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From the Grand Knight:

As you will notice from the Financial Summary below, Council 12979 is blessed with ample funds, even before adding profits from the 2008 Adams County Fair and our annual peach sales. We earned just over \$2900 from the Adams County Fair, and we hope to earn as much in peach sales this year as we did in 2007. It is a great gift from the Lord God that our modest efforts should be so successful. Now the great challenge is to be good stewards over these resources entrusted to our care.

In the July Business meeting the Council created a committee, headed by Randy Weinert, to recommend a process for evaluating and making contributions to worthy charities. They are asked to discuss a process we can follow to evaluate and make our charitable contributions. We do want to be able to respond to emergency requests, so flexibility is important. They will also consider if there are programs or charities that we should support on a more regular basis.

This is important work for the Council, and I encourage all Spirit of Christ Knights to attend the Business meetings to engage in the discussion and decisions that are soon to be made. Earning the money is only part of the effort. The second job is making sure it is spent properly.

Vivat Jesu
Tom

Resolution:

A motion was made and seconded that Council 12979 make a \$600 donation to Father Gaston's Congo Relief Mission.

A final vote on this motion will be taken in our August 14 Business meeting.

Degree Schedules:

1st Degree

If you'd like to attend as an observer there are 1st Degrees scheduled regularly throughout the month. Contact Tom Lyons if you would like details on when you can attend as an observer.

2nd and 3rd Degree

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Byers on September 13, Highlands Ranch on October 4 and St Anne's in Arvada on October 25.

4th Degree:

Exemplification to the 4th Degree is scheduled September 20 in Ft. Collins.

Contact Tom Lyons if you are interested in attending any of these exemplifications.

Thank you for your hard work :

Barb Howard, Father David and the Small Church Community Conference organizers were all pleased with the **closing banquet on July 19**. Thanks to Scott Ditch, Charlie Sheridan, Ed and Sharon Lindeman, David Dudden, Jacob Starkovich, Tim Vettel, Dennis Jone & Carol Melton, Rich Boespflug, Harold Armenta, Michael Corich & Diana Frazinni, Ginny Trumpolt, Pat & Bobbie Dougherty, Marge Feldman, Todd Mullen, Jerry Flammang, and Jessica Johnson for their help. Everyone did a super job !!

The Adams County Fair is over for another year – thankfully. We earned just a tad over \$2900. There will be a more detailed report in the September newsletter.

Thanks and a pat on the back to all those Knights who stepped in to help distribute the Respect Life Prayer Cards on the weekend of July 26/27. That

project came up at the speed of light and I am pleased that we were able to react so quickly.

Summary of Financial decisions:

Here is a re-cap of our financials for the period from January 2008 to July 2008:

We have \$2374.89 in savings and \$5012.45 in checking as of June. We had total receipts of \$11293 from dues, reimbursements, projects and other donations. We had Council and Project expenses of \$7207, purchased equipment of \$775 and made donations of \$2971. The Seminarian fund stands at a balance of \$1194.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

We'll be doing our very first ever Girls Softball Camp on **Saturday, August 23** at the Holy Trinity baseball fields. Tom Dedin Sr. and his Youth Committee have put together a Softball Clinic for young women, from the 3rd to the 8th grades. There will be a coaches' clinic on **Thursday August 21** to review the drills and Camp schedule. If you have coaching experience or would like to help coach at the clinic Tom would like to hear from you at 303.421.9711. We'll be serving hot dogs for lunch to kids, parents and all the volunteers, so even if you don't have coaching experience we'll need your help.

Friday, September 5th is the date for the SOC family dinner and dance before beginning the remodel to the Spirit Center and John Paul XXIII Center. Father David has asked us to cook and serve hot dogs and bratz for the families who come that evening. We'll need plenty of help to make sure that this is a fun evening for everyone – Knights included. Contact David Dudden or Ton Lyons to volunteer or for more information.

Father David and the SOC Finance Council have arranged for a cover for the patio on the south side of the Church. Father David has asked that the Knights be available to serve coffee and doughnuts after all weekend Masses once the cover is completely installed. Stay tuned for the exact date.

Yes, we're still selling peaches!! The longer than usual winter has delayed delivery of our peaches until **Tuesday, September 2**. However, this later date helps to ensure that we are able to deliver only

the very best Colorado Peaches to our friends and neighbors. Orders are due to David by August 20.

The annual Blue Mass in honor of will be held at St. Joan of Arc on **September 9 at the 9:00 am Mass**, followed by a pancake breakfast. Plan to attend to honor our Police, Firemen and EMT's

Are you ready for a fun activity – no work – just play? How about meeting your Brother Knights and their families at the School of Mines for a tailgate party and football game? Our date is **September 27**, the game starts at noon and we will start at 10:30 in the parking lot. General Admission prices for Mines Football are very reasonable. Make plans to meet us there!!

We will be working with the St. Joachim Council #5064 (Shrine of St. Anne) to host a 2nd and 3rd Degree **exemplification at St Anne's, on October 25, 2008**. Council 5064 will facilitate the space and we will handle communications and degree registration. The Councils will work together on the banquet.

Knight & Family of the Month:

Charlie Sheridan is recognized as our Knight of the Month for July. Charlie has been active in all our projects since joining in September 2007. From coffee & doughnuts to Adams County Fair and moving the Homeless – when we ask for help Charlie is there. Thanks Charlie - you are a great addition to the Council!

Tim and Sherri Vettel are recognized as our July Family of the Month. We want to recognize Tim and Sheri for their strong example of Catholic parenting. Matt Vettel has been active in NET ministries and at Tim's request we helped Maggie attend the FOCUS conference in 2007. As many of our young people go off to college and drift away from the Faith, it's reassuring to see in own Council a commitment to the Church by our young people.

Congratulations to Charlie, Tim and Sherri.

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) the money rolls over to the next meeting, The July Sad Knight is **Mike Mullen**. The pot now stands at \$50.

For the Good of the Order:

At our July meeting we prayed for Seminarians Brother Dan Dougherty, Byron Norton, Cletus Omode and Jason Bermander. We also offered paryers for Scott Short (deceased uncle of Patrick Feldman) and Ginny Phillips (deceased spouse of Brother Don Phillips), Brother Herb Fehay, Father Ed ward Hoffman, Aime LaFosse, Father Steven Voss, Brenda Meis, Bette Schroeder, Carolyn Staebell, Marie Corich, Robert Martelli, Jim Vocchiarelli, Luci Hicks, Ted Bernstein, Charles Baker, Georgeen Katz, Iris Jaime, Diane Kennedy, Leona Boespflug, Leo Hartman, Connie Mullen, Father Richard Ryan, Father Gary Gaines, Derek Olson, Jean Olson and Patrick Feldman.

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:

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:

Thank-you, thank-you and thank-you again to all who helped at the NSCC Convention, the Adams County Fair and at our Garage Sale. We have been busy! We had over 20 ladies and men helping at the garage sale set-up on Wednesday and boy did we keep everyone busy! Thursday and Friday had many returning volunteers and hopefully it was enjoyed by all. Both days were blistering hot and so were the sales. We grossed over \$900 before expenses. A big THANK-YOU to Lisa and Todd Mullen for being our hosts this year! We will have

a meeting next month, Tuesday, August 26th. Think about where you would like to donate our proceeds.

From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there are more than 1 million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those 1 million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Don't forget to check out the state web site WWW.coloradokofc.org

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