



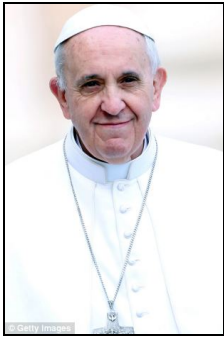
The Knight Watch

Our Lady of Fatima Council 9597 - Chartered June 24, 1987
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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Happy Birthday Brothers!

God has blessed the following brothers with another year of service to our Lord in November:

Dwain Spreier 11/1, Jack Gaffigan 11/3, Pete Aberle 11/4, Norbert Boeckman 11/7, Michael Majeres 11/9, Deacon Michael Daly 11/12, Bob Simpson 11/18, Henry Handler 11/30



Years of Service Anniversaries



These brothers have completed years of service to the Order this month: Pete Aberle (62), Paul Harrold (35), Dick Abel (14), Brent Schuller (8), James Sobering (6),

Ken Klispie (3)

Grand Knight's Knotes

Welcome to November. This is the month our church marks for reflection on the memory of all our dearly departed. We will be pulling together a Memorial Mass to honor our deceased brothers, but you should also focus on All Saints Day and All Souls Day at the beginning of the month. Additionally, make sure to mark December 5th on your calendar for our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" dinner. Our new Family director has big plans for the event!

The "Tootsie Roll" Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities has wrapped up and we will be voting on how to disburse those funds at the November meeting. Come and participate in the decision making process. My gratitude to those who worked one or more shifts. We also want to remind those who bought Football FundCrazr tickets that the competition weeks have started. If you're fortunate enough to win, your winnings will be mailed to the address on the ticket stub. Even if you don't win, our council has already won!

I want to especially extend a welcome to the new knights who might be reading their first copy of the newsletter. As you'll come to know, we are an active council with lots of opportunities to serve our parish and community. The newsletter is full of articles about what we've done and what's coming up. Make the most of your membership by finding a chance for fun and fellowship; we are anxious to get you involved. In the words of the State Deputy, "United in Faith, Family, and Service-For the Glory of God." I'm looking forward to awarding our first "Shining Knight" award soon, and many after for new knights!

As always, I want to ask for nominations for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. I've asked the Deputy GK to take on the lead for these awards, so let brother Klispie know who you think deserves this honor. This is an excellent way for you to recognize the amazing things your brother knights are accomplishing. You might want to nominate some of those who worked multiple shifts of Tootsie Roll distributions, or someone who did a great job at our last pancake breakfast. 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, instead of sending so many emails.

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



Tootsie Rolls

by Director of Community Programs Stan Collins

The 2015 Campaign for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (Tootsie Roll Campaign) wrapped up with a weekend collection at all Masses on Oct 12.

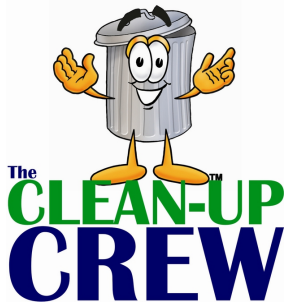
Knights collected \$797.49 that weekend to push our campaign total to \$3615.92. 25% of that total will go to state for their distribution and 75% will be distributed locally by our council. How the local funds will be allocated and distributed will be



voted on at the Nov 10 business meeting. Twenty-two volunteers collected contributions over five weekends and thirty-six two-hour shifts. This was a strong showing of support for a most worthy cause. Thanks to all volunteers and contributors!

Community Beautification

by Stan Collins



At 11am on Friday, Oct 23, Brothers Pete Aberle, Bob Boden, and Stan Collins cleaned up 15th Place between Miller Street and Kipling. Following

an hour of pickup duty, the brothers shared a meal and conversation at the local American Legion.

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 November 29th.

The Tootsie (Charity) Roll Campaign

by Karl Thomas, 3rd Degree Knight

I am a "Newbie Knight". I became a member of the Knights of Columbus in July of this year, and had my first degree exemplification at the state Knights of Columbus convention. That was more awesome than I could have possibly imagined, and I've told anyone who asks (including our Grand Knight) what it meant to me to come into the Knights in that way and at that time! The timing of my entrance into the Knights allowed me to participate in my first charitable act as a Knight with the Peaches for Seminarians campaign. This year's "Peaches" campaign was another success in a series of successes of Knights of Columbus charitable acts, providing stipends to priests in formation at the seminaries in Denver. The Knights have this drill down sideways!



I have written in a previous K of C newsletter about "Why I became a Knight". One of my primary motivations to join the Knights was our First Pillar, Charity. I have since taken my major degrees and am a full Knight of Columbus, which me brings to the subject of this writing. In September and October of this year, I was able to participate in the "Tootsie Roll" Campaign to support those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Council 9597, our council at Our Lady of Fatima, was stationed outside the local King Soopers grocery stores to offer Tootsie Rolls to shoppers in exchange for donations to the cause. This campaign is another long, tried and true, exercise in charity to others. People see the Knights and inherently know that we are doing something good for others. Many don't even ask why or for what we are soliciting donations. Some do ask, and we are always ready tell them. Then, in my experience, they are even more generous than I would have anticipated!

This brings me to the crux of my observation. It is redundant to assert that Americans are inherently generous, that is empirical! What struck me about this campaign of charity was the number of people that accepted the Tootsie Rolls were far fewer than I would have expected. It wasn't the Tootsie Rolls, an iconic American treat, or the dental work and diet excuses (which drives down the per unit cost of each charitable dollar). The revelation I had was that, in Adam Smith's classical economics equation, the Knights are the land and labor, and our parishioners and the American public in general is the CAPITAL that drive charity. The Knights are the facilitators!!!

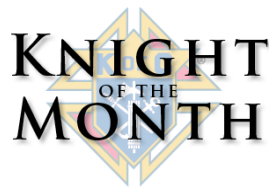
October Knight of the Month

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name Brother Knight Rich Phillips the October Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Brother Phillips together with



Brother Schornack organized and ran a very enjoyable Council picnic for Brother Knights and their families. Brother Rich has faithfully assisted with Pancake Breakfasts, supported the Tootsie Roll



drive and has been part of the numerous other Knight's volunteer opportunities within the parish. For

these reasons, and the many ways Rich lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, I am convinced that Rich will be a worthy recipient of the honor.

October Family of the Month

by Deputy Grand Knight Ken Klispie

I am pleased to name the Majeres Family the October Family of the Month. The Majeres model a prayerful and joy filled Catholic Christian family life.



Their support of their father as Grand Knight and District Deputy for the Knights, time in our parish Adoration chapel, serving Mass, commitment to religious education, dedication to Our Lady and care for so many in our parish family are just a few examples of how the Majeres' light shines for all to see. For these reasons, and the many countless ways the Majeres family love impacts all those around them makes them worthy recipients of this award.

October Pancake Breakfast

by Woody Ritchie

We held another successful pancake breakfast on Oct 18 for the parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima. We served breakfast after the 7:00, 8:30, and 10am Masses and attendance was good after each Mass, which considering the 11am Bronco's game was a treat! Ken Klispie and Tom Martinez put forth a great menu which included pumpkin pancakes. Yum!!!



We also held a first degree exemplification that same afternoon for three new members and thanks to all of the brothers who worked so diligently on the day, both at the breakfast and the exemplification. It was gratifying to have a good number of brother Knights at the ceremony in support of our new members.



For November, we will be putting on a pancake breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday, Nov 15. If you will be in town that weekend, please mark your calendar. We will get started at around 6:30am

(early shift) and finish up around 1pm. Please plan on joining your brothers in support of this next pancake since many hands make light work. Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Coats for Kids

by Stan Collins

Council 9597 has purchased two boxes of coats to be distributed by Council 3799 at St. Bernadette's Catholic School. Brother knights Dale Culuris, John Collier, Karl Thomas, and Stan Collins represented Council 9597 at the distribution on Monday, Oct 26. A total of fifty-nine coats



were distributed to needy students in preschool and elementary school. The students were identified by the St. Bernadette staff as being over 50% scholarship students to qualify.



The students were excited and thankful to receive their new coats. The future generation of Catholics at St. Bernadette's won't be cold this winter! Many thanks to Council 9597 for your generous contribution and participation!

Keep Christ in Christmas Party

by Lou Schornack

The Knights of Columbus are having their "Keep Christ in Christmas" party Dec 5th, 2015.



at 6pm in the parish hall. The Knights and their families of Council 9597 and Assembly 2551 are all invited. This will be a potluck dinner with the Knights providing ham, wine, and beer. It will feature an appearance by "St. Nicklaus" who will be bringing Christmas stockings for the children filled with traditional St Nicholas gifts. There will be also be stories about St Nicholas and the Baby Jesus. Please keep this date open for a good time.

Sundancer Gala!

by Ken Klispie

A fun evening was had by all. From the Red Carpet that welcomed the likes of Scarlet O'Hare and Charlie Chaplain to the Charm and Graciousness of the host Reggie Rivers. A friendly competitive spirit was present, and aided in the success of fundraising for our Parish and School. If you enjoy seeing the many familiar faces from our Parish home wearing smiles and socializing and missed this event consider joining in next year. And if you really enjoy serving, this is a date you should consider volunteering for. The Pickards and many others who supported them in making this endeavor successful and enjoyable for everyone have a great gift for making it look easy and stress free. Highly recommend! Oh, and the September Pancake Breakfast proceeds were donated to the effort as well.



Into the Breach

The following is a short excerpt from "Into the Breach," an Apostolic Exhortation from Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted to Catholic men. Find the full article at IntoTheBreach.org.

A Call to Battle

I begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.

The world is under attack by Satan, as our Lord said it would be (1 Pet 5:8-14). This battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%. This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines ...

One of the key reasons that the Church is faltering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to "step into the breach" – to fill this gap that lies open and vulnerable to further attack. A large number have left the faith, and many who remain "Catholic" practice the faith timidly and are only minimally committed to passing the faith on to their children. Recent research shows that large numbers of young Catholic men are leaving the faith to become "nones" – men who have no religious affiliation. The growing losses of young Catholic men will have a devastating impact on the Church in America in the coming decades, as older men pass away and young men fail to remain and marry in the Church, accelerating the losses that have already occurred.

These facts are devastating. As our fathers, brothers, uncles, sons, and friends fall away from the Church, they fall deeper and deeper into sin, breaking their bonds with God and leaving them vulnerable to the fires of Hell. While we know that Christ welcomes back every repentant sinner, the truth is that large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they made at their children's baptisms – promises to bring them to Christ and to raise them in the faith of the Church.

This crisis is evident in the discouragement and disengagement of Catholic men like you and me. In fact, this is precisely why I believe this Exhortation is needed, and it is also the reason for my hope, for God constantly overcomes evil with good. The joy of the Gospel is stronger than the sadness wrought by sin! A throw-away culture cannot withstand the new life and light that constantly radiates from Christ. So I call upon you to open your minds and hearts to Him, the Savior who strengthens you to step into the breach!



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