



**THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
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## ***Breathing New Life into the Church***

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

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### **From the Grand Knight**

As we make the transition from one cast of officers to another, we must sincerely thank Tom Lyons for the tremendous job he did as Grand Knight for Council #12979, during his two-year stint. Tom brought a new sense of enthusiasm and organization to us through his leadership. He directed all of us very well in the many projects our council undertook and accomplished in grand style. Under his direction, we were twice recognized as a Top Ten Council at the annual state convention. We were a Star council twice, and we received two Supreme awards for different program activities, in the areas of youth and family. Tom Lyons, our council sincerely thanks you for your dedication and effort.

As I assume the role of Grand Knight, it is my hope that I can build on what Tom and all of the other previous Grand Knights and the general membership have accomplished. With your help, as a council of 165 members, we will continue to move forward, serving the priests and deacons with all of the requested needs of the Spirit of Christ community.

Vivat Jesu,  
Tom Dedin, Sr.



### **Lecturer**

With school starting up I thought the following article in a pamphlet entitled, *These Men they call Knights*, would be appropriate.

"The Knights of Columbus won a notable victory for the American people, and especially for the children of generations to come, by its successful fight against the so-called Oregon School Law. It began in 1922, when a law proposed by initiative petition was enacted in Oregon, which would prevent children from attending private and parochial schools.

"Responding to an appeal from Archbishop Alexander Christe of Portland, the Knights of Columbus provided \$10,000 with which to initiate a lawsuit testing the constitutionality of law to the Supreme Court of the United States. The court ruled that the law violated the rights of American citizens to educate their children in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience. The Order also provided \$15,000 to the Oregon State Council to pursue a similar case involving private schools.

"It is due to that action that parents today are not interfered with in the operation of their private and parochial schools and in the rearing of their children in the manner in which they wish them to be raised."

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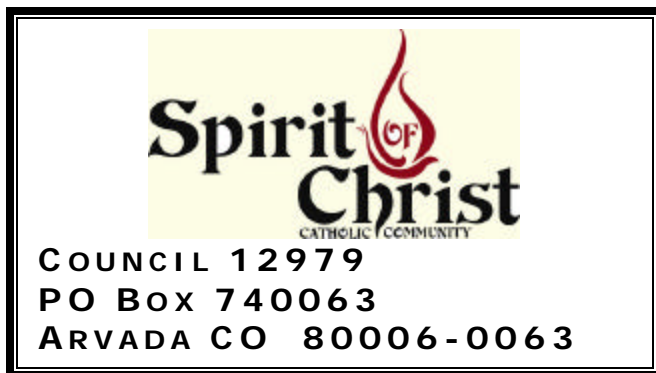
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## Grand Knight's Bullet Points

- † **General Business meetings return to SOC.** Mark Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join us in the renovated Spirit Center East Room at 7:30pm. The rosary will be in the chapel at 7:00pm.
- † A special thank you, Eric Johnson, and to your father, Roger, for making your office space available to us for our business meetings, while the Spirit Center was being remodeled. We really appreciate your generosity.
- † The council membership has a Discount Coupon available for \$10.00. By purchasing this card, the ticket holder is automatically entered into the Colorado Knights of Columbus Football Frenzy Sweepstakes and has an opportunity to win prizes during the last ten weeks of the NFL football season. The council will receive \$2.00 from each card that is sold. Contact Tom at 303-421-9711 for tickets.
- † Attend the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and be selected as the **Glad Knight** to win a \$125.00 prize.
- † A special thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their support over the past several months as we trudged through a very heavy period of

council activities with the council's family picnic, the Adams County Fair fundraiser, the peach sale fundraiser, the grammar school girls' softball camp, moving the homeless families, and the SOC 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic. The Knights have been busy with their wives and families at their sides.

- † \*Our council's 1st Degree Team continues to develop. The Team plans to have its initial Exemplification in October at SOC just prior to the regular business meeting.
- † The council made \$2,416.34 at the Adams County Fair fundraiser, after all of the expenses were paid. In addition, \$131.13 was collected in a donation jar for the mentally disabled programs.
- † **I need your help!** We mail approximately 75-80 newsletters to our membership. At \$.44 each, this costs the council \$35.00 per month or \$420.00 per year. Half of our membership receives the newsletter by e-mail. **Do you have an e-mail address to which we can send your copy of the newsletter and save the Council money that could be used to help someone in need??** Is so, please send your e-mail address to Tom Dedin at dedinsr21@msn.com. Thank you!



## Degree Schedules

A 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Lafayette on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m., with the Degree process beginning at noon. Mass is at 5:00 p.m., with the banquet following. Tickets for

the banquet are \$15.00 per person. If you are a 1st Degree Knight, consider becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight. Contact Tom Dedin at 303-421-9711.



## **Summary of June Financials**

Since we had no August newsletter, we will identify the council's financial report for both July and August.

As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, we had \$952.90 in checking and, \$1,388.15 in savings. The following bills, totaling \$904.00, were read and paid: \$650.00 to Adams County for booth rental; \$151.00 to Tri-City Health for a food license; \$220.00 to Tom Lyons for start-up money for the fair; and \$78.00 to Monograms-to-go for a jacket that was presented to Tom Lyons at the July picnic in recognition for his outstanding work as Grand Knight.

As of August 13<sup>th</sup>, we had \$1,939.40 in checking and \$388.15 in savings. The following bills, totaling \$5,061.42, were read and paid: \$26.40 to Todd Mullen for softball camp mailing; \$181.71 to Tom Dedin for picnic supplies; \$607.54 to Ad-Wear Advertising for tee shirts for the softball camp; \$532.50 to the K of C State Council for per capita dues; \$294.25 to the K of C Supreme Council for per capita dues and Catholic advertising; \$100.00 to Jenn Brock for pitching coach services at the softball camp; \$966.58 to Adams County Fair Vista for food; \$952.97 to David Dudden for food and supplies for Adams County Fair; \$358.67 to Tom Lyons for food and supplies at the Adams County Fair; \$364.00 for taxes at the Adams County Fair; \$176.80 to Tom Lyons for the cleaning of the 1st Degree Team robes; and \$500.00 as a donation for the Walk for Alternatives.

## **Completed Projects and Events**

*Council's Family Picnic, July 12<sup>th</sup>:* We had approximately 80 knights and family members attend our annual picnic at Oakhurst Park. Father David, a Knight himself, attended. District Deputy Bob Buljung conducted the installation of the 2009-10 officers. The Knights presented Father David with a card and monetary gift in celebration of his 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary as a priest. Father was ordained on July 16, 1988.

*Homeless Families Moved, July 19<sup>th</sup>:* The Knights moved the Homeless Families from SOC to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thanks to Troy Hayes and his family (Patti, Sara, and Amy), Joe and Storm Sutherland, Charlie Sheridan, Todd Mullen, Bill LaGrange, and Dan Pocrnick (Dan is a newly exemplified 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight).

*Adams County Fundraiser, August 4-9:* The Adams County Fair, which raised \$2,416.34, began with a set-up day on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The fair began on August 5<sup>th</sup> and concluded on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A typical day ran from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., with clean-up following. An event of this magnitude requires many volunteer hours, great organization and leadership, and dedication of the membership. Very special thanks must be given to David Dudden and Tom Lyons, who together played the roles of major leadership for this project. They organized and directed the event for us. Both were constantly present during the five-day fair. Many men from the council volunteered countless hours as well. Special thanks also go to members of the Auxiliary, who also volunteered for the project's success. Our special thanks go to Ron Hayduck, Steve and

Marge Feldman, Rich Boespflug, Cormac McCarthy, Tim Vettel, Scott Ditch, Mike Mullen, Todd Mullen, Joe and Storm Sutherland, Roger Bengard, Dennis Staebell, Jerry Flamming, Bill and Brenda LaGrange, Pat Dougherty, Dick Baker, Ed Tezak, Patrick and Michelle Feldman, Carol Melton, Dennis Jones, Marilyn Yarmer, Tom and Mary Fran Dedin, Tom Dedin, Jr., Jacob Starkovich, Jeff Adrian, Troy and Patti Hayes, Cindy and Theresa Dudden, Ginny Trumpolt, Gil and Audrey Duman, Frank Eldridge, Harold Armenta, and Randy Weinert. Please forgive me if I failed to mention anyone's name.

*Grammar School Girls' Softball Camp, August 15<sup>th</sup>:* The Knights conducted another very successful softball camp for grammar school girls. Volunteer coaches worked with 53 aspiring softball players, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity School field. The camp, co-directed by Grand Knight Tom Dedin and Tom Dedin, Jr., focused on teaching players, coaches, and attending parents the fundamentals of correct throwing, fielding, and hitting through a system of drills. Tremendous improvement was seen at the session's end. A softball pitching coach, Jenn Brock, concluded the day with a presentation and work out with aspiring pitchers.

The Dedins had conducted a three-hour coaching clinic the evening of August 10<sup>th</sup> to prepare the volunteer coaches. Special thanks go to the registration and lunch volunteers: Ron Hayduck, Rich Boespflug, Steve Feldman, Jerry Flamming, Pat Dougherty, Charlie Sheridan, Michelle Feldman, Liz Armenta, Cindy Dudden,

Brenda Lagrange, Mary Fran Dedin, and Ed and Sharon Lindeman.

Knights who assisted with the coaching included Patrick Feldman and daughter Katie, John Novak, Tom Lyons, Tim Brungard, Bill LaGrange, and Kathleen Johannan.

Special thanks go to Todd and Lisa Mullen. Todd was the behind-the-scenes organizer, making certain that the registration and lunch services went smoothly. Lisa and Todd shared time taking photographs of the event during the day.

The Council won the State Supreme Award for the Youth category at the State Convention in April 2009 for the same type of camp conducted last year.

*Father David and the "Year for Priests," August 15-16:* June 19, 2009, started the "Year for Priests." The Denver Archdiocese formed a calendar for the year, honoring a different priest daily. Father David was honored on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the "Year for Priests" the Knights of Columbus designed a special prayer card. Our council passed out these cards after all masses on that particular weekend and asked our SOC families to prayerfully remember Father David on his assigned day. Father Steven will be honored in the same manner in March, 2010.

Knights participating were Jerry Flamming, Tom Lyons, Ed Lindeman, Dennis Jones, Tom Dedin, Jr., Tom Dedin, Sr., Gil Duman, Tim Vettel, Cormac McCarthy, Eric Johnson, Ron Hayduck, Randy Weinert, Mike McCarthy, David Dudden, and the Ditch and LaGrange families.

### *SOC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic, August 30<sup>th</sup>:*

Our council played a major role in the anticipated success of the SOC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic. We were asked to perform a number of leadership duties, including, but not limited to, isolating the south parking lot on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. mass; doing the early Sunday morning set-up of tables, tents, and chairs; doing all of the cooking; monitoring the grounds during the day; and helping with the cleanup. This same August 30<sup>th</sup> saw the Knights move the Homeless Families from SOC to the North Glenn United Methodist Church. More information on the event will be forthcoming in the October newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events and Opportunities to Serve**

- † September 19-20: SOC Ministry Fair: Knights will host wine and cheese on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. mass, and coffee and doughnuts after all masses on Sept. 20. The Knights will have an information booth at the fair. Volunteers are need for the event.
- † September 27: Pancake Breakfast in Spirit Center after the 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30 masses.
- † October 3: Assist with Pancake Breakfast for Mentally Disabled; location and time to be determined.
- † October 10-11 and 17-18: Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Disabled.

### **Knight of the Month**

#### July: Tom Lyons

Tom's role as Grand Knight has been identified earlier in this newsletter. What a job he did, and how deserving he is to be named Knight of the Month for July.

#### For August: Marlin Yarmer

Marlin has been a Knight for almost 55 years. He received the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in 1955 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in 1956. Marlin was a long time member of the Sterling, CO, council, where he was heavily involved in the construction of their Knight's hall. After transferring to our council, he has given freely of his time. He has recently struggled with health issues. However, this did not prevent him from volunteering at the recent Adams County Fair fundraiser. When other Knights attempted to try to get him to rest a bit on his shift, he refused, saying he wanted to put the full amount of time in. Congratulations, Marlin, on being the Knight of the Month for August.

### **Family of the Month**

#### For August: Gil and Audrey Duman:

Gil received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in 2004 and his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in 2005. Gil and Audrey have three grown children: Timothy, Philip, and Suzanne. A truly Catholic family, they have made many significant contributions to the Church and to our council. They are active volunteers at pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers. They not only donate time to the Knights' affairs, but they are also active in other Spirit of Christ activities. We congratulate the Duman Family for being named Family of the Month.

## **Glad Knight/Sad Knight**

### **Drawing**

Each month we have a cash drawing at our business meetings for paid-up members. The award is \$25.00 per meeting. If the Knight, whose name is drawn, is not present (Sad Knight), the money rolls over to the next meeting. We have not had a winner since April. The pot now stands at \$125.00 for September.

July Sad Knight: Kevin Jones

August Sad Knight: Charlie Sheridan

## **For the Good of the Order**

At the August meeting, prayers were offered for the following: Harold Armenta's father; Michelle Boespflug's special intention; Luanna Illing; Yvonne Costello; Joe O'Hara; Harlan Ross; Fr. Richard Ryan; Fr. James Cuneo; repose of the soul of Crystal Michalak; Henry and Louise Acree's, special intention; work associate of Troy Hayes, Marie Conch; Harold Armenta's niece; Paul Menges; Fred Schroeder; Lydia Cervantes and family; Teresa Sachane; the men on Cormac McCarthy's prayer board; Thanksgiving for the health of the SOC Knights; Rose and Dan Springer; the unemployed; the unborn; for our troops; and Michelle Feldman.



## **Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their annual garage sale at the home of Todd and Lisa Mullen on July 9-10. The two-day affair raised approximately \$700.00. Several Knights helped the ladies set up and then tear down at the conclusion of the sale

on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The unsold items were then transported to the Shrine of St. Anne for use in their garage sale fundraiser. The Knights thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for their continued help in Knights of Columbus functions.



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## **From our Field Agent**

If you could buy a \$300,000 estate for each of your children for just a few dollars a week, would you be interested? You can do it! Reports from the American Association of Universities and Colleges show that, on the average, the value of a college education in lifetime earnings is over \$300,000. A college education is one of the greatest gifts any parent can give a child. Unlike stocks, bonds, real estate, and other investments that make up ordinary estates, an education can never be wiped out by a poor economy.

Where will the money come from for college? You hope you'll be able to help — but why hope when you can guarantee? The price of that guarantee is just a few dollars a week until they are ready for college. Let me help you plan for your children's education. Call me today.

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