

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY**

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST COUNCIL 12979**

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**From the Grand Knight:**

Resolutions from the Supreme Annual Convention:

Knights “renewed their ‘deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life’.” Denver Catholic Register, 08-13-08.

When Troy Hayes and I met with Father David to discuss the role of the Spirit of Christ Knights in Respect Life issues Father asked us to focus on all aspects of Respect Life issues, not just abortion. He stressed that we ought not to become overtly political. Instead, we must stand for the moral and ethical Catholic teaching on Respect Life issues and not for or against a particular political party or candidate.

I offer both of the above as food for thought.

Vivat Jesu

Tom

**From the Lecturer:**

For those who were anticipating another intellectual and thought provoking column this month you will be disappointed. But for those wanting a lighter fare you are in for a rare treat.

- During a homily at Sunday Mass a little boy whispered “Why do we have to be quiet?” His sister quickly replied, “Because people are sleeping”.
- The local Grand Knight was sleeping during a sermon while the priest was preaching on Hell and damnation. The priest asked all those want to go to heaven to stand up. Everyone stood up, but the Grand Knight. When the priest said all those who want to go to Hell stand up. Needless to say the

Grand knight suddenly awoke and jumped up and said, “I do not know what you are preaching about, but it looks like you and are the only ones for it”.

- Dad taught me everything I know. Unfortunately, he didn’t teach me everything he knows.
- Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.

**Degree Schedules:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 :**

August was a month for hard work on two very important projects. First was the Adams County Fair.

First – we didn’t make quite the profits this year as in years past. Our net profit was \$2911 which is about 40% less than last year. Our expenses were up a bit (as expected) and we have to pay sales taxes. On the bright side we purchased our food a lot smarter this year than last – so fewer leftovers.

Once again I am astounded and grateful for the hard work the Knights of 12979 do. There were 27 Knights who worked, 20 of whom worked multiple days and/or shifts. The Ladies helped also, 8 of the Ladies Auxiliary worked – Michelle Feldman the whole day on Sunday (Patrick – what were you thinking??). I figure we put in between 400 and 500 hours from Tuesday to Sunday. No wonder we were tired on Monday.

My special thanks go to David Dudden, who actually leads this project (I am just his helper) and Rich Boesflug – a wonder in the kitchen – even one-armed. Thanks for your steady help.

The other Knights and Ladies – Steve and Marge Feldman, Randy Weinert, Charlie Sheridan, Harold Armenta, Duane Knight, Ron Hayduk, Dennis Staebell, Mike Corich and Diane Frazinni, Deacon Dick, Deacon Don and Connie St Louis, Greg Collette, Scott Ditch, Dennis Jones and Carol Melton, Dave Jenkins, Jeff Adrian, Jerry Flammang, Troy Hayes (with trailer!), Todd Mullen, Pat Dougherty, Bob Johnson, Brian Dehan and Kandice Kramer, Rudy and Patti Sanchez, Bill LaGrange, Steve Entin, Patrick and Michelle Feldman – thank you all for your hard work and good dispositions during the entire effort.

**The second BIG DEAL was our first ever Girls Softball Clinic** – and it was a great success. Over 60 young ladies from St Anne's and Holy Trinity attended with their coaches to learn and improve their softball skills. Lunch was cooked and served courtesy of Council 12979. On the Planning Committee, headed by Tom Dedin Sr., we had Todd Mullen, Bill LaGrange, Dave Dudden and Tom Dedin, Jr. Serving lunch we had Charlie Sheridan, Steve Feldman, Troy Hayes, Tim Vettel and Cindy Dudden. Ed and Sharon Lindemann, Brenda LaGrange, Kim Dedin, Cindy Dudden all worked registration.

These worked as coaches: Bill Lagrange, Stephanie LaGrange, Tom Dedin, Jr., Cheryl Estes (wife of Knight Jeff), Mike Dedin, Daria Phillips (daughter of Knight Steve Phillips), and Jenny Brock (A SOC parishioner who is attending college).

Todd Mullen was the BIG MAN!! He was the "general" who oversaw all the operation and made sure the registration, lunch, water on the field,

needed supplies were all taken care of. Todd's wife Lisa was the photographer. She took over 240 pictures during the day. Todd and she have the job of sorting all of them out. God Bless Them!

It's pretty clear that this took a big effort from a whole lot of people Thanks everyone – a great job on a huge Youth Project for our Council.

**Lest we forget - thanks to** Harold Armenta, Bill LaGrange, Ron Hayduk, Charlie Sheridan, Patti, Shelby, Sarah and Amy Hayes (and the Hayes trailer, of course) for their help in moving the Homeless on August 10

### **Summary of Financial decisions:**

We paid lots of bills in August:

For the Adams County Fair: David Dudden (\$462.99), Tom Lyons (\$624.21), Vistar Corp (\$1185.02). We also paid \$510 to Colorado State KC for per capita, paid \$65.81 to Tom Dedin Sr for Council picnic food, \$62.75 to Tom Lyons for newsletter expenses, Mark Schultz \$20.68 for Council supplies, Supreme for \$22.49 and \$661.19 for Softball Clinic shirts. The resolution to give \$600 to the Congo Relief Mission passed and we wrote a check to that organization. We had receipts of \$5311 from the Fair, \$40 for clothing and \$30 in dues. We expect to recover a good portion of the expense for the Softball Shirts from the registration fees of \$10 per athlete.

### **Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:**

#### **We'll need your help on Friday, September 5th**

to help cook and serve at the Family dinner and dance before the remodel to the Spirit Center and John Paul XXIII Center begins. Father David has asked us to cook and serve hot dogs and brats 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 Tom Lyons to volunteer or for more information.

The annual Blue Mass 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.

We'll be giving out free Tootsie Rolls and collecting money for the Handicapped on October 11/12 and Oct 18/19 at the KS on 64<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan

and also the KS on 80<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan. This is an easy project but one that has a huge impact on the Disabled and Handicapped who are able to attend the HandiCamp due to our efforts. Please consider making an hour or two available for this project.

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 gather 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

**Mark Schultz** is recognized as our Knight of the Month for August. Mark has served the Council faithfully for the past three years as Financial Secretary – a difficult and demanding job. The Financial Secretary is the key liason between the Council and Supreme – and therefore having a reliable and dependable Knight there is key to Council success. Thank you Mark, for your faithful service.

**Pat & Bobbie Dougherty:** are recognized as our August Family of the Month. Most of you know Pat from his role as Lecturer for our Council – but he is a recognized leader at Spirit of Christ and has served in numerous leadership positions, currently Pat serves on the Pastoral Leadership Council. Bobbie is very involved in all things concerning the 9Health Fair and Ladies Auxiliary.

Congratulations to Mark, Pat and Bobbie.

#### **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 August Sad Knight is **Kevin Jones**. The pot now stands at \$75.

#### **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 prayers for Father Ryan, Father Hoffman and Father Greg Ames, Ginny Trumpolt, Aime LaFosse, Leona Boespflug, Diane Kennedy, Herb Fehay, Connie Mullen, Robert Martelli, the Glenn Behnken Family, Paul Manyer, Jerry Burnetti, Ernest Wenert (deceased) and his wife Ruth, Jonathon Nix, Derik Olson, Jean Olson and for the canonization of Father McGivney.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

The Ladies Auxiliary will be decorating for the SOC Dinner/Dance next Friday, September 5th. We need your help! We will begin decorating at 3:15pm. You are also welcome to help set-up, serve and clean-up the dinner/dance. Please call Cindy Dudden 303-940-6992 if you can help.

Thank-you to everyone who helped with our Annual Garage Sale. After all expenses, we made over \$600 - job well done! At our next meeting, we will vote on the charitable recipients of our efforts. Please plan on attending. If you have an organization you would like to nominate, please let Cindy know.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 23rd; location TBA. As the Spirit Center will be under construction, I will let you know our temporary meeting location soon.

## From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

- ✓ Fact 1: Nearly three fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.
- ✓ Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.
- ✓ Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.
- ✓ Fact 4: One fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.
- ✓ Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a financial professional. Consumers feel buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half of them find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer?" While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year, especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me, your Knights of Columbus agent, before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy

(new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

Call me to set up an appointment. When we meet, you'll discover that time spent with your Knights of Columbus agent is time well-spent. But, make the call today. Because summer is not only busy, it's also coming to an end.

Don't forget to ask me about the NEW PRODUCTS we have like the VANTAGE ANNUITY with a FIVE YEAR RATE GUARENTEE. Also check out the state web site [WWW.coloradokofc.org](http://WWW.coloradokofc.org)

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