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**From the Grand Knight:**

I have just returned to work after being 'retired' for the past four years. My whole system is in shock. I had forgotten how events and obligations get pressed into shorter and shorter time frames. I also had forgotten how good it feels to sleep in on Saturday mornings. Wonderful.

One thing for sure – I admire all you men who are able to hold it all together: the marriage, the family, the job and still find the time and energy to help the Knights at Spirit of Christ with what we try to do. Pretty amazing.

This will be my last newsletter as I have finished my term as Grand Knight. Tom Dedin Sr is already fired up and will be a vigorous and capable leader. He has a great group of men as leaders in the Officer group.

I won't be going very far – I'll be working regularly with Tom and the other Officers. And, I'm not burned out – so I'm still anxious and ready to do stuff with other Catholic men. The biggest change for me is that now I won't have to stand during the meetings – I'll be able to sit with the rest of you.

Vivat Jesu  
Tom

**Newsletter Note:**  
**To allow proper time for the transition to new Council Officers there will not be an August Newsletter.**

**Lecturer:**

Since this is being written before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July I thought a patriotic story would be in order. Even if you read it after the 4<sup>th</sup> it is still appropriate. It is from *Once Upon a Gospel: Inspiring Homilies and Insightful Reflections* by William J. Bausch.

“It was an unforgettable photo – the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima during World War II. In fact, if had to pick 10 photographs to tell the story of our country, this picture featuring U.S. soldiers lifting up an American flag would be one of them, even if it was a posed re-enactment.

There are six flag raisers in the photo, taken February 23, 1945 by Joe Rosenthal: Ira Hayes, Franklin Sousley, John Bradley, Harlon Block, Michael Strank, and Rene Gagon. They were kids, but also heroes. Strank, Block, and Sousley never made it home. Bradley, Hayes, and Gagon survived. What is most amazing is how ordinary each of these flawed heroes was.” “.....That's where freedom arises: spiritual freedom, personal freedom, national freedom. Not from programs or training manuals. But, as Jesus taught us, from the selfless heart.

When we move beyond our own personal concerns, when we put people before profits, when we reach out – even if have to pay for it with our lives – to raise the flag of decency and truth, there is release.

Newness, spirit, freedom; true freedom is won from the daily small heroisms of ordinary people.”

**Congratulations** to Harold Armenta and Bill LaGrange who are our newest Sir Knights in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**Business Meeting location:**

The remodeling is coming along nicely and it looks like we'll be in our new meeting space at SOC for the September meeting, perhaps for the August meeting. We will let you know for sure in the weekly SOC bulletin. Meantime, we will continue to have our Rosary and Business meetings at the offices of Personal Benefit Services, 5620 Ward Road, until the Spirit Center remodel is completed. Our next business meeting is **Thursday July 9, starting at 7:00 pm.**

Officer meetings will continue to be held at Spirit of Christ on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Officers meetings start at 7:00 pm and all Knights are welcome to attend. The **next Officers meeting will be July 2.**

**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 Dedin if you would like details on when you can attend as an observer.

**Major Degrees & Exemplifications:**

A Major Degree Exemplification is planned **July 25 at Queen of Peace in Aurora.** Contact Tom Dedin if you are interested in attending.

**Summary of June Financials:** We have \$727.16 in checking and \$2383.85 in savings. The following bills were read and referred: State Farm Liability for insurance \$325.00; Tom Lyons for Deacon Ross reception and June newsletter charges \$227.28; Omega Engraving for name tags \$55.00; Spirit of Christ, Patton, case and replacement Vocation Chalice \$453.33; Monograms to Go, Shirt \$46.00; Supreme, supplies \$52.52, Lynch & Kelly, 1<sup>st</sup> degree Robe \$155.00; Harlen Clark, checks \$59.19;

\$500 to Net Ministries for Maggie Vettel, and up to \$200 for food for the Council picnic.

**Thanks to those who helped** with Vocation Chalice signup and the reception for Deacon Dick: Charlie Sheridan, Patrick Dougherty, Alan Trenary, Tom Dedin Jr, Mark Piontek, Tim Vettel, Tony Nickolas, Scott Ditch, Ed Lindeman, Bill LaGrange and Dennis Jones.

**Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:**

The SOC Respect Life Team will be holding a Rosary for Life outside the west entrance to the Planned Parenthood Clinic on **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am.** A car pool will leave from the SOC parking lot at 10 am for those needing a ride. The address of Planned Parenthood is 7155 E. 38th Ave in Denver. If you have questions call Troy at 303.324.5500.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their Annual Garage Sale on **July 9 and 10, with set up on Wednesday July 8.** Occasionally a parishioner will have items for the sale that they need help with to get to the sale. If you can help with this type of request please give Tom Lyons a call.

Our annual Family Picnic will be held at Oakhurst Park on Sunday afternoon, **July 12.** This is a fun afternoon in the park – please come!

Adams County – This is our biggest fund raiser and by far the most labor intensive of our annual projects. We will need help every day and evening from **August 5 to August 9.** Contact Tom Lyons or David Dudden if you are able to help.

Girls Softball Camp – Tom Dedin Sr and Tom Dedin Jr will run their award winning Girls Softball Camp on the evening of

**August 10** for Coaches and on Saturday **August 15** for the girls. We need Coaches and help with cooking and serving lunch. Contact Tom Dedin Sr. to help.

The Homeless will be staying at Spirit of Christ twice this summer. We will help move them to their new location on **Sunday July 26** and again on **Sunday August 30**. We'll start about 10:00 and finish before noon. Please give Todd Mullen or Tom Dedin a call if you are able to provide a pickup truck, van or just want to help.

The Spirit of Christ 35th Birthday Party Parish Picnic is **August 30**. Stay tuned for more information.

#### **Knight of the Month:**

Brother Knight Father Steve Voss is recognized as our May Knight of the Month in recognition of his hard work in getting healthy over this summer. It is not often we have an example such as Father Steven to look to for how to live a faithful life.

#### **Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:**

We have a Sad Knight for June - **Greg Clauss's** name was drawn but he was not at the meeting. 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 pot now stands at \$75.

**For the Good of the Order:** At our June meeting prayers were offered for Seminarians Matt McGee, Cletus Omode and Yuri Sema, Frs. Richard Ryan and Steven Voss, Focus Missionaries, Tony Adrian, Repose of the soul of Leona Boespflug, Audrey Edler, Luanna Dilling, Joe O'Hayre, Howlan Ross, Fr. James Cuneo, Yvonne Costello, Repose of the soul of Claude Trujillo's sister in law, all special intentions, Connie Mullen, Rose and Dan

Springer, Tim Vettel, Vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life, Kenneth LaGrange, John Aanden, all youth on mission work, Dona Mattinson, Betty Jones, McCarthy Family, Janice Vogt, Those suffering from mental illness, Richard Carson, Jonathon Nicks, Derek Olson, Jean Olson, Jim Schultz, Randy Weinert and men who have fallen away from the church.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary:**

The annual Ladies Garage Sale will be July 9 and 10 at Todd and Lisa Mullens, 10450 King Circle, Westminster 80031. If you can help set up on Wednesday July 8 in the evening we could use your help. Household items and gently used clothing is welcome. We are unable to accept televisions, computers or mattresses. Please contact Lisa Mullen 303-463-4355.

#### **From our Field Agent:**

Have you ever thought of buying money on the installment plan? Most of us have bought, and are buying several things on the installment plan. It is the accepted way to buy many large items—a home, a car, or other expensive household items. Really, installment buying gives the average working person a chance to have many of the things not otherwise affordable.

But—and it's a big important "but" – if you default on your payments, you may lose your equity. Isn't that right? One of the things you can buy, and still retain your equity if you have to default on payments, is cash value life insurance. Cash value life insurance means money for the future needs. It can be purchased on the installment plan and come back in the form of cash to you or your family when it's needed most. Call me so we can visit about money for your future. Vivat Jesus,

Patrick Feldman (Field Agent)

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