

Knights of Columbus Monthly Newsletter

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About This Newsletter

As you know, our Council took great steps to create a Council website where both Knights and other interested parties can go to learn about the Knights of Columbus as well as other activities. The website is a good source of consistent information and provides accesses to publications. However, a website is not ideal for timely information, promotion of events, a call to take action, or to allow the sharing of ideas. A Council newsletter will help address these needs and our Grand Knight is promoting the development of a Council newsletter.

The intent of our newsletter is to provide timely, relevant information to our Council members. Of course, the newsletter is only as good as the articles, so we need your help in this effort. We are looking to any Council member to submit a short article to be published in the newsletter, so please put your reporter hats on and roll up those sleeves!

Here is the process for the Council newsletter:

- Newsletter will be published every month (around the 1st), in PDF format and will be sent out via Yahoo Mail
- Articles need to be written in MS Word format and submitted to our Editor Herb Engler at herbe805@gmail.com by the Saturday following our monthly business meeting
- Articles should be about past and upcoming events, new members, prayer requests, assistance, success stories etc. and can include pictures
- Our Grand Knight and all the Council Officers will be working hard to make this newsletter effort a success, but it cannot get off the ground unless all of you actively participate. I know some of you want to have a voice in our Council, so now is your chance to be heard and to motivate others. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to reading about the fun and exciting news surrounding our Council.

Richard Storick

Communications Committee Director

Grand Knight's Message



Paul Sciera

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Brother Knights,

I had the opportunity to attend the "Making Peace Mission" that was held this week at Pax Christi. This mission was sponsored by the Diocese to help parishes that are undergoing conflicts.

There have been a few changes in our parish due to the change of our Pastor. This has led to conflicts and anxiety for some of our Parishioners that are not very helpful to our parish community.

The mission had some great tools to help resolve conflicts rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. I wish that the whole parish could have attended. I will only mention one teaching here. Many times in the bible, Jesus when faced with an issue, would first withdraw and pray and then address the issue.

What a great example of how to approach a conflict.

W - Withdraw

P - Pray

A - Address the issue

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Sciera - Grand Knight

Financial Secretary News



Roger Giudici

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I am now set up to take shirt orders. I have found suppliers for shirts and someone to embroider them.

You have 5 choices:

- 1) Maroon polo shirts
 - a. Short sleeve with pocket (\$23 to \$31 depending on size)
 - b. Short sleeve without pocket (\$22 to \$30)
 - c. Long sleeve with pocket (\$29 to \$37)
 - d. Long sleeve without pocket (\$28 to \$36)
- 2) Hawaiian shirts
 - a. In gray, red, or blue (turquoise)
 - b. \$39 to \$46

Polo shirts are available in regular sizes (S-4XL) and tall (LT to 4XLT).

Hawaiian shirts are only available in regular sizes (S-4XL).

Let me know if you'd like a shirt.

If I already have an order from you, you have already received an email confirming your order.

Roger

Treasurer Report Barney Meyer

As of 2/29/12:

Bank Balance	\$17,513.12
Outstanding Checks	\$2751.43
Hailey Funds	\$906.50
Lady Knights' Funds	\$354.30
Available Funds	\$13,500.89

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Church News



Ron Rietch

(Reconciliation Dinner, Christmas and Easter Parking, Seminarian Support, Beer and Brats, Adoration)

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Dinner was served for about 8 priests on Thursday the 22nd of March for the reconciliation mass. Gary, Joe and I made beef cutlets in a red wine sauce with mushrooms, along with garlic mashed potatoes, a salad, and some asparagus. A little different than beer and brats. This is one of the ways we show our appreciation for the priests that serve our community and for Father Brian's leadership.

I will be looking for car parking patrol volunteers for the Easter Sunday mass at 8:30. We normally start around 7:30; getting the cars parked properly in the true Catholic way, backed in.

Thanks for your help.

Ron Rietsch

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Community News **Bob Luckner**

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Council News



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(Family Social Hour, Monthly Pancake Breakfast and Burritos, Peaches, Fish Fry)

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We setup, cook, serve, clean up and somewhere in there we eat. But above all, we have a good time doing it and YOU can be part of it. Come join this jovial group and experience Knight's fellowship at its best. The monthly Pancake Breakfast and Burritos are run by Gary Mayfield, Bob Manzi and Keith Haley.

The Peach Sale occurs later in the summer but I wanted you to know the key players. Gay Mayfield and Ron Gerber coordinate this effort.

And, how about those awesome fish fries run by Joe Musso and his volunteer crew. The last one was Friday, March 16th. Our cooks, Gary Mayfield, Jim Egan, John Starke, Joe

Musso's sons Jonathan & Jason, Matt Yeagle, Bob Luckner, and Bob Manzi did an awesome job for 140 people. The rest of Joe's crew was Johnny on the spot to keep things running inside. And thanks to the Lady Knight's for serving desert.



And, I arrange the Monthly Family Social Hour. Its purpose is to get Knights and their families in an informal environment to share food, conversation and to get to know each other better. On the months when we have a First Degree Ceremony, the Social Hour is in the Christi Center. On the other months, it is held at a Knights home. Please contact me if you want to host a Social Hour. All you have to do is vacuum, spruce up the place and turn on the welcome light.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish and their favorite beverage so that you do not have to provide food and drink for all. Of course, if you wish to show off your culinary talents, you could whip up something too.

The last Social Hour, on March 17th, was hosted by Chris and Michelle Kennedy as part of their annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. From what I saw everyone had a great time. Why not join us for the next one!



Youth News



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Family News



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Pro Life News Mike McGinnis

(Ultra Sound Project, Walk for Alternatives, Pro Life Rosary)

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Pro Life Rosary

Nine people attended the Pro Life Rosary on Sunday, March 11th, led by Chris Kennedy. The Rosary is prayed the second Sunday each month at 9:40. This is just after the 8:30 Mass, so those attending that Mass are encouraged to stay and participate. For those attending the 10:30 Mass, why not come a little early and pray the Rosary with us with the intent to reduce the number of abortions. We gather in the pews just behind the Alter.

40 Days for Life

I hope that all of you have been praying the daily meditation that I have been sending out. In case you may have overlooked this, here is the Web address where you may find all 40 of the daily meditations.
<http://40daysforlife.com/getinvolved.cfm>

Walk for Alternatives:

Break out those walking shoes or hikers. Start getting in shape and join us for the walk on June 2nd at 8:00AM (more details later). We'd like to have a great turnout this year.

Today, more than ever before, the need to walk in truth and **Celebrate Life** is profound.

- 6 in 10 teens who have had sex, wish they had waited.
- Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, and 4 in 10 of these are terminated by abortion.

- On the basis of current abortion rates, 1 in 3 American women will have had an abortion by age 45.

With every step you take in the Walk for Alternatives, you will be joining hundreds of others in raising the funding needed for programs and services that make a difference for life.

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You can lovingly **Celebrate Life** by walking or by supporting a walker, as together, we Walk for Alternatives.

Alternatives exist to care for Denver-area women and men in pregnancy-related crisis and offer them a meaningful alternative to abortion. Following the example of Christian love, we seek to meet emotional, physical and spiritual needs, enabling and encouraging women to choose life everyday.



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Membership News



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March is membership month for the Knights of Columbus. While we are over our quota so far this year, less a few withdrawals, we have a legitimate shot at Double Star Council. This means we'd have 24 members join our order July 2011 through June 2012. A few simple things you can do would help us a bunch.

Attend or volunteer at one of our many events being sure to invite a friend that is not a Knight. Check out the activities calendar on our web site at KofC10937.org; most notably, the Fish Fry on March 16, the Pancake Breakfast on March 25 and don't forget the Rosary between the 8:30 and 10:30 mass the second Sunday of every month. Put a Form 100 and a couple brochures in your pocket; they are on the wall in the Parish Hall to the right of the doors into the Link. Let that man see what we do and let him know why you became a Knight and what you like about our order. Point out that its one of the few ministries that doesn't require a specific day and time; the Knights have so many things they do that men can choose to engage in things they have a passion for at a time that can fit their schedule. Use the brochure to point out the focus of our acts of charity: community, family, church, youth and membership. Be sure to acknowledge and appreciate the family and work commitments most of the men likely have. You can always give them my name (Max Gramly) and number [\(303-949-6284\)](tel:303-949-6284) if they have more questions.

If you're a First Degree Knight, there is an opportunity for you to advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degrees at St Mark on March 31st. It's a fact that 3rd Degree Knights are more likely to stay Knights, more likely to stay involved and more likely to fulfill the first virtue of our order - Charity. If you're already a 3rd or 4th Degree, talk to the

men you know that are 1st Degree and let them know how you've benefited from your advanced degree through Unity and Fraternity. Either way, our council will pay the initiation fee and banquet ticket for you (you need only pay for a guest should you desire). Registration for the ceremonial starts around 11am, concluding around 3:30, followed by a mass and banquet (mass and banquet are highly recommended, but not required). Again, if you're interested, please contact me directly.

Membership Blitz:

'Be Not Afraid!' Membership Campaign



The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Participating in the campaign is easy! All a member has to do is recruit new members!

The membership campaign incentives are as follows:



- Recruit at least 1 new member per month and receive a Blessed John Paul

II Medallion for that month. Started: 7/1/11. Youth Group. More details will be available next month.

- Recruit a minimum of 4 new members and receive a large specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a stand for display. Started: 12/1/2011.
- When a council recruits a minimum of 6 new members during the "Be Not Afraid" Membership Campaign their Council Chaplain will receive a specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with display stand. Started: 12/1/2011.

Membership Campaign ends on June 29 at 12 Noon EDT.

Communications News



Richard Storick

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[See Lead Article.](#)

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Vocations News



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Meet the Seminarians Night

Please join us after the 5PM Mass on June 10th in the Christi Center to say hello to our Seminarians. We hope to have a few seminarians and possible a few sisters. We will be joined by the

AARP Tax Aid



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Reported by Joe Musso

Volunteers Help Seniors with Taxes:

Knight Dave Martz and his wife,



Kathy, Knight Dick Mills and Gary Casida, a Pax Christi parishioner, volunteer to do taxes with AARP Tax-Aide. The focus of Tax-Aide is to provide free tax preparation for low to moderate-income taxpayers and seniors. These photos are from St. John's Church in downtown Denver and Centro San Juan Diego in Five Points, just north of downtown. These are just two of over 50 sites in Colorado.

Centro San Juan Diego is a Community Center run by the Archdiocese of Denver. This tax site is quite unique, in that it services the Hispanic Community. Dave trained bilingual volunteers to be tax preparers. This is the first time there's been a site like this in Colorado. Dave has established a high trust level with the Hispanic community and they feel very comfortable going there to have their taxes done. Every Thursday night, approximately 24 clients are helped to have their taxes done, by appointment only. That equates to about 240 in a season.

St. John's is a "walk-in, first come/first served" tax site. It's open 5 days a week for 5 hours a day. It

mostly services the senior community living in the surrounding area. It's very rewarding to help seniors who would otherwise have to pay someone to do their simple returns. Approximately 150 taxpayers are helped each week and equates to 1,500 returns done during the tax season. There is no charge for this service.



Prayer Line

Please pray for the following Brothers, and/or their families:

Tom Whyte

Fourth Degree News

Fourth Degree Knights:

- Are committed to the preservation of the Church and the Order
- Act on what is right and honorable
- Lead and serve our brother Knights
- Foster patriotism

We have now formed our own Assembly. If you are a 3rd degree and have been a Knight for more than one year, you are invited and encouraged to join our Assembly.

[Visit this link to learn more about the Fourth Degree.](#)

Lady Knight News Jennifer Sciera

The Lady Knights is an informal group of Knights wives. We do what we can to support the Knights activities and charitable causes. Most recently we provided and served the ice cream after both Fish Fry dinners. The donations we received went into our general fund. We used \$100 to buy hygiene supplies to support the Youth Group Hygiene Project. We meet every other month. Our next meeting is April 17th at 7 PM at Carolyn Stancati's home. If your wife would like to receive our email communications, please send an email to jsciera@q.com.

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Meet Our Officers:			
Chaplain	Fr Brian Mohan	<u>Grand Knight</u>	Paul Sciera
<u>Deputy Grand Knight</u>	Joe Musso	<u>Chancellor</u>	Gary Mayfield
<u>Recorder</u>	Mike McGinnis	<u>Financial Secretary</u>	Roger Giudici
<u>Treasurer</u>	Barney Meyer	Lecturer	David Fender
<u>Advocate</u>	David Petteys	<u>Warden</u>	Matt Yeagle
Inside Guard		Outside Guard	
Trustee 3rd year	Chris Kennedy	Trustee 2nd year	Ron Rietsch
Trustee 1st year	Chris Mosley		

Important Links:	
<u>KofC 10937 Web Site</u>	<u>Changes to the Roman Missal</u>
<u>KofC10937 Yahoo Groups</u>	<u>How to Pray the Rosary</u>
<u>Post a Message</u>	<u>Knights of Columbus Supreme Site</u>
<u>Pax Christi Web Site</u>	<u>Pax Christi Bulletins</u>

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