



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 - 4th Tuesday
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Grand Knight's Knots

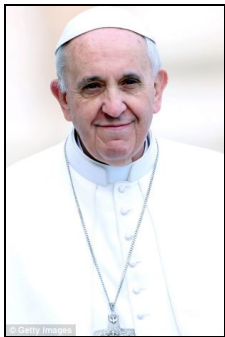
Hard to believe that it's November already! We've had a successful start to our fraternal year, including two great breakfasts, even if they were lightly attended. We've grown our council by a couple of members and had some of our 1st and 2nd degree knights receive their major degrees. The Tootsie Roll Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities has been another great success. In short, we are on the right path and getting things done. Thanks to everyone involved in making those things happen! Though we pause this month to give thanks, it's not the time for rest. With more breakfasts, the Keep Christ in Christmas dinner, and so much more, we still have much to accomplish before the holidays.



There are two important items that I want to highlight in this month's newsletter. The first is that we have a council website! Point your browser to KofC9597.org and check out the news. View our council calendar when making plans so you can be available to serve with us. Some content is password protected, so contact me or a brother Knight if you need the shared password. The website is both a tool to improve council communications, as well as a recruiting tool.

More exciting is that the Supreme Council has awarded Council 9597 "Star Council" for the 2013-14 fraternal year! Although we failed to meet the insurance requirements, an appeal from Trustee Dave Schneider alerted Supreme to special circumstances meriting an exception. Credit and congratulations go to last year's Grand Knight, Russ Williams, and to all brothers who helped recruit and execute great programs! This award is going to look great on our meeting room wall.

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month. This is a excellent way for you to recognize the amazing accomplishments of your brother knights. Have a good month, and make it a great month for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.



Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in November: Dwain Spreier (77), Andrew Bryce (90), Jack Gaffigan (87), Peter Aberle (80), Norbert Boeckman (54), Michael Majeres (50), Michael Daly (39), Robert Simpson (61)

Years of Service Anniversaries

These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Peter Aberle (61), Paul Harrold (34), Dick Abel (13), Brent Schuller (7), James Sobering (5), Ken Klispie (2)



Wedding Anniversaries

In patience and kindness, these brothers and their wives have been a witness to God's trinitarian love: Marcus and Caryn Ritosa (11/16/2013). This information is provided by the Supreme Council,

based on their records. If we've missed your anniversary, please contact the Grand Knight to get your records updated.

Knight of the Month, Dale Culuris

Council 9597 is pleased to name Brother Knight Dale Culuris the October 2014 Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. He puts forth so much time for the KofC. He has two roles for our council and as the District Deputy also attends other council's meetings. He has a unique insight to the movement of the Knights on a regional and state basis that most knights don't have. He is able to inform us of movements and decisions of which we would otherwise be totally unaware. Dale is a 4th degree knight which brings the presence of the Knights to the flock. This shows the support of the knights for the entire Church and our charity toward all. For these reasons, and the countless other ways that Dale lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, Dale is a worthy recipient of this honor.



Keep Christ in Christmas Party

by Dale Culuris

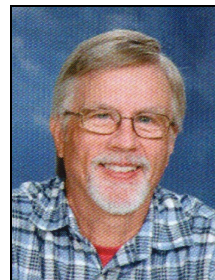


I find secular, commercial Christmas a real challenge as I try to envision a manger scene with a little jolly fat guy in a red suit resting in the straw. Doesn't fit, does it? Nope. Instead, I recall the true reason for the season and the

importance of passing this memory along to the younger folks. To proclaim the greatest gift given to the human race, Council 9597 and Assembly 2551 are sponsoring the annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Family and Youth party so that our families can re-experience the story of the birth of Christ and of how St. Nicholas showed us in the 4th century that caring for the poor (Charity) is a most worthy pursuit. After the 5pm Vigil Mass on Dec 6, we will share a community dinner starting at 6pm. The Council and Assembly will provide turkey and ham along with mashed potatoes and delicious gravy. Families are encouraged to bring a favorite side dish to share. Finally, there will be an opportunity for the children to receive a gift from their family. If you have not attended this wonderful event in the past, please consider joining your brother knights and their families!

Star Council Award

by Dave Schneider



One of the most coveted awards a council can receive is the Star Council Award. The Supreme Council presents this award to those councils who meet all of the following requirements during the fraternal year: 1) Qualify for the Fr.

McGivney Award by increasing council membership by at least 7% (five for our council) and hosting four 1st degree exemplifications, 2) qualify for the Columbian Award by reporting at least four activities in the six program areas, and 3) qualify for the Founders Award by increasing the number of insured members in our council by at least 3% (three for our council).

Even though we met the first two criteria, we were unable to meet the third due to the loss of our council's insurance agent and the death of our General Agent, Doug Parsons. Knowing how hard we worked during the year to achieve what we did, I was a bit dismayed that we failed to earn Star Council for a reason beyond our control. So in July, I wrote a letter to Supreme, explaining our council's situation and requesting that our council be eligible for the Star Council Award. Several months had passed without hearing back from Supreme, but last month we received a notice from Supreme that they were granting a ONE TIME adjustment and awarding our council both the Founder's Award and the Star Council Award. Sometimes the squeaky wheel does get the grease! Everyone who worked



to help us achieve Star Council should take a second to pat themselves on the back and recognize that we received an award that is only given to a select few number of councils. WELL DONE BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!

Scouts to Retire Flags

All knights are invited to Pack 166's annual flag retirement ceremony on Thursday, Nov 13 at 6:30pm at OLF. Please come and demonstrate to the youth of our parish our commitment to them and to our nation. Assembly 2551 will be providing a Honor Guard.



Knights Stand Up for the Disabled Tootsie Roll Wrap-Up

On October 25/26, we concluded our 2014 Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (better known as the Tootsie Roll Program) by soliciting donations outside the church after all Masses. That weekend, we collected \$155.28. During the entire campaign, we netted a grand total of \$3,045.19. The State Council will distribute 25% of this to organizations in the parts of Colorado where the Knights of Columbus presence is low or nonexistent. The remaining \$2,283.89 will go to organizations of our choice. Last year, we gave to Carron Coffee House, Havern School, DDRC, Margaret Walters Center, and Steamer's Coffee House/Jack's Bar & Grill. At the November business meeting, we will be voting on the organizations we will support this year. If you have ideas to share, please be sure you are in attendance at the meeting.

I want to thank all brothers who participated in the campaign soliciting donations, transporting supplies, and handling the collected money. I want to send a special "Thank You" to brother Stan Collins who headed up the program this year and ensured we had the needed workers at the different stores. Thanks, Stan, for all your hard work and a job well done!

Upcoming Major Degree Exemplifications

There will be a Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) Exemplification in Loveland on Saturday, Nov 8. Registration starts at 10am, with light luncheon at 10:45am. 2nd Degree will start at 12 noon, with the 3rd Degree immediately following. Entertainment is offered for the wives of the candidates from 11:30-3:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4pm, with a social and banquet immediately following Mass. The celebration of Mass and the banquet are essential parts of the Exemplification. All candidates are expected to participate in both. Currently, four brother knights will be receiving degrees or sponsoring. All 1st degree knights are encouraged to attend. We plan to carpool from the OLF parking lot at 10:45 am. Call Michael Majeres at 303.550.6632 for details.



Mary, God Bearer, Ark of the Covenant

by Michael Daly

The Blessed Virgin Mary truly is the Ark of the New Covenant! She carried Jesus, the fulfillment of everything that God the Father foreshadowed in the Old Testament, and prepared the Israelites, and in fact the whole world, to receive Jesus. The Ark of the Covenant, carried by the Israelites contained three things (Heb 9:3-5): The 10 Commandments inscribed on two stone tablets (Ex 20:1-17), a pot of manna, bread from heaven (Ex 16:4-31), and Aaron's budding staff (Num 17:1-10). In the Blessed Virgin Mary's womb she carried Jesus, the fulfillment of the ancient Ark: Jesus fulfilled the law (Mt 5:3-11.17), called Himself the bread from Heaven (Jn 6:22-59), and is the Tree of Life (Gen 2:9; Rev 22). By this reflection, may we recommit our "Yes", to be more perfect, as Mary made her "Yes" to the Lord. As a knight, may we realize the presence of Jesus in our entire self, so that those whom we support through our ministries come to know the Holy Trinity more fully.



Thirteen Seminarians/Novitiates Supported

Last month, we reported that Council 9597 had sold enough peaches this summer to give \$500 each to thirteen seminarians/novitiates studying to become priests/nuns for the Archdiocese of Denver. At our October business meeting, we voted to support the following individuals: Thomas Croghan, Derek Curnow, Justin Doerr, Joseph Lajoie, Connor Lyle, Joe McLagan, Josh Meier, Andy Morrow, Daniel Silva, Erik Vigil, Christian Rivera, Nicholas Larkin, and Mallorie Gerwitz (novitiate). In error, we failed to send Mallorie Gerwitz a \$500 check this past year and will make up for our error by sending her \$1,000 this year.

Please keep these individuals in your prayers and, if possible, volunteer to offer personal support to them wherever possible. This could include a supportive telephone call them, a short letter, or inviting them to a good home-cooked meal. To request contact information, please call our Lecturer, Michael Daly, at 303.422.4009.



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Supporting the Sundancer

In September, we started back up our monthly pancake breakfast. Although we had a light turnout, we are still able to give \$300 to Our Lady of Fatima parish as a Sundancer Gala donation. The October breakfast also had a light turnout, perhaps related to regular pancake breakfast people attending the Sunday evening Mass. We will be putting on a pancake breakfast this month on Sunday, November 16th. As always, if you can help out with the breakfast; just come ready to work.



Newsletter Contributions

If you would like to submit something for printing in next month's newsletter, please send a draft to Marcus.Ritosa@gmail.com no later than Oct 27th.



From the Fourth Degree

by John Collier, FN Mother Theresa Assembly 2551



Our knights in Mother Teresa Assembly were invited in regalia to be part of an honor guard at the St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church during the last weekend in October. The Faithful Navigator was present on the Saturday to help honor the relics of St. Rafqa herself, being brought to the United States from

Lebanon. This is part of a thirty-day tour across the USA. It was a very moving experience, and it helped illuminate to those present that the evil ones seek to wipe out completely the Christians of the world. My hope is that more of us attend similar events in the future.

The next regular business meeting will be held November 6th at 7pm. Meeting as usual at the Knights Room in the Parish Center at Our Lady of Fatima. Vivat Jesus!