

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE—CHRIS MOSLEY

Dear Brothers,

"Thank you" is something we do not hear enough of in our society. I would like to say "thank you" to all of you for your wonderful service as Knights of Columbus.

"Service" is a core principal of our order. The Knights of Columbus perform innumerable acts of service to communities, churches, youths, families and brother Knights. Indeed, our council alone conducts the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, is engaging in a significant hurricane relief effort (with more information to follow in the coming weeks), and has put on numerous pancake breakfasts for parishioners. Our council also has performed less visible, but just as important, services such as laying the sod around the herb garden, preparing dinner for last summer's youth service activity at Pax Christi, and supporting the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Queen of Heaven Cemetery and multiple seminarians. These activities merely scratch the surface of all our council does. Virtually every member of our council has been involved in at least one service activity this year, either through our council, Pax Christi or otherwise.

Each month, our council provides opportunities for Knights and their families to engage in various service activities. Upcoming activities include preparing lunch for the Catholic Committee on Scouting's Religious Awards Retreat, assisting Brother Dan Cahill with a move into his new condominium, and a Thanksgiving service project chaired by new Knight Jim Curcio. Several additional service activities will be coming up and we will keep you advised, and I encourage you to share your gift of service as much as you can.

But the purpose of this column is not to tout our wonderful record of service nor solicit your future help (I hope your desire to serve is an internal one fired by the love of our Lord). Rather, the purpose of this column is to say "thank you." Thanks to all of you who have helped serve your church, your community, your family, your youth and your Brother Knights. In doing so, you exemplify the best in human nature and Columbianism.

So, on behalf of all who have been graced by your service, thank you.

Chris Mosley

Pray For Disaster Victims



The fall has seen what seems to be an inordinate number of major disasters - Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Stan in Central America, and the Pakistani earthquake. Literally millions of people have been gravely affected by these tragedies. Please take some time and pray for all of these victims.

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Our council has been one of the leaders in assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina. Indeed, Supreme has posted our council's efforts on its web site. Our work, however, is not complete. Brother Chris Kennedy has been in contact with Supreme and with Louisiana State to discuss further work our council can do to assist those in need, including those councils devastated by Katrina. We are also investigating other avenues to provide disaster relief, including the development of a disaster assistance fund currently chaired by Brother Gary Johnson. We will continue to keep you informed. Please contact Chris Kennedy or Chris Mosley if you would like to participate.

Perpetual Adoration

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a week-long perpetual adoration at the Pax Christi Chapel in observance of Respect Life Month. Adoration will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 24th and will end at midnight on October 31st. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to join in prayer to honor of the inviolability of human life by giving thanks and praise to He who is the author of life itself! A Knights of Columbus representative will be available after each Mass next weekend for signups. In addition, please feel free to call Jason Mumm at 303-683-6880) or Chris Mosley at 303-299-8466) to sign up.

Capital Punishment and Church Teaching on Right to Life

I hope that all of you have had a chance to read the latest edition of the Herald. In that edition, Archbishop Chaput calls for an immediate end to the death penalty and discusses how capital punishment fits into Church teaching on life issues.

In his discussion, he reaffirms that the death penalty is not intrinsically evil because it is a legitimate punishment under certain circumstances (when society cannot be kept safe by any other means); he reminds us that the right to life of a convicted murderer must be balanced against society's right to justice and security; finally, he tells us that the Church's teachings on euthanasia, the death penalty, war, genocide, and abortion are all rooted in the same concern for the sanctity of the human person, but that each of these are different issues without the same moral content.

What Catholic teaching does involve as it relates to the death penalty is, he continues: "a call to set aside unnecessary violence, including violence by the state, in the name of human dignity and the building of a culture of life."

Brothers, the culture of life doesn't start and end with the right to birth. During this month of October, which the USCCB has proclaimed as Respect Life month, please take a moment to pray for those men and women condemned to die at the hands of the state and try to remember that Christ showed us the path to justice goes through mercy, not through the end of a needle. A prayer for mercy is a prayer for real justice.

Vivat Jesus!
Jason Mumm
Right to Life Chairman

Membership

The next 2nd/3rd degree ceremony is scheduled for November 13 with the Greeley Council. The ceremony will be at the Council Home, with mass and knighting at St Peter's Catholic Church. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and mass/knighting at 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending and needs more information, please contact Richard Storicks or Chris Mosley.

To provide better assistance in evaluating nominees to our Council, we are creating a Nominee Evaluation Tool which will be used to gather pertinent information on each new candidate. The information will prove useful to the Officers in accepting or rejecting the candidate, which is a requirement in our membership process.

Catholic Dictionary

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH: The original "Jaws" story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO. The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Family Activities

The first annual family **Soccer Outing** will be Sunday, October 23. We will begin our 3v3 tournament on the Rock Canyon Soccer field (between the high school and the middle school) at 2 p.m. Registration and team formation will be at 1:30. The pot luck will be at Pax Christi at 4:30. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. After the potluck and cleanup, we will be attending the 6:00 p.m. mass as a group. Please contact Roger Giudici (roger-giudici@qwest.net or 303-791-6864) if you are planning on attending this fun event.



Christmas Tree Cutting will be the weekend of December 10/11 (date will depend on the forest service). We need to obtain the permits by November 1 at a cost of \$10 each. Please contact Mike Roy (m-g-roy@yahoo.com or 720-344-7550) or Roger Giudici by October 30 if you are interested in cutting your own tree.

The **Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 18 at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with mass at 5 p.m. and dinner following the mass. A special visit from Saint Nick will occur during the evening. **RSVP:** Please contact Ron Gerber at 303-791-0369 or Roger Giudici by December 5 if you are planning on attending.

Upcoming Events

October 22
October 23
October 24-31
November 9
November 12
November 13
November 20-December 4
December 10/11
December 18
January 26

Scouting Religious Awards Retreat
Parents/Kids Soccer Game/Potluck
Perpetual Adoration
Monthly Planning Meeting
Monthly Business Meeting
Major Degree Exemplification - Greeley
Keep Christ In Christmas Card Sales
Christmas Tree Cutting
Christmas Party At Sacred Heart Retreat House
District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Successful Chillin' & Grillin'

As many of you know, the weather for Pax Christi's Chillin' & Grillin' on September 25 was spectacular which led to a very successful event for the church and our council. The beer garden was quite successful as were the hot dogs for the kids. Thanks to all who helped in the set up, running and clean up of the entire festival!

District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Ave Maria Council #7880 is hosting this year's District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner. This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at the Canterbury Golf Club in Parker. Cocktails at 6:30 pm with dinner to be served at 7:00 pm. Bishop Sheridan will be in attendance along with other State officers. More information to come in the weeks ahead.

This Month's Knight and Family of the Month

Knight of the Month—Steve Schaffer

This month's Knight of the Month is Steve Schaffer for his tremendous efforts in organizing our participation in this year's Chillin' & Grillin' festival. In addition to organizing our beer tent, Steve assisted in putting together many of the activities for the kids. All in all, an amazing effort.

Family of the Month—The Postma's

This month's Family of the Month is the family of brother Gene Postma. Gene and his family recently moved to Colorado from Iowa. Gene joined the Knights recently and has been very active with the pancake breakfasts, Chillin' & Grillin' and other council activities. Gene's family also can be seen regularly around Pax Christi each week. Together, Gene and his family represent the best of what Knights and their families are supposed to be.

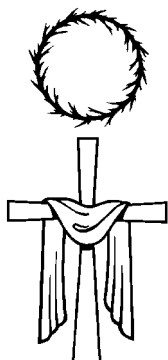
Please congratulate Steve and the Postma's for their wonderful work.

Major Degrees

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

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.



Keeping Christ in Christmas!

Starting Sunday November 13th thru Sunday December 4th, we will again be selling Christmas Cards. We have received all new cards this year, and at a reduced price, which we will pass on to our parishioners! Volunteers would need to sell cards from immediately after the 8:30 a.m. mass and 10:30 a.m. mass in the large hall during the coffee and donut meeting time until around 1/2 hour after mass (about a 30- to 45-minute commitment altogether). Cards and tables will already be set up. We simply need a few Knights to help sell the cards. If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday, please email Tom Wille at tomwille@msn.com.

From the Grand Knight: New members and those who have not participated actively in the last few months due to time constraints, this is an excellent opportunity to help our council and serve our church by donating a small amount of time following a weekly mass. Please consider assisting.

Scouting Religious Awards Retreat

Pax Christi is hosting the annual Catholic Committee on Scouting's Religious Awards Retreat next Saturday, Oct 22nd. The Knights of Columbus will be preparing lunch for all the scouts (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, etc) that attend the retreat. We are expecting about 150 scouts! If you are available to help prepare the hamburgers and hotdogs please contact Chris Kennedy at 303-683-1198 or by email at ck2_nd@yahoo.com.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Egan
Assistant Cubmaster/Den Leader, Pack 783
Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 628

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions (As Published in the October 2005 Edition of Columbia)

As a show of our solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, we are reprinting his monthly prayer intentions.

General: For all Christians facing the threat of secularism: May they trust in God and be courageous witnesses of faith and hope.

Mission: For all Christians: Besides praying for the missions may they also support missionary activity with material offerings.

How To Order A Knights Of Columbus Shirt

In response to questions posed by several Knights, we are providing instructions on how to order a council shirt. Each member can order his own shirt by contacting:

Creative Threadwork, Inc.
 Attn: Sue O'Neil
 303-420-1103

Sue has done our shirts for a while now, so she will know the colors and the basic embroidery needed. Just give her a call and she will take care of the rest. She also has a website that you should visit when ordering a shirt. <http://paxchristi.org/ministries/kofc/Shirts.htm>

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