



The Knight Watch

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

Newsletter Edition: **May 2017**

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

Social meetings -4th Tuesday

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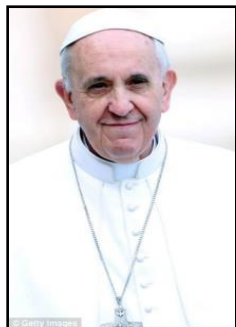
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Holy Father's Intention For MAY:

Christians in Africa.

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

K of C Council #9597 Birthdays:

David Schneider 5-2

Russ Williams 5-2

Rich Phillips 5-7

Keith Mobley 5-8

Michael Narey 5-10

John Pickard 5-11

Steven Bedell 5-22

Sam Berning 5-22

Thomas Cryan 5-25

Leo Ford 5-24

Jeremy Heesacker 5-24

Al Kozlowski 5-28

K of C Council #9597 Service Anniversaries:

Charles Morgan 70 yrs
Michael Delridge 34 yrs
Leo Ford 26 yrs
Bob Simpson 17 yrs
Jason Schweikert 3 yrs
Michael Soucek 2 yrs
Christopher Quinlan 1 yrs

4th Degree Council #2551 Notes

By Sir Knight John Collier

We were honored to be Honor Guard at Guardian Angel Parish for Confirmation. The Arch Bishop Sam was the Celebrant. We had about 50 or 60 kids and it was fun.

Saturday, May 6th, we were the Honor Guard at the Budweiser Center near Loveland for about 500 kids and their confirmation. Both of our Bishops were there along many Clergy. Even Father Jim who used to live in our Rectory.

Great to be asked to help on these types of occasions.

May Grand Knight Notes

By Grand Knight Ken Klispie

It's amazing how quickly this fraternal year has passed. Brother Knights, you have been an incredible blessing to our Parish and community. You started the year by selling enough peaches to support 16 Seminarians, a new record for the Council. Just two weeks later you were in front of the local King Soopers handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting funds for the Intellectually Disabled in Jefferson County. Pancake Breakfast started again and you were there serving parishioners and giving proceeds to the Sundancer and Coats for Kids. Brothers, you prayed the Rosary faithfully through meetings, during Respect Life month, at Planned Parenthood and at Prayer in The Square. You worked with the Youth through Keep Christ in Christmas, the Free Throw Contest, the Catholic Citizen Essay Contest and Religious Emblem Awards for our Scouts. You helped our Parish celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. You worked to provide Ultrasound Machines to pregnancy centers here in Colorado and in Africa. You have worked for the Glory of God and for the Good of others! Worthy Knights, onward to finish this year well as we celebrate our 30th anniversary.

NEW COUNCIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Several years ago we decided as a council to put out a monthly newsletter as a method of letting all our brothers know what we have going on as a Knights of Columbus council. Bro. Marcus Ritosa became our Newsletter Editor and we established the 27th of each month as the deadline for submitting articles to Marcus. Last year Marcus moved up the ladder and became our council's Financial Secretary and bro. Karl Thomas took over as our Newsletter Editor. As the newsletter has evolved under Karl's editorship, it has become readily apparent that a different article deadline needs to be established. So effective with the May 2017 Newsletter, the new deadline for submitting articles to Karl will be the 5th of each month. If you are asked to write an article, please make sure you complete and email your article to Karl by the new deadline.

Knights of Columbus Colorado State Convention

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Congratulations Brothers! Your hard work was recognized well by our State Leaders. Your Council won the Supreme Award for Church Activity for our Peaches for Seminarians program. Council 9597 will now be part of the Supreme Council's judging process to win the top award! Council 9597 also was judged #5 out of 154 total councils based upon membership, programs, Shining Knights and numerous other factors. Finally, Council 9597 was named 2nd in Green Division (councils with 86-120 members).

We have a new State Deputy Elect, Jay Doherty to begin the next fraternal year. This was my first State Convention and it was well worth the time to attend. Listening to reports, programs, initiatives and meeting so many brother Knights is invigorating. I highly recommend attending as well as the mid-year meetings, it really helps to see just how impactful so many Catholic men are to Parishes, Communities and the world.

Major Degrees opportunities

by Sir Michael Majeres

Opportunities for 1st degree members to receive their 2nd and 3rd degrees are available on Saturday, May 20th at St. Mary's in Littleton, and on June 24th in beautiful Trinidad. Details and assistance with registration can be gotten by contacting Retention Chairman, Michael Majeres.

15th Place Clean-Up

By Recorder Don Frevert

The ever dynamic 15th place clean-up crew!



April Pancake Breakfast

By Grand Knight ken Klispie

Another good turnout with over \$580 in sales, our net was low given the additions (Pierogies, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut) we added to celebrate and honor our Polish saints on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Centennial Celebration of Our Lady's Appearance at Fatima, Portugal

From Mary Herzogenrath, Centennial Celebration Coordinator

To everyone who participated in Saturday's celebration... **THANK YOU!**

We couldn't have asked for a better celebration of Our Lady! So many people, so much help, so much sunshine, so much food, so much music, so much honoring Our Lady on her very special day!! Thank you!

Our Lady of Fatima Pray for Us!



I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you who helped with our parish picnic on Saturday evening. I think it was a perfect conclusion to that special day and none of it would have been possible without the support from our council. Don Frevert,

Faithful Recorder



May 13th Activities

By Sir Knight Michael Majeres

Once again, we have a busy Saturday coming up with our brother Knights. On May 13th, our parish will be marking the 100th anniversary of the first apparition on the Blessed Mother at Fatima. The celebration will start with a procession of a statue of Our Lady through the neighborhood. That march will start at 4 pm, and wrapup in time for the statue to enter the church before Mass starts at 5. Our council will then celebrate Mass together in a Corporate Communion. Our council is required by our bylaws to hold a corporate communion (basically gather together) once a year. All brother knights and their families are welcome! Then after Mass, we will be assisting Fr. Henri as he hosts the annual Parish Picnic. Knights are needed to help with the setup, grilling, and cleanup. Again, families are encouraged to attend and show our commitment to our pastor and parish!





Cheers To Life! Results

By Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Brother Knights,

Thank you for all your efforts and hard work to make this year's Cheers! 2 Life Ultrasound Event successful. Our Council served over 150 guests and earned over \$23,000 (over \$18,000 after expenses). Congratulations! Our Council will be able to place another Ultrasound machine in 2017. You are truly an amazing group of men. Well done Knights. Praise God!

Vivat Jesus
GK Ken Klispie

YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

For the past few of years, bro. Tom Martinez has volunteered and held the position of Youth Activities Director with our council. At our April business meeting, Tom notified the council that he was resigning as the Youth Activities Director in order to devote the needed and required time to learning the skills necessary to dealing with his blindness. As the Program Director for the council, I would like to thank Tom for the outstanding job he has done as our Youth Activities Director and wish him all the best as he steps forward into a new phase of his life. I couldn't have asked for a better person to assist me with all the activities related to the youth and he will be sorely missed as we work to implement future youth activities. I could always rely on Tom to have all the I's dotted and the T's crossed and that made my job significantly easier. On behalf of the council, I would like to wish Tom all the best as he learns the skills necessary to function in today's society and I want him to know that we haven't given up on the prayers that God finds the will and the way to restore his eyesight. Thank you Tom for a job well done!!!

With Tom's resignation, the position of Youth Activity Director is now open and in need of filling. Some of the activities we do that are related to the youth are:

- Council free-throw championship
- Essay contest
- Boy Scouts – Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Cub Scouts – Pinewood Derby
- Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts – Religious Scout Awards
- Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

If you are interested in taking an upward step within the Knights and you feel that God is drawing you to help make the youth of our parish the best they can be as our new Youth Activities Director, please give me a call. My number is (303) 988-2510.

WE, AS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE CAREFUL TO THANK OUR MILITARY, BOTH ACTIVE AND SEPARATED, FOR THEIR SERVICE TO US. PLEASE DO THE SAME FOR OUR PARISH PRIESTS AND ALL CLERGY!!!!

Karl Thomas, Newsletter Editor

More Cheers To Life! Dinner Reflections

By Woody Ritchie

The 2017 C2L dinner was successfully held on the evening of Saturday April 29th at Our Lady of Fatima. Despite inclement weather and snow, the event was attended by approximately 160 guests who from all indications, had a terrific time. Our resident Cicerone and MC, Tom Martinez was exceptional in conducting a wonderfully entertaining event while the guests enjoyed an evening of terrific food with expertly matched beers while raising sufficient funds to purchase another ultrasound machine this year. One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the memorial dedication of this year's machine to the memory of John Paul Mendieta who lived 49 beautiful days with his family before succumbing to his illness. We were blessed to have his parents, Liz & Juan Mendieta join us for the evening and it is gratifying to know he will be helping save other unborn lives for years to come. A more detailed account and pictures will be in the June newsletter.

Allow me to add my sincere thanks for all the support the brothers have provided to making the C2L such a great success. You are a unique group of men, dedicated to service and I am honored to be affiliated with all of you... well most of you ;)

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

As most of you know, bro. Woody Ritchey and his wife, Terry, are in the process of pulling up stakes and moving to Wisconsin. For the past few years, Woody has held the position of Culture of Life Activities Director for our council. With Woody's exit, we are now in need of a new Director. Some of the activities we do that are related to Culture of Life are:

- Beer Pairing Dinner for the K of C Ultrasound Initiative
- Pancake Breakfasts supporting Gabriel House
- Assisting the OLF Pro Life Committee in putting on baby showers for Unwed expecting mothers
- Participating in non-KofC Pro Life activities in the metro Denver area
- Distributing Knights of Columbus abortion rebuttal fliers to Our Lady of Fatima parishioners

If the Pro Life movement is an activity that touches your heart and you would be willing to volunteer to become our new Culture of Life Activities Director, please give me a call.

I would like to thank Woody for his years of service as our Culture of Life Activities Director. The Beer Pairing Dinner has become a huge success under his leadership, with the unborn being the winners of Woody's efforts. I would like to wish Woody and Terry the best of luck up in Wisconsin and want them to know that there will always be a place for them here at Council 9597 and Our Lady of Fatima. As Roy Rogers and Dale Evans used to sing, "Happy trails to you until we meet again"!

Knight of the Month Proclamation

I am pleased to name Knight Woody Ritchey as Knight of the month for May, for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Woody has been very active in our Council activities since joining, including Pancake Breakfast, the Membership drive, contributing articles to the newsletter and attending business and social meetings. Brother Woody has served as one of our trustees. Brother Woody has lead our council's pro-life activities. Brother Woody recently chaired our 4th Cheers to Life event, another year with an outstanding turnout and was a big success. For these reasons, and the many ways Woody lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Woody is a worthy recipient of the honor.

WOODY, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!!! YOU WILL BE MISSED, YEVGENNY!!!