



The Knight Watch



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

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Holy Father's Intention For March:

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

COUNCIL #9597 BIRTHDAYS

Phillip Ward 3/6

Ar Irlando 3/10

Msgr. Jibran Bomerhi 3/12

Andrew Lowry 3/15

Kenneth Flees 3/18

John Bermudez 3/21

Rmr Joseph Hawley 3/21

Don Frevert 3/23

Leo Bonacci 3/24

Stephen Hughes 3/28

Paul Rothgery 3/28

Andrew Koltuniuk 3/29

John Bertheaud Jr 3/30

Vincent Cremona 3/31

COUNCIL #9597 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

David Schneider 34
Stephen Hughes 15
Benjamin LaCrue 12
Msgr. Jibran Boumerhi 10
Steven Bedell 6
John Collier 6
Paul Rothgery 4

COUNCIL #9597 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nick and Colleen Smitley 3/11/16
Donald and Carmen Frevert 3/16/73

INSIDE LOOK FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

by Marcus Ritosa, Financial Secretary

This month's installment of "Inside Look" features the Benefits of Being a Financial Secretary. This is just one part of a recurring article series that seeks to expose everyone in the council to the work of a Financial Secretary. Please feel free to contact me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com if you have any clarifying questions.

It is often said that the most important role in the Council is that of Financial Secretary. It may be an honor to be asked to this post, but it is more a responsibility than a pleasure. Without the strong financial backbone to the council (provided through the Financial Secretary), its programs shrivel, its respect is revoked, and we simply can't reach our mission. I, personally, have appreciated taking on this role as an organizational challenge and an opportunity to see the nuts and bolts of everything we do.

It must also be said that a Financial Secretary is the only paid member of the council leadership. The Financial Secretary receives an annual compensation of \$0.40 per active insurance policy per year. In addition, and based on Council 9597 Bylaws, the Financial Secretary is paid 8% of all Dues collected. In total, this amounts to about \$250 for the year.

Finally, the Financial Secretary is the official designated Supreme representative to each council. As such, it is solemn charge of the FS to safeguard the financial stability of the council, especially when it means disagreeing with any council decision, even if supported by the Grand Knight. If you are interested in learning more about the tangible and intangible benefits of becoming a Financial Secretary, feel free to reach out to me at marcus.ritosa@gmail.com.

COUNCIL #9597 EIGHTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

by Norbert Boeckman, Youth Director

Our 2018 Knights of Columbus essay contest has been concluded. On February 17 Brothers Mike Sullivan, Rich Phillips, Dale Culuris, Ken Klispie and myself judged 15 essays submitted to the Knights of Columbus from 8th grade students of OLF school. This year's theme was "Going to the Peripheries", and it proved to be a very insightful topic. I must say all the kids did a great job in writing their essays. We had several essays about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pope Francis, Bill and Melinda Gates, but the ones that stood out the most were family members of the person writing. I will recognize the top three. First place went to Anika Obrecht, who wrote about her great uncle Daniel Premkumar. Mr. Premkumar initiated the Faith Home for Children Overcoming HIV and AIDS, and is working with others to help kids that have the AIDS virus as well as educating churches and other institutions on how to accept people who are afflicted with AIDS. Our second place essay was written by Megan Sullivan. Megan wrote about a great organization that contributes to several programs for the betterment of Catholic society. You may recognize the name, Knights of Columbus. Our third place went to Avery Kroeger. Avery wrote about her uncle Jeffery Pellegrino. Jeffery is a professor at Aultman College in Ohio. He is also a volunteer firefighter, and works with the Red Cross in disaster relief. He also devotes time every week to help feed the homeless. I want to give a big thank you to Laura Riviello, teacher at OLF school, for administering the essay contest this year, and of course to all the students that participated. Be looking for the winning essay in the church bulletin in the coming weeks.

FEBRUARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Last month we put on another successful pancake breakfast and had a great turnout from the OLF parishioners. We raised \$507.00 which will be utilized for our council's activities. We served our normal menu (eggs, sausage, pancakes and potatoes) and added "red velvet" pancakes which were quickly devoured by those in attendance. If you worked the breakfast, thank you for showing up in force and helping to make the activity a huge success!

OLF Dominates District Free Throw Contest!

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres

On Feb. 18th our council hosted the District #36 free throw championship in the school gym. Thanks to all the members of our council who came out to assist. Many of the competitions were uncontested, meaning that the only participant was the Fatima council champion. There were also two competitors from the Sts. Peter and Paul council, who managed to ensure it was not a clean sweep for our kids. Winners (listed below) will be competing in the State Championship on March 24th. All Knights are invited to attend those shoot-offs at Holy Family High School, starting at 10 am to cheer on our champions, and all the great athletes.

9 year old Girls – Madelyn Goodman, Council 9597, 10 baskets made

10 year old Boys – Max Cutting, Council 9597, 2 baskets made

11 year old Girls – Josephine Havey, Council 13961, 12 baskets made

11 year old Boys – Jude Cromer, Council 9597, 7 baskets made

12 year old Boys – Jacob Shushinsky, Council 9597, 16 baskets made

13 year old Girls – Elizabeth Cutting, Council 9597, 17 baskets made

13 year old Boys – Liam Martinez, Council 9597, 14 baskets made

14 year old Girls – Ruth Havey, Council 13961, 13 baskets made

14 year old Boys – Seth Gerow, Council 9597, 6 baskets made

**DID YOU ENVITE SOMEONE TO BECOME A KNIGHT of
COLUMBUS THIS MONTH??**





MARCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

by Dave Schneider, Program Director

Our next pancake breakfast will be March 25th (4th Sunday of March rather than the usual 3rd Sunday) to accommodate the Easter Box collection effort at OLF. We will be serving breakfast after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00am masses (as usual) and the net proceeds will be donated to our order's Christian Refugee Relief Fund. April is Genocide Awareness Month and through our March breakfast we want to raise recognition of the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. Christians have suffered enormously at the hands of terrorists, who target them simply for their faith. Lives have been turned upside down, friends and families killed and homes seized. You can follow the conversation on social media using the hashtag #GenocideAwarenessMonth and learn how else to help at www.christiansatrisk.org

We will get started with the breakfast around 6:30am with setup (early crew) and finish with cleanup that begins around 11:30am. Cleanup is where we always need plenty of help but is up to you as to how much time you devote to the breakfast. Hope to see you there!

Lenten Devotions Soup Suppers - 2/16 - 3/23/18

by Sir Knight Michael Majeres

If it's Friday, and it's Lent, that means one thing at Our Lady of Fatima – the Knights are still NOT doing a fish fry! But as we continue to do, we will be supporting the Friday evening Mass and Stations, followed by a simple soup supper. Knights are needed to come participate in the serving of the soups, and assisting with the clean-up of the hall. Especially motivated and talented knights can also arrange with the Grand Knight to bring a pot of soup one of the Fridays. Proceeds last year were split between the council and the parish RE program. Many hands make light work, so I hope to see you there! Sign-ups are managed at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4dada62ba02-lent2>.

March Grand Knight Knotes

by Grand Knight, Ken Klispie

New perspectives can be helpful, especially when its timing is right. I was the recipient of just such a gift. It was a simple message, be pro-something instead of anti-everything. It struck me that we live in times of such great negativity, with protests and great anger. Anti is divisive, although it is now veiled in a shroud of caring and concern. Brother Knights, we are pro-life, we are pro-church, we are pro-Catholic and we are pro-love. We are blessed to be pro in an anti-world.

Knight of the Month Proclamation

I am pleased to name Brother Knight John Pickard the March Knight of the Month for a variety of efforts to move our council forward. Br. Pickard has stepped forward to lead Pancake Breakfast marketing, benefactor planning and overall to communications in addition to being an anchor member to the event. Br. John has also been key to Lenten Soup Suppers, and is an active member at business and social meetings. For these reasons, and the many ways he lives out our order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, I am convinced that Brother Knight Pickard of Council 9597 is a worthy recipient of this honor.

Submitted by
Ken Klispie, Grand Knight
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