

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

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST COUNCIL 12979**

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**From the Grand Knight:** Why should I go to a KC meeting?

I understand exactly why people avoid meetings – especially those meetings that don't have an agenda, those that don't accomplish anything or have no purpose and those where disruptive people take the meeting off track. Spending time at these meetings rather than on anything else is a poor trade indeed!

I would make the case, though, that our Knights of Columbus meetings don't suffer from these problems, and are more worthwhile than you might at first think.

First, our meetings are all about how we act and interact with Spirit of Christ parish and the larger Denver Catholic Community. So, the purpose of our meeting is clear and the content is important. Secondly, the KC meeting follows closely to an agenda to make sure that we stay on track to what is important – and that we spend time only on the things that should take Council time. We also take detailed notes to record our decisions and to create our plans for action in the future.

Probably the most important reason to attend our meetings is to participate in making decisions in how we spend our money. We work very hard at the Adams County Fair and at selling peaches to raise funds for Council operations. The **only** time we make a decision to spend money is at a Council meeting. If you attend the meeting – then you help determine who and how much organizations or individuals receive from the Council. If you don't attend, then no matter how hard you work, you don't get a voice in financial decisions.

If you haven't attended a meeting yet this year – please make a commitment to get to one of the next three meetings remaining in 2007. We need your input and good thinking.

We start with a Rosary at 7:00 and our meeting begins promptly at 7:30. I work very hard at keeping the meeting pace crisp so we end in one hour or not much longer. If you can't make the meeting, at least come to the Rosary and pray with us.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom

**Welcome to our new First Degree Knights:**

Charlie Sheridan, Bill LaGrange and David Robles.

**Welcome to Knights who have transferred to our Council:**

Father Steven Voss, Ed Dill, Scott Ditch.

Please make both our new and Transferred Knights welcome when you see them at Mass or Council activities.

**Thank you for your hard work :**

We had a great turnout of help for our Blue Mass Breakfast on September 9. Special thanks to Jerry Flammang, Tom Dedin Jr, Marge and Steve Feldman, and Alex and Gina Guetlein who helped both Saturday night to set up and Sunday to cook and serve.

Other Knights and Ladies who helped with breakfast include Todd Mullen, Bob Blanchette, Albert Triolo, Ed Lindeman, Tom McCarthy, Leo Hartman, Randy Weinert, Tim Vettel, Ken Krizman, Dennis Velasquez, Jim Moseley, Mike Mullen, Pat Dougherty, Michelle Feldman, Cindy

and David Dudden, Ginny Trumpolt, Bob Burley, Jim Stanley, and Troy and Patty Hayes.

I have to give Scott Ditch (a transfer to our Council) an extra note of thanks – I meet Scott for the first time at 8:30 am that morning – and by 10:00 Scott was working in the kitchen! Thank you and welcome to Council 12979.

I left a little early for 10:30 Mass so I may have missed someone – if so I apologize.

**State Officers dinner:**

Thanks to David Dudden who made the menu and bought all the food and to Ron Hayduk, Rich Boespflug and Steve Feldman for their help in preparing, serving and cleaning up dinner for the State Officers on September 16.

**Events:**

**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. Thanks to Eric Johnson for the suggestion to go to breakfast and to Mel Heble for finding the restaurant and making the reservations. Come join your fellow Knights for a relaxed morning after worship.

**Opportunities to Serve:**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:** We will be at the King Soopers on 80<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan giving away Tootsie Rolls from 9:00 to Noon and Noon to 3:00. This is not a difficult a project and the money we receive goes to truly needy organizations supporting the Handicapped and Disabled of our community. We need two Knights for each shift for each day. Contact Tom Dedin 303-601-4925 if you are able to help.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>:** We've been asked to help on Sunday October 7 to sort and transport the donations to the Indian Clothing Drive. Sorting starts at 9:00 am and should be done by 1:00 pm. If you have a van or truck you are needed to transport the bagged clothing to a central location. Please contact Toni Crabtree at 303-421-3411 or Tom Lyons at 303-423-4015 if you are able to help.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>:** The planned Clergy Recognition Dinner has to be rescheduled to ensure that both

Father David and Father Steven can attend. We hope to find a date before Thanksgiving, so stay tuned.

**Knight & Family of the Month:**

**Tim Vettel** is recognized as our Knight of the Month for September for his steady and reliable work on Council projects, especially the Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

**The Bob Blanchette** family is recognized as our September Family of the Month. Bob and his family have been huge help at Adams County, Lenten Fish Fry dinners and Pancake breakfasts for the past several years. Bob is also active in RICA.

**Congratulations Tim and Bob!**

If you have a nomination in mind for either the Knight or Family of the Month just give the name to any Officer.

**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 September Sad Knight is Dennis Velasquez. The pot for the October 11 meeting is \$175.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Prayers at our September meeting were said for Gene Meis, Keith Ford, Doug Parsons, Darell Kallio, Leona Boespflug, Jerri Garcia, Pro Football player Kevin Everett and all Special Intentions.

**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:**

October 18 Business meeting will be at 7:00 pm at Saint Joan of Arc.

**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.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Next monthly meeting will be October 23, 7:00 pm in the St Anne's Room at Spirit of Christ.

### **2007/2008 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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## **From the Lecturer: A Brief History of the Rosary**

Pious legend holds that the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Dominic (1170–1221) in a dream. She gave him the beaded chain on which the prayers of the rosary were to be recited and told him that prayer and meditation on the life of her Son would defeat heresy.

Although this legend is a lovely story, the development of the rosary is more complex. According to Fr. Ennio Staid, a Dominican theologian and expert on the subject, said Mary's Psalter predated Dominic, though he and the Dominicans became its principal promoters.

In its history of the rosary, *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (vol. 13, p. 184–189) recounts that in the early centuries of the Church monks would recite the Psalms as part of their rule of life. Since learning the Psalms was necessarily restricted to those who could read, a simpler prayer tradition was needed for the illiterate brothers. The Lord's Prayer was adopted for this purpose; the brothers would recite 150 Our Fathers to correspond to the number of Psalms.

With the rise of widespread medieval devotion to the Blessed Mother, the Hail Mary developed and gained popularity and was inserted into the prayer tradition. (See *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*, vol. 12, pp. 667–670).

Between 1410 and 1439, Dominic of Prussia, a Cologne Carthusian, proposed to the faithful a form of the Marian Psalter in which there were 50 Hail Marys, each followed by a verbal reference to a Gospel passage.

Dominican Alain de la Roche (1428–1478) did a great work in promoting the Marian Psalter, which during his lifetime began to be called "Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary". The rosary was simplified in 1521 by Dominican Alberto da Castello, who chose 15 evangelical passages for meditation, which included the short prayer at the end of the Hail Marys. The final, traditional form was standardized during the pontificate of one of Dominic's spiritual sons, Pope St. Pius V (1566–1572).

A wide variety of prayer traditions have been attached to the rosary. The faithful have added other prayers to the traditional form. In the U.S., the rosary usually begins with the Apostles Creed, while in other parts of the world it opens with Psalm 70. In some places, since the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, the prayer that our Lady is believed to have taught the young seers has been added after the concluding Gloria of each decade. Some end the rosary with the prayer Hail, Holy Queen; others add Pope Leo XIII's prayer for protection to St. Michael the Archangel or a favorite litany in honor of the Blessed Mother.

## **From our Field Agent:**

Greetings Brothers,

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Give me a call.

Vivat Jesus,

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