

In Service To One, In Service To All

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From the Grand Knight:

Reflections from Holy Week ...

For so early in the year - wasn't it a beautiful Easter morning

The music was beautiful – thank you Brother Ed Dill

The most impressive liturgy of the whole year is the Easter Vigil – all three hours of it

The single most impressive image is the darkened church with the candles in the congregation at the beginning of the Vigil

The emotions of the Good Friday afternoon readings

The time for meditation on Good Friday evening as the entire congregation goes up to venerate the Cross

The simple, elegant, powerful decorations of Easter Lilies on Easter morning

Father Steven's homily Thursday night when he challenged us "to accept having your feet washed as a commission to live with Love, Compassion and Service." And then seeing the long line of people wanting to have their feet washed.

Vivat Jesu

Tom

From the Lecturer:

Our Lecturer is taking a little time off after Easter – his column will return in May.

2nd & 3rd Degree Schedule:

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Colorado Springs 06-14 and Littleton on 06-28. If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact Tom Lyons for details.

4th Degree Exemplification

Exemplification of the 4th Degree in Littleton will be June 8, 2008. Contact Tom Lyons or David Dudden if you are interested.

Thank you for your hard work :

Our second Fish Fry on March 7 was even better than the first. I've had lots of comments that our food is the best on the west side of town. We again served nearly 400 people for dinner and fellowship before Stations of the Cross. I know that many of you worked both of these dinners and I want you to know that your hard work is appreciated. Special recognition for the second Fish Fry goes to Marcy Robles who took charge of the serving line and Leo Hartman and Lisa Mullen who figured out how to bake those fish. Great help from all the others as usual: David Dudden, Bob Blanchette, Ron Hayduk, Chris Meis, Patrick Feldman, Steve and Marge Feldman, Tim and Sherri Vettel, Jerry Flammang, Mel Heble, Marling Yarmer, Troy and Patti Hayes, Jody Loza, Rich Boespflug, Mike Avis, Mandi Avis, Kevin and Laura Kroeker, Jim Hackl, Gene Harlow, Scott Roberts, Randy Weinert, Tom Dedin Sr and Tom Dedin Jr, Brian Dehan, Bob Johnson, James Jonas, Rudy Sanchez, Denis Hoelting, Todd Mullen, Dennis Velasquez, Ayla Velasquez, Bill LaGrange, Dave, Marcy, Robbie, and Courtney Robles, Dan Mares, Courtney Mares, Andrew Mares, Michael Corich, Diana Frazzini, Tim Coursey, Emily Vettel, Tom and Lauraann McCarthy, Ken Krizman, Michael Galsel, Denise Velasquez, Price Hatcher, Marty VanvoKinburg, Alyssa VanvolKinburg, Joe and Storm Sutherland, Claudia Hahn and Tyler Dudden.

There were more than 50 of us working on preparing and serving dinner – and I am pretty sure not everyone who worked the second Fish Fry is mentioned - I apologize, but also please let me know so I can correct the omission in the next newsletter.

Price Hatcher extends his thanks to David Dudden, Pat Dougherty and Rich Boespflug for serving lunch for the 4th Degree meeting on March 15.

Thanks to those Knights who helped direct traffic on Palm Sunday – Jerry Flammang (all 3 Masses!), Tom Dedin Jr, Marty Martinez, Charlie Sheridan, Patrick Feldman and Mike Avis.

And to those Knights who helped with traffic on Easter Sunday – Price Hatcher, Jerry Flammang, Tom Dedin Sr and Tom Dedin Jr, Todd Mullen, Brian Dehan, Patrick Feldman, Mike Avis and Joe Sutherland. I may have missed someone because I was out in the street dodging cars – if so, let me know so I can correct the omission in the next newsletter.

Financial decisions at the March meeting:

We have \$2371.93 in savings and \$3581.06 in checking. We had receipts of \$2036 from the Fish Fry, \$78 for a coat and \$36 for 2008 dues.

We paid a lot of bills: Fish Fry food and supplies \$2435.19; 50% of our Adams County Fair rental \$325; Support for our three Seminarians \$750; Tom Dedin Sr and Joe Sutherland \$120 each for State Convention expenses; Clothing \$96; Badges for new and transferred members \$90.75; \$193.79 for coffee, newsletter and postage expenses; \$198 to State KC for our Priests and Deacons to attend the Clergy Appreciation Dinner at State Convention. We allocated up to \$350 to the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase breakfast for the 9Health Fair Volunteers.

A reminder that if you haven't yet sent in your dues please get them in the mail, or better yet – come to the April 10 meeting and pay them there.

I am pleased to report that Father Steven and **all** of our Deacons and their wives will be attending the Clergy Appreciation Dinner on April 24. It is a great compliment to our Council to have this public support from our parish Clergy.

Because we had good support for our Rockies tickets last year we decided this year we would get tickets for two games, one early in the season and one later on. These will be \$10 each and are a good opportunity to have a family evening with other Knights. We'll offer them to Knights first and then the parish. Ed Lindeman will be the project manager for this one.

The Officers would like to clarify that we do not expect you to pay for a dinner or breakfast when you help prepare and serve the food. If anyone feels that they should have their money back just contact me or Ed Lindeman.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

On April 13, we will be serving a burrito breakfast after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. Please come to help in the JP XXIII Center before or after the Mass you attend.

April 20 – Corporate Communion. After the Adams County Fair last year many Knights expressed the desire to have some relaxed time together with their fellow Knights. We would like to have everyone attend the 10:30 Mass together on April 20, then meet at the restaurant at Legacy Ridge Golf Course for breakfast (or lunch) after. Legacy Ridge is at 10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway, just east of Sheridan and 104th Avenue. We'd like this to be a relaxed morning you can spend with your family and fellow Knights. Please come.

We have been asked to prepare and serve the closing banquet on **July 19** for the National Small Church Community Conference that will be hosted by Spirit of Christ. More details to follow.

The remodel to the Spirit Center and JPXXIII Center will close down a good part of the space in constant use by the parish. To ease the pain of the closing, the Knights will host a family evening of dinner and entertainment on **August 29th**. Lots more details to follow as plans begin to take shape.

I am working with Charles Moffet, Grand Knight of St. Joachim Council #5064 (Shrine of St. Anne) to host a 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification at St. Anne's, probably in September. Details to follow as these plans take on more detail.

Knight & Family of the Month:

Ed Lindman is recognized as our Knight of the Month for February. Ed is a Charter member of our Council, and has more than ably filled the position of Council Treasurer since our second meeting in existence! Ed has been our contact with the Alter Servers for these past years and has been very involved with Scouting as each of his boys has either earned or is well on his way to being an Eagle Scout. Thanks for your hard work over the years, Ed.

Joe and Storm Sutherland are recognized as our March Family of the Month. A Charter member, Joe is the Council Chancellor and has taken leadership of the project to move the homeless from Spirit of Christ to their new location. Joe has been a steady hand at every Adams County Fair, each Fish Fry and the Pancake/Burrito Breakfasts. Storm has long been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary, helping with their projects, notably the annual Yard Sale. It is seldom indeed that Joe is working without Storm at his side. The Sutherland family is a good example of a Knight and His Lady helping each other in service.

Congratulations Ed, Joe and Storm.

Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting. The award is \$25 per meeting and if you are not there (Sad Knight) then the money rolls over to the next meeting, The March Sad Knight is Ken Ringleman. The pot is now \$300 and will remain at that level until we have a Glad Knight. Gotta be there to win it !

For the Good of the Order:

Prayers at our March meeting were said for the Seminarians we support: Brother Dan Dougherty, Byron Norton and Cletus Omode; the young adults we help in missionary work Bridget Quinn and Sarah Odsmondson and others as follows: Aime

LaFosse, Leonia Boespflug, Marcus and Vance Corich, Jessica Johnson, Joes Sutherland's grandson Devon and his niece Grace, Joe Feldman, Carol Melton, Deacon Dick Baker and Brother Bob Burley.

Help us reduce expenses:

We are looking to improve communications and reduce mailing expenses. If you want to get the newsletter by email please let me know at tomlyons7of9@msn.com.

There are a number of name badges that have lost track of their Knights. If you are missing your name badge call Tom at 303-423-4015 so we can arrange a time for you and your badge to get back together.

New things to think about:

If you are interested in any of these projects please give me a call 303-423-4015:

We are looking for a couple to head up our Council **Right to Life** efforts. The Knights of Columbus have many different programs that we can tap into with a little effort. Please consider if you and your wife are interested in putting together a Right to Life project.

I occasionally get calls from the SOC Office asking if we have a Knight with a truck and some time to help someone move that has a true need. I'd like to create a short call list of those Knights who would be willing to be contacted in these situations.

If you'd like to make a contribution to this newsletter please let me know. I'd be happy to share the space with my Brother Knights!

Ladies Auxiliary:

April 22 meeting, St Anne's Room, 7pm

FROM YOUR FIELD AGENT

Greetings Brothers,

For the past several years, the Order has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean?

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- engage in active and fair competition
- provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with these Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.

Vivat Jesus,
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PS I have started to make plans for May information meeting on investing, estate planning and insurance. This is my opportunity to explain what is available from the Knights of Columbus in a general way and to answer other questions you might have for me. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone there.

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