



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

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Holy Father's Intention For September:

Parishes.

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Birthdays

David P Miller 09-04-1970

David M Gouette 09-10-1954

Richard C Gold 09-11-1957

Ryan J Slinger 09-13-1987

John K Luft 09-14-1960

Theodore J Oldenburg 09-16-1923

Phillip A Gallet 09-19-1984

Robert K Burns 09-21-1961

Richard A Abel 09-23-1931

John W Collier 09-26-1938

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Wedding Anniversaries

Brian K Flees 09-13-2008 Angie Flees

Evan L Jansen 09-20-2015 Kristen Knutson

Knights of Columbus Council #9597 Service Anniversaries

Lewis C. Berger 33 yrs.	Thomas G. Elliott 33 yrs.
Evan L. Jansen 21 yrs.	Arthur C. Irlando 19 yrs
Michael P. Narey 19 yrs.	Anthony L. Traverson 19 yrs.
James M. Hagood 18 yrs.	Pete J. Zuniga 15 yrs.
Angel L. Caro 5 yrs.	Christopher A. Klispie 3 yrs.
Richard Phillips 3 yrs.	

2017 Beer Flight for Life

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

We held our 3rd annual Beer Flight for Life on Saturday, August 12th. This event contributes over \$2,000 to our Council's Ultrasound Initiative. A good time was had by all present. Our master Cicerone, Tom Martinez did a masterful job explaining the six styles and breweries chosen for the evening. Sir Knight Keith Mobley crafted the beer paddles given to each of the attendees as well as providing his famous homemade Apple Butter for the first course of the evening! Sir Knight Majeres and Brother Williams plated, served and cleaned along with the Martinez and Klispie youth.

August Social Meeting

by Br. Don Frevert

About 20 people - Knights and their families attended the August 22nd social meeting. Deputy Grand Knight Tom Martinez led us in the Rosary.

We enjoyed good food including lasagna (special thanks to GK Ken Klispie's wife Kim), tossed salad, green beans, bread, pie, cake and cookies.

A good time was had by all.



Meet the New Youth Ministry Director for the Knights of Columbus Council #9597
by Br. Norbert Boeckman

Hello Brother Knights! I want to introduce myself to you as your counsels new Youth Ministry Director. My name is Norbert Boeckman, and I've been a member of Knights of Columbus here at Our Lady of Fatima for four years. I've always enjoyed working in the programs we do for the young kids of our parish and community. I am very honored to be appointed to this position. I want to first thank our worthy Grand Knight, Brother Ken Klispie, for having the faith in me to do the job. I know I have big shoes to fill, my predecessor Brother Tom Martinez set the bar high. I feel if I can do half the job Brother Tom did, I'll be successful.

My first call to duty as our new youth director happened kind of fast. Brother Tom had received an email from Mr. Tim Langston. Mr. Langston is a teacher at Our Lady of Fatima School. His seventh grade social studies class has the honor of being flag bearers for the school year and Mr. Langston wanted the Knights to give a demonstration of how to properly raise, lower, and fold the American Flag. Well I must tell you, I went into panic mode. I haven't folded a flag sense I was a kid in Boy Scouts or 4-H. Thank goodness for google and some help from Brother Mike Sullivan. I was able to put together a presentation that I hoped would cover what Mr. Langston wanted. We met Monday August 21 at 8:30 in Mr. Langston's classroom. We started off by talking about Patriotism, and how important it is to show respect to our country and its emblems such as our American Flag. We talked about some of the ways the flag should never be displayed, or used for anything other than a flag. We then went down to the flag pole and proceeded to raise and lower the flag a few time to let several students have a turn at it. I also demonstrated how to fold the flag with the help of some of the students. We again raised the flag for the day and Mr. Langston and his students returned to their classroom.

All in all it was a great experience. Mr. Langston sent me a nice email thanking me and the Knights of Columbus for doing the demonstration for him and his class. He said they are all following the instructions we had talked about. Thanks again for putting

your faith in me. I hope to do a great job in representing our Knights of Columbus council. See you around.

How “Peaches for Seminarians” Began

CHARITY...BEGINS WITH A SUGGESTION FROM A MEMBER

by Membership Director, Sir Knight Dale Culuris

On Aug 19, 2017 over 18 Knights gave up their Saturday morning to do the “good works” of distributing 540 cartons of Palisade peaches to the hundreds of “charity minded” customers that believe in the Knights program to support seminarians. Some of The Knights are relatively new to Council 9597 but their spirit of “charity” is beyond description. So, how and when did the “Peaches for Seminarians” program start? I was the Grand Knight of Council 9597 back in 2003, and we struggled each year to raise enough funds to support just ONE seminarian each year! During one meeting I asked the council members how we could raise MORE than \$500 and maybe, just maybe, we could support TWO seminarians next year? Then the answer came from Brother Joe Upshaw in the form of a question: Why don’t we sell peaches? I had no idea how to start and someone said that other councils were selling peaches.

So the quest for “how to sell peaches” began with contacting our District Deputy who was in a council in our district that sold peaches. He provided the contact information for reaching out to C&R Farms who sell peaches to various charity organizations and some commercial outlets in the Denver area. Council 9597 “Peaches for Seminarians” team consisted of myself, Brother Dave Schneider and Financial Secretary (FS) Don Simmonds. We presented ideas for advertising and over the years have built a system of contacting customers initially by postcards and later by emails thanks to all the database work done then and now by Dave Schneider.

In 2004 Council 9597 members sold just over 100 cartons of Palisade peaches to the Our Lady of Fatima parish members and their friends! The result was that enough funds were raised to support THREE seminarians! Dave began building a database of customers and we decided to send postcards to those customers for the 2005 program, and we had great results with increased sales that doubled our first year! The postcard program was expensive but we were building a customer base. Dave expanded his database to include customer email addresses and this changed our method of

“reminding” customers (both from OLF and non-OLF customers) of the upcoming “Peaches for Seminarians” program with all the details about the two carton (10# and 18#) prices and dates of pick-up. So the cost of the program went down with the phase out of postcards (some people still ask about why they didn’t get a postcard) and the sales went up! Then another Knight (Bro. Stan Collins) suggested we give our customers the opportunity to ALSO make a “donation” on top of their purchase. This idea has resulted in donations that equal over TWO additional seminarians/novices being added to the “profit” of the Peaches for Seminarians carton sales. One Knight – Past Grand Knight (PGK) Evan Jansen sold over 60 cartons to friends in 2017!!

Council 9597 has also grown from 60 members in 2003 to 110 in 2017! The ability to donate \$500 to ONE seminarian has significantly increased as well. In 2016 Council 9597 members and Our Lady of Fatima parish members plus their friends and neighbors raised enough funds (sales & donations and the RSVP) to provide SIXTEEN (16) \$500 stipends to seminarians! Our national organization is called the Supreme Council and their program to support seminarians (RSVP) refunds \$100 for each \$500 a council provides to a seminarian/novice studying in a Catholic seminary. This refund amount is added to the peach sales has enabled the council to “dig a bit deeper” from its available funds to give to our Seminarians.

Council 9597 and its loyal “Peaches For Seminarians” customers, will be supporting 18 seminarians in 2017!! Final computation will determine the number! Thanks Be to God for His Inspiration to our Knights, Supreme RSVP, families, friends and happy customers to Support our “Peaches for Seminarians” program! It would not be proper to ignore the tremendous behind the scene efforts of Brother Dave Schneider who maintains the customer database and sends out the email reminder each year! Super “Thanks” to Brother Dave!

None of this would have happened except for the support of the wonderful people of Our Lady of Fatima and their friends! THANK YOU ALL OUR LOYAL PEACH LOVING CUSTOMERS! YOU ARE THE HERO’S!





TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

by Phillip Gallet

All,

Another great weekend. \$683 dollars. Thank you to all volunteers! We have one need of a volunteer next weekend and a few spaces each week afterwards. Please look at your schedule.

In Brotherhood,

Phillip Gallet



2017 PEACHES FOR SEMINARIANS PROGRAM

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

In August we completed a very successful Peaches For Seminarians program. We sold a total of 540 boxes of peaches, a new council record (15 more boxes than we sold last year)!

Knights from our council manned the sales table for five weekends of sales at Our Lady of Fatima, plus many of you sold peaches to family, friends and co-workers. On Saturday, August 19th, the peaches were delivered to us in the church parking lot by C&R Farms. This day has come to be known by the council as "Peach Pickup". We had guys at church as early as 6:00 am, setting up the parking lot for the customers to come and pick up the peaches they had purchased earlier. The designated pickup time

was from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, but people started showing up about 7:30 am and continued arriving throughout the morning hours.

Out of the 540 boxes we sold, over 500 boxes were picked up in a 4-hour period (which calculates to 2.1 boxes every minute). We also sold 24 bottles of homemade wine, made by our Grand Knight, Ken Klispie, @ \$10 per bottle.

If you helped out in any way with the program, please accept a big "Thank You" from both the council and myself! In addition, a big council salute needs to be extended to bro. Evan Jansen who sold 53 boxes of peaches at his work location. In addition, bro. Pete Zuniga sold 21 boxes of peaches at the American Legion in Lakewood. Also, parishioner Barb Bauman sold 16 boxes of peaches to her friends at the Meridian Living Center.

From the sale of the peaches, our \$1,400 2016 RSVP refund from Supreme, \$1,000 of 2016 Peach money that was not utilized by two seminarians and \$1,453 in monetary donations made by our customers (\$581 more than in 2016), we netted approximately \$9,500 which we will give to seminarians studying for the priesthood within the Archdiocese of Denver under the Knights of Columbus program known as R.S.V.P. (Refund Support Vocations Program). Each individual we "adopt" will be provided with \$500 in financial assistance and moral support. The money is used for tuition, books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

With \$9,500 to spend this year, we can give \$500 to 19 seminarians. One of our 2016 recipients was unable to cash his check because he was studying in Rome and the council is considering giving him \$1,000 this year and giving the remaining money to 17 seminarians (for a total of 18 seminarians). For each \$500 we give, Supreme Council will refund to us \$100. If all the seminarians cash their checks, we should have \$1,900 to give away next year.

We will make the final decision on the spending of the money at our September business meeting.

Knight of the Month Proclamation

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie, Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Stan Collins the September Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Stan is an active member of our council, present at all business and social meetings, organizing and running the church food box ministry, working on our council's participation in prison ministry, selling Peaches for Seminarians each weekend and Tootsie Rolls just to name a few. Br. Stan has also volunteered to take on program director duties for the Council. For these reasons, and the many ways Stan lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Collins is a worthy recipient of the honor.

SEPTEMBER GRAND KNIGHT'S KNOTES

by Grand Knight Ken Klispie

Brother Knights, generous hearts continue to be opened to your efforts, with Peach efforts raising enough funds to support (18) seminarians, and the Tootsie Roll Drive is having good success as well. Knights are always there, whatever the need, a witness to faithfulness. I am truly grateful to our Council and the order for the invitation to join. In a world that can be dark, self indulgent, fearful and without hope, the Knights provide a place of Unity, of Strength, of Fraternity united in Christ, what a tremendous gift! Thank you brothers for giving of yourselves.