A News Letter of the Knights of Columbus,

Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J. Council, 10937

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The Next Regular Meeting is Saturday, May 11[™] at the Highlands Ranch Library, Meeting Room A, at 8:00 a.m.

Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

We're finally out of the dreary winter months and enjoying some warm spring weather. You probably have some family plans ahead - I know I do. However, let's take a quick look back at the first few months of the year, and see what's been accomplished already.

In January, we once again held our council's free-throw contest. Not a lot of participation, but we've taken away some great ideas on how to make it big next year. Of course, we did the regular business type of things - general meeting, planning meeting, district meeting, bingo, bread runs, maintain the vending machines, volunteer at the Pepsi Center, publish another newsletter, and write some reports.

In February, we once again hosted the district free-throw contest. We also had a pancake breakfast at St. Mark, a first degree at Pax Christi, a Round Table meeting at St. Mark, and the general business type of things - general meeting, planning meeting, district meeting, bingo, bread runs, maintain the vending machines, volunteer at the Pepsi Center, publish another newsletter, and write some reports.

March: St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the regular business type of things - general meeting, planning meeting, etc. Well, you get the picture. Maybe not a lot of activities that brought

out a lot of the membership, but a lot of you were there to keep "business as usual" smooth as usual. Month after month, there is a substantial group of men in our organization that continue to work hard, keeping the council alive, earning money, and providing services to our community, and all without requiring recognition.

I want to take the time, right now, to thank each and every one of you who I count on to really run this council. Without your help, your selflessness, we couldn't exist. I've concentrated heavily of late on encouraging our members to be more involved, and I've neglected to really thank you all for the fantastic job you've been doing. As I was recently reminded, for an organization staffed entirely by volunteers, we have an incredible group of dedicated men, and I thank you.

God bless you for the work you do - you are helping Jesus where you meet Him. In the autistic child, in the Special Olympics, and in the religious houses that we support. In the breakfasts you serve to His people, in the kids who are excited because they might win a certificate. And in the people who see you do your job - whether you're in regalia, a KofC shirt, or even if they never know you're part of our organization. You make a difference.

- Tom Odle, GK

Our Chaplain's Message from **Fr. Ken** is missing this month because he has been on a weeks retreat, then upon his return, has spent a week at meetings for our diocesan priests. We look forward to his articles to return next month.

Late Breaking News of this Year's K of C Convention

The 2002 State Convention was, as usual, incredibly busy, with long hours and plenty of fun. It started with the Convention Golf Tournament at Mira Vista Golf Course. Scores ranged from 13 under to 7 over, but the weather was good and the company was great. One of the real highlights was Mass on Sunday, with Bishops Gomez and Hanifen behind the altar and the Air Force Academy Choir providing entertainment before and leading the singing during Mass. With

the patriotic songs and spiritual hymns, it was incredible.

Our Council must have been involved in a great many activities, since we placed 8th overall (from among 108 councils) and first in our class (Silver). Classes for program awards were determined by the number of members, and there were five classes in all. We also got the award for the greatest percentage of insurance increase during 2001 - 366%! First place in programs was Bishop Evan Council #10122 of Aurora (again).

Council #582 in Colorado Springs took second, and the Greeley Council #2160 took third. The best newsletter was won by St. Rose of Lima #12763 in Denver, and the Mentally Handicapped Campaign winner was Bishop Evan Council.

As for State Officers for the coming year, they are:

State Deputy -	Price Hatcher
State Secretary -	Jim Conlan
State Treasurer -	Jay Nothstine
State Advocate -	Claude Trujillo
State Warden -	Foster Sauter

It was a great convention, with plenty of green chili for Mike (I even had half a dozen bowls - and Rocky Mountain oysters!), and several members of our council participated. It would have been great if more of our members could have attended the awards ceremony, but I understand that it's not easy to break away on a Sunday evening. I really enjoyed it, and I look forward to next year!

- Tom Odle, GK

Honowarm Grand Knights, Dionzer the Council held a dinner at the Hometown Buffet in honor of all past Grand Knights and their families. Tom Odle (our current Grand Knight) presented a special award to last year's Grand Knight Mike Melo.

Approximately 16 Knights and their families attended the dinner celebration. The food was very good and fun was had by all that attended.

Joe Nickels, DGK

Your insurance corner

Did you know that of all the companies that sell insurance and annuities in the United States (at one time about 2400 companies) only 6 companies have received the highest ratings from A.M.Best, Standard & Poor's, and Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA), and the Knights of Columbus is one of them. That means that the quality of our entire insurance and annuities program is at the top of the heap along with Jefferson Pilot Life Ins Co, Mass Mutual Life, Northwestern Mutual Life, State Farm Life and USAA Life.

Don't you think your coverage should be with the best? After all, aren't you protecting something more dear to you than anything? Call me and let me do a review with you, isn't it smart to know that your coverage is really what you think it is? I don't charge for my time and my advice will be truthful. Remember, I'm not only your friend, I'm a brother knight.

YIC, Mike Balchus.

Call me at (719) 488-6816 or e-mail me at balchus@aol.com.

Time: 12:00PM to 4:00PM

Volunteers for ARC Bingo, Sunday May 12TH

Bingo Team 1

Position	Name	Phone	Pull Tabs	Bill England	303-683-9584
Games Manager	John Eiler	303-933-0751	"	Art Hut	303-768-8398
Caller	Ron Gerber	303-791-0369	"	Darryl Barker	303-814-2784
Door Sales	Keith Sears	303-470-1969	"	Dave Suhr	303-683-5015
Cashier	Mike Melo	303-791-3903	66	Gary Johnson	303-683-2795

Minutes of the April 6th, 2002 General Council Meeting

General:

- The minutes of the March 9th meeting will be published in the next newsletter. The volume (Vol:) should be 12 and the number (Num:) 4 for the March newsletter.
- Applications for membership:

James A. Cooke, a new Catholic at St. Mark, proposed by **Jim Holton**. Unanimously approved.

Grand Knight's Report:

- May 18th 1st degree at Pax Christi.
- 2nd and 3rd Degrees: May 5 at Sterling May 18 Denver
- June 1 Colorado Springs
- Celebrate Father Ken's 25th anniversary of ordination on May 18th. There will be a potluck after 5:00 mass at Pax Christi. June 8th Beer & Brats at Pax Christi

- June is the 10th anniversary for the Council. May have a BBQ on June 15th to celebrate. Suggest the charter members lead the organizing.
- $Tom\ Harding\ has\ a\ BBQ\ (2'\ x\ 6')$ and needs a place to store.

Chaplain's Report:

- An incredible Triduum celebration, with baptisms and confirmations, were held at Pax Christi and I am sure at St. Mark as well. Pax Christi exceeded capacity.
- Will need help with some building activities, as the superintendent is projecting early July or maybe June. I told him we would not have a place to sit if it is June. Roof is almost done. Make time for your families and pay attention to your role. Pray for families in need.

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Treasurer's Report:

- The report was distributed and discussed. Receipts Read:
- Keith Sears for newsletter supplies \$50.66
- John Eiler for supplies \$34
- Jay N. for 300 rosaries \$150

Income

- Valentines dance, Pepsi Center, Capuchin Order, Shirts & Badges \$439
- Pax Christi Bake Sale \$851.
- Hayley Fund Vending Machines \$291.03.

Communications Read:

- From **Al Schopp** Recognition of the significant contribution made by **Bob Bruick**. **Bob** will be moving to Albuquerque once his house is sold. Bob will be missed. If you see him wish him, **Gloria** and the rest of the family, well.
- A letter regarding the First National Eucharistic Council in Washington, DC on June 22nd and 23rd.
- A Day of Study and Reflection on the Gospel of Life

Saturday, April 20, 2002, 9 - 3 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Denver.

- Membership at the end of February 154 total, 52 insurance, 102 associates, 1 inactive, 1 honorary, 6 honorary life.
- St. Francis of Assisi is raffling off a 1951 Cadillac on July 4th, 2002 after the 9 AM Mass. 600 tickets at \$50 each.
- Sacred Heart Retreat House is hosting a dinner to recognize supporters. The council has achieved Centurion status.
- State Council (Al Pfeiffer) Leaving the office of secretary.
- Roger Muller Push on membership.
- **Tom Harding** Golf tournaments on 4/19 and 4/26.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a clergy dinner on 5/20. There will be a cash bar. **Financial Secretary Report:**
- Requesting donation of a used laptop for the next financial secretary to use.
- 3 members have withdrawn and 1 suspension.

Trustees Report:

- None. Working on a slate of officers.

Committee Reports:

- Membership - (Sal Villano) This past Wednesday, a meeting was held to invigorate the mentoring program. Brian Lefever will talk more about it. We need to have Admissions, Recruiting, Mentoring and Retention group to be successful with maintaining and growing the membership. Thanks to Jim Holton for starting the mentoring program and to Gary Johnson for his input. We need a personal touch from the council, such as home visits. The main reason recruiting has not been emphasized is to give the mentoring program a chance to solidify. If you also remember "service above self" the four principles of the order

will also be supported. (**Brian**) **Andy Michaud** has agreed to chair the mentoring program. Andy has considerable experience, as he leads the Jeffco mentoring program for teachers. No one will be required to be a mentor. Andy, as chairman, will find people who are willing to be mentors and assign a mentor to a new member. The mentor will meet with the new member and provide them a welcome kit that has information on the council. Further details will be coming.

- Council (Paul Sciera)
- June is the 10th anniversary of the Council. Looking to have a BBO.

Family - (Brian Lefever)

- Las Madres has a couples night out. Suggest having something similar for the council and arrange babysitting.- Youth (Steve Schaffer)
- Altar servers recognition at St. Mark. **Manny Rosales** may be interested in chairing.

Unfinished Business:

- The 80% donation to St. Mark for Pancake Breakfast's on 9/23/01, 12/9/01 & 2/3/02 amounts to 346.14. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to donate \$350.
- **Sal** Thank you to those that participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Golf tournament at the Air Force Academy on 4/19 at 1:00 to benefit the Colorado Freedom Memorial.
- State Charities golf tournament on 4/26 at Mira Vista.
- The Pax Christi bake sale, hosted by Edi & Dave Suhr and

Pat & Don Stanley, raised \$851. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to donate 80% of this money to the Pax Christi kitchen fund, which results in \$680 donation.

- Financial secretary needed, as **John Eiler's** term is up in June. The financial secretary keeps the council records and coordinates the books with the financial secretary. This position is nominated and Supreme has to approve. It is a 3-year term.
- Past Grand Knight's dinner will be Wednesday, 4/17 at the Hometown Buffet.
- Please pick up a bookmark if you did not get one.
- State Convention on 4/27 & 4/28 at the Doubletree Hotel, 3303 Quebec. Mass 2 4 on Sunday and awards 6:30 8:00.

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New Business:

- April 14th is the St. Mark ministry festival.
- April 21st is the St. Mark parish feast day.
- Pax Christi Mom's Group is raising funds for a School for Pregnant and Parenting Teens. The Mom's Group would like to make Mother's Day special for these girls. Donate clothing and other items. They will be purchasing \$45 \$50 gift cards if you are interested in helping out, please let **Steve Schaeffer** know by May 2nd. Motion as a council to donate \$200 and **Steve's** family will shop. Discussion on the funds availability...yes. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mike Melo At Altair, which receives a bread run, 12 rosaries and cards will be taken the next time **Father Larry** has Mass.
- Mike Melo Reports are very important. They help other councils perform successful activities. Steve Schaeffer asked if we have access to the other council reports. Mike indicated that the reports and evaluations would be returned to the councils at the state convention. Winning activity reports will be available.
- **Dick Neuhalfen** June 1 & 2 will be Special Olympics in Fort Collins. **Dick** will have the games and **Tom Harding** will be organizing food. August is the Summer Classic at the Colorado Academy. Will need help with awards at five venues.
- **Sid Diaz** The Hayley Fund, which helps out with medical needs by raising funds through vending machines, is in need of someone to service a vending machine. The effort is 1 2 hours every 3 to 4 weeks. This machine is on Broadway between Littleton and Oxford. **John Eiler** indicated that

there is a desktop machine if anyone has a location to place it

- Congratulations to **Tom Harding** who has been named to the **Special Olympics Hall of Fame.**
- Gary Johnson The order has the four principles of Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The fifth is Defense of the Priesthood, which is under assault. Would like **Father Ken** to receive a certificate or something more permanent at the celebration of his 25th anniversary on May 18th.

Insurance Agent's Report: - (Mike Balchus)

- I apologize for having been missing. Have been tending to councils that need to increase their insurance membership.
- Regarding the assault on priests, I would go a step further and say it is an assault on Catholicism.
- The Knights were formed to take care of the financial responsibilities, but also to propagate the faith. The Knights have provided 600 scholarships to Catholic Colleges.
- State Golf tournament is July 19th or 26th at Fort Carson. This is a fundraiser for the sponsoring council. Please sponsor a hole or provide a foursome to help the cause.
- Plea, as state choir director, for a guitarist or piano player to help out with Mass at the state convention on Saturday (4/27) and Monday (4/29). **Fourth Degree Report:**
- Anyone interested in the June 4th degree in Security, CO, let **Mike Melo** know. There are a few members attending.
- Strongly encourage 1st and 2nd degree members to advance.
- Dave Suhr & Michael Burkett participated in the 4th degree on March 17th. Congratulations Dave & Mike!

Under Good of the Order: Please Pray For:

- John Eiler's daughter, Chelbey (12), who is still having epilepsy seizures.

- Tom Harding's daughter-in-law, Stephanie, who was in a car accident.

- Steve Schaeffer's sister-in-law who was in a car wreck.

- Mike Balchus - Luana Tojola who is 20 months old and has terminal cancer.

- Keith Sears' son, Michael has leukemia, His outlook is good.

- Sal Villano's daughter who has a suspicious lump on her thyroid.

Minutes of the March 9th, 2002 General Council Meeting

These minutes missed being included in the last news letter

General:

- The minutes of the February 9th meeting were approved as published. The volume (Vol.) should be 12 and the number (Num.) 3.

Dan Mortimore and **John Wilson** were introduced as new members.

Grand Knight's Report:

- Knight of the Month:

- Family of the Month:

Michelle and John Wilson

Patrick McAllen

- The council needs more involvement to effectively run a 150 person volunteer organization. There are six directors,

which should have chairpersons to make it easier to perform their roles. The next newsletter will have a plea for members to reflect and take ownership of an activity. There was no response to the request for social activities in the last newsletter. Members need to get involved and act the part of the leaders we are in the community. The directors need to have chairpersons for activities, rather than burning out doing everything themselves. The mentoring program has

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met with some success, but needs to get considerably stronger. We need to be present to support members at the degree ceremonies. The Pepsi Center has the same few participants each month. The St. Patrick's Day parade has four volunteers, three of which are not Knights. Each of us needs to reflect on our commitment and see how we can contribute to a more vibrant organization.

Chaplain's Report:

- Holy Week is the most important week for the Church. Palm Sunday is March 24th. Holy Thursday is March 28th and the washing of the feet is a very powerful act of service. Having your feet washed or washing another persons' feet is quite an experience. Good Friday is a day where there is no mass anywhere in the world. Please attend the Stations of the Cross services at Pax Christi or St. Mark. Holy Saturday is a three-hour service that may have a bonfire, four to seven Old Testament readings, baptism, and any RCIA/RCIC candidates present. Easter Sunday celebrates the Lord's resurrection.
- Pax Christi Building Update The steel roof beams are in place. Will be working on the wood beams and enclosing. Once enclosed, a final move-in date will be established. Will need help with placing the paving stones for the plaza, as well as sod between the chapel and worship space.

Treasurer's Report:

- The report was distributed and discussed.

- Supreme sent a brochure regarding the Day of the Unborn Child on March 25th.
- Clayton Bush, Grand Knight of Council 3247, Our Lady of Victory in Limon, is hosting a 2nd/3rd Degree on March 23rd.
- Kevin Augustine, Archdiocese of Denver, sent a letter requesting support for the Totus Tuus effort, which teaches the faith to grade school children.- A letter from State regarding Pennies from Heaven, which the Council is not involved.
- Vacuum sales information for Orik.
- Casino information.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Sent out the second dues notice. Will talk with the trustees about two dozen members that have not yet paid.

Chancellor Report:

- No report. Need a replacement for chancellor, which typically moves to Deputy Grand Knight and then Grand Knight.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership** - **(Sal Villano)** Need to establish dates for recruiting, which at St. Mark will be around the Pancake Breakfast.

Receipts Read:

- Pancake Breakfast bulletin bill \$50
- St. Patrick's Day Parade bill \$50
- Pancake Breakfast Kitchen help \$92.19
- Supreme bill \$1,708.10
- Per Capita expense \$259
- Supplies \$1,405.27
- Catholic Advertising \$43.83
- Valentine Dance bill \$289.57.
- State Convention ad bill \$65.

These bills were approved.

Communications Read:

- Colorado State Council regarding advertising in the book. (see new business)
- Fourth Degree at St. Joan of Arc in Arvada on March 16/17.
- Pax Christi has requested completion of an Adult Faith Formation survey.
- A letter from the State Squires chairman. This was passed along to **Gary Johnson** to see if there is interest in starting a Squires group.
- Price Hatcher letter regarding the Diocesan "In Solidarity" campaign for clergy appreciation. Buy ads supporting your parish priest, associates and deacon, ranging from \$100 \$500. March 8th deadline.
- Council (Paul Sciera) Thank you Brian Lefever and the team that helped, for putting together the Valentines Dance. It was a great success.
- June is the 10th anniversary for the Council. Need an activity to celebrate. Suggested that the charter members lead the organizing.

Family - (Brian Lefever)

- Only good feedback received on the Valentines Dance. Made around \$625. The Lone Tree Golf Club is booked for next year, 2/15/03. May add a Silent Auction, open bar for the cocktail hour, full serve dinner, stay open until midnight... Planning will start in September. Approximately 1/3 of the attendees were Knights and about 75% were Catholic. Please e-mail interesting stories about the dance to **Brian Lefever** for compilation.

Standing Committees:

- K of C Emblems

Requesting an inventory status. **Mike Melo** requested that the emblems be sold at cost, which may be \$25. The council has quite a bit of money invested in the emblems and that money needs to be recouped. A manned booth should be setup at the state convention.

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Unfinished Business:

- The monetary issue with the Major Degree co-sponsored last year in Castle Rock has been settled for \$106.58. \$100 was approved and the extra \$6.08 was motioned, seconded and unanimously approved. CAUTION Enter into sponsoring a Degree with all of the information regarding the financial responsibilities.
- Silent Auction at Pax Christi on April 28th from 1-4 PM. 5-6 Knights are needed to help out with security, cleanup, general and Friday setup. Does anyone have access to a helium tank, portable bar, or a CO2 tank? If so, contact **Gary Jaycox**.
- Memorial to the unborn The Pax Christi worship center will be done this summer. A committee needs to be formed to finalize the memorial, as well as determine a source for the additional funding. Father Bob's fund may have \$300 to contribute and the Council has committed \$1,300. If the total is more than the \$1,600, then a fund-raiser will need to be held. Suggested Father Ken, Ron Gerber, Tom Harding and Gary Johnson be on this committee.

- April 7th is the next Pancake Breakfast at St. Mark.

- A motion was made to sponsor a \$65 ad in the State Convention booklet. This ad would have a picture of Father Robert F. Houlihan SJ. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- **Andy Michaud** suggested that a listing of all of the Knight's activities, and when they typically occur, would be helpful for new members. A tri-fold of activities did exist, but needs to be updated. Suggest new member meetings. Questionable how well e-mail works for communicating?
- **Gary Jaycox** requested the Council attain a raffle license. A games manager is required to run a raffle. Considerable effort is required to obtain and then to run the raffles. **Ron Gerber** is going to check with the Castle Rock Council, as they are in the process.
- Brother Larry of the Broadway Assistance Center, requested rosary cards (200 for \$6) and 100 rosaries (\$1 each) to use for teaching the rosary in downtown hospitals. A motion for \$160 was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

District Deputy's Report:

- Encourage everyone to attend the State Convention on Sunday afternoon for the awards ceremony.

Under Good of the Order: Please pray for:

- Knight of the Month:

New Business:

Dan Timmerman

- Family of the Month:

Kimberly & Brian Lefever

- John Eiler's daughter, Chelbey (12), who is still having epilepsy seizures.
- Ron Rietsch's mother who is having hip replacement surgery.
- Andy Michaud's son who is having surgery.
- Sal Villano's mother who has three or four things going wrong at once.

The work party at Pax Christi Saturday, May 4th has been canceled.

Fr. Ken is looking for volunteers to lay pavers in the new Pax Christi Plaza area. He would like to put together a few small work parties for the following Saturdays in May: 5/11, 5/18, 5/25.

Please respond to this email and let us know what day you can help. We would like a reply (positive or negative) from everyone.

Call:

Keith Sears: 303.470.1969 John Eiler: 303.933.0751

Thank you,

Make a Note:
June 15TH (tentative) - 10TH Anniversary of Council 10937
(Party!)



Knights of Columbus

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Coming Events: Please Post Visibly As a Reminder Grand Knight:
Program Director:
Membership:

Tom Odle Joe Nickels Sal Villano

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2002						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	Bread Run Don Stanley
		,	· ·			Meeting Work Crew to lay pavers @ Pax Christi Bread Run Tony DeNunizo
ARC Bingo Team 1	13	14	15	16	17	18 First Degree Pax Christi, 8:00 a.m. Work Crew to lay pavers @ Pax Christi Bread Run Don Stanley
19	20	21	Planning Meeting @ Tom Odles	23	24	25 Work Crew to lay pavers @ Pax Christi for plaza Bread Run Mike Melo
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Anniversaries		Katherine & Mel Claytor	5/27/	Member's Birthday	
Marianne & Marvin Kokes	5/12/	Susan & Tony DeNunzio	5/29/	Martin Haider	5/1/
Pat &Mike Bolin	5/13/	Mary & Dick Hartman	5/29/	George McCauley	5/1/
Linda & John Akers	5/13/			Ernie Garcia	5/6/
Jennifer & Jim Cain	5/15/	Wife's Birthday		Garrett Christnacht	5/7/
Alice & Mike Brook	5/15/	Rosalie Briar	5/1/	Marvin Kokes	5/7/
Terry & Richard Neuhalfen	5/15/	Adriana Kutcher	5/3/	Richard Briar	5/7/
Tomi & Ron Bena	5/17/	Lynne Stamps	5/6/	Tim Rohl	5/12/
Laura & Manny Rosales	5/18/	Anne LeMieux	5/13/	Jim Cain	5/14/
Debra & Gary Jaycox	5/18/	Kelli Devito	5/16/	Mark M. Bisbee	5/14/
Elvia & Ernie Garcia	5/19/	Edie Suhr	5/17/	Chris Kennedy	5/15/
Christine & Michael Melo	5/21/	Shelly Collings	5/30/	Mike Bolin	5/17/
Ashley & Jose Vasquez	5/25/	Geri Nickels	5/30/	David Suhr	5/21/
Marianne & George McCauley	5/25/	Kathryn Tarazoff	5/31/	Paul Sciera	5/21/
Pamela & Keith Gundy	5/27/			John J. Hinners	5/30/