



# Knightly News

## Grand Knight's Message—Joe Nickels

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Congratulations to the Council's Brother Knights who completed their First Degree during the April Business Meeting. The council needs one more candidate to achieve the Star Council Award. Our goal for insurance has been met and for new members the Council needs a total of 8 new members. Currently, seven new members as well as two transfers have joined our Council. Before the end of the fraternal year, the Council will have another First Degree ceremony in June in order to meet our goal.

Several Council members recently attended the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention in Denver. The theme this year was focused on clergy appreciation. Ten new members completed their First Degree during the General Business Session. Also, a Columbian Squires Investiture was held during the session. Six new squires completed the investiture. The State Squires Director requested that our council meet with the director to set up an open house to convert the youth groups to the Squires. We'll discuss this further at our next business meeting. In the interim, I told the state that our council is not ready to set up a new squires group. I believe our council is still in the mentoring phase and is building a strong foundation for the future.

The Past Supreme Knight, Virgil Deuschante, was in attendance at the convention. There are 120

councils in the State of Colorado. Our council was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the state. This past fraternal year, 518 new members joined the Colorado councils. Nine new councils were formed with four reactivations. The State is in the running for first place at the national level for new membership. This year's renewed theme of "Led by the Spirit" was truly exemplified by the successes of several programs, such as the mentally handicap drive, seminarian sponsorship, and Capuchin Fund at the Citadel Mall in Colorado Springs. The State has collected \$165,000 for the mentally handicap organizations. Councils within the state are currently sponsoring 80 Seminararians. The State has collected \$75,000 for the Capuchin Fund. The State Deputy encouraged councils to use the "Knights to Christ" meditations during their business meetings and social events. The newly elected officers will be published in the next state newsletter, "The Knights Call". Finally, the State Deputy requested that the councils complete their roundtable reports early and submit them next month before the scheduled due date.

I believe our council will continue to keep the Catholic Faith alive and Christ as the focal part of our well-being. Our council continues to be led by the spirit. Thank you all for your continued support as the fraternal year winds down. May God bless each Brother Knight and their family.

## Knights of Columbus Council

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 Chaplain—Fr. Larry Solan (St. Mark) - 720-348-9700  
 Grand Knight—Joe Nickels—719-266-1980  
 Dep. Grand Knight—Steve Schaffer—303-662-9294  
 Council Director—Paul Sciera—303-791-6770  
 Family Director—Brian Lefever—303-809-0347  
 Community Director—Open  
 Church Director—Michael Burkett—720-344-8215  
 Youth Director—Mike Roy—720-344-7550  
 Recruitment—Sal Villano—303-470-9345  
 Right-to-Life—Mike Beiriger—303-683-3296  
 Pax Christi Council—Gary Johnson—303-683-2795  
 St. Mark Council—Dan Timmerman—303-683-0153

The next meeting will be at 8 am on May 10th at the Highlands Ranch Library. We look forward to your participation.

### The Pax Christi Nursery—Building Noah's Ark

Steve Schaffer is spearheading this activity which will include building a play structure resembling Noah's Ark for the Nursery. More details are being worked out at this time. If you'd like to contribute your time and talent to this effort, please contact Steve at 303-662-9294 or at [sjschaffer@yahoo.com](mailto:sjschaffer@yahoo.com).

### Palm Sunday Bake Sale a Huge Success

Special thanks to Dave and Edie Suhr, and Pat Stanley for another successful bake sale. Edie and Pat extend their thanks to all the Brother Knights and their family members who helped with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bake Sale at Pax Christi. Whether the Brother Knights donated baked items or helped work the tables at the event, their time and talent were greatly appreciated. Father Ken and the parish staff also helped organize and announce the event. The Council thanks them for their support. The event raised \$910.70. The funds will be distributed to the council and church.

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.*

*Bless them and their families for the selfless  
acts they perform for us in our time of need.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord  
and Savior.*

Amen.

### New Members

Congratulations to our Council's new First Degree members:

- Jose Diaz
- Richard Desch
- Dan Bowen
- Matt Sheffield

This is a must—visit the following website for wonderful inspiration

[www.interviewwithjesus.com](http://www.interviewwithjesus.com)

### Donation to Council

One of our Brother Knights, Tom Wille, is a realtor. He has graciously committed to donating \$200 to the council or charity of choice if any Brother Knight refers a friend, neighbor, or any other person to him that results in a real estate transaction. He may be contacted at the following phone addresses:

- 303-791-7150 ext 26 (Realty Pro USA)
- 303-470-8017 (home office)
- 303-324-9361 (cell)

### TEAM 1 BINGO—5/11

Team 1 will be hosting bingo on May 11, 2003. Any Brother Knight interested in participating in this event, please contact Ron Gerber at 303-791-0369.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Knights

Martin Haider—5/1  
George McCauley—5/1  
Ernie Garcia—5/6  
Dick Brier—5/7  
Garrett Christnacht—5/7  
Marvin Kokes—5/7  
Tim Rohl—5/12

Mark Bisbee—5/14  
Jim Cain—5/14  
Chris Kennedy—5/15  
Mike Bolin—5/17  
Paul Sciera—5/21  
David Suhr—5/21  
John Hinners—5/30



### Wives

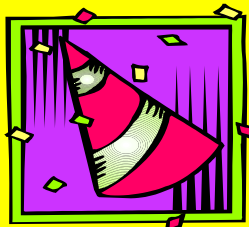
Rosalie Brier—5/1  
Caryl Dane—5/3  
Lynne Stamps—5/6

Anne LeMieux—5/13  
Kelli Devito—5/16  
Edie Suhr—5/17  
Debra Soukup—5/29

Shelly Collings—5/30  
Geri Nickels—5/30  
Kathy Tarazoff—5/31

### Anniversaries

Marvin & Marianne Kokes—5/12  
Dick & Terri Neuhalfen—5/15  
Mike & Alice Brook—5/15  
Ron & Tomi Bena—5/17  
Gary & Deb Jaycox—5/18  
Manny & Laura Rosales—5/18  
Ernie & Elvia Garcia—5/19



Mike & Christine Melo—5/21  
George & Marianne McCauley—5/25  
Jose & Ashley Vasquez—5/27  
Keith & Pam Gundy—5/27  
Dick & Mary Hartman—5/29  
Tony & Susan DeNunzio—5/29



### Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mark—Great Fun!

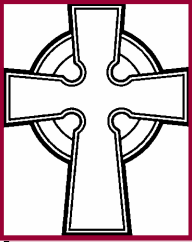
Another successful Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mark. The event has been sponsored by the Council the past couple of years. Special thanks to all those Brother Knights who helped stuff eggs, Al Schopp who coordinated the event, and Brother Knights who distributed the eggs after the Masses on Easter Sunday.

### ADD MUSIC TO YOUR EVENT

Brother Knight, Cliff Spratt, from the St. Thomas More Council in Englewood is available to provide professional entertainment for a variety of occasions, including birthdays, anniversaries, pool parties, St. Patrick's Day, Luaus, and more. Cliff specializes in guitar, keyboard, mandolin, banjo and harmonica. Contact Cliff at 720-203-2306 for more information.



## Chaplain's Message



### DISCOVER JESUS

We now enjoy the Easter season when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The four gospels do not tell us exactly what happened to Jesus. The evangelists do not describe the resurrection. The glorified body of Jesus that is not subject to the limitations of space and time remains a mystery for us.

The gospels, however, describe the reaction of the disciples to the empty tomb and to the risen Lord. Some are afraid, some are confused and some believe.

How do we discover the risen Lord in our life? For some it is through the scriptures. For others it is in the celebration of mass and receiving communion. Some may discover the Lord in private prayer.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them." He also said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." Do we discover the presence of Jesus in our spouse and children and friends?

During this Easter season, let us open our eyes, minds and hearts and look for Jesus in the people and world around us.

*Fr. Ken*

## Seminarian

Just a reminder that our Council is currently sponsoring a seminarian, Matt Basgall from Colorado Springs, who is attending St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Any Knight is encouraged to write or contact Matt for support during his journey to the priesthood. His address is:

**Matt Basgall**  
**2115 Summit Avenue**  
**Mail Box #1626**  
**St. John Vianney Seminary**  
**St. Thomas University**  
**St. Paul, MN 55103**

### Pax Christi Garage Sale (June 2003)

**Please remember this year's garage sale when starting your spring cleaning. Last year's event raised over \$3,300 in support of the Pax Christi Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your participation. Questions can be directed to Melissa Burkett at 720-344-8215.**

### Youth Event—Rebuilding Brandywine Trail at Camp Santa Maria, May 3rd

On Saturday, May 3, 8am-1pm at Camp Santa Maria, the Knights are invited to participate with the Youth Group (St. Mark and Pax Christi) to rebuild the "Brandywine Trail" at the camp. The youth maintain the trail three times a year and continue to make other improvements such as passage before a waterfall, steps into the mountain, and regulating brush and overgrowth. Also, the rustic benches and two picnic tables will need to be repaired and rebuilt. This is a great opportunity for the Knights to mentor with the youth for future squire plans, as well as enjoying the outdoors. Anyone interested, please contact Mike Roy.

## **April 2003 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 General Council Meeting, called to order at 8:43 am.

### **General**

The minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Applications for membership: None.

The Council conferred the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on the following:

- Dan Bowen
- Chris Blais
- Steve Gronsky
- Jose Diaz
- Matt Sheffield
- Rick Desch

### **Grand Knight's Report**

None due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony.

### **Chaplain's Report**

Holy Week this week. Encourage you to attend Holy Week services; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday (Passion Read), Holy Saturday (in evening with the Easter Fire and accepting candidates), and Easter Sunday.

Good Friday is a Pascal Fast – Meatless Fasting Day, extending the Pascal Fast through Saturday is also a tradition.

Bake sale at Pax Christi on Palm Sunday.

Sunday afternoon cleanup the grounds at Pax Christi for Easter.

June 8, 2003 is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pax Christi.

Beer & Brats June 14<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pax Christi and the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Church building.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No report.

### **Receipts Read**

Bills

- Supreme Council - \$149.73
- Colorado State Council - \$555.48
- Douglas County - \$93.03
- Paradise Unlimited (Shirts) - \$87.75

### **Communications Read**

State Convention 4/26 – 4/28. Need a volunteer to vote for Joe Nickels on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Black Forest/Holy Family.

Laurie Nieb letter indicating St. Mark's \$1,000 donation for the Mentally Handicapped Tootsie Roll drive.

Father Lou McCabe – Reminder of the Centurion Dinner April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM.

Hank Stole, State, sent a letter regarding the scheduling of Major Degrees.

### **Financial Secretary Report**

Reported receipts and bills above.

### **Trustees Report**

No report.

### **Chancellor Report**

May 11<sup>th</sup> is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please say a rosary.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership** – (Sal Villano)

No report.

#### **Council** – (Paul Sciera)

No report.

#### **Family** – (Brian Lefever)

No report.

#### **Youth** – (Mike Roy)

Emily Castellis participated in the state free throw tournament.

May 3, 9 am to 1 pm, need volunteers to help rebuild benches at Camp Santa Maria. It is about a 45-minute to one-hour drive.

#### **Church** – (Mike Burkett)

No report.

#### **Community** – (Open)

No report.

### **Standing Committees**

Round Tables

- Pax Christi – No report.
- St. Mark – No report.

Traveling Crucifixes – 2 will be donated to State.



**Unfinished Business:**

The Metro Chapter rejected our request to purchase an ad in the Metro Denver Catholic Register for the "Honoring Clergy" section, as we are located in the Colorado Springs Diocese.

Bingo Team 2 is tomorrow afternoon.

Check received from State for the Mentally Handicapped Tootsie Roll Drive.

Discussed the need for a Fund Raising.

**New Business:**

Easter Egg Stuffing - Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Al Schopp's house.

Need help with the Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Al Schopp or Dan Timmerman.

Tom Wille introduced himself. He is starting out as a realtor and will donate \$200 to Church/Knights for referrals that lead to a listing or sale.

Bring Bake Sale items by the Church or to Dave and Edi Suhr's house.

**Insurance Agent's Report (Mike Balchus)**

1,700 insurance companies. The Knights of Columbus are in the top 6. Please see Mike Balchus if you need any assistance.

**District Deputy's Report**

Invitation to the 3 new Knights to do the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremonies.

Last weekend of April is the State Convention. Sunday afternoon is the awards ceremony. Please attend.

Peaches from Palisades will be done again in August.

New members introduced.

- Jose Diaz – Pax Christi, 3 children & wife Connie
- Matt Sheffield – Pax Christi, wife Wendy, married 2 years
- Rick Desch – Pax Christi, married 12 years, 2 children, Trainer
- Dan Bowen – Pax Christi, married 3 years to Shannon, no children, been in Highlands Ranch working for Wallace Printing

**Fourth Degree Report**

No report.

**Under the Good of the Order**

March

- Knight of the Month – Manny Rosales
- Family of the Month – Dave & Edie Suhr

Please pray for:

- Bill Spence

**The Road of Life**

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him. But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

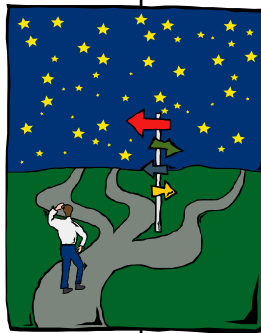
When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on!

Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy; gifts to take on my journey, My Lord's and mine. And we were off again.

He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."



## Mother's Day is May 11th

### Mothers

A young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."



But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years.

So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you." And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided

them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every teardrop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heart-break, and nothing on earth can separate you - not time, not space - not even death!



**April:**

**Knight of the Month—Dan Mortimore**

**Family of the Month—Jerry and Ramona Bleser**