



# The Knight Watch

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

Newsletter Edition: **July 2017**

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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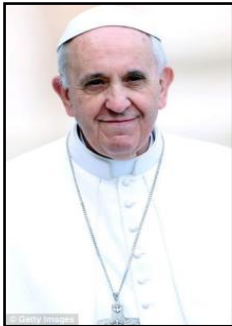
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## Holy Father's Intention For July:

**Lapsed Christians.** That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

## 2017 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

**by Dave Schneider, Program Director**

By the time our July council newsletter is published, we should have a couple of weekends of sales under our belts. Next month I will give you a wrap-up on how successful we were with sales this year. We began our weekend sales at Fatima the weekend of July 8/9 and plan to make advance peach sales before and after all the weekend masses through the weekend of August 5/6. We are in need of help selling the peaches and all it takes is for you to sit at the sales table and help our prospective buyers fill out their sales receipt and then accept their payment. I especially need help at the 5pm Saturday and 5pm Sunday masses. But of course we also need help at the four masses on Sunday morning. You don't have to sign up to work, just show up at church ready to help out. I will be putting out occasional email messages asking for workers which will help to remind you of our need for assistance.

## **1st Degree Exemplification**

**by Sir Michael Majeres**

On May 23rd, the council held an Initiation Degree for new member, John Bermudez. The ceremony was conducted in the Knights' Room with our council's usual decorum and style. Please welcome John as you see him in the parish and at events! We have a 1st degree scheduled for July 25th at 7 pm during the social meeting. Go get additional candidates and bring Form 100's to our July business meeting.

## **Welcome our New Youth Director**

**by Grand knight, Ken Klispie**

Please congratulate Norbert Boeckman who volunteered to take on the Youth Director position for our council. Norbert will need your help and support throughout the year to handle the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Essay Contest, Free Throw Contest, attend Scouting events (Flag Retirement and Pinewood Derby) and attend the Religious Awards Mass, as well as the many other Youth activities our Council is involved with.

## **Knights of Columbus Council 9597 Birthdays**

Robert L Boden 07-01-1930

Rudolph D Martinez 07-01-1952

John J Boyle 07-06-1955

Robert J Bowe 07-13-1938

Kenneth W Klispie 07-14-1965

Paul F Harrold 07-17-1944

Christopher J Quinlan 07-18-1967

Gerald D Handley 07-19-1954

Evan L Jansen 07-23-1971

Patrick F McGee 07-28-1949

Michael J Capone 07-29-1963

## **Knights of Columbus Council 9597 Service Anniversaries**

Samuel L Berning 07-10-2015 2  
Karl Thomas 07-10-2015 2  
Louis W Schornack 07-13-2015 2  
Vincent M Cremona III 07-26-2016 1  
David M Gaouette 07-26-2016

## **Knights of Columbus Council 9597 Wedding Anniversaries**

Stanley J Collins 07-21-2001 Mary Herzogenrath  
Mr Russell P Williams 07-23-1980 Claudia Williams  
Samuel L Berning 07-25-1998 Tina Berning  
Christopher J Mancinelli 07-28-2012 Bobbi Mancinelli

## **2017 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM**

**by Dave Schneider, Program Director**

I am happy to announce that bro. Phil Gallet has volunteered to once again this year head up our Tootsie Roll Program. He has set up SignupGenius 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. The last week in June Phil sent out an email message to all brothers in the council with a link to SignupGenius, asking you to go to the sight and signup. So far a few of you have done this but there are still many slots that need to be filled. If you no longer have Phil's email on your computer, simply click on the following URL:

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

The program this year calculates to 36 two-hour slots in front of three King Soopers stores. We have almost 4 times that number in brothers registered as members of our council. So if all able-bodied brothers work one shift, we should have more than enough guys to solicit donations for the developmentally disabled. Are you "able-bodied"?

## **Knights of Columbus council 9597 Officers Installed**

**by Grand Knight Ken Klispie**

The following Slate of Officers were elected to a one year term beginning July 1st 2017 and concluding June 30th 2018. These officers were installed by our Worthy District Deputy, Michael Majeres on Thursday July 6th.

Grand Knight - Ken Klispie  
Deputy Grand Knight - Tom Martinez  
Chancellor - Dale Culuris  
Recorder - Don Frevert  
Treasurer - Paul Egan  
Advocate - Keith Mobley  
Warden - Al Kozlowski  
Inside Guard - Karl Thomas  
Outside Guard - Dick Abel  
1st Year Trustee - Mike Sullivan  
2nd Year Trustee - Michael Majeres  
3rd Year Trustee - Ken Flees

### **Corpus Christi Procession** **by Sir Michael Majeres**

At the request of our pastor, the knights of Council 9597 and Assembly 2551 participated in a Eucharistic procession for Corpus Christi. Parishioners, led by the Knights marched around the campus, from the sanctuary, up Miller St., across 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, and back into the church. Knights carried the canopy, under which Fr. Frank carried a monstrance with the Eucharist. Mary Ives led singing, and we concluded with adoration and benediction.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

**by Dave Schneider, Program Director**

Several months ago I told you about the loss of our Culture of Life Activities Director, Woody Ritchey, who recently moved to the state of Wisconsin. The other day I wrote an email message to Woody to see how he and his wife, Terry, are doing. Woody replied by letting me know he is getting adjusted to his new environment and hoped (any minute, hour or day) to be a new grandpa. So it looks like the move is proving beneficial to the Ritcheys. I mentioned to him that we are still looking for a new Culture of Life Activities Director and he told me that there are a number of fine men in our council who are very much involved in the Pro-Life movement who would make a good director. He said that he would pray that God touches the hearts of one of these men and they will step up and volunteer to fill the position. So I say to you brother Knights, who was Woody referring to? Could it be that you would be interested in spearheading the programs we do here at Council 9597 that benefit the unborn? 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.

## **5th Sunday Rosary - July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**by Sir Michael Majeres**

With changes to the Supreme Rosary program, we no longer need to schedule parish-wide rosaries only on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Expect further discussion at the July business meeting about how we want to implement this program under the new guidelines. If someone is interested in leading this program, contact the Church Activities director, Michael Majeres. Rest assured that our council will continue to pray the rosary; before our meetings, in public, and with our parish!

## **Reflections on the second year anniversary of being a Knight of Columbus**

**by Karl Thomas, Newsletter Editor**

July of 2017 marks two years since taking my first degree exemplification as a Knight. What an incredible two years it has been! I could not have imagined, only suspected, how becoming a Knight would fulfill my goals of giving back to the Church, our parish community, and our community at large! These entities have all blessed me in innumerable ways. I asked how and what I could do to try to give something back to them, and the Knights of Columbus was the obvious answer.

This past two years, through the Knights of Columbus Council 9597 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, I was able to help with the monthly pancake breakfasts (dishwashing-'cause MS has made me slow and walk stupid and my hands stopped workin' so good; you wouldn't want me to dish-up your breakfast!), worked the Tootsie Roll campaign for the intellectually disabled (not the ones in congress, those here in Colorado), the Coats for Kids campaign run by the Knights( if you desire immediate appreciation, get involved in this effort), the Cheers to Life campaign to place ultrasound machines in abortion-alternative facilities(ask any parishioner at Fatima, and they will tell you), and this summer, my second tour working the Knights Peaches for Seminarians( no, we don't give them peaches-we give them money to use for things that aren't covered by the seminary) which is being conducted now.

No, it is not enough, but is many orders of magnitude more than I could possibly do by myself! The less than pedestrian benefit of being in a fraternal organization of Catholic men of like mind, like heart, and like intellect (not to mention good sense of humor) is unmatched in all of my previous life experiences! Thank you Knights of Columbus Council 9597!!



**ITS HAPPENING AGAIN!!!!!!**  
**ARE YOU A PART OF IT????**

# **Knight of the Month Proclamation**

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**by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie**

I am pleased to name the founding members of Council 9597 as Knights of the Month for July. For their combined efforts to establish and lead our council, we are grateful. This group of men created our Council and began our many Council activities, including Pancake Breakfast, the Membership drive, and Peaches for Seminarians.

For these reasons, and the many ways these men live out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced these Brothers are worthy recipients of the honor.

## **Knight of Columbus Council 9597 Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration**

**by Newsletter Editor, Karl Thomas**

The members of the Knights of Columbus Council 9597 were honored to host the auspicious occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of our council on June 24, 2017 in the Parish Hall. The fete was organized and spearheaded by Br. Lou Schornack. The council members were also honored with attendance of four Charter Members of Council 9597 and their wives! Charter Members Gerry Handler, Deacon Joe Hawley, Phil Ward, and Ted Oldenburg graced us with their presence and each cut the special 30th anniversary cake procured by Br. Dale Culuris. The picnic fare included grilled burgers, brats, hot dogs and all the attending accoutrements, lemon aid, and a selection of adult beverages. Council members wives provided a plethora of side dishes. The desert was, of course the decorated cake, served with a variety of ice creams. As with all council events, thanks go to Grand Knight Ken Klispie and his "Cheery Band of Grill Mates" for cooking!

All those who were able to attend enjoyed delicious food and drink, and of course, great fellowship. Thank you to the Charter Members who were able to attend. Council 9597 appreciates who you are and what you have done!!!

The following pages contain the photo-documentation of the event.



## CHARTER MEMBERS HOHORING US WITH THE CAKE CUTTING











