

Knightly News

November 2005

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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, contact Richard Storicks at: storicks@castlepines.net

Grand Knight's Message

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for all of us to be with family and friends and give thanks to God for all he has given us during the past year and throughout our lives.

As Knights, I suggest that we think of Thanksgiving in another way as well. Living here in Douglas County, most of us are blessed with everything we could possibly need. Few are wanting. With such a blessing, however, comes responsibility - the responsibility to give our time, talent and treasure to those who are wanting. Fortunately, we are able to extend Christ's love to others by the many works of service and acts of charity we do each day. In doing so, we find the paradoxical beauty of service - the more we give, the more we receive - and that, in itself, is a wonderful blessing.

Thus, I commend to you the following thought - in addition to giving thanks for all we have, let us be thankful for the opportunity our Lord has given us to share his love with others who are less fortunate. After all, the holiday is known as "Thanksgiving." And to all of you, thank you for giving!!!

Chris Mosley



*HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING
WITH YOUR FAMILIES
AND OTHER LOVED ONES!*

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 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.



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.

Perpetual Adoration

Our council sponsored a perpetual adoration at the Pax Christi Chapel during the last week of October in observance of Respect Life Month. The event was a terrific success and lasted for a full four days. We have received the thanks of many parishioners for putting on the event. Given the wonderful response, we are working on plans for future perpetual adorations. We will keep you informed.

Knights Of Columbus Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving Event

Our Adopt-A-Family program with Alternatives Pregnancy Center was a huge success! Twenty-three Knights and their families assembled individual gift baskets for clients of APC. Eighteen Knights and their families met at Pax Christi and made the trip to the APC on Saturday, November 19 to deliver the gifts and meet the recipients. APC arranged for their most needy clients to receive our gifts and be in attendance on Saturday. The Knights and their families were then given a tour of the facility and learned a great deal about the services that the APC provides young adults. The entire event embodied exactly what we as Knights are. Many thanks to Brother Jim Curcio for organizing this event.

How To Order A Knights Of Columbus 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>

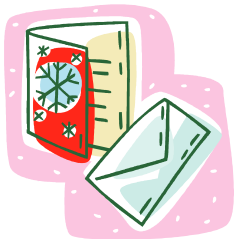
Keeping Christ in Christmas!

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.



Pax Christi Ministry Requests For Assistance

We have received requests for assistance from three ministries:

Choir/Madrigal Dinner: The choir has requested our assistance with the upcoming Madrigal dinners. The dinners are scheduled for December 9 & 10. Volunteers are needed to serve and provide kitchen help both nights. Please contact the following individuals if you can help:

Server/Bartender - Mary Fitzgerald - 303-470-7630
Kitchen Assistance - Kathy Hankins - 303-791-2792
Decorations - Melissa Burkett - 303-344-8215

Ministry To The Homebound: The ministry to the homebound needs assistance to serve patients at Sky Ridge. Please contact Robert Mauro at robert.mauro@uchsc.edu for more information.

Usher Ministry: Father Ken is looking for someone to coordinate the usher ministry. The ministry is up and running. What is needed is someone to organize and coordinate those participating in the ministry. Please contact Father Ken if you are willing to undertake this important role.

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 Married People: May they grow in holiness in everyday life following the example of so many Christian spouses.

Mission: For Bishops in Missionary Territories: May they fulfill their duty to provide permanent formation for their priests.

Upcoming Events

December 4 - Pancake Breakfast
December 7 - Monthly Planning Meeting
December 10 - Monthly Business Meeting
December 10 - Christmas Tree Cutting
December 18 - Christmas Party at Sacred Heart Retreat House
January ??? - Family Game Night
January 26 - District 9 Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Pro-Life Flash - November

The Supreme Court is taking up arguments in yet another right to life issue. This time, the issue is euthanasia as practiced under an Oregon law that allows the prescription of federally controlled substances to murder consenting patients. Here is part of the article describing the issue.

The U.S. Supreme Court is taking up issues of life and death again, this time in the context of physician-assisted suicide. Led by new Chief Justice John Roberts, the Court heard oral arguments October 5 in *Gonzales v. Oregon*. The case involves a 2001 directive by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, saying that deliberately prescribing lethal overdoses for patients who want to commit suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" for federally controlled drugs under the controlled Substances Act. The State of Oregon, with the nation's only law allowing physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill, has sued against this directive. All of Oregon's reported assisted suicides have used federally controlled drugs (barbiturates). The Ashcroft directive replaces a 1998 determination by U.S.

Attorney General Janet Reno that had been more pleasing to euthanasia advocates. She ruled that by rescinding its own penalties for assisting the suicides of certain patients, Oregon had effectively succeeded in unilaterally amending federal drug laws as well, establishing assisted suicide as a "legitimate medical practice" within Oregon's borders.

In his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope John Paul II describes euthanasia as an "inexcusable injustice," and yet another assault on human life perpetuating the culture of death. The culture of death pervades our code of laws as it is, enabling the will of the strong over the weak – those with power versus those without. Those who cannot be productive are now encouraged (if not compelled) to die and release the strong from the burden of caring. So called democratic decisions, as perpetuated by our legislative and judicial branches, are a guise that are truly, according to the encyclical, tyrannical decisions that assault us all and damage democracy at its core. Natural law is ignored in favor of a moral relativism that suggests that any sort of suffering is to be avoided at all costs.

Pray brothers that our supreme court will act wisely in this case and start the process of restoring true democracy that embraces objective truth. Namely, that human life is inviolable and protection of life is at the core of democratic ideals.

***Vivat Jesus,
Jason Mumm
Right to Life Chairman***

Air Force/Army Football Game

Thanks to Chris Kennedy for organizing the Air Force/Army football game. Although the Zoomies lost, the game was a good one. We look forward to similar events in the future

Pancake Breakfast - Schedule Change

We will be combining our November and December pancake breakfast into a single event held on Sunday, December 4. There will be no pancake breakfast on November 27 or December 25.

Scouting Religious Awards Retreat

Pax Christi hosted the annual Catholic Committee on Scouting's Religious Awards Retreat on Saturday, October 22nd. 151 scouts attended representing five different faiths. Our council prepared lunch to this hungry bunch. Pax Christi parishioner Matt Maranto and Brother Knight Jim Egan were heavily involved in this event and sent a hearty thank you for our council's assistance.

Family Activity Update

The first annual Family Soccer outing was held on October 23. The Felcyn clan took honors. However, everyone who attended had an excellent time.

New Event Idea: Friday Game Night - Some Friday in January or February, we thought it might be fun to have a game night at Pax Christi. The thought is to have cards board games, etc. and have some fun. If you are interested in chairing this event, give me a call at 303-791-6864 or by email at roger-giudici@qwest.net

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Disaster Relief Efforts

Our disaster relief efforts continue to progress. Chris Kennedy is working with Supreme to coordinate efforts to help other councils affected by this fall's hurricanes. Gary Johnson is heading our disaster relief kit efforts which will be used to make sure members or our parish and community are prepared for emergencies which may occur here and which will help fund our disaster relief efforts. We will begin selling the kits at Pax Christi within the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact Chris Kennedy or Gary Johnson for more information.



Knight/Family of the Month

This month's **Knight of the Month** is **Ron Rietsch** for his tremendous generosity in assisting Brother Dan Cahill with his new condo. At his own time and expense, Ron redid the entire wood work in Dan's condominium. Such an effort exemplifies what being a Knight is all about.

This month's **Family of the Month** is the **family of brother Bruce Felcyn**. Bruce is a regular at many of our activities including pancake breakfasts, beer & brats and more. His wife Christy is the Pax Christi Director of Music Ministry. Together, the Felcyn family (all six) can regularly be seen around Pax Christi spreading their wonderful cheer.

Knights of Columbus Council 10937
Minutes of the November 12, 2005 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight Chris Mosley at 8:00 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-A	Lecturer-E	Trustee (3 rd Yr.)-P
Chancellor-E	Advocate-A	Trustee (2 nd Yr.)-A
Recorder-P	Warden-P	Trustee (1 st Yr.)-P

The Minutes of the Preceding Meeting:

- The October 2005 minutes were approved with the following modifications:
 - Spelling of last name of Richard Storick was corrected.
 - Under Hurricane Relief Efforts section, modify the motion by Gary Johnson for our Knights of Columbus Council to sell various safety kits, with proceeds used to fund the establishment of an on-going Disaster Relief Fund. This motion was presented by Gary in recognition that hurricanes, tsunamis and other similar tragic events will continue to create opportunities for the Knights of Columbus to reach out to those in need. The establishment and management of an on-going Disaster Relief Fund will help enable the Council to address current and future needs.

Grand Knight Read Applications for Membership:

- N/A

Grand Knight's Report

- In your prayers, please include "Peace in the World"
- October Knight of the Month is Ron Rietsch for his hard work on Dan Cahill's new home.
- October Family of the Month is Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Felcyn & family.
- Next Planning Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM
- Grand Knight conveyed to the Council that during the Holiday season we should all give thanks to God for blessing us with the ability, as well as the desire, to reach out to others in need, whether through the Knights of Columbus, or on our own.
- Perpetual Adoration – special thanks to Jason Mumm for his efforts on coordinating Pax Christi's 1st Perpetual Adoration. Thanks also to those who committed their time, particularly those in the early morning hours. It was a great success.

Chaplain's Report

- Father Ken is looking for adults to welcome and assist parishioners attending all masses. In addition, Pax Christi is seeking a Coordinator for the Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact Father Ken if you are interested.
- Family in Need – Husband, wife and 2 children are in need of furniture, clothing, dishes, cookware, silverware, toys and other necessities. If you have any items that you might like to donate, please contact Diane at Pax Christi at (303)799-1036 Ext. 19.
- Father Edward Foley visited Pax Christi at the beginning of October and presented "The Eucharist". The parish has CDs of each of the presented topics. Please take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to attend these special events and to listen to the guest speakers, to engage in discussion and thought. These are wonderful opportunities to deepen your faith and once they have past, they are gone.
- Thanks to everyone for your commitments in time, talent and treasure. Get involved with the many opportunities that are available through the parish. Spend time with your family, engage the whole family and our youth. Reach out and invite others into the parish.

Treasurer's Report

- Hand-out presented on Budgeted to Actual performance status.
- Current balances:
 - General Account - \$11,722.24
 - Haley Fund - \$3,048.82
 - CD Balance - \$1,465.76 and \$1,407.38

Trustees Report

- No Report

District Deputy

- January 26, 2006 District Clergy Dinner - \$25 per person
- 1st Degree is being modified by the Supreme – new books will be distributed to the various Councils when published. Please note that all of the previous versions must be returned to State immediately upon receipt of the new books.
- New Award – Double Star Award – requires 100% increase in Council membership.

New Business

- Gary Johnson made a motion to donate \$500 to the Franciscan Friends of the Poor. The motion was approved by the Council and it was recommended that Ben Benoit deliver the check.
- Jason Mumm requested all members to please pay your 2006 membership dues upon receipt of the bills that are due out in November.
- Jason Munn spoke to the Council about his and his family's experience with Hurricane Wilma in Cancun, Mexico. Specifically, Jason was personally touched by the devastating impact that the hurricane inflicted on the local Catholic church. Jason is determined to do whatever he can to assist those in Mexico with the reconstruction of the church and the recovery of the people who reached out to him and his family.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee (Richard Storick)

- Council currently has interest from four (4) new candidates. We need to plan the next 1st Degree in the next Planning Meeting.
- New membership handbook has been finalized and will be located on the web-site.

Fish Fry (Dan Cahill)

- Pax Christi's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is being tentatively planned for March 10, 2006.
- Dan is looking to get some help from fellow Knights to investigate how Ave Maria conducts their fish fries and to pattern ours accordingly.

Church Committee (Tom Wille)

- Christmas Card Sale will be held following all Masses beginning the weekend of November 20th through Sunday, December 11th. Christmas cards will be sold for \$6, \$8, and \$10 per box. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, which entails a 3-4 hour effort on any of the planned dates, please contact Tom Wille.
- Tom read letters from Council-sponsored Seminararians, Tim Martinson and Alberto Alexandre. The letters provided us with an update on how each is doing. Recommendation was made to send each of them tickets to an upcoming Pancake Breakfast and to extend an open invitation for them to join our Council.

Family Committee (Roger Giudici)

- Christmas Tree Cutting – will take place on Saturday, December 10th following the next Knights of Columbus meeting. Planned departure from Pax Christi at 9:30 AM.

- Annual Christmas Party scheduled for December 18th from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Retreat House. Remember to bring gifts for your children for Santa Claus to hand out to them.

Committee is working on the planning stages of many events:

- Denver Nuggets basketball game tentatively scheduled for Spring 2006.
- Friday Night Family Night – night of board games, cards and family fun.
- Stations of the Cross at the Mother Cabrini Shrine

Happy Hour (Chris Kennedy)

- The November Happy Hour will be held at Celtic Tavern on November 19.

Hurricane Relief (Gary Johnson)

- Gary Johnson presented a number of Disaster Preparedness Kits that are available to the Council for sale. Plans are to use proceeds to fund the establishment of an on-going Disaster Relief Fund.

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 all victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Wilma and Stan and the Earthquake in Pakistan.