



Knightly News

A News Letter of the Knights of Columbus,
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The Next Regular Meeting is Saturday, August 10th
Highlands Ranch Library, Meeting Room A, 8:00 a.m.

Grand Knight's Corner

As I think back on the past fraternal year, I realize that this Council has really accomplished a lot and has truly been a sign of vitality within the two parishes – St. Mark and Pax Christi. There are abundant opportunities for parishioners to serve the Church, and few organizations know that or show that better than the Knights of Columbus. Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, wanted the Knights of Columbus to have a presence in every parish; not to run it, but to help the pastor or priests however and whenever he deemed the Knights of Columbus could be of assistance.

The clarity of this vision is quite apparent in the good works our Council did the past year. New members certainly can continue such achievements. When a new member sees how he can make a positive contribution through his involvement, he will surely seek out more ways to get involved. Our Council has not been able to accomplish all that it has for the two churches through the efforts of just a few. *It has been the work of all of us!*

We should take pride in our past accomplishments, but we should also be inspired to equally great things today. I would like to encourage all our First Degree members to participate in the "New Shining Knight Award" program. The award is given to any new Knight or 1st Degree member who during the year attends at least 3 business meetings held on the second Saturday of the month at the Highlands Ranch Public Library; who actively participates in 3 activities; who meets with the insurance representative Mike Balchus; who completes the 2nd & 3rd Degrees; and who recruits at least one new member. This is a great opportunity for the 67 or so 1st-Degree members in our Council to use their talents and resources to better our church and community. I would like to consider holding a major degree ceremony at the new Christi Center early next year. Wouldn't this be a great opportunity to attend the ceremony in honor of our fellow Knights in the Council? Please consider this great involvement in our Council. May God bless each one of you.

Joe Nickels, Grand Knight

Our Chaplain's Corner

In the June issue of Catholic Update, Matthew Hayes offered a list of seven practices that are connected and interdependent:

SLOW DOWN - Take time each day to quiet down and listen to the spirit. Focus on breathing for ten minutes. Inhale God's presence; exhale concerns, distraction and worries.

SERVE OTHERS - Think globally, act locally.

STUDY WISDOM - Continual study is a key to adult faith. Reflection on Scripture and Church teaching. A resource is *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* or check www.americancatholic.org

WORSHIP TOGETHER – The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.

SHARE FAITH - Form a Christian small community or a faith sharing group, or just go out for coffee and talk about "God moments."

SEEK COUNSEL – Spiritual companions help one keep balanced, supported and challenged on the journey.

TRAVEL LIGHT - fast from food and material things. Just say no.

For a reprint of the article go to www.americancatholic.org.

Fr. Ken, Chaplain

Insurance Corner

Want a smart way to take care of your caretaker needs way down the road? Want to make sure that your assets are not eaten up by custodial expenses associated with care at home or in a care providing facility? Want to make sure that you don't become a ward of the state (Medicaid)? Well, see me about Long Term Care. Your K of C offers just about the strongest and most easily understood plan on the market, at very competitive rates. And if you are really smart you'll look

at doing a K of C annuity which, with the dividends down the road, might very well pay for that Long Term Care plan without forcing you to take money out of your pension, social security check or other retirement plan. It's easy to take a look and it costs you nothing to do that. Just call me at (719) 488-6816 or e-mail me at balchus@aol.com. I'm your friend and your agent and your brother Knight, Mike Balchus.

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Minutes of the July 13th, 2002 General Council Meeting, called to order at 8:00 AM.

General:

The minutes of the June 8th meeting were approved as published.

Applications for membership:None.

Grand Knight's Report:

Joe Nickels, as the new Grand Knight, stated that it is a privilege to serve the council and thanked Tom Odle for his work over the past year. Joe would like to excel at all the principles of the order, but in particular would like to focus on fraternity, the principle of the third degree. There are many first and second degree members and a goal is to have each of them obtain the third degree. Also, would like to have more social functions that allow the members and their families to have fun.

Thank you Paul Sciera for taking care of the newsletter this month. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let Joe know.

A special thanks to Steve Schaeffer, Jose Diaz and all those who helped with the dumpster. Other than paint, it is complete.

Chaplain's Report:

Also, thank you to Joe Nickels, Steve Schaeffer, Jose Diaz and others who helped with the dumpster.

Recent Regional meeting and there is a lot happening at Pax Christi and St. Mark. Pax Christi has the pavers down and saved \$32,000 in labor costs. Some of what you see may not actually be over the next few weeks. The pews are in, speakers (may not be hooked up), altar furniture in work by a craftsman in Missouri, Christi center second floor stairs, elevator soon, and the kitchen is still an issue with all of the regulations. A new mass schedule will be in place after the September 29th dedication. The new schedule will be Sat 5 PM, Sun 8 AM, 10:30 AM and a 6 PM Youth focused mass. The Ministry Fair is September 21.

St. Mark is in the midst of the building process and will be undertaking a capital campaign hoped to raise \$6M.

The gospel this week is on the sower and the seed. God's word is distributed, but how is it heard? The yield is 100, 60, 30 to 1.

Treasurer's Report:

Distributed. Discussion on the computer in the 2002-03 budget was deferred to the budget discussion.

Standing Committees:

Memorial to the Unborn – No report. Peaches from Pali-sades will benefit the memorial. A sign-up is being passed around.

Receipts Read:

Pepsi Center \$45
Donation for a crucifix \$70

Communications Read:

With regrets, Supreme accepted the resignation of financial secretary John Eiler. The letter also thanked John for his service as financial secretary.

Financial Secretary Report:

Nothing other than the receipts mentioned earlier.

Trustees Report:

Mike Melo reported that the trustees, Patrick McAllen, Charles Schley and John Eiler need to meet to complete the audit.

Chancellor Report:

No report.

Committee Reports:

Membership – (Sal Villano)

Sal complimented the nice board put together by Joe Nickels. The board represents the members taking part in activities that support the principles of the order.

Sal provided numbers that illustrate the growth of the council in the areas of Father McGivney (+7), membership (+23) and insurance (+8).

Sal would like to have two major membership drives and also have a table setup at each parish once per quarter. The table would be information material only.

Council – (Paul Sciera)

No report.

Family – (Brian Lefever)

No report.

Youth – (Mike Roy)

Mike has been involved with the youth at Pax Christi, as well as some of the St. Mark youth, for some time. There will be a Teen Night the second weekend in August. The teens will also be involved in the Fall Festival and Halloween activities. The Pax Christi youth group has adopted a trail and will be needing muscle, skill and power tools to support trips to work on the trail in the summer, fall and spring. Mike would like a liaison to work with at St. Mark, which was relayed as Alexis Rodriquez.

Church – (Mike Burkett)

No report.

Community – (Open)

No report.

Standing Committees (cont'd):

K of C Emblems: No report.

Round Tables: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Tom Harding discussed the Sacred Heart Retreat House golf tournament on Monday, August 19th. \$100 per player for cart & golf, lunch and awards. 6:30 AM registration and 7:30 AM shotgun start. Contact Tom if you want to sponsor a hole, donate raffle prizes/gift certificates.

Tom Harding suggested the Charter certificate for the council be suitably matted and framed for preservation, as well as possibly displaying with awards the council has received.

Mike Melo requested that prior to ordering the Peaches from Palisades that enough orders have been committed to pay for the truck rental. The cost per box is estimated at \$16 and the sale is \$25, which is considerably cheaper than the store. Assuming truck rental is \$200 and gas is \$150, roughly 40 boxes is a break-even number.

New Business:

Tom Odle motioned that the council authorizes the funds, approximately \$30, for a plaque to recognize an individual for their exemplary service to the council. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sacred Heart Retreat House (SHRH) is having a benefit raffle. The council received four tickets for \$10 each. A motion was made to purchase the tickets and any winnings would be donated equally to the two parishes. After some discussion on donating any winnings to SHRH, it was agreed that the golf tournament provides donates to SHRH, and the motion remained as splitting any winnings between each of the parishes. The motion was seconded and passed.

The affirmation letter of support for the clergy was distributed. The writing was approved for publishing and display.

As a ministry at Pax Christi, the council has been asked to assist with presentations at the mini missions. The topic of "What it means to be a Catholic father, husband and Knights of Columbus member" was agreed at the last planning meeting. Joe Nickels will be putting together a PowerPoint pres-

entation. Please send him any ideas you have on the topic.

The question was raised, "Are the Knights planning to be represented at the Pax Christi ministry fair?" Joe Nickels indicated that a table was at past ministries fairs and asked for volunteers to man the table this year.

Special Olympics is August 10/11. There will be five venues. To volunteer to help, you must be 14 years or older.

Tom Harding reported that Sister Roberta, Father Bob's sister, finished her retreat recently. She thanks the council for their thoughts and prayers. A scrapbook of Father Bob is at SHRH. Sister Roberta is working on making a copy for the council.

Budget published. Discussion centered on raising the budget line item for the computer, as \$500 is not sufficient. It was agreed to make the line item \$1,000. Additional discussion was focused on budgeted items (Altar Server Recognition, Computer and Past Grand Knight Dinners) that were not spent in the past fiscal year. This needs to be avoided, particularly in a non-profit organization. A motion was made to approve the budget as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to frame the approved affirmation of support for the clergy. A copy should be hand delivered to each parish priest. The motion was seconded and passed.

Wednesday, July 17 an ARC picnic is being held at 6 PM. Bring a dessert. ARC is furnishing a sub sandwich.

Insurance Agent's Report:

(Mike Balchus) No report.

District Deputy's Report:

July 22nd there is a district meeting at Ron Gerber's house.

A clergy appreciation dinner, that includes 4 to 5 councils, is being discussed. Planning to hold at Pegasus in Castle Rock.

Bingo Team 1 tomorrow afternoon.

SHRH Open House is Sunday, July 21. Mass outdoors at 10:00 AM, followed by a picnic lunch. Please bring your lunch.

Training session for Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Program Directors is next Sunday, July 14th at Earl Bach 3340, Santa Fe/Windemere.

Saturday, July 20th will be Beer & Brats at Pax Christi after the 5 PM mass. Tom Odle will be cooking the brats at his house. Anyone who wants to help with this task, contact Tom Odle.

Fourth Degree Report:

September 12th in Fort Collins there will be a fourth degree ceremony.

August 17th a picnic is being held.

Ron Rietsch, Garrett Christnacht and Patrick McAllen attended the 4th degree ceremony in Security, CO.

You and your family (children *are* included) are invited to join in what promises to be a great picnic on August 10 at Plum Valley Park in Highlands Ranch. Bring your meat dish to grill (gas grills only), along with a side dish or dessert to share (also bring your own drinks). Dinner will be around 6 pm, but come as early as you like. There will be volleyball, horseshoes, and other games for the whole family. The park is located on Westridge Village Parkway (one street west of Wildcat Reserve, where St. Mark is), south from Highlands Ranch Parkway. Call Brian Lefever at 720-344-6998, or email sciavo@yahoo.com with any questions.

Please review the budget printed below for the next Fraternal year. It was reviewed and voted on at the July meeting, and has been reprinted here to reflect changes voted on at that meeting. The proposed Revenue and Expenses are itemized below:

REVENUES

Membership Fees	\$	4,200.00
Initiation Fees	\$	150.00
Function Revenues (Pepsi Center)	\$	2,000.00
Donations ARC	\$	3,000.00
Dance	\$	1,000.00
Golf Tournament Income	\$	9,000.00
Mentally Handicapped Drive	\$	5,000.00
Vending Machine Income	\$	1,000.00
	\$	25,350.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$	400.00
Awards	\$	200.00
Christmas/Thanksgiving Banquet	\$	1,500.00
Computer (for Financial Secretary)	\$	1,000.00
Council Programs	\$	200.00
Council Social Functions	\$	300.00
Council Supplies	\$	700.00
Donations	\$	2,885.00
Golf Tournament Costs	\$	5,300.00
Golf Tournament Donation	\$	3,700.00
Insurance	\$	115.00
Lodging-Convention	\$	400.00
Major Degree Banquet	\$	300.00
Membership Expense	\$	400.00
Mentally Handicapped Donation	\$	4,400.00
Mentally Handicapped Expense	\$	600.00
Postage	\$	300.00
Printing Newsletter	\$	150.00
Haley Fund Donations - Med PU	\$	785.00
Vending Machine Insurance	\$	115.00
Vending Machine Repairs	\$	200.00
State & Supreme Assessments	\$	1,400.00
Total Disbursements	\$	25,350.00

DON'T FORGET: Monday, August 19, 2002

Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, SJ Golf Tournament

Benefiting the Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House

Contact Tom Harding or Ron Gerber for information, or sign up at the next meeting.



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Coming Events:
Please Post Visibly
As a Reminder

Grand Knight:
Program Director:
Membership:

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August 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Audit Report Due	2	3 Bread Run Don Stanley
4	5	6	7	8	9 Special Olympics Aug 9-11	10 Business Mtg Bread Run Tony DeNunzio
11 ARC Bingo Team 2	12	13	14 Planning Meeting	15	16	17 Bread Run Don Stanley Pax Christi
18	19 Sacred Heart Retreat House Golf Tourney	20	21	22	23	24 Bread Run Mike Melo
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Bread Run Don Stanley

Anniversaries

Kimberly & Brian Lefever	8/1
Kathy & Bill Spence	8/4
Julia & Todd McCusker	8/4
Laura & Steve Schaffer	8/4
Ramona & Jerry Bleser	8/5
Shelly & Ted Collings	8/7
Lisa & Wayne Costa	8/7
Carla & Tom Odle	8/10
Ann & Keith Sears	8/11
Diane & Don Morell, Jr.	8/11
Barbara & Jack Doyle	8/16
Patricia & Tom Harding, Jr.	8/17
Debi & Doug Johnson	8/23
Pamela & Justin Gartner	8/27
Mary Joan & Bob Huber	8/30
Alice & Dan Timmerman	8/30
Sandi & Greg Krason	8/30
Rosalie & Pat Wike	8/31

Wives Birthdays

Christine Rotherham	8/1
Kristine Lyall	8/3
Laurie Sharp	8/4
Kathleen Contos	8/6
Isa Naday	8/6
Patrice Winkelman	8/16
Jill Matchinsky	8/18
Judy Gray	8/27
Mary Hartmann	8/30

Members Birthdays

Charles Schley	8/4
Fr. Ken Przybyla	8/6
Alex Lopez	8/8
Mike Matchinsky	8/8
Jim Lyall	8/10
Ron Bena	8/12
Fr. Rich Buhler	8/13
Tom Beatty	8/14
Brian Lefever	8/16
David Stamps	8/24
Al Schopp	8/25
Tom Harding, Jr.	8/28
Dick Neuhaufen	8/28
Fr. Larry Solan	8/30
Jim Villano	8/30