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From the Grand Knight:

As I am just starting my second year as Grand Knight, I've been doing some reflective thinking about what has happened in the last twelve months. First, I am grateful for all the support and positive comments the Council has given me and the Officers this year. Secondly, I realize that the good relationships that exist now between the Knights and the Spirit of Christ parish staff are primarily due to all the hard work of those who've been in this position before me. Finally – I am pleased and proud – as you should be – with what we've accomplished and the trophies in the Knights space by the Spirit Center that reflect that recognition.

As to the coming year, I would surely hope to maintain the momentum that we have, both in the projects we do and in recruiting new Knights to the Order. The SOC re-model will give us an opportunity to look at new projects or to adjust our approach to the way we've done things in the past – to improve and re-model where we need to. To make recruiting easier, I am hoping to have a certified 1st Degree Team here at Spirit of Christ by this time next year. Thankfully, our Council is on solid financial ground, and with the purchase of a laptop computer, proper software and thoughtful leadership from all the Officers we'll be assured that will continue into the future.

Finally – and I can say this only because I know how most of our projects actually come together - it is the Holy Spirit who is deeply involved with our Council, each Knight and every project. Don't think for a moment that He is not fully engaged in every detail of our decision making and the work we do.

I've listed the 2008-2009 Officers names and contact information elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or want more details please feel free to contact any one of us.

Vivat Jesu
Tom

Congratulations to our Brother Knights who have progressed along the Fraternal journey: Sir Randy Weinert who is now a Knight in the 4th Degree and Harold Armenta, Bill Lagrange and Michael Corich who are all Knights in the 3rd Degree.

Congratulations Sir Randy, Harold, Bill and Michael!!

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 & 3rd Degree:

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Aurora on August 2, in Highlands Ranch on October 4 and at St Anne's in Arvada on October 25.

4th Degree:

Exemplification to the 4th Degree is scheduled July 19 in Aurora and tentatively September 20 in Ft. Collins.

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

Thank you for your hard work :

The Make A Difference Day leaders want to thank Tom Dedin Sr. and Rich Boespflug for breakfast for the volunteers on June 7. Charlie Sheridan and Jacob Starkovich, who worked that day, thought we did a pretty good job.

Troy Hayes extends his thanks to all the Knights who supported the Alternatives Right to Life walk on June 7.

Tom Dedin Sr. wants to thank the Knights and Ladies who helped with the clean-up along Wadsworth on June 14: Tom Dedin Jr., Pat and Bobbie Dougherty, Patty Hayes, Charlie Sheridan, Jim Hackl, Tim Vettel and Dave Robles.

Thanks all the Knights who helped move the Growing Home homeless families on Sunday 06-22: Ron Hayduk, Charlie Sheridan, Harold Armenta, Bill LaGrange, Marty Martinez, Ken Krizman and Dennis Velasquez. Marty did a good job of getting us to an unfamiliar location with only one turn-around required.

Coffee & Doughnuts on 06-21 and 06-22 was a big hit with the parish. Thanks to everyone who helped that weekend: Jerry Flammang, Todd Mullen, Jim Moseley, Steve Feldman, Rudy Sanchez, Pat Dougherty, Price Hatcher, Mike Mullen, Cormac McCarthy, Tom McCarthy, Randy Weinert, Dennis Jones, Jim Stanley, Dave Robles, Jody Loza, Scott Ditches's kids, Tim Vettel, Bill LaGrange. A very special thanks to Tom Dedin Sr., David Dudden and Charlie Sheridan who helped at multiple Masses. We served 80 dozen doughnuts and 37 dozen cookies over the weekend.

Summary of Financial decisions:

We have \$2374.89 in savings and \$5012.45 in checking as of May. In June, we included Jason Bermender in our Seminarian support for \$250; we gave \$300 to Colorado Knights Charities for Windsor victims from our Glad Knight/Sad Knight fund; we paid \$325 for Liability Insurance; paid \$75 to Tri-County Health for the Adams County Fair; paid \$39 for the Banquet for our three new 3rd degree Knights; reimbursed Todd Mullen \$77 for

snacks and Tom Lyons \$105 for newsletter expenses. The Officers recommended that the Council purchase a computer and software to support the tracking and tax reporting of our finances. The Council agreed and \$475 was reimbursed to Troy Hayes for the purchase of a laptop computer. Mark Schultz, our Council Financial Secretary, will use this to keep and report on the Council's finances going forward.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

Come to the Picnic on July 13. All the details are later in this newsletter.

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. The banquet will follow 5:00 pm Mass. Please let Tom Lyons know if you are able to help that evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale will be **July 24 & 25** at Todd & Lisa Mullen's house, 10450 King Circle, Westminster. All of the proceeds are donated to charity. There are several ways you could help. Please keep the sale in mind as you organize your garages or clean out your closets. Donations can be brought to their house starting July 14th. They are unable to accept computers, printers, monitors or mattresses. Radios/ CD players or other electronics should be in good working order. They need help to set up on Wednesday, July 23rd beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please call Cindy Dudden (303.940.6992) if you can help so that we have enough pizza for all the helpers. Occasionally we get a phone call from someone who has items to donate for the garage sale, but no way to get them to us. If you would be willing to pick up donations and deliver them to Todd & Lisa's, please let Cindy know. After the sale, they need help to deliver the left-over items to other charitable organizations. If you would be able to come around 5:00 p.m. Friday evening, your help would be very much appreciated. Please let Cindy know if you can help.

The Adams County Fair, our largest fund raiser and biggest project is from **July 30 to August 3**. We need to have men at our booth from about noon to 10:00 pm each day of the Fair. Please help us out and let either Tom Lyons or David Dudden know when you can help. This is one project where it is impossible to have too much help. It's also a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow Knights.

We'll be doing our very first ever Softball Camp on **Saturday, August 23** at the Holy Trinity baseball fields. Tom Dedin Sr. will be putting together a Softball program for young women, from the 3rd to the 8th grades. There will be a coaches' clinic **Thursday evening, 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. Tom Dedin Sr. will have lots more details for us at the Business meeting.

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 hamburgers and hot dogs 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. More details coming.

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 going to sell 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. Order forms will be available at the council meeting and summer picnic this month. Each 18lb box will be \$27.

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:

Scott Ditch is recognized as our Knight of the Month for June. Scott transferred to our Council last year and has worked at pancake and burrito breakfasts and Thanksgiving basket delivery. As an example of Scott's commitment, last week he had signed up to help with coffee & doughnuts at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass. When work called him away to Nebraska, Scott asked his daughter to check with me before Mass and offer her help in place of Scott's. Fortunately we had plenty of help for that Mass, but it just shows that Scott does not take his Knights commitments lightly.

Price and Jeanne Hatcher are recognized as our June Family of the Month. It is hard to summarize all the work that Price and Jeanne have done over the years for both the Knights and Spirit of Christ. Price has served as State Deputy for Colorado and as Supreme Warden. Jeanne is the Liturgy Chairperson and is the Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary. They are a wonderful example of how a family works together so each is enabled to make the best contribution they are capable of making. We should all thank Price for his key role in bringing the Knights of Columbus to Spirit of Christ.

Congratulations to Scott, Price and Jeanne.

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 June Sad Knight is Michael Arroyo.

The decision was made at our June meeting to give the Glad Knight/Sad Knight pot of \$300 to help the Knights of Columbus and people in need in Windsor. The pot is now reset to \$25 for the July meeting.

For the Good of the Order:

At our June meeting we prayed for Seminarians Brother Dan Dougherty, Byron Norton and Cletus

Omode, missionaries Bridget Quinn and Sarah Osmonson, Aime LaFosse, KC General Agent Doug Parsons,, Jan and Rich Boespflug, Father Steven Voss, Derek and Jean Olson, Ernest Weinert – Father of Brother Randy Weinert, Price Hatcher Jr., Steve Anton, Connie Mullen, all special intentions and for those who are ill.

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:

The annual Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale will be on July 24th and 25th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. All of the proceeds are donated to charity. We need your gently used donations for a successful event. We are unable to accept computers, printers, monitors or mattresses. Radios/ CD players or other electronics should be in good working order. Set-up will begin after 5:00 pm on July 23rd at Lisa Mullen's home, 10450 King Circle, Westminster. Please call Cindy Dudden (303.940.6992) if you can help so she knows to plan on you for dinner. If you can help during the sale, please let Cindy know that as well.

There will not be a meeting in July due to the Garage Sale.

From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

I am pleased to announce the NEW AND IMPROVED STATE WEBSITE: coloradokofc.org

The sight is very user friendly and is loaded with information of state and council activities, degree dates, "Ask the Advocate" where you can get questions answered on why things are done like they are or advice on how to do them, list of districts, councils and locations, State directory, new and past issues of Knights Call, and even a way to contact your agent and set appointment right on the web. Check it out and if there is anything you think should be put on there that isn't listed you can send in your information or suggestion and we will be happy to try get it added or corrected.

I am also pleased to announce that Michelle Feldman has joined the Parsons Agency to help better service all of you, the members. She will be helping set appointments for several of the agents and assisting with the application process from start thru issue. If you need help or have any questions with the status of your policy, her direct line is 303-657-8364.

She comes with a background of 6 years in the insurance industry, specializing in life and health. With her coming on, it has allowed me to better serve you as brothers and your families. She has really freed me up to be at your kitchen table which is where I need to be, with you. Your wonderful responses to her have been so appreciated when she calls you to schedule appointments and help with your needs.

If we haven't got contacted you, please give us a call to schedule an appointment. May God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus,

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