

KNIGHTLY NEWS

A Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus
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The next regular meeting is Saturday, October 19, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. at the Highlands Ranch Library Meeting Room A. Please plan to attend.

Grand Knight's Corner

One Nation Under God—The Birth of Our Nation and Founder

In celebration of Columbus Day on October 14, 2002, let us remember not only the discovery of this great land of ours, but our allegiance and founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Approximately 50 years ago, the words "*ONE NATION UNDER GOD*" were added to the United States pledge of allegiance. It was the persevering efforts of the Knights of Columbus that made it possible. The movement to add the words "under God" officially began on April 22, 1951, when the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors adopted a resolution to add the words to the pledge being recited at all meetings of the Fourth Degree. The role of the KC in getting the words added to the pledge became a matter of government record on July 13, 1954, under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a letter, the president thanked the KC for its role in having the words added to the pledge.



This year, the KC also celebrates the 150th anniversary of the birth of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Father McGivney was only 29 years old when he founded the Order. The first Knights were mostly in their early to mid-30s. Our council consists of relatively young members, much like our founding Brother Knights. Our council has accomplished a lot, especially supporting the establishment of a new parish. Brother Knights, you are to be commended on the accomplishments and the future plans and endeavors that lie ahead. Let us brace the future with the spirit of our founding Brother Knights, as we commemorate Columbus Day and reflect on our mission to serve our churches—St. Mark and Pax Christi.

Joe Nickels
Grand Knight

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Survey to Supreme Council

Our council completed the survey to update the Supreme Council files on where each council is located and which parishes they are serving. Our council serves two parishes: Pax Christi and St. Mark. Roundtable meetings have been established for each parish. Gary Johnson is the coordinator for roundtables at Pax Christi. Dan Timmerman is the coordinator for roundtables at St. Mark. If interested in participating in the roundtables, please contact the coordinators.

Minutes of the August 2002 General Council Meeting

Minutes of the February September 14th, 2002 General Council Meeting, called to order at 8:00 am

General

- The minutes of the August 10th meeting were approved as read.
- Applications for membership: None.

Grand Knight's Report

September is a busy month. The calendar of events is available on the table. November 1 St. Mark and Pax Christi will have a joint mass celebration for All Saints Day.

Melissa Burkett has graciously offered to do the newsletter. You will notice a colorful new format and a lot of information. Please check it out.

The \$12 donation to the Capuchin Order is now mandated by the state. The Capuchin's offer mass and other services in the Citadel mall in Colorado Springs.

Fifty years ago the pledge of allegiance had the words "under God" added. The Knights of Columbus were instrumental in bringing about this change.

As many may not have yet received the newsletter, Joe read the Grand Knight's portion of the newsletter on the topic of major degrees.

Chaplain's Report

An exciting month is ahead with the dedication of the building and the consecration of the altar. The dedication/consecration marks that this space will now be reserved for worship related activities. The dedication will have a Knights 4th Degree Honor Guard, which may use the reconciliation area to prepare. Assuming the Christi Center is available, the kitchen may be used as a nursery. Working the permit issue for the Christi Center as there are several kitchen issues being raised. This may be walled off temporarily.

The "link area" or great hall may be a good place to hang Knight's items on the wall, but only after the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is obtained.

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

October mass schedule will change Saturday still at 5pm, Sunday 8am, 10:30am and 6pm. Plenty of time between the Sunday morning masses for spiritual and social activities. The kitchen offers lots of possibilities, but not sure when it will be ready.

October is leadership/planning meetings. There is a dinner on Thursday evening and it may be an opportunity for the Knights

to serve.

September 21/22 is Ministry Fair weekend at Pax Christi.

September 21 is parish renewal preview, provides committees an opportunity to receive input from the community.

Pledge of allegiance – When the "under God" issue is discussed by some politicians, they respond that "it does not mean anything". Is this a throw away term? Or, are we using it reverently and with dignity?

For the dedication, it would be nice to have 2 – 3 people available to help with parking.

May use the new school for overflow parking during Christmas.

September 11th please pray for the safety of all people.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

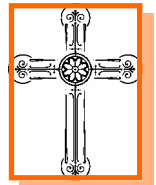
Receipts Read

Receipts

- Golf Tourney - \$7,516
- Peaches - \$5,500
- Pennies from Heaven \$15.00
- Capuchin's \$64

Bills

- Golf Tourney - \$4,400 (Net \$3,100)
- Peaches - \$4,100 (est. net \$1,400)
- Computer purchased \$1,000
- Plaque - \$52.45



- Supreme - \$297.42
- Park Shelter - \$30
- Shirts/Badges - \$659
- State - \$566.35
- Tom Harding (golf ins.) - \$378
- Ron Gerber (Charter framed) - \$244.27
- Peaches Truck Rental - \$34.22 to Ron Gerber
- Clergy Appreciation Dinner - \$25 to Ron Gerber

Communications Read

Capuchin order now is mandated by state for the \$12 per member per year.

Security, Colorado is having a 2nd and 3rd degree on October 20th.

To host a major degree, the council needs to have 30 to 40 people from the council.

Human Services Incorporated annual report received.

Pediatric Therapy Institute provided an update on Austin Gill. He is making good progress. Austin's therapy is supported by the Haley fund.

Financial Secretary Report

Receipts/bills mentioned earlier.

Trustees Report

The audit has been submitted.

Chancellor Report

No report.

Committee Reports

Membership – (Sal Villano)

As of September 1, the council has 158 members. The quota for membership is 8 and for insurance 4.

There will be a major degree ceremony in Castle Rock on October 19th.

Council – (Paul Sciera)

Birthday and anniversary cards are being distributed. If there are additions or corrections, let Paul know.

Family – (Brian LeFever)

About a dozen Knights signed up for the "Dinner with a

Knight". Contact Brian if you are able to coordinate this activity.

The family picnic will be marketed better next year. Planning to make this an annual event during Family Week (August)

Valentines Dance – Planning has started. Council members will have first opportunity to purchase tickets.



Youth – (Mike Roy)

No report.

Church – (Mike Burkett)

No report.

Community – (Open)

Mentally Handicapped Tootsie Roll Drive – Jack Doyle

and Steve Schaffer are coordinating the West and East side coverage for the first two weeks of October. The 1st weekend is the east side. Hoping for excellent participation and expanding the number of sites.

Major Degrees in Castle Rock

Invitations were distributed to each First Degree in our council for the upcoming major degree ceremonies at St. Francis of Assisi in Castle Rock on Saturday, October 19, 2002. The cost is \$13, which includes the banquet dinner. Registration is from 9 until 10:30am, at which time the degree ceremonies begin. Mass will follow the ceremonies with a banquet afterwards. Spouses and children are welcome to attend mass and banquet. The cost for the meal is \$10 for spouses and \$5 for children. If you are unable to attend, please consider attending the next major degree ceremonies scheduled in February 2003 in the Christi Center. If interested, please call Joe Nickels at 303-346-5890.

Standing Committees

Memorial to the Unborn – Ray Gerken said it may take 4 months to receive the memorial. Ron Reitsch may be making a Knights of Columbus plaque for the memorial.

Round Tables

St. Mark – Thursday, August 29th, 6:30pm, Round Table meeting held. Minutes to be distributed by Dan Timmerman.

Unfinished Business

The framed charter was unveiled.

The clergy appreciation dinner is Sunday, September 22, 2002.

The Sacred Heart Retreat House Golf Tournament had 52 players and 14 hole sponsors. \$3,100 is good, but more players would definitely help the cause as that money goes right to the Retreat House.

Need someone to take over the tournament next year to infuse new ideas.



Ron Gerber indicated that Tom Harding has been carrying the work for the tournament and thanked him for the dedication.

Garrett Christnacht was asked how the council could help out with expenses as he trains to become a Deacon. Garrett indicated the parish was paying for the training, but travel expenses to go to/from Colorado Springs every Monday night for the next four years, would be appreciated. Garrett is to provide the estimated costs so the council can make a motion.

Team 1 Bingo tomorrow. Three people are retiring, so the team needs help!! The door person and cashier are gone. Also, need a games manager.

New Business

Mike Melo's wife Chris is participating in a 5K walk/run for Lauren, a young girl with MPS1. Lauren is blind and losing her hearing from MPS1, which is terminal. Mike would like the council to sponsor. The Haley fund was suggested. The Grand Knight, Keith Sears and John Eiler govern the use of the Haley Fund. With John Eiler transferring, Patrick McAllen will replace him in this capacity.

"Under God" – Something was mentioned about Pepsi having a can with the pledge. I looked on Pepsi's site at <http://www.pepsico.com> and they provide information that this is an erroneous report and it may be associated with a Dr. Pepper promotion which may be found at http://www.dpsu.com/drpepper_can.html.

Mike Melo is transferring to the Cabrini council. A replacement will be needed for the Trustee position.

Sal Villano asked about participation in the Columbus Day parade. He will be participating and feels the Knights need to advertise the good this council, and all councils, do in the community.

Sal Villano will be accepting pledges for a 13-mile Cystic Fibrosis jog. He attended a Cystic Fibrosis presentation and is committing to the fundraiser.

Tom Odle indicated that help with the dedication will be needed. Melissa Burkett is working setup, serving and cleanup. Guys/families needed

for parking and cleanup.

Chris Moseley – Bridgett is part of the Mom's Group and is working ticket sales for the Fall Festival. Need 3 people to help out selling after masses on the October 5th/6th weekend.

Don Stanley mentioned the St. Mark Prayer Vigil on October 17th/18th, which is a Friday afternoon/Saturday. It is associated with the St. Mark Capital Campaign. Nice if the council lead an hour or two.

Gary Johnson is working with a Youth Fall Retreat on the 27th. The council will be helping out with talks on "How to Pray" and teaching the rosary. A motion was made to provide 40 rosaries and cards. Chris Moseley drew attention to the current Columbia article on the rosary. A Squires group is in the works.

Insurance Agent's Report - (Mike Balchus)
No report.

District Deputy's Report

- Tuesday night Parker is hosting a 1st degree.
- October 19th major degrees in Castle Rock.
- Motion made and passed to spend up to \$100 to sponsor clergy attending the Clergy Appreciation Dinner.

Fourth Degree Report

- Installation of Officers on the 12th.
- Fourth Degree Honor Guard scheduled for the Pax Christi dedication.

Under the Good of the Order

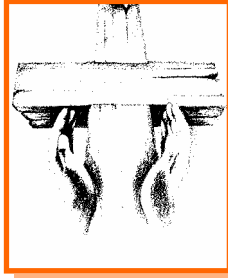
- August Knight of the Month – Tom Harding, Jr.
- August Family of the Month – Ron and Deanne Gerber

Respect Life Month

Thirty years ago, the American Bishops designated October as "Respect Life Month". Each year the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops prepare pro-life educational materials that are distributed to parishes and local communities via each diocese. The Knights of Columbus generally assist each parish coordinator or has a Brother Knight serving the role. Mike Beiriger is our council's coordinator for pro-life activities. He has supported many activities related to Pro-Life this year, including the purchasing of the memorial statue for the unborn to be placed in the new Pax Christi church. Two Life Chains were held in the State of Colorado on Sunday, October 6, 2002: one in Colorado Springs (2-3pm) and one in Longmont (2:30pm). Also, we are reminded by the State Pro-Life Chairman of the importance of having Pro-Life legislators represent what we stand for in the upcoming elections. You are encouraged to know where your candidate stands and vote pro-life. If you are interested in supporting other pro-life activities, feel free to contact Mike Beiriger at 303-683-3296.

Please pray for the following:

- Dan Lazarie's grandfather
- Patricia Harding
- Cathryn Ragula, Tom Harding's Aunt
- Garrett Christnacht who has been seeking employment for a month now.
- Bill Spence who underwent surgery and is now in intensive care.

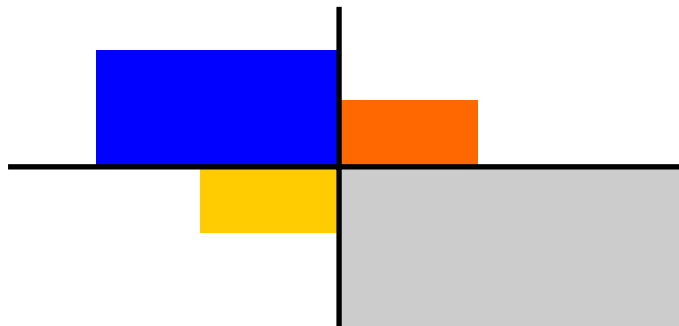


Pax Christi Ministry Fair

Our council managed a table at the annual Pax Christi Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 22, 2002. Many gentlemen that browsed the table were fascinated by the actions the KC performs in the community. One individual completed a Form 100 and five other men were interested in joining the KC.

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.



Clergy Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday, September 22, 2002 our council treated Bishop Hanifen, Fr. Ken Przybyla, Fr. Larry Solan, Deacon Bob Huber, and his wife to a delicious prime rib dinner to acknowledge our appreciation for their dedicated and devoted service. The dinner was superb! In addition, District 9, in which our council is one of four councils, received a Star Award from the State Deputy for the accomplishments and added membership the past fraternal year.

Scars

Some years ago on a hot summer day in south Florida a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind his shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore. His mother in the house was looking out the window saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a u-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator.

Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hand on to the son she loved. The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars.

The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Mom wouldn't let go".

We can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But the scars perhaps of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused deep regret. But some wounds are because God has refused to let go. Sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-of-war begins, and if you have the scars of God's Love on your arms be very, very grateful. God did not and will not let you go.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries To Celebrate!!



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

Knights Birthdays

Joe Boyle—10/7
Paul Hughes—10/6
Greg Krason—10/26
Bernie Kuta—10/5
Fr. Lou McCabe—10/8
Greg Mueller 10/20
Mike Pendergrass—10/2
Ron Rietsch—10/26
Marc Salome—10/29
Jose Vasquez—10/16

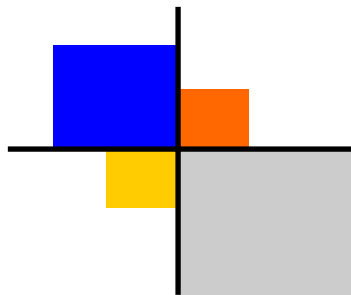
Wive's Birthdays

Cindy Diaz—10/9
Katherine Christnacht—10/18
Deborah Beatty—10/2
Alice Brook—10/2
Susan DeNunzio—10/21
Ruth Eiler—10/31
Shawn Johnson—10/5
Bridgid Mosley—10/18

Ann Sears—10/23
Alice Timmerman—10/4

Couple Anniversaries

Kathleen and Frank Contos—10/31
Cindy and Dan Galligan—10/30
Paula and Jason Harding—10/24
Anne and Dennis LeMieux—10/25
Kristine and Jim Lyall—10/16
Isa and Les Naday—10/2
Geri and Joe Nickels—10/17
Annemarie and Michael Roy—10/16
Laura and Steve Scheer—10/14
Sheryl and Glen Suddarth—10/3
Patricia and John Whattam—10/10



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.

Christmas Card Sales



The KC will again be selling Christmas cards after masses at Pax Christi and St. Mark. Please be thinking about helping this year. Questions, contact Michael Burkett at 720-344-8215. More details are forthcoming in the November Newsletter

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.