



The Knight Watch

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in March: Mike Delridge Jr (75), Phil Ward (86), Art Irlando (87), Jose Olmos (63), Msr. Jibran Bou Merhi (61), Andy Lowry (51), Johnny Rico Jr (84), Joe N Ortega (76), Dcn. Joe Hawley (83), Greg A Lind (39), Don Frevert (65), Leo Bonacci (92), Tom Elliott (72), Steve Hughes (62), Paul Rothgery (37), John Bertheaud Jr (53)



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Dave Schneider (31), Jack Gaffigan (15), Steve Hughes (12), Ben LaCrue (9), Msr. Jibran Bou Merhi (7), Steve Bedell (3), John Collier (3), Woody Ritchey (2), Greg Lind (1), Paul Rothgery (1)

Grand Knight's Knots

Welcome to the season of Lent! Lent is traditionally a time for almsgiving, but as Knights we focus on charity year-round. Lent also gives us a chance to improve our prayer lives. Along those lines, let me make two suggestions. The first is the book, "Knights to Christ," which most of us have received. If you don't have one, let me know, and I'll get more. The second is the upcoming parish mission. By now, most of you have heard that the March business meeting has been rescheduled to ensure that as many people as possible can participate. The next business meeting will be on March 24th.



Another expression of charity is in building the council membership. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson says, "the Knights of Columbus has the moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join the Order and enjoy its benefits." I invite you all to review this training video and think about who you know that should be offered membership: <http://bcove.me/zyjlupon>

One way to improve the visibility of our council whenever we help around the parish is by wearing our sharp blue vests. They are embroidered with the emblem of the order, and a limited number are still available for \$52. Please contact Financial Secretary Dale Culuris, or myself to get one soon. Also, keep those Form 100s handy, we'll be scheduling a first degree exemplification soon.

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 things your brother knights are doing. Make sure you are looking at KofC9597.org for the latest news and announcements of council activities. I'm trying to put more announcements there, so we don't need to send so many emails.

Have a good month, and make it great for Council 9597! Vivat Jesus!

Knight of the Month, Mike Daly

Council 9597 is pleased to name Brother Knight Mike Daly the February 2015 Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Knight Mike Daly has provided the Council invaluable service by elevating the spiritual enrichment elements as Lecturer. Not only is Brother Mike studying for the permanent diaconate and raising a great family, but he still manages to find time to assist with council programs like the pancake breakfast and annual beer pairing dinner. He is willing to step up whenever I'm short a nomination for KotM! For these reasons, and the countless other ways that Mike lives out our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; Mike is a worthy recipient of this honor.



New Vests for Tootsie Roll Program

by Dale Culuris, Financial Secretary



The Council has a long history supporting Jefferson County organizations that care for and support our neighbors with disabilities. Each year, Council 9597 stands out in front of various stores and hands out Tootsie Rolls with the hope that good

people will put some money into our tins. That effort has been called the "Tootsie Roll" program because of the candy but in reality it is called the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Many brother knights have related comments from the general public that the wording on the vests was "offensive" as they had members of their families that were "challenged" rather than "handicapped". We all have seen changes in the words used to identify people with challenges of all sorts, and so it is with the wording on our old vests. The first change is that we are helping "PEOPLE" and the second change is that those people have "INTELLECTUAL" challenges. Our collection cans will also have the new wording.

The new vests have been received and were on display at the February Social Meeting. They are the same color and design, so we are prepared to help people with intellectual challenges in Jefferson County this fall!

The Next Step: The Patriotic Degree of the Order

by Keith Mobley

Fact: 98% of Knights that progress to the 4th Degree, remain a Knight for the rest of their life.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights, offering leadership, guidance, and encouragement. Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served. We hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty. The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Are you ready to take the next step? My time as a 4th Degree Knight has been the fulfillment of a long-time dream. I wanted to be part of group that exemplifies the meaning of the Knights of Columbus. The 4th Degree is the showcase of the Order.

There may be some things holding you back from taking this step. Here are a few I've heard:

1) *It's another monthly meeting and I don't have time.* Mother Teresa Assembly meets the first Thursday of the month for a one-hour business meeting, opened with the rosary.

2) *I can't afford the expense of becoming a 4th Degree Knight.* The uniform of a 4th Degree Knight is a tuxedo, and most spouses really enjoy their husband in a tux. Those in the Honor Guard need additional regalia. We can direct you to the best place to purchase a tux, and we have a fund to help you spread out the expense over time. Annual assembly dues are \$20, and we ask for an additional \$10 for the regalia fund.

3) *This means more activities away from family.* A 4th Degree Knight serves at funerals, weddings, and events that require an Honor Guard. The assembly does not hold fundraisers or work groups.

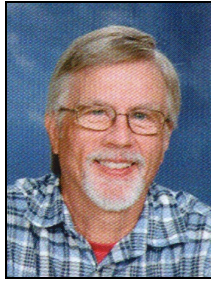
If you would like to consider the "Next Step" contact a member of Mother Teresa Assembly including Sir Knight John Collier – Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Keith Mobley – Faithful Captain / Color Corp Commander



Fraternal Service Program - Family

by Dave Schneider

In December, I started a series on the different program areas established by the Knights of Columbus. I will continue here with the third program area, referred to as "Family".



Families are the foundation of society and are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. With this in mind, our council regularly sponsors activities that allow families to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives, and social events. We also regularly recognize outstanding families in our community. Since its beginning, our Order has stood ready to help and protect the widows and orphans.

Today, as at our founding, the family stands at the core of the Knights of Columbus' beliefs and ideals. The Knights of Columbus have always strongly supported the family at the local, state, and international levels in many ways. As an Order, we regularly sponsor support groups for new parents, scholarships, babysitting services, fundraisers for families in need, pro-life activities, family recognition programs, and family-related projects. Throughout the year, we should work to strengthen families by encouraging wholesome home life. This can be done by urging families to make time to enjoy each other's company, talking, and being active together.

The following are the Council activities that our council presently has planned for the coming year:

- Monthly Pancake Breakfasts
- Annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" party
- Knights of Columbus Insurance Program
- Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of our Council
- Support Groups for New Parents
- Fundraisers for Families in Need
- Family of the Month
- Family of the Year
- Our Lady of Fatima New Member Brunch
- Daily Mass - Prayer for families of OLF parish
- Mother/Daughter tea
- OLF School Endowment Fund

How is God drawing you to help make our families the best they can be?



Free Throw Contest Results

by Dave Schneider



On Sunday, January 25th, we put on a very successful council free throw contest in the Fatima School gym.

A total of seventeen

boys and girls participated in the contest with nine individual champions being awarded \$15 each by our council. We had a lot of fun watching the kids demonstrate a wide variety of free throw shooting skills. If you helped out with the event (announcing, shagging free throws, keeping track of scores, working the registration table, taking pictures of the event, etc), thank you for helping to make the contest a huge success. The nine winners represented our council in the District 36 Shoot-off on Sunday, February 8th, at St. Bernadette School gym. Three of our council winners won their age/sex category at District and will represent Council 9597 and District 36 at the State Free Throw Championship on Saturday, March 28th, at Bishop Machebeuf School gym in Denver.



Pancake Breakfast Report

by Dave Schneider

Our February pancake breakfast was put on in support of general council programs funds. Although attendance at Sunday Mass

was lower than normal, we still had good parish attendance at the breakfast. I think that says something for the great breakfast menu that we have put together over the past year. If you worked the breakfast, thank you for your time and energy to make it a successful event. Our next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, March 15th. 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 March 25th.





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Cheers! to LIFE!

by Tom Martinez

April 11th will be the return of the highly anticipated Knights of Columbus Beer Pairing Dinner. This annual event funds the efforts of your Fatima Council 9597 to support Respect Life causes, specifically the purchase of ultrasound machines for worthy medical facilities vetted by the State Council's Ultrasound Program. This event has gained so much appreciation that ticket sales will be limited to 200 attendees.

We are delighted to once again be treated to the culinary expertise of Ken Klispie and his son Chris, and guided through beer knowledge by Tom Martinez. Ken has created some of the most enjoyable dining experiences for friends and family. He has honed his skills over the years by offering his passion for gastronomic enjoyment to many charitable causes, including beer pairing dinners for the Sundancer Gala, and the best K of C pancake breakfast in the state. Chris is no stranger to preparing complex multi-course meals plated for hundreds of diners. He was formally trained by the US Army Culinary School where he mastered serving flavor filled works of epicurean art. He successfully competed against the top military and civilian culinary teams in Europe. Tom is with MillerCoors as the Inventory Manager for Coors Distributing Company, one of the 25 largest beer distributors in the US. Tom is also enrolled in the Cicerone Certification Program. This program establishes a high level of knowledge and tasting skills for professionals dedicated to beer.

The Knights of Columbus Beer Pairing dinner promises to be a joyous occasion of fellowship, fundraising, and fun. There will be auction items, presentations on Respect Life efforts, and faith nourishment for our Parish and Council. Look for more information soon on how you can help support this great event. Tickets will be available for sale after all Masses or by contacting a member of K of C Council 9597. **Cheers! to LIFE!**

