

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY

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From the Grand Knight:

The Adams County Fair was a great success, our efforts earning about \$5000 after expenses were paid. Thanks to the 33 Knights who worked over the 5 days and a special thanks to the 15 Knights who worked more than one shift. Our next challenge is to be good stewards of these monies and discern how best to allocate our funds over the numerous charities requesting our support. Decisions on this will be major agenda items for Business meetings over the next few months.

We all felt a renewed sense of fraternity developed over the hours we worked at the Fair. Because the rain depressed attendance we had time to get to know each other a little bit. We also spent some of that time discussing a couple of new projects, including how to continue to build on the fraternity aspect of our Council. I hope you will be able to take advantage of these events as we get them scheduled. The first is October 14 and there will be more in the future.

The information meeting I mentioned last month will be September 29. We have a great opportunity to increase our impact in a very positive way – if we have men who are willing to spend a few hours a month on one project. We have ideas and funding – we lack only leaders to put action plans in place. Please come to this meeting to at least find out what we could do with your help.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom

From the Lecturer:

Last month while wiping tables at the Adams County Fair concession stand I noticed a couple of teenage focused magazines that a customer had left. They were entitled, *GUIDE*, published by the Seventh Day Adventists. Being curious I read them and came upon a great article in the April 14, 2007 issue that made me think about what I was reading and why.

Some people will tell you that any book is a good book as long as it gets you reading instead of watching TV, but that theory doesn't hold up for the Christian. We're supposed to fill our minds with things that will bring us closer to Jesus.

Reading – just like watching TV, or movies, or listening to music – affects us. What we take into our brain shapes our brain. So, the question becomes what shape do you want your mind to be in?

Is an entertaining story line the most important thing? We know that it's easy to read what's exciting, light, fun, and entertaining. Instead, try applying biblical standards, especially those found in Philippians 4:8: is this book filled with '... all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous and worthy of praise'? Does it match the standards of God's Word? Will reading it make you a better Christian, a more loving husband, father and friend?

As a Christian, you need to choose books that will build you up rather than tear you down. A good story strengthens your faith in God rather than ignoring or downgrading holy things.

Events:

The 07-27 baseball game we planned to attend as a group has been rescheduled for 09-18 at 1:00 pm. You can trade your tickets for this game, or any other Rockies game, before the first pitch of the game you want to attend.

Information Meeting: Find out how you can help expand the impact of our Council at Spirit of Christ, in the Arvada Community and on other Knights. Come on Saturday September 29 from 9:00 to 10:00, St Francis Cabrini Room. Coffee & donuts provided. This meeting will last only one hour, we promise!

Mark Sunday October 14 on your calendar. On that Sunday we will attend the 8:30 am Mass together, then go to breakfast at The Grill at Legacy Ridge Golf Course, 10801 Legacy Ridge Parkway. Come join your fellow Knights for a relaxed morning after worship.

Opportunities to Serve:

Blue Mass and Pancake Breakfast: On September 9, we will honor all Firemen, Police and EMT's at the 10:30 Mass. There will be an Honor Guard at Mass and breakfast will be free to all Firemen, Police and EMT's. Knights who attend this Mass are asked to sit together in Section 1.

"Blue"berry Pancakes will be served to the SOC Community after the 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. We will need your help in the kitchen – contact Tom Lyons or David Dudden.

If you are able to help serve dinner on September 16 for the Past State Deputy meeting please call Tom Lyons 303-423-4015.

October is traditionally when we give Tootsie Rolls away to help the Disabled and Handicapped. We'd like to work on both October 6 and 13. This project funds several charities we've supported strongly over the years. Call Tom Lyons for details.

Brother Allen Trenary is working with River Of Light Enterprise, a 501(c)3 organization. Allen can use your help in a variety of ways. Please

contact him at 303-465-6273 or 303-659-6509 to help.

Knight of the Month for August is Steve Feldman for his hard work at the Adams County Fair and his help over the past year in all of our activities. Congratulations Steve !!

We still need a nomination for Family of the Month: Who do you think deserves this recognition? Contact Patrick Feldman or Tom Lyons to make a nomination.

Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing: Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting – you win only if you are there! The award is \$25 and if you are not there (Sad Knight) then the money rolls over to the next meeting, The July Sad Knight is James Jonas. The pot for the September 13 meeting is \$150.

For the Good of the Order: Prayers at our August meeting were said for Gene Meis, Keith Ford, Marty Green, Wade Suelter, Steve Seymour and all troops in the Middle East.

2nd & 3rd Degrees: Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Denver on October 13 and November 11. If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact David Dudden or Tom Lyons for details.

Assembly #2409 schedule: September 21, Social meeting at Arvada Villa 6:00 pm; October 18 Business meeting 7:00 pm Saint Joan of Arc.

Ladies Auxiliary

Next monthly meeting will be September 25, 7:00 pm in the St Anne's Room at Spirit of Christ.

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.

