

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - CHARITY, FRATERNITY, UNITY
SPIRIT OF CHRIST COUNCIL 12979
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In Service To One, In Service To All

From the Grand Knight:

First, thanks for your vote of confidence in making me your Grand Knight. The responsibility is a humbling thing and I hope I am able to do the job you've asked me to do.

When we formed the SOC Council back in 2000, all I wanted was an outlet to do good things with other Catholic men. It was never my desire to sit in the Grand Knight's chair, to manage the finances and meetings. However, I now realize that having the opportunity to 'do good things' doesn't happen unless the Council has men willing to be Leaders. We've been blessed to have had Leaders - Price, Greg, David and Troy - all strong Catholic men, committed to Spirit of Christ Parish and who have a willingness to sacrifice personal time and energy for the parish and the Knights of Columbus. I can only hope to do as well over the next year.

Here's my plan going forward: each day, each month, each meeting, each event, I'll work to make our Council just a little bit better, just a little bit more responsive to the needs of SOC parishioners, just a little bit more aware of and involved in issues that go beyond Arvada, Colorado.

I'm looking forward to this coming year and it's my desire that everyone in our Council have even more opportunities to do good things with other Catholic men. Especially me!

Vivat Jesus!
Tom

From the Lecturer:

The summer season provides many opportunities such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, etc. for individuals to proudly display an American flag. When you display a flag you are making an outward statement to everyone that you support the principles and beliefs that the flag represents.

During this summer season, and all the seasons, do you proudly display the flags of the Knights of Columbus? I am not talking the visual ones like wearing some Knights' paraphernalia, but the principles of the Knights of Columbus:

- Charity
- Unity
- Fraternity
- Patriotism
- Spirituality

So next time you see a flag ask yourself, "What flags am I displaying for all to see? Am I proud to be a Knight and displaying its principles or do I need to make some changes.

Congratulations to our new 4th Degree Knights:

Sir Tom Dedin Sr. and Sir Jim Gumpert

Knight of the Month & Family of the Month:

We'd like these to become regular features of our newsletter. Please contact Patrick Feldman or Tom Lyons to make a nomination.

Events:

July 8 – Council 12979 Appreciation

Picnic. The Officers want to thank all Knights and their Ladies for their hard work over the past few years. New Council and Ladies Auxiliary Officers will be installed. RSVP to Tom Lyons 303-423-4015.

July 27 – Rockies Game. A relaxed evening to watch the Rocks and Dodgers play. Good company, good seats and a good price. Tickets are \$6 each and we ask that you make every effort to attend the game if you buy tickets. Contact Tom Lyons 303-423-4015.

July 31 - Long Term Care Seminar

Presentation by Paul Ochs, FIC, CSA on Long Term Care Benefits available from Knights of Columbus. Contact Patrick Feldman 303-915-2776 for reservations.

Opportunities to Serve:

Peach Sale: We are about ready to start on our annual Peach Sale. David Dudden will have sales packets to hand out at the July 12 Business meeting. These are due back to him on August 9. You will be able to pick up peaches for delivery on August 25. A box of peaches this year will be \$26.

August 01 thru August 05 – Adams

County Fair. This is our big fund raiser for the year and we will need everyone to help to make it a success. Can you make time for a 4 hour shift during the Fair? Each Knight will be contacted so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to this important project. Contact Tom Lyons for details and to volunteer your time.

We need help: Our Council needs Leaders to manage our Church, Community, Council and Family projects. Many of our projects are already identified – so what we need is a

man willing to manage one or two projects over the next year. If you are willing, please contact Tom Lyons or Tom Dedin Sr.

SOC Soup Kitchen needs help the last Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Located at St Francis Center, 2323 Curtis St, Contact Andy @ 303-428-1033.

SOC Book Store needs help after Mass one day per month. If this is something you can do please contact Lucille @ 303-464-0047.

Thanks to Knights and their Ladies who helped with June projects:

Breakfast for Helping Hands Day: Steve Seymour, David Dudden, Dennis Velasquez.

Father Jonathan and Father Steven receptions :

Steve Seymour, David and Cindy Dudden family, Dennis Velasquez, Rudy Sanchez, Jerry Flammang, Leo Hartman, Todd & Lisa Mullen, Marlin Yarmer, Jim Moseley, Mike Mullen, Marty Martinez, Ron Hayduk, Frank Eldredge, Rich Boespflug, Steve Feldman, Tom McCarthy, Troy and Patty Hayes family, Jim Stanley, Randy & Eileen Weinhart, Pat & Bobbie Dougherty, Tim Vettel, Tom Dedin Sr, Mike Avis, Bob Urioste, Dick Baker, Duane Hattrup, Patrick Feldman, Ken Krizman, Alan Trenary, Kevin Jones, Joe and Storm Sutherland. A special thanks to Ginny Trumpolt - my wife and helper for both days – I owe you **big** favors.

Moving the Homeless: Ken Krizman, Ron Hayduk, Harold Armenta, Tom Lyons, Troy Hayes, Marty Martinez

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 June Sad Knight is Matt Velasquez. The pot for the July meeting is \$100.

For the Good of the Order:

Prayers were said for Leona and Michelle Boespflug, Bill Bitlman, Al Blumquest, Alan Tremary, Kevin Jones and Sharon Paez.

2nd & 3rd Degrees: If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, 2nd and 3rd Degree Initiation will be held in Aurora on July 21, 2007. Contact Tom Lyons or David Dudden.

4th Degree Assembly 2409 update:

Assembly picnic will be July 22, 1:00 p.m. at Fairmont Park, 5222 Quaker St., Golden. All Knights and families of SOC Council 12979 are invited.

Ladies Auxiliary

Thanks to Pat Dougherty, Patrick Feldman, Troy Hayes, Kevin Jones and Todd Mullen for their help with the Garage Sale. Thanks to all who donated items for the sale.

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

Officers

2007/2008 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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I received the following note after a brief conversation with Deacon Hugh at Father Steven's reception. We gave Deacon Hugh \$1274.00 for the phone. Our ability to make gifts like this is directly related to the success of the Adams County Fundraiser.

Dear Tom:

Allow me to send a message to all the Knights through you. It has to do with the satellite phone which the K of C donated at the beginning of this year.

We were able to order the telephone and get it delivered (that's a major accomplishment in Ethiopia) to our program site by the Ethiopian Ministry of Telecommunications. I don't recall the exact date, but Marty and I were at the hospital when it arrived. After some initial difficulties, the phone was hooked up in our "cook-house". If you recall, the Knights donated a bit more than the phone actually cost, so we had it upgraded to accommodate email also.

Upon my return to the States in May I have been able to communicate directly with our hospital in Chiri Ethiopia by either telephone or email. You would have to understand what our communication capabilities previously were to fully appreciate this huge event in our history.

Until the satcom phone we were required to travel one hour to the nearest government telephone and connect to the Ethiopian server in the Capital city. Most of the time there was no land-line connecting us to the Capital and we abandoned the effort to email. Late last year, there was a period of three weeks when we could not get a line to Addis. You can imagine the frustration.

Now, we are not only able to communicate to the U. S. but within Ethiopia. When we are transporting a critically ill patient to our referral hospital, we can call in advance, tell them the situation and when to expect the patient to arrive.

All of us are deeply grateful for the satcom phone. It has made a huge difference in our project in that remote corner of Africa.

Deacon Hugh Downey

Greetings Brothers,

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed council leaders. I'm sure you have a list of things that you want to accomplish during the coming year. I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is likely the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you - transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

What would be helpful to all of us would be an early start on those goals, rather than waiting until May or June. Let's get an early start on award season this year.

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications from members only. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind. This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow. But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the life of the member's minor children. This right must be exercised within one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they have adequate insurance protection.

I have no greater responsibility.

Vivat Jesus

Patrick Feldman (Field Agent)

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Come join us for a Long Term Care Informational Benefits Night featuring Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Specialist **Paul Ochs, FIC, CSA** from our home office in New Haven, CT on either:

July 31st at Council hall 3340 located at 3800 S. Windemere Street , Englewood from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (dinner will be served)

August 1st at St Patrick's located at 6455 Brook Park Dr. Colorado Springs from 9:00 to 11:00 am (coffee and donuts will be served)

Limited seating please **R.S.V.P. by July 23rd** to: Patrick Feldman 303-915-2777