 9597  
February Birthdays**

James Bollen	2/5
Terrence Mullaney	2/6
David Slattery	2/6
Douglas Smith	2/17
Richard Hart	2/18
Joseph Lagae	2/22
Patrick Stewart	2/27

**Council 9597  
Service Anniversaries**

Dale Culuris	36 years
Harry Cigliano	27 years
Richard Gold	18 years
Jeremy Heesacker	12 years
Phillip Gallet	11 years
Gary Mages	5 years
Paul Egan	4 years
Theodore Pagano	4 years
Tom Cryan	3 years
Donald Frevert	3 years
Ryan Slinger	1 years

**February Pancake Breakfast**

Brothers, please mark your calendars for Sunday February 19th 2017. This will be the Valentine's pancake breakfast. We will add some special items to the menu like Red Velvet pancakes, cherry topping and whipped cream. We start at 6:30AM with setup, and start cleanup at 11:30AM. We always **need lots of hands for the cleanup**, so please, if you can, drop in after 11AM, cleanup will go much faster.



## THE LIGHT SIDE OF KNIGHTHOOD



Two Bostonian Catholic men are drinking in a bar. One says, “Did you know that elk’s procreate 10 to 15 times a day?” “Aww, darn!” replies his friend and gives the bar a slap. “And I just joined the Knights of Columbus!”

### **2017 ULTRASOUND FUNDRAISING DINNER** by Woody Ritchey

We have scheduled the annual Ultrasound Fund Raising Dinner for the weekend of April 28-29-30 in the OLF gymnasium. The actual event will be on the evening of April 29th starting at 6pm and it generally wraps a little after 9pm. We couldn't make this the event successful without your terrific support and the planning committee and council leadership appreciates all of the efforts of the knights and your commitment to this worthwhile event.

Since the dinner has grown in scope and quality, our need for volunteers and coordinators has also increased. As you know we moved to the food station approach last year and because of this we have been able to limit the need for individual plate servers however our overall needs for volunteers remain.

Please consider volunteering for the event since it makes such a difference in the Knights pro-life efforts. Please let Brother Ritchey know if you have an interest in volunteering.

**RECRUIT A KNIGHT ----- CHANGE A LIFE**

**ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month I completed the compilation of time we spent in calendar year 2016 performing various activities as members of the Knights of Columbus. I am proud to announce that we reported a total of 4,768 hours to Supreme. I won't give you a complete breakdown but will give you some hours for the major activity areas:

1,983 - Church

704 - Culture of Life

1,115 – Miscellaneous

I want to thank all of you who took the time to enter your hours on the spreadsheet I provided to you and return it to me. A total of 33 brothers sent me their information which is a little under a third of the membership of the council. I know that more of you are active one way or another in the council but didn't have the time (or couldn't make the time) to complete the survey. Consider what the results might have been had 100% of our active members spent a few minutes to send me their hours!

**STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS** by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month our council completed and submitted to the State Council the Service Program Awards applications. One write-up was submitted for each of the six program activity areas and these reports will be judged by the State Council and the result utilized at the Awards Assembly which will occur during the State Convention in May.

I would like to thank all the brothers who took the time to sit down at their computers and write up the reports I asked them to do. We ended up with a

variation of very well written reports that I hope will result in our council moving up the ladder from last year when the awards are passed out.

**“CHEERS TO LIFE” EVENT PREPARATIONS** by Woody Ritchey

(A Flock Note sent by Grand Knight Ken Klispie to 9597 Council Members on Feb. 06, 2017)

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This year we are also asking for some of you to consider leading a specific category of the volunteer effort and would ask you to prayerfully consider taking the leadership role of one of the key items identified below. As chair of the event Bro Ritchey will be assisting everyone who generously steps into a leadership role, so you will not be on your own. As indicated below, several brothers and individuals have already stepped up to lead specific tasks.

Please let Brother Ritchey know if you have an interest in leading in any or several areas.

- \* Set up - begins on Friday evening and carries into Saturday morning and afternoon. The flooring will already be down and involves coordinating moving and arranging of the tables and chairs, food stations and various tables for cap pull & silent auction items
- \* Tear down - involves the removal of all tables chairs on evening of the event and morning following, in taking up the floor. Decorations will be removed by the Barbero family
- \* Dish washing - includes washing various items during and after the event, mostly glassware
- \* Trash removal - includes maintaining all of the trash receptacles during the evening and general trash disposal at the end of the event
- \* Friday food prep volunteers - GK Klispie & Bro Ritchey
- \* Ticket preparation - Roxanne Martinez
- \* Program preparation - Bro Ritchey & GK Klispie
- \* Table banner for ticket sales - GK Klispie
- \* Ticket sales coordination - Bro Ritchey
- \* Cap Pull - includes sale of the caps (100) as well as distribution of the prizes at the conclusion of the evening
- \* Check in - includes registration, name tags, distributing program and auction paddle (in one)
- \* Raffle table - Bro Culuris
- \* Video to play during the opening course - TBD
- \* Sound system for the evening - Bro Nick Smitley



- \* DJ for the event - TBD
- \* Decorations - Michelle Barbero
- \* Check out - Melanie Mages
- \* Rental equipment - Bro Ritchey
- \* Food servers - includes obtaining sufficient volunteers for the task, organizing staff for food delivery from the kitchen, stocking of basic supplies, replenishment of the beer rinsing stations and general oversight of tables and facilities
- \* Live auction payments - live auction items are being coordinated by Bro Martinez however this would include identifying the winning bidders during the auction and obtaining payment immediately following a winning bid
- \* Silent auction - Bro Handler
- \* MC & Cicerone - Bro Martinez
- \* Invites to clergy, parish staff, school staff, seminarians and Life Choices - DD Majeres
- \* Hosting dignitaries - DD Majeres
- \* Scripting and flow of the evening - Bro Ritchey
- \* Coordination of prize announcements - includes posting
- \* Beer Flight for Life - date will be established in advance. This includes setting up the BFFL board for bidders (\$100 each), gathering all the contact information of the various bidders (max 22) including phone numbers, mailing addresses and accurate email IDs

