

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

**A Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus**  
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## Knights of Columbus Council

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The next regular meeting is  
Saturday, September 14th at  
8:00 a.m. at the Highlands  
Ranch Library Meeting Room  
A. Please plan to attend.

## **Grand Knight's Corner**

### *Invitation to Major Degrees – The Best is Yet to Come!*

I have been a Knight for almost 11 years now. When I look back at all the accomplishments and spiritual attainment over the years, the major degrees were a critical step that helped me achieve such fulfillment in life. I was fortunate to charter a new council and serve as various officers in three separate councils from different geographic locations. By completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees, I believe God has called me to a better fullness in life.

So, why should a First Degree Knight complete the major degrees? The major degrees reaffirm our council's Catholic identity by holding fast to our mission of service to Pax Christi and St. Mark churches. The major degrees foster the spirit of unity and fraternity by promoting responsible citizenship and loyalty to the K of C and the local community. The degrees further enhance your abilities to serve as an officer in the council, and provide for greater spiritual growth. Men of all nationalities and professions have become Knights and completed the major degrees. Babe Ruth and President John F. Kennedy were Knights who completed the major degrees.

Satan and his minions constantly invite us to do evil. As God's voices, we must be even more dedicated to service. What better way to exemplify our service to God than to complete the major degrees! When we really believe we are doing God's work, we willingly invite others to share. I invite you to share in this continued spiritual growth by taking the next step – completing the major degrees. Think about what you can do to increase your fullness in life with God. The spiritual rewards and graces gained are great.

I would like to hold a major degree ceremony in the new Christi Center at Pax Christi before the end of this year. If there is any interest in completing the major degrees, please let me know and we can plan for this event. The major degree celebration would include the K of C ceremonies, followed by a family dinner. As always, may God bless you and your family.

*Joe Nickels*  
*Grand Knight*

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## Chaplain's Corner

*7 pm Evening Prayer  
Memorial Service,  
Wednesday, 9/11 at  
Pax Christi.*

**Join Us All Your Saints and Sinners!!**  
**Pax Christi Church Dedication (5 pm) and**  
**"Saints and Sinners" Reception and Dinner**  
**(6:30 pm)—9/29/02**

After the solemn Dedication Mass of Pax Christi Church, please join us for a fabulous celebration for all. Planned special events include a Dixieland Band, dinner, beverages and lots of fun! We rejoice in God's goodness and the many blessings of our community. Please be sure to RSVP to the parish office or fill out an RSVP form which will be provided in the pews beginning in mid-September. **All are welcome!**



*Please remember to RSVP  
if you are planning to  
attend the Dedication.*

## Minutes of the August 2002 General Council Meeting

Minutes of the August 10, 2002 General Council Meeting, called to order at 8:03 am.

### General

The minutes of the July 13, 2002 meeting were approved as published. There were no applications for membership.

### Grand Knight's Report

Father McGivney Guild sign-up sheet is on the table. There is no cost. You will receive a newsletter with the status of the cause for sainthood, as well as other items.

Minutes of the July planning meeting are on the table. The next planning meeting is Wednesday, August 14, 2002, 7 pm at Joe Nickels house.

### Goals of the council:

- Repeat as a Star Council
- Start a Squires group
- 50% of 1<sup>st</sup> degrees obtain 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- More Fraternity – Develop camaraderie and fellowship within the council
- "Pennies from Heaven", which is part of the state charities fund

### Chaplain's Report:

Tragic news received on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, that Debbie Vasicek's mother was killed in a car accident. She apparently pulled out in front of another vehicle and was broad sided. The driver of the other vehicle suffered a broken arm. Debbie's father is in shock. Please keep the family in your prayers and do not miss an opportunity to value your family.

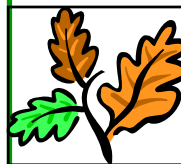
Was given passes to the Royal Gorge (2 for 2 people), Butterfly Pavilion (2) and Ocean Journey, if anyone is interested see me after the meeting.

September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a memorial mass at Pax Christi. Details will be in the bulletin.

September 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 mass will be the dedication of the worship space. Bishop Hanifen will be attending, along with a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard. There will be a light dinner after the dedication, "Saints and Sinners Supper".

## Pax Christi Fall Festival 10/20 from 11am to 3pm

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Fall Festival. Plan on a fun-filled day for the whole family. Activities will include live entertainment, a haunted house, games, concessions, photo booth, cake-walk, raffle, craft bazaar, bake sale and pumpkin carving contest. **The K of C has been an integral part of this event and if you'd like to help again this year, please contact Laura Schaffer at 303-662-9294.** It took more than 100 volunteers and 50 sponsors to make last year's festival happen. With your help, we can make this event a huge success as well.



Often people want to drive through the Pax Christi grounds for silent reflection at off-hours. For security purposes the buildings are locked. An area that has a 2-ton piece of flagstone would be nice to develop as an outdoor area for reflection. Would be nice for the knights to pick up that project.

Labor Day weekend there will be a shrubbery planting party. The Metro Districts has approved watering shrubbery, but not grass. Hopefully, this allows time for the shrubbery to grow in for the dedication.

As you are attending mass, please make others feel welcome. Lots of other developing items, but we are running short on time. Please see me after the meeting with any questions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No report.

### **Receipts Read**

Receipts

- Haley Fund, Vending - \$173.66

Bills

- State Per Capita - \$566.35
- Reservation of Park for Picnic, Metro District - \$30
- Trophy Receipt - \$52.45

*Charitable contributions and hours of volunteer service by the K of C reached an all-time high in 2001, according to Supreme Council. Knights at all levels reported raising and contributing to charity more than \$125.6 million and volunteering more than 58.9 million hours of service.*

### **Communications Read**

No communications

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Receipts/bills mentioned previously.

### **Trustees Report**

The audit will be completed and faxed by the 15th once received.

### **Chancellor Report**

No report.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership (Sal Villano)**

As mentioned by the Grand Knight, we want to see 50% of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree members advanced to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> degrees. Looking to host a major degree at the Christi Center when it opens. We want to strengthen the fine existing membership through mentoring and involvement, positioning us to grow the council to over 200 committed members.

It was suggested that an article in the newsletter or an e-mail be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> degrees, that indicates the value in becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Joe Nickels indicated that the Grand Knight section of the next newsletter will have that focus.

There will be a major degree ceremony in Castle Rock on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Council (Paul Sciera)**

No report.

**Family – (Brian Lefever)**

The week of August 10 – 17 is Knights of Columbus Family Week.

As published in the newsletter, Family Picnic is Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, at Plum Valley Park. Bring meat to grill and a side dish or dessert to share.

Dinner with a Knight is again being organized this year. If you are interested, you will be paired with another knight and asked to coordinate a time to have dinner with their family. Hopefully, the dinner is arranged this week, but not required. A sign-up sheet is being passed around.

Brian would still like the council to host a movie night and/or a Rockies game. Please contact Brian if you are willing to chair either of these activities.



*Contact Brian Lefever if you'd like to chair either a movie night or a Rockies Game!*

**Youth (Mike Roy)**

Youth trail tomorrow, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Pax Christi parking lot at 7:30 AM to travel to Camp Santa Maria for some trail work.



Gary Johnson has the Haunted House well under way.

There will be a "Youth Night" in September to acquaint the youth with the Knights.

Free throw contest in January.

**Church (Michael Burkett)**

No report.

**Community (Open)**

No report.

Steve Schaffer thanked the directors for their work and mentioned the effort to make more activities family oriented to eliminate time away from family.

**Standing Committees**

Memorial to the Unborn – Peaches from Palisades will benefit the memorial. The peaches will be available the weekend of August 17/18. Over 200 boxes have been committed.

K of C Emblems—No report.

**Round Tables**

- St. Mark – Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Round Table meeting at the St. Mark rectory. Will be in the bulletin to try reaching those knights not in the council, but part of the parish.
- Pax Christi – The Knights have been contacted regarding the possibility of being responsible for the Christi Center maintenance. This may provide some income. Also, looking at the possibility of obtaining a liquor license.

**Unfinished Business**

Sacred Heart Retreat House golf tournament on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.- \$100 per player for cart & golf, lunch and awards. 6:30 am registration and 7:30 am shotgun start. May only have 20 players, need help.

St. Mark Altar Server Activity – Manny Rosales confirmed with Steve Irick that the altar servers unanimously voted to go to Fat City, rather than a Rockies game. There are 26 altar servers. With the cost being \$12.95 on a weekend, this is still within the \$500 budget discussed. As this was in last year's budget, a motion was made to approve \$500 for this activity. After discussion about where in the budget it would originate, donations were decided. The motion was

Citadel Evangelization/Capuchin Order Support – Mike Melo indicated that the council committed \$1/month/member to support this evangelization. What is the status? Walt Price would ask everyone to pull out a dollar and look for responses on “What can you buy for a dollar?” A dollar per member, per month, is \$12 annually and will help support the excellent work being done at the Citadel mall in Colorado Springs. If you are not going to evangelize, this is an excellent way to support evangelization. They started with one mass per day and now offer two. With everyone’s financial support, they may be able to move to the larger store next door... A collection was taken up from the members present. They need our help. Now that we have help from the members present, how do we involve those not at the meeting. A newsletter article was suggested. Also, tracking the goal and progress was mentioned. Keith Sears asked where it was located. The consensus was south on academy off I-25.

### **New Business**

Mike Melo made people aware that the E-Knight is an e-mail distribution from State that has items of current interest. For example, airing of a television spot regarding the Knights. Mike asked if anyone had issue with their e-mail address being provided to State for adding to the E-Knight distribution list. John Eiler suggested that he e-mail everyone in the council with a description of E-Knight and let them know how to sign-up, as he was concerned about just adding everyone. This is the plan.

Chris Hoss is part of the “Seeds of Hope” group that supports inner city elementary schools, currently five. They have two activities planned:

- August 27<sup>th</sup> Charity on the Rocks – The Samples band and then the movie Men in Black. Cost is \$20 and the entire amount goes to benefit the elementary schools.
- In October there will be a hors devours and dance at \$40 per ticket.

Pat McAllen has a list of e-mails that need correcting. If you are not receiving communications, please let him know your e-mail.

State Newsletter has an article on a blood drive to benefit the past state chaplain, Father Ryan, who is having a liver transplant.

John Eiler has new badges. If you ordered, please pick it up.

John Eiler was in California on business during the Supreme convention. John rode the elevator with many priests, other attendees and even Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. One council had a 20' x 30' replica of the Santa Maria that was on display. It was very impressive. If the Supreme convention is nearby, the council should plan to have representation.

Joe Nickels indicated that a Talents & Skills directory will be published in the next few months. This will allow council members to know about areas of expertise in case they need work done or share a line of work and are unemployed.

A Calendar of Events that spans the council year and beyond is looking to be created for those long-term planners.

Mike Melo asked if the council could pay the tuition for Garrett Christnacht’s Deaconate training.

Damon Franks inquired, after the meeting, about anyone attending the Promise Keepers gathering September 13 – 15.

Damon Franks also mentioned that he is the Indian Guides Nation Chief. This is an organization that is part of the YMCA and meets twice a month to develop the father/son(s) relationship. Contact Damon at [campfirecook@yahoo.com](mailto:campfirecook@yahoo.com).

### **Insurance Agent’s Report (Mike Balchus)**

Want to be an insured member of your Knights of Columbus but don't know how to do it? How about taking out a small insurance plan to take care of your funeral needs? How about opening up an annuity or looking at our Long-Term Care plan? We have lots of ways for you to support your fraternity and propagate the faith at the same time. Just call me at 719-488-6816 or e-mail me at [balchus@aol.com](mailto:balchus@aol.com). I'll be glad to help you become a Full Knight. I'm Mike Balchus, your agent, your friend, and your brother knight.

### **District Deputy’s Report**

No report.

**Fourth Degree Report**

September 12<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins there will be a fourth degree ceremony.

Ron Rietsch, Garrett Christnacht and Patrick McAllen attended the fourth degree ceremony in Security, CO.

*Congratulations to the following August Knight and Family of the Month!!*

*Knight— Tom Harding, Jr.  
Family— Ron and Deanne Gerber*

**Under the Good of the Order**

July Knight of the Month – Ron Rietsch

July Family of the Month – Tom & Carla Odle

Mike Melo and Tom Odle presented a plaque to John Eiler in recognition of his exemplary service to the council as financial secretary. Mike was thrust into the role of Grand Knight and the financial secretary was resigning. John was asked to step in. John did an excellent job with the financial secretary tasks and also picked up e-mailing information to the council, reviewing documents in a very timely fashion, and many other items as needed. Tom Odle also spoke of how John was always there to help out, in addition to being a superb financial secretary.

Two traveling crucifixes are out. Additional ones are available.

**Please Pray for the Following**

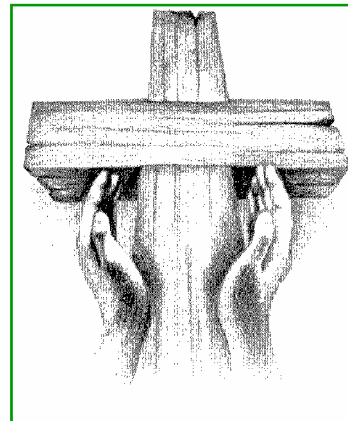
John Eiler's daughter, Chelbey, nearly 13, who recently had a grand maul seizure while registering for school and had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. Chelbey is seeing a new neurologist.

Garrett Christnacht who has been seeking employment for a month now.

Keith Sears' son Mike who has a serious illness.

Steve Schaffer's Aunt Barbara Wilkey who has cancer.

Joe Nickels Aunt Dorothy who died in August.





## District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner—10/22/02—Mark Your Calendars!



The District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held on 10/22 beginning at 6 pm at the newly constructed Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The purpose of this special event is for all District 9 Councils to honor their Priests Deacons and Nuns for their dedicated service to their community and parish. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a prime rib buffet. Tickets can be purchased by calling your Grand Knight. Special dignitaries in attendance will include Bishop Hannifen and Colorado State Deputy, Price Hatcher and his wife. All Knights and their wives are encouraged to attend this special event honoring their clergy. Profit from the ticket sales will be given to the Bishop and presented to the Capuchin Fathers at the Citadel Mall in Colorado Springs. We hope to see you there!



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries To Celebrate!!



The following Knights, wives and couples are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Congratulations and enjoy your special day!

### Knights Birthdays

Bill Besnard—9/9  
Harvey Bialk, Sr.—9/12  
Mike Brook—9/21  
Bob Bruik—9/9  
Gary Dani—9/22  
Tony DeNunzio—9/4  
Keith Gundy—9/21  
George Host—9/3  
Bob Huber—9/12  
Steve Kutcher—9/30  
Jerry Lionetti—9/1  
Dan Miller—9/23  
Dan Mortimore—9/13  
Chris Mosley—9/1  
Manny Rosales—9/4  
Winston Sealey—9/29  
Glen Suddarth—9/12  
Tom Whyte—9/15

### Wive's Birthdays

Joedalyn Bialk—9/29  
Cindy Galligan—9/29

Deanne Gerber—9/28  
Melissa Hanners—9/19  
Sherin Holton—9/11  
Margaret Hughes—9/13  
Sandi Krason—9/10  
Debra Lane—9/14  
Kim Lex—9/27  
Beth Lionetti—9/25  
Diane Morell—9/23  
Terri Neuhalfen—9/10  
Brenda Pardy—9/30  
Gabby Rodriguez—9/9  
Kimberly Whyte 9/24

### Couple Anniversaries

MaryKay and Mark Bisbee—9/4/76  
Michael and Melissa Burkett—9/11/93  
Caryl and Gary Dani—9/25/80  
Linda and Mike Flower—9/25/85  
Susan and Miles Gooderham—9/16/88  
Neva and John Hayes—9/23/78  
Beth and Jerry Lionetti—9/2/72  
Joanne and Al Schopp—9/12/81  
Jenny and Paul Sciera—9/5/70  
Laurie and Mark Sharp—9/11/92  
Debra and Cory Soukup—9/6/86  
Lynne and David Stamps—9/23/78  
Sharon and Tom Wille—9/25/75

## Pax Christi Ministry Fair 9/21 and 9/22

This year's Ministry Fair will be held in the newly completed Christi Center the weekend of 9/21 and 9/22. The theme for the fair is "Living Stones Building the Kingdom." Both Joe Nickels and Sal Villano are providing representation at the Knights table. However, **more volunteers are needed** to man the table and share the good news with other men considering this vocation. If you'd like to help out in this capacity, please contact Joe at 303-346-5890 or Sal at 303-470-9345. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated. Your time commitment could be either after the 5pm Mass on Saturday or after one of the Sunday Masses.

*We the people are the church, the living stones.*

## Tootsie Roll Candy Drive 10/4-5 and 10/11-12

The upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive will be held the weekends of October 4/5 and October 11/12. Funds obtained from the drive will be donated to the Mentally Handicapped State Fund. Most of the funds will go directly to the Highlands Ranch area. We will need volunteers to help for a few hours at the various stores in the area (i.e., Safeway, King Soopers, Walmart, Whole Foods). Sign-up sheets will be available at the next business meeting on 9/14. Please seriously consider helping out. Any questions, contact Jack Doyle at 303-683-8608 or Steve Schaffer at 303-662-9294.