



The Knight Watch



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Holy Father's Intentions for March:

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Grand Knight's Notes for March

By Grand Knight Ken Klispie

The Lenten season is upon us, what a great treasure our Lord has given us! Our Knight's Council has been asked and we accepted the responsibility for a long standing ministry at Our Lady of Fatima, that is, Lenten Soup Supper following Mass and Stations of the Cross. What a privilege and responsibility. We, as a group of Catholic Men can minister to our fellow parishioners through a simple meal of bread and soup. Moreover, we can give of ourselves in a friendly greeting, a warm smile, kind words and maybe a few good conversations. Christ was led by the Spirit into the Desert for forty days to be tempted, and was strengthened because he remained steadfast to God the Father's plan. May we as a Knight's Council remain steadfast in our service and may our spirit receive the renewal and joy from the work of our hands.

4th Degree Notes

By Sir Knight John Collier

Brothers. A quick note regarding some recent functions of the Sir Knights. We had an exemplification this past week-end. 28 new 4th Degree Knights brought into the fold. A very large funeral service for Tony Valdez, a past State Master, a Knight member for about 50 years. Also a funeral service for Sir Knight George Gaines, a 60 year member. His son Fr. Tim did the service and the church was also packed.

We could certainly could use more of you 3rd Degree Knights in the Assembly. Please give it your serious consideration. Thank You, John Collier, Past Faithful Navigator.

Culture of Life Notes

By Woody Ritchey

The sales for tickets for this year's Cheers! to Life Ultrasound Dinner are well under way and moving ahead of last year's sales at this time. We are seeing many repeat customers from prior years who remark that last year's event "was such a great time!" and telling their friends, "you don't want to miss it!". This year's event promises to be every bit as good as years past and we certainly don't want to disappoint our patrons in such a worthy cause. The biggest issue to be addressed thus far is the need to cover the ticket sales at the various masses with more brothers from the council so that it doesn't fall on too few shoulders.

As many of you know it is a large logistical undertaking to deliver the quality of the annual event and focusing on delighting our guests and making it a memorable experience. We are blessed to have so many brothers assist each year and of course we count on your generous support this year as well.

A little peek behind the curtain.... a huge returning participant for this year's event will be our brothers from the Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs council supplying their "to-die-for" egg rolls. We will also have some outside professional chefs participating at food stations so it should be even better than ever and of course all the entrees will be paired with great beers by our own Cicerone, Brother Tom Martinez.

Please let Brother Ritchey know if you will be available to volunteer for any part of the weekend and please talk up the event to your friends.

Have Photos? Please take a moment to store them in our library

We are trying to capture and centralize all the photos taken of Knights and Knight Activities. Please, if you have any photos, even one, could you email it to kofc9597.library@gmail.com? Please include the date of the photo, the event, and if you could, the names of the people in the picture as well. If you can't remember, send the photos anyhow, we will try and figure it out. This will help the Council with the report submissions we make to State and Supreme regarding our activities. Thank You!

Beer Flight for Life Dinner 2017

By Ken Klispie

We finally had the dinner that 20 people purchased at last year's Cheers2Life event! Br. Ritchey diligently made calls, tracking all of the attendees down and working to find that one date that would ensure all could be there. Br. Martinez's beer selections were excellent and enjoyed by everyone, including the appearance of one the rarest beers possibly in the world. Br. Tom also invited a very special guest, Finn Knudsen, a Master Brewer since 1963 to give some extra details on some specials beers we enjoyed that evening. Knights and Spouses jumped in with decorating, food preparation, serving and cleanup making the evening very special for everyone.

More Beer For Flight for Life 2017

By Dale Culuris

The Beer Flight for Life dinner was held on Feb 19, 2017 at OLF school cafeteria. The presentations were headed by Brother Tom Martinez with explanations as to the different kind of rare beers and the foods that compliment the beers flavors. Knights and family members prepared the foods and served them to happy patrons! The evening experience concluded with all present making their own unique pizza! Lots of smiles from start to finish.

On the following page is a photo taken by Br. Culuris at the event.

The Knights of Columbus say, "Recruit a Knight - Change a life". Why is that? Well, I submit that as individuals, we can only do a little bit to give back to God, His Church, and our community. But as a fraternal group of Catholic men, we can and do so much more to give to the glory of God! It has changed my life. Knight Watch Newsletter Editor Karl Thomas (exercising editorial license).



Photo by Dale Culuris

District Free Throw results

By Sir Knight Michael Majeres

On Feb. 19th, District 36 held its annual FT competition in the gym at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Wheat Ridge. Competitors, both boys and girls, from the council contests at OLF and SPP faced off in each of the age groups. Unlike last year, where the SPP kids dominated, the results were almost evenly divided. Last year's 9 year old boy district champion, who also won the state title last year, returned to win the 10 year old title this year. All the champions were invited to compete in the state free-throw competition on March 4th at Mullen HS. Thanks to Brother Dale Culuris for assisting with the scorekeeping and taking pictures, and our brothers at Sts. Peter and Paul for hosting!

District Champions

Boys 9 –Breyden Peitzmeier (13961)

Girls 9 – Grace Jeffers (13961)

Boys 10 – Ryan Peitzmeier (13961)

Girls 10 – Jada Goodman (9597)

Boys 11 – Jacob Sushinsky (9597)

Girls 12 – Mary Klispie (9597)

Boys 13 – Josh Jeffers (13961)



Major Degrees – Brighton

By Sir Knight Michael Majeres

On January 28th, 6 of our brother knights completed their journey to full knighthood by taking the Formation (2nd) and Knighthood (3rd) degrees at St. Augustine in Brighton. Congratulations to these brothers, and we look forward to your continued growth in the order! All 1st degree knights are encouraged to talk to the Grand Knight, the Membership Coordinator, or the District Deputy about upcoming opportunities to join these men.

February Pancake Breakfast

By Ken Klispie

We had a great turnout with over \$600 in sales. Thanks to all the Knights who showed up in force! We were spread thin with three additional activities including Cheers2Life ticket sales after all masses, the District Free Throw Contest and the Beer Flight For Life Dinner. Everyone was doing double duty!

Soup Suppers

By Sir Knight Michael Majeres

The tradition of Lenten soup suppers continues. With the return to the “restored order of the sacraments” in the archdiocese, the confirmation students are younger, and not fundraising for a retreat. At Fr. Henri’s request, the Knights have taken responsibility for putting on this simple meal after Mass and the Stations of the Cross each Friday. It’s a sign from our pastor that he knows he can depend on the Knights of council 9597 to support him, and provide this kind of program. The program counts under the order’s developing “Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish” initiative, and just means that we need to have non-meat soups available for parishioners on Friday evenings during Lent. 8th-graders from the school will help with serving, so we mostly need to make sure we get soups ready, and clean up afterwards. Men interested in assisting can contact the Grand Knight, or PGK Evan Jansen.

March Pancake Breakfast

By Ken Klispie

Brothers, please mark your calendars for Sunday March 19th 2017. This will be the St. Patrick's pancake breakfast. We will add some special items to the menu like Corned Beef Hash and maybe some green pancakes. 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.

March 2017 Birthdays

Michael Delridge 3-5
Phillip Ward 3-6
Art Irlando 3-10
Jibran Boumerhi 3-12
Andrew Lowry 3-15
Ken Flees 3-18
Joe Ortega 3-20
Deacon Joe Hawley 3-21
Don Frevert 3-23
Leo Bonacci 3-24
Paul Rothgery 3-28
Stephen Hughes 3-28
Thomas Elliott 3-28
Andrew Koltuniuk 3-29
John Bertheaud 3-30
Vince Cremona 3-31

March 2017 Service Anniversaries

David Schneider 33 yrs
Jack Gaffigan 17 yrs
Stephen Hughes 14 yrs
Benjamin Lacrue 11 yrs
Jibran Boumerhi 9 yrs
Steven Bedell 5 yrs
John Collier 5 yrs
Eugene Ritchey 4 yrs
Paul Rothgery 3 yrs

Knight of the Month

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight, Michael Sullivan Knight of the month for March for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Michael has been very active in our Council activities since joining, including Pancake Breakfast, the Membership drive, Soup Suppers, contributing articles to the newsletter, setup/cleanup for social meetings and attending business. Br. Michael has also already made 2nd and 3rd degrees. For these reasons, and the many ways Michael lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Michael is a worthy recipient of the honor.

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Grief support helps families heal after loss of a child

BY NISSA LAPOINT

Today, Nov. 2, is All Souls' Day, which remembers the departed.

When telling others about her children, Megan Daly's 6- and 8-year-old daughters will stop to remind her of the true number in their family.

"Mom, we're really an 'eight' family, not a 'six' family," Daly said her daughters, Therese and Alexis, will tell her.

With her husband, Mike, Daly has taught their four children about the dignity of human life and remembers their two miscarried babies during nightly family prayers.

They've sought support for their grief of losing two children by talking with others and recognizing their babies' lives in a dignified burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery, she said.

"These babies were real, even though we never got a chance to meet them," Daly said.

Every year in the United States, 6 million women become pregnant and 2 million of these pregnancies are lost, according to the American Pregnancy Association.

Of these losses, 600,000 women experience a miscarriage and 26,000 women experience a stillbirth. The association estimates that 27,864 infants born every year will die before their first birthday.

At Exempla Lutheran Hospital in Wheat Ridge, Karen Rhoades, solace coordinator, will see 10 to 15 miscarriages a month, although miscarriage cases in the emergency room are not included in her count, she said.

For those women seeking support after miscarriages, still-



PHOTO BY JAMES BACA/DCR

CHILDREN'S graves are lovingly decorated at Mount Olivet Cemetery, located at 12801 W. 44th Ave. in Wheat Ridge.

births or sudden death, the hospital offers a solace program and a five-week support group.

"I think it is something people hesitate to talk about," Rhoades said. "For many women it's a very real big loss, and it can be minimized by society or even well-intentioned friends or family."

Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette partners with Exempla Lutheran's program. Swedish Medical Center in Englewood offers a similar seven-week program called "Assistance with Grief." St. Anthony Hospital in Westminster no longer offers a birthing unit or grief support, said Bev Lilly, public relations manager for St. Anthony.

Finding grief support was difficult for Lisa Winkler who buried her second miscarried baby, Stephanie, at Mount Olivet in October.

"In a lot of situations a miscarriage is handled very medically," Winkler said. "It just happens and they move on—but as a parent, you don't."

Winkler and her husband, Stephen, along with the Dalys, found healing and grief support through Mount Olivet Cemetery and its charitable burial assistance for lost babies. Babies lost through miscarriage or who are stillborn or die from natural causes may be buried without charge in a communal burial, said Laura Zabel, funeral director at Mount Olivet.

The proper and respectful burial was helpful for Mike Daly, he said.

"The thought bothered me that the (hospital) would just throw away our little one in a biohazard bag," he said. "The Church in its goodness has recognized the beauty and dignity of life in the womb. It was tough but also helpful to see our little one in a casket."

After a couple loses a child, hospital workers may also refer them to a support group, faith-based program or church, Rhoades said.

St. Mary Parish in Littleton, All Souls Parish in Englewood and Guardian Angels Parish in Denver offer general grief support programs. It's uncommon

WALKING TOUR OF MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY

Learn about historic figures in Denver buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in a walking tour. Twenty-five areas of the cemetery will be visited on a Catholic-focused tour led by employees. Refreshments will be provided.

When: 9 a.m. - noon Nov. 5

Where: 12801 W. 44th Ave., Wheat Ridge

RSVP: requested by calling 303-715-3221 or by emailing liturgy.office@archden.org

for couples to seek support for lost babies at St. Mary, said Caroline Chihoski, who ran its "Footprints" group for 15 years.

Everyone seeking support is educated about the grief process and will share their experiences with each other, Chihoski said.

"If you have people who understand that you will (repeat your story) and are patient with you, then you can work through the grief much better than you would otherwise," Chihoski said.

The most beneficial part of healing for Megan Daly, had been finding other mothers who also had miscarriages, and talking it through with them. Now she and other mothers, like Winkler, offer support to others who experienced the same thing.

The Daly family planned on visiting their daughter, Mary, who died in 2007, and son, Dominic, who died in 2008, at their graves at Mount Olivet on All Souls' Day.

"I don't know if everybody does it, but for us, they're always a part of our family," Mike Daly said.

Holy Family Icon Prayer Service

By Deacon Mike Daly

The prayer service for the Holy Family Icon took place at Our Lady of Fatima parish on February 22, 2018 at 7pm. Approximately 10 members of council 9597, and some wives, participated in the prayer service. The service was led by Dn. Mike. The prayer service was honored to have members of the 4th degree, who helped with the entrance of the icon as it was carried in by members of the council. Br. Stan Collins and Terrie Ritchie, wife of Br. Woody Ritchie, were the readers while Past GK Michael Majeres canted the Responsorial Psalm. The Holy Rosary was led by GK Ken Klispie. A great thanks to all who participated as our prayers to the Holy Family were for the needs of our council, the parish and the worldwide Church.

COUNCIL WEBSITE by Dave Schneider

In September of 2014 our council launched a new Knights of Columbus council website. Most of you are aware of the site but for those who are not, I thought I would bring you up-to-speed as to what the site provides to the members of Council 9597.

The URL to access the site is: WWW.KOFC9597.ORG

You might be asked to enter a password. It is: olf9597 (all lower case)

At the top of the website homepage there are six dropdown menus:

- [Our Council](#) (general information about C9597)
- [Become a Knight in our Council](#) (a prospective new member or an existing Knight who is considering transferring into our council can input personal information so that we know they are interested in our council)
- [Meetings](#) (information about our business and social meetings)
- [News](#) (general news about the council)
- [Prayer Requests](#) (members can supply us with information about people they would like the council to pray for)
- [For Members](#) (This is the area of the website that you will probably be most interested in taking a close look at)
 - [Officers](#) (a list of current and prior year officers is available for your review)
 - [Honored Knights](#) (each month a Knight in our council is selected as the "Knight of the Month". Information about these honored brothers is listed here)
 - [Resources](#) (general information about the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic church is listed here)
 - [Voluntary Signup](#) (this part of the website has not been utilized so far by the council)

- Communications (The council newsletters that are created on a monthly basis are listed here for your review)
- Meeting Minutes (If you missed a specific business meeting, you can pull up and read the minutes to the meeting)
- Assembly 2551 (Information about the 4th Degree assembly located closest to OLF is listed here)
- Planning Calendars (The activities the council is planning for the current and future months are listed here. If you find something you are interested in, click on it and a box will appear with more detailed information about the activity)

You will probably see that it has been a while since certain information has been updated on the site. Do you have the skills and knowledge to maintain an internet website? Would you be interested in taking over the maintenance of the council's site? If so, please contact our Grand Knight.