

# Knightly News



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## Member Handbook

A document has been created and approved for all new and existing Knights and it is called the "**New Member Handbook**." This handbook provides a brief overview of the Knights of Columbus and the activities surrounding our Council and will be given to all new First Degrees at their ceremony. If you would like to receive an electron copy, please contact Richard Storicks at: [storicks@castlepines.net](mailto:storicks@castlepines.net)

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—CHRIS MOSLEY

Charity is a founding principle of our Order. Indeed, the compass shown to candidates during all first degree ceremonies perpetually points to charity, emphasizing its importance to all Knights.

Hurricane Katrina was one of the most devastating and catastrophic disasters in our time. Millions have been displaced, many have lost their lives. The impact will be felt by those affected for a long time to come.

Hurricane Katrina provides an opportunity for all of us to exhibit the charitable nature of our Order and of each one of us. At our last business meeting, we voted to donate \$2,000 to various relief organizations. Those funds are on their way. We also created a Hurricane Relief committee to investigate how best we as a council can further help the relief effort. The committee, chaired by Chris Kennedy, is charged with looking into the various ways we can help - not only through our treasure, but also through our time and talent. We will provide further information regarding the committee's work in future newsletters and e-mails. If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact Chris Kennedy at 303-683-1198 or [ck2\\_nd@yahoo.com](mailto:ck2_nd@yahoo.com).

I ask each of you, however, not to look just to our council to help. I ask you to look into your own hearts and souls to determine how you as individuals and Knights can assist. There are numerous reputable charitable organizations available to take donations, including the efforts organized by Supreme (for details, see [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and by Pax Christi. Any assistance you can provide, financially or otherwise, can go a long way to helping those in need.

Finally, four new Knights were inducted into our Council at our recent First Degree Ceremony, including; John Piowarczyk, Don Zirkelbach, James Curcio, and Ken Bertrand. Please congratulate them, the next time you see them and provide a warm welcome to them at our meetings.

Vivat Jesus!  
Chris Mosley  
Grand Knight

## Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Edward F. Dinan Assembly #2619 will host an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on Sunday, October 16, 2005 at the American Legion Hall, 278 W. Front Street, Byers, CO. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Ladies entertainment, Mass, and Knighting will take place at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church, 186 N. McDonnell Street, Byers, CO. For more information, contact Tom Odle at 303-683-9812 or [odlethomash@qwest.net](mailto:odlethomash@qwest.net).

### **Knights of Columbus Council 10937 Minutes of the September 10, 2005 Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight Chris Mosley at 8:40 am. The roll of officers was called by Mark Sweeney and noted as follows:

- Chaplain- P
- Financial Secretary-P
- Inside Guard-P
- Grand Knight-P
- Treasurer-P
- Outside Guard-P
- Deputy Grand Knight-E
- Lecturer-A
- Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.)-P
- Chancellor-P
- Advocate-A
- Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.)-E
- Recorder-P
- Warden-P
- Trustee (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.)-P

#### **The Minutes of the Preceding Meeting**

The August minutes were approved and published as written.

#### **Grand Knight's Report**

August Knight of the Month is Ron Gerber for his efforts on the peach sale.

August Family of the Month is Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mayfield & family for their efforts on the Peach Sale.

Next Planning Meeting will be held October 5<sup>th</sup>. Next Business Meeting will be held October 8<sup>th</sup>.

To All Knights, charity is the fundamental principle of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Hurricane Katrina is the worst disaster of our nation's history. It is an important time for all Knights to ask themselves, not what the council is doing, but what they can do to help during this particular time of special need.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million to the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief effort. Donations can be made to the following:

#### **In the USA**

Knights of Columbus  
Charities, USA  
Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 9028  
Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028  
Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief

#### **In Canada**

Knights of Columbus.  
Canada Charities, Inc.  
Gift Processing Center  
PO Box 7252 Station A  
Toronto, ON M5W 1X9  
Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief

To all Directors, if you need assistance communicating or promoting any cause, event or activity, please e-mail Chris Mosley.

#### **Chaplain's Report**

Pax Christi will be hosting the Parish Retreat on September 18, 19 and 20 from 7:30 to 8:45 PM each evening. Father Francis Pompei, a Franciscan Priest from Holy Name Province will host the event and will also preach at each of the weekend masses.

Pax Christi has offered assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The parish will be hosting a Jambalaya Dinner on October 8<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the effort.

Invitation to all to sign up for the Trip to Poland. Deadline for signing up is the end of September so register soon.

Religious Education began the week of September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Parish has all teachers and assistants in place. Please take the time to thank all of them for their commitments to our children's religious development.

Chillin' and Grillin' Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be food, games and fun for all so please plan on attending.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balances:

- Certificates of Deposit (3) - \$4,206.67
- General Account - \$11,297.40
- Haley Fund - \$2,818.47
- Outstanding Checks - \$2,134
- Net Balance - \$9,166.06

#### **Financial Secretary Report**

Total Receipts Reported: \$6,387  
Total Cash in: \$6,940

#### **Trustees Report**

No Report

**District Deputy**

The State Directories have been published. All errors should be addressed to Ted. Football Sweepstakes tickets and money must be sent to Supreme (attn Jim Conlan).

**Committee Reports****Membership Committee (Richard Storicks)**

Four new members received their 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We also have an additional 8 new people interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

Membership Blitz is tentatively planned for October. New membership handbook has been finalized and will be located on the web-site.

**Service Program Committee (Matt Sheffield)**

Tootsie Roll Drive will be held October 7-8<sup>th</sup>. This year our council will be coordinating this function with the St. Mark's parish council. David Suhr will serve as the weekend coordinator, ensuring that supplies are in place at all locations and that donations are collected.

We are in need of a new Community Director to replace Matt Sheffield. Matt is moving to Omaha to pursue a new job. Thank you Matt for all of your dedication and hard work. You will be missed.

**Church Committee (Tom Wille)**

Christmas Card Sale is tentatively scheduled to follow all Masses beginning the weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup>. Tom may announce to move this up a week or two. If you are interested in assisting, which entails a 3-4 hour effort on any Sunday for the four consecutive weeks of the sale, please contact Tom Wille.

**Family Committee (Roger Giudici)**

Committee is working on the planning stages of many events. Parents/kids soccer game tentatively scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Game will be followed by 6:00 pm mass with a potluck to follow. We are looking for a Director to coordinate this event so please contact Roger if interested. Upcoming events include the Christmas Tree cutting to be held in conjunction with St. Mark's, a joint barbecue for Pax Christi and St. Mark councils, as well as, a Softball Tournament next spring.

**Perpetual Adoration (Jason Mumm)**

October is "National Right to Life Month" and "Respect Life Month" Jason Mumm is coordinating a week of Perpetual Adoration to be held from October 24<sup>th</sup> through midnight on October 31<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be routed in our next Council meeting so please sign-up then or contact Jason Mumm. Jason also motioned to donate \$250 to Mom's Group for Pregnancy Alternatives. Motion was approved.

**Happy Hour (Chris Kennedy)**

Happy Hours will be held on the second Friday of each month prior to the Council meetings at 5:00 pm. All Knights, spouses and families are welcome.

**Golf Tournament (Ron Gerber)**

The annual golf tournament was held Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The event experienced a great turn-out with the Pax Christi Council sponsoring two teams. The Sacred Heart Retreat House received proceeds from the event of \$2,000.

**Hurricane Katrina**

A very lengthy and heartfelt discussion took place around how our Knights of Columbus Council could best serve the Hurricane Relief Effort. The discussion revolved around the enormous immediate needs that victims of the disaster have, combined with an understanding by all Knights present, that the relief effort is not short-term in nature, but rather, will continue to require financial assistance for many years to come. Consequently, the Council struggled with desires to give all that we can immediately to assist the relief effort amidst concerns for maintaining our long-term financial ability to donate to future causes, as well as, retaining our ability to invest in efforts and activities that will generate future cash flows.

As a result of the conversation, the Council has created a Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Committee headed by Chris Kennedy to discuss and develop the short-term and long-term strategies. Other ideas presented at the meeting were as follows;

- Donate \$1,000 to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund immediately.
- Designate proceeds from the August and September Pancake Breakfasts.
- Donate proceeds from the Beer Garden.
- Donate \$250 Grand Knights Fund
- Use Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1300 that will mature in September 2005.

## 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!

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

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!

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

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."

### DID YOU KNOW?

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".

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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?

This month's  
Knight and Family  
of the Month are  
all about  
peaches!



### Family of the Month The Mayfield's

We honor Gary Mayfield and his family. Gary offered the use of his trailer to pick up the peaches, and several family members assisted with sales. Their help was indispensable.

### Knight of the Month Ron Gerber

We honor Ron Gerber as Knight of the Month. Ron has coordinated the peach drive for several years. This year's drive was an unmitigated success.

## Major Degrees

For those Knights wanting to achieve their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees, the following are upcoming ceremonial dates. More information will be forthcoming on the address and times. Please mark your calendars.

9/24/05 – Denver  
10/15/05 – Castle Rock  
10/22/05 – Pueblo  
10/29/05 – Arvada  
11/13/05 – Greeley  
11/19/05 – Denver

If you are interested in attending one of these ceremonies, please contact Richard Storicks or Chris Mosley.



- Issue a Council Challenge to the other Councils to raise funds. A discussion pertaining to this motion recommended capping this at some amount to alleviate financial risk.
- Sell Basic Safety/Emergency Survival Kits with proceeds going to relief effort. With respect to Hurricane Katrina and most disasters of this nature, basic needs in the hours immediately following a catastrophic event may decide the difference between life and death.

### Motions Approved:

1. Motion by Chris Kennedy to donate August and September Breakfast Proceeds and other funds totaling up to \$500 to Pax Christi Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort.
2. Motion to donate \$500 each to Supreme towards its relief fund, State towards its relief fund, Catholic Charities towards its relief fund, and Pax Christi towards its relief fund (a total of \$2,000).
3. Motion to earmark additional funds of up to \$3,000 to the Knights Hurricane Katrina Relief for efforts recommended by the hurricane relief committee)

### Under the Good of the Order

- May we all continue to remember Brother Tom Odle, his mother-in-law and his family, in our prayers. Tom's mother-in-law is ill.
- Remember Matt Sheffield, his wife and family. Wendy is expecting another child and is planning a move to Omaha, Nebraska.
- Remember Bill Besnard's mother, a resident of New Orleans, and the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **September 25** - Chillin' & Grillin' (Beer Garden)
- **October 5** - Planning Meeting
- **October 7** - Monthly Happy Hour
- **October 8** - Monthly Business Meeting
- **October 7-8** - Mentally Handicapped Drive
- **October 23** - Parent/Kids Soccer Game/Potluck
- **November 20-December 11** - Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales

### **GRANDPA'S HANDS AND THE FACE OF CHRIST**

Grandpa, some 77 plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, he just sat with his head down, staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence, and the longer I sat I wondered if he was ok.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was ok. He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking", he said in a clear strong voice. "I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were ok."

"Have you ever looked at your hands", he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?" I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. "No, I guess I have never really looked at my hands", as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and said: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years."

"These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak, have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed to the floor. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They dried the tears of my children and caressed the love of my life. They have been dirty, scraped, raw, swollen, and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn child. They wrote the letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and my wife and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I lifted a plow off my best friend's foot.

They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky, wet, bent, broken, dried, and raw.

To this day when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when He leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ.