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Next Monthly Business Meeting - First Degree

Our next monthly business meeting will be held on November 13 at Pax Christi. We will conduct a first degree ceremony at 7:30 a.m. and our meeting will begin immediately following the ceremony. The December meeting will be held December 11 at 8:00 a.m. preceded by a 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The 2004 Knights of Columbus Mentally Handicapped fundraising drive was held the weekend of October 1st & 2nd. Tootsie rolls were distributed and donations were collected at Safeway and King Soopers in Lone Tree and Highlands Ranch.

Pax Christi's Council 10937 worked jointly with the new St. Mark Council 1498 on this project. We ordered our tootsie rolls in conjunction with the Ave Maria council to save on shipping costs. St. Mark Council covered the western part of Highlands Ranch and passed out tootsie rolls on October 8th & 9th.

Matt Sheffield recruited volunteers for Pax Christi. He began calling all Knights in our council 3 weeks prior to the event. We were able to involve some Knights who do not usually participate in many activities. Ron Rietsch graciously agreed to be the coordinator for the weekend, covering all 4 stores. During the weekend, three shifts were held: Friday 4-7 pm and Saturday 9-12 and 12-3. Two volunteers were signed up for each shift. This gave each Knight a chance to work and socialize with another brother Knight. Many of the volunteers brought their families to help distribute tootsie rolls and collect donations. This proved extremely helpful in collecting more donations. Ron then counted the money and tracked it separately for each shift. This should help with future planning as to where and when we were most effective.

The council also handed out tootsie rolls at Pax Christi after each of the 4 weekend masses. The money collected from the 4 stores and after the masses totaled \$1751.25. The Council voted to distribute the funds raised to Mosaic. The funds will be donated to support mentally handicapped individuals with mental retardation, Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, and other similar conditions.

Thank you to all of the Knights who helped make this year's drive a wonderful success!



**THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

2nd Annual Knights Christmas Tree Cutting



When: Saturday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Meet at Thunder Ridge High School East Parking Lot
1991 Wildcat Reserve Pkwy

We will caravan from there (about a 1-hour drive)

RSVP: Please RSVP to Dan Lazzeri so we can obtain a permit for you.

dlazzeri@bacou-dalloz.com or 303-346-0695

The Knights families, St. Mark parishioners, Pax Christi parishioners, friends and anyone else you can think of are invited for a day in our beautiful mountains. You can hunt for the “perfect” Christmas tree (most are Charlie Brown trees). Gather branches for garland and swags, or just enjoy the day hiking. We will gather after for lunch and stories. Kids might see Smokey the Bear and maybe even Santa.

Learn from the mistakes of
others.
You can't live long enough to
make them all yourself!

Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift!

He, who loses money,
loses much.
He, who loses a friend,
loses much more!
He, who loses faith,
loses all!

Many people will walk in and out
of your life.
But only true friends will leave
footprints in your heart.
To handle yourself, use your
head!

Anger is only one letter
short of danger. If someone
betrays you once, it is his
fault! If he betrays you
twice, it is your fault!

Great minds discuss ideas.
Average minds discuss events.
Small minds discuss people.

Minutes of the October 2004 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Gary Johnson at 8 am. The roll of officers was called and noted as follows:

Present

Chaplain
Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Outside Guard
3rd Year Trustee
1st Year Trustee

Absent

Inside Guard

Excused

Chancellor
Lecturer

Vacant

Recorder
Advocate
Warden
2nd Year Trustee

September Meeting Minutes - Approved

Applications for Membership

Walter Cronin, Mark Sweeney and Francis Brown were approved.

Grand Knight's Report

Supreme would like to solicit volunteers to drive individuals to polling places who otherwise would not have an opportunity to vote. Gary Johnson requested help for the October 17 beer garden. Clergy appreciation dinner is set for February 17. Father Ken was named Knight of the Month for his help at the pancake breakfasts. Steve & Laura Schaffer were presented with family of the month for June.

Chaplain's Report

Bishop Sheridan will be at Pax Christi on Thursday, October 14, from 7:00-8:30 pm to teach on political issues for the Northern Region. The Chillin' and Grillin' event will be held on October 17. Pax Christi is looking for parish counsel nominees. Dennis Cullen has agreed to serve as coordinator of the usher ministry. Please consider assisting Dennis with this important work. The 3rd World sale will occur on November 6 & 7 and might provide an opportunity as a fund raiser for the Knights.

Treasurer's Report

Al Valenti handed out a detailed treasurer's report. Al recommended pre-selling peaches as well as having some available for sale. Three receipts this month for \$2,280.10. No cash out this period. Made good on dues. \$241.50 received from vending machine sales. St. Mark wants to buy the council laptop.

Committee Reports

We are still looking for a youth director. We will be coordinating this year's tree cutting event with St. Mark. Matt Sheffield reported on the Tootsie Roll Drive - total amount raised was \$1,751.25.

Unfinished Business

Mom's Group donation of \$500 approved for Pregnancy Alternatives. Steve Schaffer asked for volunteers to help with the beer garden to be held during the Chillin' and Grillin' event.

New Business

We are beginning to plan for a fish fry to be held during Lent. Christmas Party will be held in December. A motion to purchase four new round tables for Pax Christi will be voted on in November. Father Ken will look into the cost.

Insurance Agent Report

No Report

District Deputy Report

By-laws need to be submitted. Installation of officers will occur in November. Membership drive is coming up.

Father Ken said the closing prayer.

Minutes recorded by Matt Sheffield.



Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be on December 18th at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by dinner. All families attending are asked to bring a dish (e.g., veggie, salad, Jell-O, rolls, dessert, etc.) to share. Drinks and meat will be provided. If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, please bring a wrapped gift with his/her name. Questions, call Gary Johnson or Chris Mosley.



Clergy Appreciation Dinner—2/17/05

Our council will be hosting a Clergy Appreciation Dinner on February 17, 2005 at the Christi Center. Both Tom Wille and Michael Burkett are organizing this event which will be held to honor our diocesan clergy and to let them know how much we appreciate all they do for us and our communities. Knights and their families are welcome. We will provide more information as the date approaches.

St. Theresa's Prayer

St. Theresa is known as the Saint of the Little Ways. She believed in doing the little things in life well and with great love. She is also the patron Saint of flower growers and florists. She is represented by roses.

May today there be peace within.

May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.... Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of you.

Dennis Cullen—New Usher Ministry Coordinator

Dennis Cullen has graciously answered the call Father Ken made last month to our council to serve as the usher ministry coordinator. Father Ken reiterated at this month's meeting his desire to have more families involved as ushers. This provides an excellent opportunity for Knights and their families to perform an important and enjoyable service to our church and its parishioners. Dennis Cullen will be sending more information regarding the usher ministry in the near future.



I've Learned...Words of Wisdom from Maya Angelou

- "I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow."
- "I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way she handles: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."
- "I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life."
- "I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as "making a life."
- "I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance."
- "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back."
- "I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision."
- "I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one."
- "I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back."
- "I've learned that I still have a lot to learn."
- "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law - an oligarchy - the rule of few over many.

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Knight With A Nugget

Are you excited about this year's Nuggets? Given last year's success and this year's new players, the 2004-2005 season promises to be a terrific year for our hometown hoopsters. We will be organizing a group outing to a Nuggets game which will likely occur in January or February. We have had preliminary discussions with the Nuggets to have Bill Hanzlik appear as a guest to our group. Bill is a practicing Catholic who currently serves as a Nugget announcer. Details to come.



Samaritan House Backpack Drive

The Pax Christi Youth Ministry conducted a drive recently to collect backpacks for the homeless community in Denver. Our council agreed to contribute \$200 towards this worthwhile effort. We extend our congratulations and thanks to the Youth Ministry for their excellent work.



Knights Are Seeking a Youth Group Director

We are looking for someone to volunteer as our youth group director. The director would coordinate council sponsored youth activities including the annual Free Throw contest and Youth Service Scholarship. Serving the youth of our parish and community is an important service we can and should provide. Please consider whether you could assist in this important ministry. Those interested should contact Chris Mosley at 303-299-8466 or cmosley@sah.com.