

In Service To One, In Service To All

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY

SPIRIT OF CHRIST COUNCIL 12979

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From the Grand Knight:

We just finished up the State Convention and our Council received quite a lot of good recognition for what we accomplished in 2007.

First, we won the Best Council award in the Blue Division. Councils are separated by membership levels into divisions, the Blue Division are those councils with membership from about 100 to 200. The award recognizes the total of the projects done by the entire Council in areas of Church, Community, Family, Youth and Council. The award is represented by a large blue trophy that will reside in the KC display case by the Spirit Center. The trophy has to be returned next year - but we have the award plaque to keep.

Second, the Council is recognized as the 6th best Council in the state of Colorado. This award is given to the Top 20 Councils in the State, regardless of size. Last year we were the 10th best Council and so the fact that we are now 6th shows good progress on several different fronts. The plaque representing this award will also be in the KC display case along with the trophy.

Finally - we received the Supreme award for the best Family project in 2007 for our summer picnic last year. This award recognizes the best project in each Surge with Service category (Church, Community, Family, Youth and Council) in the State, regardless of Council size. A bonus is that the project report is submitted to Supreme to determine the best project from all Knights of Columbus worldwide projects in 2007. We won't know the results of that until late July or early August. The plaque representing this award will reside in the KC case along with the others.

The trophy and the other awards will be on display at our next meeting May 8th, so please come and see the plaques and enjoy the company of your Brother Knights.

We can be justly proud of the work we did in 2007. Congratulations to one and all!!

Vivat Jesu

Tom

From the Lecturer:

May 2008 – A Moral and Virtuous People

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” **John Adams**
(*The Works of John Adams*, ed. C.F. Adams, Boston: Little, Brown Co., 1851, 4:31.)

“To suppose that any form of the government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea.” **James Madison**
(*Elliot's Debates* 3:357.)

“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious they have more need of masters” **Benjamin Franklin**
(*Smyth, Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, 9:569.)

Welcome our new Knights:

Congratulations to our new Knights in the 1st Degree: Jacob Starkovich, Charles Starkovich and Michael Arroyo. Jacob is an attorney, Charles works for the Rockies and Michael was baptized just this Easter and is a Blackhawk patrolman. Welcome to all.

Degree Schedules:

1st Degree

If you'd like to attend as an observer there are 1st Degrees scheduled May 10 in Westminster, 06-10 in Northglenn and 06-14 in Arvada.

2nd & 3rd Degree:

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Conifer 06-07, Colorado Springs 06-14, and Aurora on 08-02.

4th Degree:

Exemplifications of the 4th Degree are scheduled 05-18 in Security, 06-08 in Littleton and July 19 in Aurora.

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

Thank you for your hard work :

It was an amazing thing to see the number of Knights, Ladies and young people turn out to help prepare and serve at the burrito breakfast after everyone working as hard as they did on the Fish Fries. You are a hard working group of people and your contributions are recognized – just look in the KC display case!

Thanks to everyone who worked that morning: Charlie Sheridan, Jerry Flammang, David and Cindy Dudden, Bob Blanchette, Tim Wingert, Tom, Tom Jr and Mary Fran Dedin, Ginny Trumpolt, Dennis Jones, Ed Lindeman, Tom McCarthy, Steve, Patrick, Michele, Katie and Marge Feldman, Troy, Patti, Amy, Sarah and Shelby Hayes, Ron Hayduk, Randy Weinert, Dennis Velasquez, Price and Jeanne Hatcher, Mike Avis, Morgan Avis, Mike Mullen, Scott Ditch, Bob Johnson, Steven Phillips, Alan Trenary, Felix Harmuth, Michael Corich and Diana Frazzini.

Summary of Financial decisions:

We have \$2374.89 in savings and \$5424.07 in checking. We paid \$7 for badges, \$300 for food at the Metro meeting, clergy dinner and newsletter expenses, \$130 for clothing, \$27 for two copies of Carl Anderson's book for the SOC Resource Library.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:

It is **not** too late to sign up for the **May 10 Overnighter** with the Developmentally Disabled. Please contact David Dudden if you are interested.

Alternatives – the organization we support as part of our commitment to **Right to Life** is planning a fund raising **walk on Saturday 06-07**. This is a positive approach to our Right to Life efforts. Contact Troy Hayes for more information.

We have tickets for **Rockies games on Friday 06-20 and Friday 09-05**. Tickets can be purchased for \$8.00 each through Ed Lindeman.

We will be serving **coffee and doughnuts** the weekend of **06-21 and 06-22**. Please come to help after the Mass you attend that weekend.

We'll also be **moving** the Growing Home (**homeless**) families on **Sunday 06-22**. Contact Joe Sutherland if you can help.

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 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.

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**. The idea is for Council 5064 to facilitate the space, plan and prepare dinner and for 12979 to take care of the paperwork and serve dinner.

We also have plans in the works for a Highway cleanup along Wadsworth and a summer picnic for the Council. Dates for both will be in the next newsletter.

Knight & Family of the Month:

Ken Krizman is recognized as our Knight of the Month for April. You can usually find Ken in the sound booth at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. He also

takes the Eucharist to those who cannot get to Mass. Ken has been on the team that helps move the homeless from Spirit of Christ to their new location. Thanks Ken, for your contributions in so many areas.

Todd and Lisa Mullen are recognized as our April Family of the Month.

The first time I met Todd was before he became a Knight and before Lisa was Catholic. That didn't matter much to them – they both helped serve a sheet cake after 5:00 pm Mass that Saturday night when Jerry Flammang and I were the only ones there. Since then Todd has joined the Knights and Lisa has come into the Church and there's not many things that either the Knights or the Ladies Auxiliary have done that they have not participated in – breakfasts, dinners, yard sales, Officer and Business meetings. Todd and Lisa are real role models for young couples in the Church.

Congratulations Ken, Todd and Lisa

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 April Sad Knight is Matt Lynskey. 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 were said for many at our April meeting, but I forgot to get the list from the Recorder. I will publish both the April and May prayer lists in the June newsletter.

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:

Thanks to all the Ladies who came in so-o-o-o early to help prepare breakfast for the 9Health Fair volunteers: Terry Adrian, Mary Fran Dedin, Cindy Dudden, Marge Feldman, Nancy Hoffman, Connie St Louis, and Ginny Trumpolt.

There will be no Ladies Auxiliary meeting in May.

The annual Garage Sale will be in July. Please keep the sale in mind as you go about your spring cleaning.

FROM YOUR FIELD AGENT

Greetings Brothers,

I am pleased to say that my wife, Michelle, has joined up with me to help better service all of you, the members. She has her office at the General Agent's, Doug Parsons's office, at 2701 W. 84th Ave #101, Westminster, Co 80031. 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 raising three children we have been in a great deal of prayer to see if this would be the right path for her. We took a leap of faith and she has come on board with me, leaving the corporate world behind. We are both very excited about this venture. 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 contacted you yet, please give us a call to schedule an appointment.

May God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus,

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