



Knights of Columbus Newsletter

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Past Grand Knights 2013 Review

Brother Knights,

As your Past Grand Knight, I have been asked to say a few words to summarize the events of the first half of 2013. It was a busy and exciting last 6 months (January through June) in my tenure with my brother Knights.

We started with gathering and filing all the forms and reports for the past year with the state program director. Many hours of activity for our directors and officers and many signatures that the Council was rewarded for in April.

Pax Christi Casino Night in February saw many Brothers stepping up to be dealers. It was a very successful event that was enjoyed by parishioners and raised funds for the church.

We had two fish fries during Lent in which Brother Knights came together to prepare, cook and serve fish for our parish community. We also collected food for local food banks during our first ever 40 cans for Lent food drive.

At the April annual state convention in which our Council officers and some of our directors attended, our Council won many awards. The best award was winning the top trophy for our division at the state level.



For these and many other activities, I am very proud of our Council. Thank you Brothers and Lady Knights for your continued participation in our Council and Church.

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Sciera

A Message From Your Current Grand Knight

We all know that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Service Organization, and since we get up every morning to serve God and to secure the wellbeing of our families, let's start there - with

Service. YOU, meaning you and your families, have volunteered in excess of 12,000 hours in 2013. The significance of this number is not that we gave all of these hours to the Knights of Columbus or to the Parish directly, the significance is that most of you volunteered based upon your own interest. Something inspired you to drop what you are doing in order to give to those in need. Keep up the good work.

Secondly, Fraternal, defined as men. Is our Council only about the men? Not in my opinion and probably not yours either. Why? Because The Lady Knights are so important to us.!!! The Ladies charge our spirit and our commitment. Thank you Ladies for your special love, energy and support of your husbands. Your efforts, which may go unmentioned, NEVER go unnoticed. Your spirit flows within your husbands much further than you could possibly be aware of.

Our Fraternal year (July) started off with a great challenge – the loss of our dear Brother Josh. That was a setback but we continued on as he would wish us to do. Then came the challenge of frozen peach orchards in Palisades. But thanks to Gary, Joe and Tony, we reached our peach sales goal too. No challenge has stopped us from doing what we do as Knights at Pax Christi.

- **The Tootsie Roll Drive raised thousands of dollars which we gave to those with intellectual disabilities**
- **Our college scholarship award will give thousands of dollars to a deserving high school student to help them pay for college.**
- **Our spaghetti dinners, family hikes, Sunday Donuts, Lenten Fish Fries, Beer ‘n Brats, Air Force football & Rockies baseball games and monthly pancake breakfasts offer our parishioners a safe place to gather with likeminded people. This work is important as supporting Catholic Values.**



- **The Respect Life Crosses in the front of the church remind us of our fight for the unborn.**



- Our cash donations to the seminarians that we support, Nathan Hinds, Roy Recio and Justin Nelson remind us of the luxury that we have to freely attend Pax Christi whenever we so choose. Pray for these seminarians in their pursuit of the Priesthood.
- The Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving Basket Drive was our most successful yet. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped made this a success/



- Please click the link below to see Bob in action. Hats off to you Bob.
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/knightsinaction/detail/1401West.html>

Finally, as always, thank you to the Officers that we elected in July and for the Program Directors creativeness and drive to bring our programs to fruition. And thank you to our Trustees and past and present Financial Secretaries for your leadership.

And within the direction of Supreme, if you need insurance or annuities, please consider speaking with our new field agent, Lou Lesser.

And as always, JUST ASK.

May God Bless You,

Joe Musso

Knights and Families of the Month for 2013

2013 saw many outstanding contributions by our Brothers and their Families. Their efforts are recognized by selecting a Brother Knight as Knight of the Month and selecting a Knight and his Family as Family of the Month. Here are the recipients of these awards for year 2013:

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
January	Tony Yarosh	Jay and Carol Calvarese
February	Bob Luckner	Paul and Jenny Sciera
March	Todd McCuster	Mark Dougherty
April	Herb Engler	Leonard Lebya

May	Matt Maranto	Tim Pimmel
June	Ford Fay	Josh Tracy
July	Jim Egan	Dennis Thumann
August	Joe Regnery	Gary Mayfield
September	Jay Calvarese	Sean Sweeny
October	Barney Meyer	Bob Luckner
November	John Hilton	Joe Regnery
December	Tony Yarosh	Neil Pugh

2013 Church Activities - Jay Calvarese - Director

For 2013, the Church Directorate continued its tradition of attracting large gatherings of parishioners. We served donuts on 25 Sundays, and aided Habitat for Humanity and the Choir on two additional Sundays. We served beer and brats on four occasions this past summer, including at the parish picnic.

Behind the scenes, we helped Fr. Jim with spring cleaning and recycled 50 gallons of used cooking oil that had accumulated over the years (it was turned into 40 gallons of bio-diesel fuel). Most recently we conducted the “Keep Christ in Christmas” card sale and were responsible for preparing the Reconciliation Service dinner for Fr. Brian, Fr. Jim, and visiting priests.

2013 Community Activities - Bob Luckner– Director

See the Knight of the Year for a recap.

2013 Council Activities - Leonard Leyba – Director

We held a Pancake Breakfast after the 8:30 Mass & sold Burritos after the 10:30 Mass almost every month. We had a monthly Family Social Hour hosted by different Knights families in their homes. Socials were held at Pax Christi when we had a First Degree Ceremony.

We held two Fish Frys during Lent.

In August we sold peaches.

Many volunteers made these events possible. I wish I could name all the volunteers but as soon as I do there will be a name missing. Thanks to all who participated.

2013 Family Activities

Bill Hensen - Director

During 2013 the family Activity committee was responsible for putting together several large events that brought the Knights families together.

By far the largest effort was the Spring and Fall Spaghetti Dinners hosted in the Great Hall. At these events 60-80 people attended and besides a hardy meal there was plenty of socializing and a chance for everyone to catch up with each other's family business.

We also host the annual Christmas Party where we have a beautiful "Pot -Luck " dinner and a visit from Santa.

Beside these events the other activities were the annual Air Force football game and Rockies Father Day game.

This year we organized a family hike to the Devil's Head Fire Tower and had a small group of 10 participate in the afternoon hike. Also as a "new " event this year we held a Bronco Game party (unfortunately they lost to San Diego) with a Pot –Luck, on a Sunday night.

The wonderful thing about being the director of this committee is that for each of these events, an amazing number of volunteers make the event happen and must be given the credit for pulling off the event. I am truly blest to be able to work with the selfless men and families who always seem to know how to make these events come together.

I sincerely want to thank everyone who gets involved to make these events a success.

2013 Right to Life Activities - Mike McGinnis - Director

- Participated in two 40 Days For Life campaigns.
 - Set up the white crosses, which represent aborted babies, and placed them on the Parish campus.
 - Wrote articles for the bulletin explaining what the white crosses represent and their significance in our fight for the unborn.
 - Arranged for Alternatives Pregnancy Center to bring out their mobile unit and to speak at masses at Pax Christi.
 - Attended Mass at an abortion clinic.
 - Attended Bishops Respect Life dinner.
 - Donated \$1500 to the "Baby Bus" mobile ultra sound clinic in Colorado Springs.
 - Donated \$500 to Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Denver.
 - Participated in tax preparation help for seniors.
 - Supported and participated in Relay for Life cancer walk.
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2013 Membership Results – Roger Giudici - Director

2013 was a good year for adding new members. We welcomed 13 new First Degree Knights, a 6.5% increase, and 1 readmission. That's 14 new Brothers to help us attain our goals for the New Year. Four Brothers also ascended to the 4th Degree.

2013 Youth Activities - Dennis Thumann and Tim Pimmel – Directors

Christmas Party a Santa Success

The Knights Family Christmas party was held on Friday December 13th in the Great Hall. In addition to food, fun and fellowship, we also awarded the prestigious Knight and Family of the Year Awards, and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus.

Our Grand Knight, Joe Musso acknowledged the presence of our council's officers

- Gary Mayfield – Deputy Grand Knight
- Matt Yeagle – Chancellor
- Dennis Cullen – Treasurer
- Mike McGinnis – Recorder
- Dennis Thumann – Financial Secretary
- Jay Calvarese – Outside Guard
- Ben Stancati – Inside Guard
- Trustees Ron Reitsh and Chris Kennedy)

Also present were 5 Past Grand Knights

- Paul Sciera
- Chris Kenedy
- Ron Gerber
- Ron Reitsch
- John Hilton

and Program Directors

- Jay Calvarese – Church
- Bill Hensen – Family
- Bob Luckner - Community
- Roger Giudici – Membership
- Mike McGinnis – Right to Life
- Herb Engler – Public Relations

He also acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the Program Directors and Knight Volunteers who unselfishly gave thousands of hours during 2013 to successfully put on many of our events.

One of the highlights of the Christmas Parry is the awarding of the prestigious Knight of the Year and Family of the Year awards. In order to be eligible for these awards, a Knight and/or his family has to have contributed more time and effort than anyone else to further the cause of the Knights of Columbus. This could be in the form of planning, organizing, implementing and working at Knights and Parish events and ministries, involving himself in spreading the ideals of the KofC and providing outstanding leadership on the local or state level.

The candidates for these awards are generally selected from the Knight and Family of the Month awards (see above).

Our 2013 Knight of the Year was awarded to Bob Luckner, our Community Director. Bob's outstanding leadership was responsible for the implementation of the 40 Cans For Lent program, a highly successful Tootsie Roll program and the feeding of over 400 families with the Thanksgiving Basket program. These programs exceeded our goals and expectations. Congratulations Bob!



Our 2013 Family of the Year was awarded to Jay and Carol Calvarese. Jay does double duty as our Outside Guard as well as Church Director. He organizes the popular Donuts after Mass and ran the highly successful Beer and Brats events for the Knights and the Parish. He also is an Usher, Sacristan and head of the Parish Finance Committee. Carol organizes the Giving Tree program that provides Christmas gifts to various charitable organizations. She also organizes and acquires the gifts for the raffle at the Annual Parish Fat Saturday Casino Night. Carol is active in the Social Committee, Christmas Project Chairperson, gifts to Love, Inc., The Empowerment project, and Mount St. Vincent Home.

Congratulations Jay and Carol!



After food consumption and awards, the children were delighted by a visit from Santa Clause. He had a gift for every child present.



Christmas Eve Mass featured the Men's Choir

For the second year in a row, the men's choir sang at the 9:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. This choir was organized by Brother Ben Stancati to provide some relief for our Music Director Donnie Heinrich. However, Donnie said he wanted to be part of the group and continues to be our director. Although the choir is open to all men of the parish, most are Knights. The choir received many compliments on their enthusiasm and great blend. Keep this in mind for next year if you like to sing. We would like to have many more Knights involved.



Meet Our Officers:

Chaplain	Fr Brian Mohan	Grand Knight	Joe Musso
Deputy Grand Knight	Gary Mayfield	Chancellor	Matt Yeagle
Recorder	Mike McGinnis	Financial Secretary	Dennis Thumann
Treasurer	Dennis Cullen	Lecturer	Ben Stancati
Advocate	David Petteys	Warden	Tony Yarosh
Inside Guard	Ben Stancati	Outside Guard	Jay Calvarese
Trustee 3rd year	Paul Sciera	Trustee 2nd year	Chris Kennedy
Trustee 1st year	Ron Reitsch		



Chris Kennedy, Ben Stancati, Jay Calvarese, Dave, Dennis Cullen, Dennis Thumann, Joe Musso, Tony Yaroish, Gary Mayfield, Matt Yeagle. Paul Sciera, Mike McGinnis (Not in picture – Ron Reitsch)

And Program Directors:

Church	Jay Calvarese	Community	Bob Luckner
Family	Bill Hensen	Membership	Roger Giudici
Right to Life	Mike McGinnis	Public Relations	Herb Engler
Youth	Tim Pimmel	Council	Leonard Leyba



Ben Stancati, Roger Giudici, Jay Calvarese, Bill Hansen, Mike McGinnis, Bob Luckner (Not in picture Tim Pimmel, Leonard Leyba, Herb Engler)

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<u>KofC10937 Yahoo Groups</u>	<u>Pax Christi Bulletins</u>
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<u>http://www.coloradokofc.org/index.php</u>	
<u>Knights of Columbus Supreme Site</u>	<u>How to Pray the Rosary</u>

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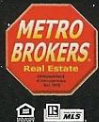
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