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SUCCESSFUL MID-YEAR

All I can say is "Thank You". The mid-year weekend of January 6th, 2012, has come and gone but it is one to place in the books as being successful, very successful. At the onset of the Saturday morning meeting, the hotel staff had to bring in an additional 75 chairs for seating. As we look at the count of our break-out sessions, a total of 188 people signed in. I suspect that there were a few others who may have missed the sign in sheet that went around, but at least they were there to hear the words of the presenters.

I have heard feedback from people who attended the various sessions and each came away with either a new or renewed sense of enthusiasm for themselves and their councils. Ideas were shared to provide councils with an ability to improve upon or try new ways to improve upon their programs, their membership, their leadership or just the "how to's" of running their councils properly and within our Order's Constitution and By-laws.

Now is the time where we need to implement what we have learned and have taken away from our sessions in order to provide our councils and districts with this new sense of energy and enthusiasm and recruit men into our Order who share with us our faith and our values that are derived from our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I encourage District Deputies to take stock and evaluate their districts. Look at your councils who may be struggling and require some assistance. Draw, not only from the councils in your district who are thriving, but seek out assistance from those District Deputies and/or councils who may have been able to revive a council on their own and ask them for some help. Each council and district needs to remember that they are part of the whole; that whole being the Order. We are not independent of one another. There is the member who is part of the council, the council who is part of the district, the district who is part of the state and the state who is part of the Order. We all are "UNITED", "UNITED AS ONE", working toward being able to help our brother, "So that the World may know New Hope".

We have been relatively successful this first half of the Fraternal Year but we still have a lot of work to do. We have to work together to assist those few councils that are struggling and need assistance. Let us step up and help our Brother Knights and their councils so that as a state and the Order we are successful. It is important that besides each council working to retain their membership, that they engage their members in our works. As much as we have succeeded in some areas, I still receive 1845's from councils as they look at the non-payment of dues as a means to suspend members from their rolls instead of using that information as a means of retention for those members.

These are times of economic recovery. As individuals, many of us are caught up in that quagmire of economic recovery. It is our charge as Knights of Columbus to promote one of our principles, "Charity", and assist with helping our brothers in need. We are not going to know their need if we just fill out a form, make that quick call, if any, or e-mail or send a letter stating we tried. Technology is a wonder and allows us to quickly send or retrieve information. But technology is impersonal. We, as Brother Knights, need to make that personal contact. Talk with your Brother Knight and work with him to retain him as a member. Taking personal interest in our Brothers, showing compassion to his problems with that personal touch, will more than likely result in an active member who will be engaged in your council for the future. Based on our mid-year meeting and some of our initial results, I see a bright future for our state. We still have a long way to go; but I believe there are many newly revamped programs, directional changes from Supreme and individual energies that will allow us to accomplish our goals. *(continued on page 2)*



UNITY; THE SECOND PILLAR OF OUR ORDER

Father! ... May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. (John 17:21)

These words taken from the Gospel of John are a part of Jesus' final discourse before he is arrested. In particular, Jesus has just prayed for the Disciples, that they may be one with him as he is with God the Father. Now, in this part of chapter 17, he prays, ...not for them alone. I

pray also for those who will believe in me, through their word, that all may be one as you Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may be (one) in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. Well, my brothers, that's us! Jesus is praying for us, that we may believe in the unity of the Father and the Son, and that Jesus is sent to unite us. We are one in our belief in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. That should be sufficient to unite us in our councils, our families, and our Order. In this unity others should be able to see the presence of God in us.

Unity ... a totality of related parts. (Webster)

When you take a look at our Order and realize how diverse we are as a group of men, it is easy to see that we certainly are "parts." However the connection we have with each other through faith, family and the Order establishes our relationship with each other and our Lord. The different ingredients in a recipe must all come together to make a tasty entree, so too it takes all of us, quirks and all, to make a family, an Order. Our willingness to share our gifts, acknowledge our quirks, accept each other as we are and work toward common values will make us one.

Celebrate the diversity of our membership. Appreciate the differences in the members of your family. Acknowledge that it takes all of us to make this world, this Church, into the unity that the Lord offers. We are, after all, united in faith.

Robert D. Fisher
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SUCCESSFUL MID-YEAR (continued)

Adding to our changes for the good, there has been groundwork laid by Supreme to better utilize our Council Chaplains to aid us in our quest. There is the newly revamped 3rd degree that allows us to better utilize the scheduling of stand alone degrees. This will provide more 3rd degree members in our councils who can assume leadership roles. And let us not forget the move to better utilize the melting pot of individuals in our parishes through the use of Roundtables. From that we will become better united as one in our faith to successfully overcome those who believe that it is acceptable to abort a child and that the marriage between same sex couples is okay. We share the same faith, we are Catholic and we are in solidarity with our priests and Bishops. Let us build on our unity and ask the men in our parishes to join us in our Catholic faith in becoming a member of an Order that is Catholic, fraternal, family and service oriented. Together we are UNITED, we are ONE.

Vivat Jesus, Vivat Maria
Roger Muller
Roger G. Muller, Sr.
Colorado State Deputy



DISTRICT MASTER REPORT

Sir Knights and Brother Knights:

January 19th was one of my greatest days as a Sir Knight in the Knights of Columbus. Having the Exemplification of the Bishop, Priests and Deacons at 539 and with you all Sir Knights in attendance to show them our support was a wonderful, wonderful experience. I would like to thank all the participants involved in this Exemplification, especially Council 539 and the home association for hosting this great event.

With this event behind us, let us continue to do our work in supporting our Clergy. We have to start sending in our donation of \$200.00 from each Assembly for the Chaplain's Scholarship Fund. This is a work partnership with the State Council and councils throughout Colorado.

If we can get this moving, we can start working on the other project such as San Luis. The Priest wants to build an on-site theatre at the Shrine of the Stations of the Cross for the youth. He has asked me to ask each Assembly to donate a bench for this purpose. You can get this information by calling Bob Kreger (303-522-1759).

So my Sir Knights, we have a great challenge ahead of us. Again, let me remind you that our fraternal survey forms are due. Please start sending them in to me and to Supreme as soon as possible. I also need all you Navigators and Color Corp Commanders to send me the Patriot Award application, the Civil Award application and your Honor Guard sign-up sheets. We will be judging these March 17, 2012 in Colorado Springs, Security. Our Bi-annual meeting will be held in Pueblo. Please refer to the website for the exact date coloradofourth.org.

Again, my Sir Knights. I leave you with this: It is not the nails that hold Jesus to the Cross but the love that he had for each and every one of us.

Led by the Spirit,
Claude A. Trujillo, Jr
Claude A Trujillo, Jr., PSD



Members of the Clergy that became Fourth Degree Members Jan 19th. Bishop Most Rev. James D. Conley; Monsignor Bernard Schmitz, Denver; Rev. Humberto Marquez, Brighton; Rev. Pawel Zborowski, Greeley; Father Israel Gonsalves, Centennial; Rev. Chrysogonus O. Nwele, Delta; Rev. Kenny O. Ubumka, Trinidad; Rev. Caollce C. Enylaka, Grand Junction; Deacon Joseph H. Donohue, Littleton; Deacon Leonard E. Onesky, Thornton; Deacon Timothy F. Kelly, Evergreen; Deacon James P. Wolfe, Lafayette; Deacon Joseph A. Gerber, Arvada; Deacon Joseph H. Meilinger, Greeley; also pictured are Colorado District Master Claude Trujillo, Jr.; Colorado State Deputy Roger Muller, Sr.; Price Hatcher, PSD; and unidentified Sir Knights of Honor Guard.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 29 – "THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" 4:30PM - 7:00PM

June 16 – Archdiocese Vocations Walk, John Paul II Center

September 8 – Vocations Day of Prayer and Religious Walk, Cabrini Shrine

STATE ADVOCATE ALERT

"Act on this Word. If all you do is listen to it, you are deceiving yourselves. There is on the other hand, the man who peers into freedom's ideal law and abides by it. He is no forgetful listener, but one who carries out the law in practice. Blessed will this man be in whatever he does." (James 1:22, 25)

I came across this verse from James a few weeks ago and was reminded, again, of what we are called to be as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus. As Knights and leaders in our parishes, councils and communities, the verse reminds us that we are judged more by our actions than our words. Many times, our actions betray our words. For example, when we are quick to suspend a Brother Knight for failing to pay his dues before we fully understand the reasons why he may be delinquent or before we even attempt to make proper contact to find out how he and his family are doing or why he may have lost interest in our council or the Order. We see it when we rapidly condemn a brother for a violation of a law or rule without providing him the opportunity to be heard, or when we violate a law or rule and place our brothers, officers and the council in the difficult position of having to remind us of the law or rule and put them in the situation of having to impose proper corrective measures. It is clearly not easy to live the Word and the law each and every day. The important thing is for us to continue to do it better each passing day.

An issue that has presented itself frequently over the last few months is the proper use of the name and emblem of the Order. I generally receive questions such as:

- Can the name and emblem be used by our Ladies Auxiliary?
- Is it proper to use the name and emblem to promote a non-profit corporation run by Brother Knights?
- Who can wear the pin (emblem) of the Order?
- Can we use the emblem on a product our council wants to sell?

These questions indicate to me that each of us recognizes the meaning and value of the name and emblem of the Order and that we have great pride in them. The Name and emblem of the Order, our brand, belongs to the Supreme Council and not to our councils or individual members. The Supreme Council is rightfully protective of how it is used, therefore guaranteeing its value.

Section 162.11 of the Laws and Rules of the Order, prohibits members from using the name and emblem of the Knights of Columbus in connection with "any business, or social, or other enterprise, without permission of the Board of Directors." As a general policy, the Board of Directors does not permit and will not authorize any member or any council or assembly to enter into any contract, agreement, or informal arrangement, or to use one's membership in the Order, in connection with the promotion of any goods and services other than the financial products and services offered by the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of this policy is to preclude the use of, among other things, the Order's name, emblems, events, meetings, membership lists, and facilities to promote goods and services other than the financial products and services offered by the Knights of Columbus. The Board wishes to minimize the risk that anyone would draw the mistaken conclusion that the Knights of Columbus (a) has endorsed the good or service being offered or (b) has guaranteed the integrity of that good or service. Obviously, the Board cannot make any such endorsement or guarantee about any good or service other than those offered by the Knights of Columbus. The Board also wishes to avoid any business association that might expose the Order to liability if a good or service does not meet a customer's expectations.

As members, we encourage you to continue to wear the emblem of the Order with great pride and distinction. As councils, you are permitted to use the name and emblem for ordinary fraternal activity. Above all, remember always to protect the good name and reputation of our beloved Order.

YMHSIC & Vivat Jesus
Jay Doherty
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COLORADO STATE PROGRAMS

Brothers,

I want to welcome you to a new Program Year. By now you should have sent me all your reports for the 2011 Calendar Year on your Council programs and activities. My team and I are looking forward to reading about all the great things you have done in the name of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I am also looking forward to many types of Councils in the State winning the New Surge With Service Award. If you have any last minute questions on the Service Program forms or awards, please contact me as soon as possible.

For the New Program Year, I encourage all Councils to start NOW in creating plan for activities for the 2012 calendar year. This allows you to schedule at least one project for each of the six service program areas (Church, Council, Community, Pro-Life, Youth, Family). It may take you a month or so to get an annual calendar in place, but now is the time to do it!

I also urge you to create draft reports of each and every activity you hold. As a program or project chairman, within a week of having a Service Program Activity, gather all the information about the event (purpose, date, attendance, budget, pictures, description, etc.) and put it in an envelope. Now you are well positioned to write a report for that event. Take some time in the following weeks to write up a complete report on the event using the information you gathered. Now, deliver that report to your Program Director or Grand Knight. This process will save you a lot of grief at the end of 2012 trying to remember what you did 12 months ago.

As always, my team and I are here to help you in any way to help you build or better your service program plan.

In Christ,
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MEMBERSHIP 365

Membership 365, what does that mean? This means that we don't do one or two membership blitzes a year. We are called to recruit all year long. How do we do this? The Supreme Council has given us a 12 month action plan to aid us. This month it says that you should contact Supreme for a "Former member list." This list consists of men who live in your area that have gone inactive for one reason or another. They may have moved from another part of the country and are just waiting for you to invite them into your council. Call these men and introduce yourself. Let them know about all the wonderful events that you have planned for the next few months. Invite their family to be your guests at the next council event.

March would be an excellent time to conduct a membership drive. Have you contacted your Pastor to schedule this? If not, it is not too late. Make sure that you get an advertisement in your parish bulletin. You should also have an informational night scheduled immediately after the drive for interested families to come to. Yes, that is right, I said "Families." Do you invite the families to the informational night? We all know that it is by the grace of our wives that we are allowed to participate in the Knights of Columbus. We are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Charitable organization. Therefore, we should include the families when we recruit.

In the spirit of "Membership 365," it is the Grand Knight's job to keep membership at the forefront of the council. Therefore, I challenge each Grand Knight to say something motivational about membership at each council meeting. I also implore each membership Director to speak at every council meeting. This does not mean that you stand up and read the form 100's. I want you to discuss your plans - what has worked and what hasn't. Share your goals and how you are doing at accomplishing them. By talking about our progress we are held accountable to the goals that we set. You must communicate a strong positive membership message. Strive to inspire your council to spread the flame of charity.

Vivat Jesus
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TAWSON AROUND BISHOP CONLEY BRINGS NEW LIGHT TO THE 4th Degree

On Thursday evening, February 19, 2012, Bishop James D. Conley was exemplified into the 4th Degree of the Order. Bishop James was joined by 13 other priests, including one Monsignor (Bernard Schmitz) and 7 Deacons. The Exemplification took place at the KofC Hall of Council 539 in Denver. The Bishop will be a member of John H. Reddin Assembly #87. The ceremony was "abbreviated" and held in the evening to accommodate the busy schedule of Bishop Conley and other priests. "We will try to make this an annual event for our Brother priests, if it helps them take the time to join the 4th Degree," said Master Claude Trujillo.

The evening began with a delicious catered Italian dinner. It was amazing to see all our Brother priests and Deacons enjoying dinner and a lot of socialization. State Deputy Roger Muller, State Treasurer, Jim Caffrey, State Advocate Jay Doherty, Past State Deputy Price Hatcher and, of course, Master Claude A, Trujillo, Jr. attended. Many other 4th Degree Knights and Color Guard also attended in support.

The Ceremony was moving and centered on Patriotism. Many priests in attendance were not from the United States, but all were touched by what went on. Bishop Conley took it all in and was the first in line to be knighted as a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree. I was determined to introduce myself to Bishop Conley after the Exemplification was done.

Naturally, everyone crowded around Bishop Conley after the Exemplification to congratulate him, or just take the opportunity to chat with him. Where else but the Knights of Columbus does one get so close to a Bishop to shake his hand, ask for his blessing; or just introduce oneself, like I did? In my case, I immediately asked the Bishop if he had the time, would he write a brief article about his personal experience in taking his 4th Degree for Knights Call. He said he would.

My 30 seconds of personal time and many minutes watching him greet and meet others is an experience I won't forget. He reminds me of a gentle Shepherd, which he is. Like Archbishop Chaput, he doesn't shy away from difficult questions and he is a great defender of the Church's teachings. I don't have a vote, but I certainly think he would be a most worthy successor of Archbishop Chaput, who is also a 4th Degree Knight!

Let us all pray for Bishop Conley, an exemplary Warrior for Christ!

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STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition of Knights Call, your Council will have already submitted its reports for the 2011 calendar year in all six activity areas prior to the February 1, 2012 deadline. Now I will be busy evaluating and scoring all of the Council activity reports.

With reports completed, it is now time to look to the future and Council Lenten and Easter activities. Your Council should also be prepared to elect delegates and alternate Delegates to the State Convention.

I would like to congratulate and thank those Councils that attended the Mid-Year meetings, and had representative at the Programs breakout session. Active visible Councils are thriving Councils. They generally are successful in recruiting new members. Those Councils that do not attend these sessions and do not submit their reports are on a downward spiral and are stagnating. They have a difficult time recruiting and even retaining members. Make a pledge to increase your Council's activity level during this calendar year, and document those activities. Attend State functions to learn what other Councils are doing in the various activity areas.

Frank Humpherys

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Giving service to our communities does not have to be over whelming. It is not quantity but quality that counts. It is similar to my Pastor's (Fr. Jim Klein) view of our relationship with God. It's not about "God & I" it is about our relationship to the parish and the general community. It is not about "checking" a box but giving from the heart. Service does not have to be complicated. It can be as simple as hugging a child who needs love, having a cup of tea with and invalid, reading a book to someone who can't do it themselves or praying with someone who needs consoling. Also, don't forget that a hello on the street is worth the world instead of looking away and hurrying past. Choose what is comfortable to you and comes from the heart and you will truly follow in the footsteps of Jesus during this season of Lent. If you have not sent in your Food for Family reports please do so as soon as possible.

Jerry Sundee

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PRO-LIFE

Dear Brother Knights,

Social Justice is a concept that many Catholics don't understand. Mention the word justice and immediately we think about courts and lawyers and trials and the like. That's western justice, not social justice. Social justice, from a Catholic/Christian viewpoint, among other things, is an issue of giving, of giving back. Social justice assumes that while we are appreciative of our blessings, and especially of those we have earned by the sweat of our brow, we understand that what we have been blessed with. we must also share by giving back. Whatever we have, we have been given by God as a gift. God gave us our gifts not just for ourselves, but also to use for others. So He has in fact given us what we can give back to Him by giving to others in His name. That is the aspect of social justice teaching that we can think about in February as we begin Lent. What better time to think about what we have and what we can give? Perhaps this Lent your council can start a Friday evening food and clothing drive and encourage parishioners to drop off non-perishable items of food or winter clothing they no longer wear, all of which can be donated to someone in need somewhere in your area. Perhaps during Lent your council can spiritually adopt a child being considered for abortion and pray at your meeting Rosary to prevent that. There are lots of things we can give; clothes, food, prayers, time. Lets seize the moment and give.

Deacon Michael Balchus

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CHURCH PROGRAMS ABOUND

We have made it through one month of 2012. Hopefully all Knights are sticking to their New Year's resolutions; especially those that include attending daily mass (or weekly mass), praying the rosary, or just praying daily. If you have found that you need support for those resolutions, just remember that Lent is just around the corner and you can renew your commitments.

The Church programs are rolling along; Brian Thibodeaux is pulling together all the numbers around The Keep Christ in Christmas Program. By all reports, keep Christ in Christmas went very well. Now that Brian has made it through one year, we are looking at how to improve the program. If you have any ideas please send them to Brian or myself.

Vocations Support is moving along as well. We are continuing to broaden our reach. We have all of the Pueblo and Colorado Springs Seminarians covered; and only a handful of Denver Seminarians are left to cover. If your council would like to sponsor a Seminarian, please contact our Vocations Chairman John Lopez. On other Vocations news, the Vocations Committee has set up Mass and Dinner at Redemptoris Mater Seminary on February 6th. Space is limited, so if you are interested in attending and meeting these fine young men in formation please reach out to a member of the Vocations Committee. Finally, at the Mid-Year Meeting I was asked by several people if they should submit their RSVP forms to the State by Feb 1st if they have not received the Cancelled checks back from their banks. Yes, yes, yes, we want to make sure that your council gets credit for Seminarian Support at the Convention, even if you don't have your check back.

The traveling Icons are continuing to move around the State. We have been getting good feedback that councils really like the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon. Please remember that we have lots of councils that want to have this wonderful service as a Council or Parish event, so please be conscientious of other councils and make sure that you work with your District Deputy to have your service in the time that is allotted to your district.

The upcoming schedule for the icons:

- Icon 1: District 29: Jan 10 – Feb 24**
- District 27: Feb 24 – April 1**
- Icon 2: District 11: Jan 21 – Feb 8**
- District 30: Feb 8- Feb 26**
- District 23: Feb 26 – April 1**
- Icon 3: District 8: Jan 16 – Feb 6**
- District 39: Feb 6 – Mar 4**
- District 26: Mar 4 – April 1**

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ULTRASOUND MACHINE TO LIFE NETWORK IN COLORADO SPRINGS

On January 17th, a portable ultrasound machine was presented to Life Network in Colorado Springs by State Deputy Roger Muller. The machine is the fourth ultrasound machine placed by the Colorado Knights of Columbus for use by a crisis pregnancy center to influence the hearts of abortion-prone mothers to give their unborn child the opportunity of life. The presentation was part of Life Network's annual Sanctity of Human Life event with over 500 people in attendance. The evening's keynote speaker was Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood facility in Texas. Abby came to realize the immorality of abortion and is now an out-spoken national pro-life advocate with a riveting life message.

State Deputy Roger Muller presented a check for \$25,225.00 to the clinic executive director Christine Reyes and addressed the gathering providing a brief overview of the Supreme ultrasound initiative program and the Knights commitment to a pro-life agenda through our service programs and actions. He stated that the Knights have now placed ultrasound machines in 45 states. SD Muller also announced the recent placement of an ultrasound machine in the Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center, La Junta, CO.

We were honored with the presence and participation of the Most Reverend Michael Sheridan, Bishop of the Colorado Springs Diocese. Bishop Sheridan congratulated the Knights not only for their service to the mission of the church but also for their commitment to the sanctity of human life. He emphasized the technological power of ultrasound in allowing a mother to see and bond with her child and congratulated the Knights for their ultrasound initiative program.

The portable ultrasound machine purchased for Life Network will be installed in a mobile pregnancy clinic that was realized through the dream and work of Fr. Bill Carmody, the Diocesan Pro-Life Director. Its mobility will allow the clinic to operate in close proximity to Planned Parenthood facilities as well as provide services on educational campuses and serve rural crisis pregnancy centers. Congratulations to all Colorado Knights for their pro-life work and for funds raised and contributed for the ultrasound program.

Michael Beiriger

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NEW CALENDAR YEAR



As we begin a new Calendar year, we are only four months away from our 2012 Colorado State Convention. As your State Secretary, I thought it might time for a few reminders for some of the responsibilities to prepare information required to conduct our Colorado State Convention. The required forms requested are in this issue of Knights Call (*following 2 pages*).

District Deputies are responsible to ensure their respective councils receive and submit the following requested information to prepare adequately for our Colorado State convention:

- The State Secretary is responsible for requesting information from all councils with regard to the Necrology information. This information is due by **March 14, 2012**. The report form is in this issue of Nights Call and is available on the Colorado State Web Site. The Necrology report can be either mailed (snail mail) or e-mailed (preferred) to the State Secretary.

- The State Secretary is responsible for requesting information from all councils with regard to the Council's Delegates to the State Convention. This report is due **March 14, 2012**. The report form is in this issue of Nights Call and is available on the Colorado State Web Site. The Necrology report can be either mailed (snail mail) or e-mailed (preferred) to the State Secretary.

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

The By-Laws of our Order provide for the representation of Delegates from councils in good standing to our State Convention. Specifically, the referenced By-Law is as follows:

Chapter II Sec. 12(a) - State Councils shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight, actually residing in the state or jurisdiction, from each subordinate council in good standing ... If there be more than one Past Grand Knight, the council shall elect the one to represent it in the State Convention. A council having no Past Grand Knight may elect any of its Third Degree members in good standing in lieu thereof as a representative of said council in the State Council. Each subordinate council shall elect alternates for its representatives in the State Council.

The State Secretary is responsible for requesting an annual report from each District Deputy. The District Deputy report is due **March 14, 2012**. The District Deputy report can be either e-mailed (Preferred) or mailed to the State Secretary.

The District Deputy annual report should include but is not limited to:

- District Deputy and District Warden name(s)
- District Number
- Councils and Grand Knights assigned to the respective district; is there a succession plan in place?
Pertinent highlights of council's activities
- Other information deemed relevant to the district.

Chuck Page

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FREE THROW COMPETITION

District competition winners will advance to the State Free Throw Championship

SATURDAY, MARCH 03rd, 2012

9:00 - 12:00 PM

Check in @ 8:00am to 9:00am

Corpus Christi School Gym

2318 N. Cascade Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO. 80907

For additional information contact:

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State Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Please bring your District Winners in the Poster Contest to this event. The State Competition will coincide with the Free Throw Contest!

For additional information for Poster Contest Contact:

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COLORADO KNIGHTS STATE CONVENTION APRIL 26 – APRIL 29, 2012

Brother Knights

Convention time is fast approaching. Have you registered yet? The convention is being held at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. Hotel reservations can be completed on line. There is a link on the Colorado State Council website. The group rate is \$119.00 plus tax per night. Reservations must be made by APRIL 3, 2012. This includes a full breakfast each day of your stay as well as a Manager's Hospitality Hour. Those of you who attended the Mid-Year and last year's Organizational Meetings can attest to the great meeting facilities, food and staff.

Registration for the convention can also be completed online. The complete convention packet is available online on the Colorado State Council website, www.Coloradokofc.org. If you do not have access to a computer, contact me. Packets were distributed at the Mid-Year.

Be sure to invite your chaplain to the Chaplain's Workshop and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Thursday April 26. Let your chaplain know that you support him for all that he does. Send your council check for \$35.00 to cover his expense directly to me, payable to Colorado Knights of Columbus.

Your participation is critical for the success of the convention. We need for you to not only attend the meetings but stay at the hotel and attend the meals. This is how we are able to have use of the meeting facilities for "free".

What a great way to show "Unity" with our brother knights and families and have a great time.

If you have any questions, contact Convention Chairman Paul Patricca at paulpatricca@comcast.net/303-933-8479 (home).

Vivat Jesus

Paul Patricca

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SUPREME FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

November, 2011

THE FAMILIES OF

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SUPREME FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

December, 2011

THE FAMILIES OF

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COLORADO KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Charity is splendidly exemplified by the State Knight of the Month for December 2011 who is Brother John Bertha of Council 12336 in Fox field, CO.

For the past 2 years, Brother John made sure the remaining food from the council Christmas parties did not go to waste by personally delivering it to the Samaritan House homeless shelter in downtown Denver. John also coordinated the effort to gather personal care items and non-perishable food for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to aid people in financial difficulties.

Recently, council members assisted with moving into the St. Joseph Ministry Center from previous facilities and the older furniture was slated to be discarded. Brother John's investigations found a parish in downtown Denver that would be happy to receive this furniture. He then made all the arrangements to have the used furniture delivered to the downtown parish

Because of his caring outlook, Brother John's advice was heeded when choosing a recipient for the proceeds from the council's Tootsie Roll Drive which went to an organization that helped handicapped Catholic Women.

For going out of his way to help as many people as he can, the State Council is happy to name Brother John Bertha from Our Lady of Loreto Council 12336 its State Knight of the Month for December 2011.

Joe McAleer

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Knight of the Month Chairman



MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Recently, religious leaders of some of the largest religious communities in the United States joined together in an open letter to all Americans stating their ongoing concern for marriage and religious freedom in the United States. The letter was signed by four Catholic Bishops and discusses the grave concerns we should all have about those in society that seek to redefine the true nature of marriage.

The letter states:

The promotion and protection of marriage – the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife – is a matter of the common good and serves the wellbeing of the couple, of children, of civil society and all people. The meaning and value of marriage precedes and transcends any particular society, government, or religious community. It is a universal good and the foundational institution of all societies. It is bound up with the nature of the human person as male and female, and with the essential task of bearing and nurturing children.

In Colorado, we are facing the very same challenges and concerns discussed in the letter. Currently Senate Bill 2 is before our Colorado State Legislature. Senate Bill concerns legalizing civil unions in Colorado. Civil unions are a springboard for enacting same-sex marriage in Colorado. We all need to make our voices heard and let our legislators know that we as Catholics do not support civil unions.

Jennifer Kraska
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The Colorado Catholic Conference is the state-level, public policy agency operated jointly by the Archdiocese of Denver, the Diocese of Pueblo and the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

“THE LIGHT IN ON FOR YOU”

It is a program offered throughout the Archdiocese of Denver affording a wide spread opportunity for people to go to Confession. Wednesday, February 29, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. most, if not all parishes in the Archdiocese are to be open and offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to all comers. Obviously, because we have lots of mission parishes many of which have only one priest for multiple churches, literally every church won't be available, but lots of them will. Knights and their families should take advantage of the opportunity. Some parishes have canceled their Parish Penance Services in order to accommodate this event. Please check with their own parishes.

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

RICH ROTH STATE CEREMONIALS CHAIRMAN
go to colordokofc.org for complete details on degrees

Date: **February 19, 2012**
Council: 1559 – Sterling
Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church
551 W. 6th
Akron, CO 80720

Contact: Dale Wise 970-580-2266

Date: **February 25, 2012**
Council: 3340 – Littleton
Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church
6883 S. Prince St.
Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Brad Smith, Recorder@KofC3340.org

Date: **March 24, 2012**
Council: 12020 – Pueblo West
Location: Our Lady of teh Meadows
23 Sterling Dr.
Pueblo, CO 81005

Contact: Marv Odefey 719-547-0268
cell- 719-565-8304

Date: **March 31, 2012**
Council: 1498 – Highlands Ranch
Location: St. Mark Catholic Church
9905 Foothills Canyon Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Contact: Jim Butler, GK 303-667-7158

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

CLAUDE A. TRUJILLO, JR. COLORADO DISTRICT MASTER
go to colordofourth.org for complete details on degrees

Date: **March 3, 2012**
Assembly: 2409 – Harold J. Stansell, S.J.
Location: Arvada, CO
Contact: Dan Murphy dmurphy4u@gmail.com

Date: **April 22, 2012**
Assembly: 96 – Holy Family
Location: Security, CO
Contact: Walt Parsons 719-963-9163

Date: **May 19, 2012**
Assembly: 90 – Bishop Joseph C. Willging Froegel
2977 – St. Paul the Apostle

Location: Pueblo, CO
Contact: Alfred Duran 719-545-4495
Al Manzanares 719-647-2453

Date: **June 2, 2012**
Assembly: 1966 – Bethlehem
Location: Northglen, CO

Date: **June 9, 2012**
Assembly: 2813 – Padre Pio
Location: St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church
Littleton, CO



“WE ARE CHANGING”

January 6-7-8, Loveland Colorado- State Deputy Roger Muller was pleasantly surprised and caught off guard when 75 additional chairs had to be brought in for the opening session of the 2012 Midyear meeting. Knights from every corner of the state attended to get their batteries charged and lay plans for the balance of the upcoming year.

Roger Muller opened the general session by reminding everyone that the Order has changed a number of things for the better. He reflected on one of the themes of his administration- “not to do things the same way, just because we have always done it that way!” He noted that since 1st Degrees can now be read, there more 1st Degrees and quicker admission for Catholic men wishing to join. He indicated that stand-alone 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications were authorized. He repeated the Order’s emphasis on getting council Chaplains more involved. Changes in the standard meeting agenda have been approved to allow Chaplains’ to speak first in case they have to leave the meeting early. Roger also reported that Supreme had awarded us \$2000.00 for the Christopher Fund as a result of State achieving 45% of our membership goal by Dec. 31st.

Our State Chaplain, Father Bob Fisher followed Rodger Muller by reminding us that our mindset should be that “you need the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus needs you!” He suggested that we encourage council Chaplains to attend meetings once a month and share their spirituality with Brother Knights. Next, Supreme Representative Benny Viagra reviewed Supreme’s Membership programs and indicated that Colorado’s membership stood at 16,378 members.

State Programs Director, John Eiler took the podium and briefly reviewed the 2012 Convention Awards, declaring that “everyone gets an award!” He also announced the new date for the State Free throw Contest- March 3, 2012.

State Membership Director, Jon Herskovits, pointed out that we have @269,000 potential KofC recruits in Colorado. He encouraged councils to have their Membership Coordinators give a report at every business meeting. He also suggested that we get non-members involved in an activity to get them interested in the Knights of Columbus. He concluded with the fact the Shining Knight program was being under-utilized and is a great membership recruiting tool.

Breakout sessions, where the most information is exchanged, followed the primary general meeting presentations. Breakout sessions were held for Membership, Programs, Advocates, Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights and the 4th Degree. If you missed any of the sessions in your area of responsibility, you missed the latest updates, tools of assistance and interactive sharing.

Friday afternoon was devoted to 10-minute reports from every State Council Coordinator. This much- valued information-sharing enhanced the day’s information sharing even further.

Friday evening Mass celebrated by State Chaplain, Fr. Bob Fisher, was the centerpiece for an evening of relaxation and Fraternity. The Highlight of the evening took place at the Midyear banquet. After a delicious meal of steak stuffed with mushrooms, several awards were given. Then State Treasurer, Jim Caffrey gave an enlightened speech detailing the historical connection between the U.S Military and the Knights of Columbus. A condensed version of Jim’s speech can be found elsewhere in this issue of Knights Call. ~ Bruce Tawson, Editor



Above left to right Jon Eiler, State Program Chairman addresses attendees at the breakout session; Colorado District Master Claude Trujillo, Jr. conducts 4th Degree meeting; Chris Kennedy, Church Chairman making a point of the Church program.

Center is the opening session crowd which was well attended and needed more chairs brought into the meeting.



Below left to right Squires Coordinator Walt Parsons conducting the Squires meeting on Saturday; attendance at the breakout sessions was well attended; Council Chairman Frank Humpherys discussing programs councils might consider participating in.



THE HISTORICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE U.S. MILITARY

By Jim Caffrey

This relationship between the two stems from the fact that as Catholics, first and foremost, we have a moral compass, compassion and devotion to living a good Christian life in order to serve our Lord. Secondly, because of our moral upbringing, we are respectful of legitimate authority and are blessed with the virtue to help the oppressed and those in need. Because of these traits taught to us by our parents, we believe in the mission of the United States military to free the oppressed wherever they are and to instill Liberty in those who have been freed from those oppressing forces. Because we believe in the mission of the Armed Forces of the United States, we must also do what we can to support those individuals, those less than 1% of our nation, who says "yes" to defending and supporting our freedom and Liberty. This comes in many ways, including material, financial, Spiritual and moral support. The Knights of Columbus have always and will continue to be at the forefront of support of our military by the many programs and charities we have created.

It all started even before the Knights of Columbus was formed and when its founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney was approximately 10 years old. The Civil War was in progress and the Irish Catholic Regiment from New York fought in the 1st battle of Bull Run. The Fighting 69th, as they were called, went on to become one of the most highly regarded units of the war and a source of great pride for newly arrived Irish Catholics, who were otherwise ostracized by many of the citizens of this country. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics fought, and many died, on both sides of the Civil War to show their support for their new land; and when it was concluded, many of the anti-Catholic citizens realized that Catholics were loyal Americans and deserved a rightful place in the United States. Fr. McGivney, still a teenager at the conclusion of the war, was deeply moved by the words of President Abraham Lincoln when he stated that the country needed a time of charity and reconciliation to heal.

Once Fr. McGivney was ordained a Priest and was sent to serve the immigrant community, he realized the need for a Fraternal Benefit Society to help the poor families of his parish when the bread-winner passed away. After Fr. McGivney developed the idea of banding together the Catholic men of his Parish into an organization, many of whom were veterans of the Civil War, he turned to a Catholic veteran who after the war ended was instrumental in running a Catholic Fraternal Benefit Society for veterans called the "Red Knights." They were called the Red Knights due to the red blankets they carried while in battle. This organization also offered its Catholic members a small death benefit program to help the widow when the member passed away. This man was James T. Mullin. Fr. McGivney sought out and convinced Mr. Mullin to help him organize and develop the Knights of Columbus and eventually left the day to day operations to him. Due to James Mullin's experience in the military, he was instrumental in setting up the ceremonial nature of the organization. Once the first council was formed, the original members of the Knights of Columbus vowed to be Defenders of their country, their families and their faith, just as the Knights of old. James Mullin went on to become the first Supreme Knight of the Order.

As time went on and the Order was established, many Brother Knights volunteered to defend our country by joining the military. The first Knights to serve their nation when called to do so were in 1898 during the Spanish / American war. The Knights did what they believed to be their duty. They supported the war effort even though the Catholic Church was not in support of this action. The Knights believed that it was their obligation and duty to their country who gave them a new home. Next came WWI and the Knights of Columbus sponsored more than 50 Chaplains to serve the needs of its many members fighting overseas. All of the Chaplains served honorably in the trench warfare of Europe, but one Knights of Columbus member, Father William Davitt, served most heroically. Fr. Davitt routinely risked his life to rescue wounded soldiers by entering the killing zone. He was highly decorated for his bravery, but ultimately lost his life at the conclusion of the war when a shell exploded near him.

Another Brother Knight who served his country heroically both in the Spanish / American War and WWI was Marine Corps Sgt. Major Daniel Daly. Sgt. Major Daly was twice the recipient of our nation's highest honor, The Congressional Medal of Honor, for actions far and above his call to duty. Some say that Sgt. He should have received a third Congressional Medal of Honor for another outstanding show of bravery, but was given the Navy Cross instead. There were many, many more Brother Knights who served in the Military during WWI with distinction. One such Brother was the great American Poet Joyce Kilmer, who was eventually killed in action but not before he wrote the famous, "Prayer of a Soldier."

Due to the many individual Brother Knights' participation in WWI, the Supreme Council developed a program to support the troops by funding facilities such as recreation centers, clubs and the famous KofC "HUTS" wherever military personnel were located. The motto of the Knights of Columbus at the time was "Everyone Welcome-Everything free". The Order raised over \$14 million to help support these facilities and was awarded another \$30 million from the United State Government to run the "HUTS" on an even larger scale. The Knights of Columbus became recognized the world over as a FORCE FOR GOOD due to this program. The "HUTS" were manned by Knights of Columbus Secretaries and the clubhouses provided a few amenities of home to the troops, regardless of their race or religion. They were also a place where the Catholic Soldiers could practice their faith. The Secretaries also ministered to the men, helped the wounded to first aid stations, served hot drinks, aided in burial details and provided chocolate, gum, writing paper, cigarettes and sporting equipment to help them escape the rigors of the war. Following the end of the war, the Knights of Columbus continued to support the veterans by setting up Employment Boards to assist them with finding work.

Because of the Knights of Columbus steadfast assistance to the Military, General Pershing stated, "of all the organizations that took part in the war, other than the military, there was none so efficiently and ably administered as the Knights of Columbus." What a great compliment to an organization that was only 35 years old! Then came WWII and once again, the Knights of Columbus became involved in the war effort both at home and overseas by supplying materials and spiritual aid to its members and other military personnel. Many Knights served heroically in WWII and many of them were Priests. Many brothers served and died in both Europe and the Pacific Theaters. The Knights of Columbus participated in the USO as the Catholic representative providing entertainment and material to the troops. The Knights in the Philippines and Canada once again operated KofC "HUTS" for the troops. Next, The Vietnam War came and although an unpopular war with many Americans, the Knights didn't waver in their support of the troops. Councils around the country continued to support the men in women serving our country in opposition to the masses who were protesting. Two notable brother Knights who served in the Vietnam War were United States Air Force Major General Patrick Brady and Fr. Charles Watters of The U.S. Army. Patrick Brady, who was a Major at the time, flew three missions in one day into the war zone to retrieve wounded soldiers. His helicopter was under constant attack and was flying in heavy fog. In all, he rescued 51 men while receiving 400 bullet holes in the three helicopters he flew that day. For his actions, he received the Nation's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor. Fr. Watters also answered the call to serve his country by becoming a Chaplain in the U.S. Army and volunteering for duty in Vietnam in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was deployed with his unit into combat areas and routinely heard Confessions and held Mass in the rice paddies of the countryside. Fr. Watters was eventually killed on a voluntary extension of duty after helping several wounded soldiers out of the line of fire. For his actions on that day, he too was also awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

Brother Knights continued to volunteer to serve their country for the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to help the oppressed masses from their brutal dictators. The Knights of Columbus Supreme, State and local councils continued their support of the military personnel by sending care packages, materials and spiritual resources. The Supreme Council commissioned a prayer book called "Armed with the Faith" along with the Archdioceses for Military Services, USA and distributed them to all Catholic service men and women so they could continue to practice their faith wherever they were sent. Since 2003, more than 400,000 books have been printed and distributed to members of the Armed Forces. In 2005, the Order pledged \$1 million in support of a new program for the Catechesis and spiritual support of service men and women, sponsored by the Archdioceses for Military Services. The Knights also partnered with the Global Wheelchair Mission to distribute wheelchairs to Veteran Hospitals located throughout the country as a continued show of support to our wounded warriors and Veterans.

In the past few years the Knights of Columbus have stepped up their support for our military veterans by starting a program called Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) where there are more than 1,100 Knights of Columbus volunteers working in 135 VA centers across the country. Today, in another show of support for our Catholic men serving their country, the Order has created 52 military councils and Roundtables in Afghanistan, and until late in Iraq, as well as military councils in Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, Japan and South Korea so our fellow Knights can have the fraternity of being with their Brothers while away from home.

This past August at the Supreme Convention held here in Denver, The Supreme Knight continued the Order's support for the Military by announcing the establishment of a new scholarship program to help fund the education of Seminarians preparing to become Catholic Chaplains in the United States Armed forces. The program will distribute \$1 million over the next 5 years to the Archdioceses for Military Services. These funds will help a new generation of much needed Chaplains for the Military. There are over 1.5 million Catholic service men and women and their families who are stationed at 220 military installations in need of the services of Catholic Priests. There are currently only about 280-300 Chaplains to handle those duties. It is estimated that there is a need of about 800 Chaplains to effectively handle all of the needs of the Catholics in the Military.

Editor's note- this article by our State Treasurer, Jim Caffrey, is an edited version of his speech at the Mid-Year banquet. Jim has two sons serving in the military who are also Knights. Jim serves as a Senior Detective for the Lakewood Police Department. You can obtain a full copy of Jim's speech by e-mailing your request to: b.tawson@comcast.net.



REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

At the Mid-Year meeting, many of you had the opportunity to spend some time with Our Lord in Adoration. You were able to see that we have a Monstrance of our own. Thanks to our State Chaplain, Fr. Robert Fisher, his donation has now provided us with the ability to expose the Blessed Sacrament at our various functions without having to beg and borrow the use of a Monstrance. You may have also noticed that it is in need of some repair work and restoration to bring it back to its original beauty. In last month's Knights Call, there was a request for donations. During our Mid-Year, a few districts, councils and individuals stepped up to assist the state in our quest to restore and build a case to safely transport the Monstrance. I ask that that a district, council or an individual, look into their hearts and wallets to help restore this beautiful, majestic old Monstrance to its original state. Donations can be made by sending a check made out to the Colorado State Charities noting **Monstrance** in the memo section. See mailing address for State Charities below.

At the Mid-Year meeting, the 4th Degree met and was provided information that should have already been received from the Supreme Master regarding the Military Chaplain Scholarship Program. The Supreme Council Board of Directors has charged the 4th Degree of the Order to lead an Order wide campaign to raise \$200,000 per year for the next five years.

This program is to support priestly vocations for the military. Seminarians, who will, once ordained, serve both their home Diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as a uniformed chaplain. The Military Archdiocese supplies chaplains and estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today. Currently they are only able to supply 280.

The goal of Supreme is to have each State Deputy and District Master in the Continental United States work together to raise \$4000 each year for the next 5 years from their jurisdictions. The Colorado State Council has provided the 1st year's \$4000, the 1st jurisdiction in the Order to do so. The District Master has requested that each Assembly donate \$200 per year for each of the 5 years to this program. As the State Deputy, I am calling upon each council in our state to match that same donation. We need to remember that the men and women of our armed services deserve to have the ability to practice their faith and be able to attend mass regularly. Let us help them achieve this goal and donate to this very worthwhile program. Checks can be made out to the Colorado State Charities denoting **Military Chaplain Scholarship** in the memo section. See mailing address for State Charities below.

A final request involves an expansion project at the Stations of the Cross in San Luis. The pastor, Father Heriberto Torres, C.R. is in the process of having an area near the PSD Paul Fassler Building leveled off and made into an outside arena. The size of the area attached to the building is about 100'x100'. In this area once leveled, He would like to place benches, similar to the one completed by the Mother Seton Assembly out of Denver, in the area. This initial bench was constructed for the Supreme Convention improvements that were made for the tour provided during the convention. The cost of each bench, with an associated plaque is approximately \$500. It is hoped that enough benches can be made to fill the 100'x100' area. I ask that each council consider making a donation so that these benches can be constructed. I ask that each Brother Knight think of these projects and donations as a means for us to come together as one and unite for the Good of the Order. Again, donations made can be sent to the State Charities Secretary and made out the Colorado State Charities noting **San Luis benches** in the memo line.

Send above donation checks to:

**Claude Trujillo Jr.,
State Charities Secretary
505 Columbia Ave.
Del Norte, Colorado 81132-2201**

KNIGHTS TO CHRIST

February 10th

UNITY IS DISCERNING AND DOING GOD'S WILL

Those who declare publicly that they belong to me; I will do the same for them before my Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 10:32

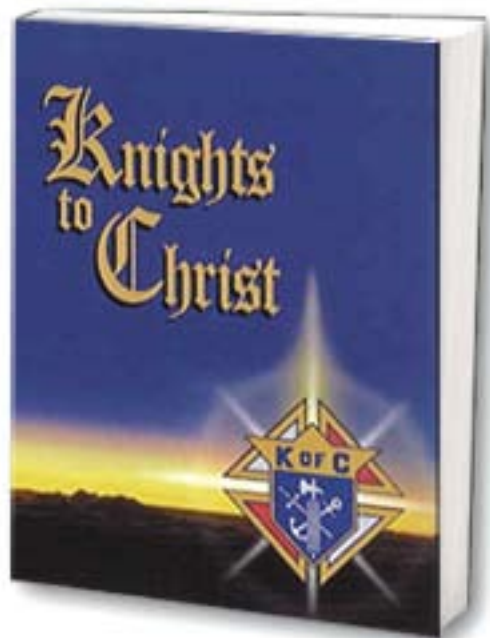
The preacher at F.W. de Klerk's inauguration made a disturbing point. He said that the South African president had the awesome responsibility of discerning God's will and acting on it. This planted a seed in de Klerk's mind that grew and grew. Slowly, it led to pursue the dismantling of the dehumanizing apartheid system and granting citizenship to 35 million blacks.

de Klerk said later that he knew that in pursuing this unpopular policy he would be rejected by his own people, but this did not deter him. ~ Mark Link, S.J.

In what areas can the Knights display the same political bravery?

Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.

~ Bishop Westcott



To order Knights to Christ books,
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COLORADO KNIGHTS RECEIVE \$5000 DONATION IN HONOR OF TIM TEBOW

Christine Beiriger, daughter of Mike Beiriger, coordinator of the State Council's Ultrasound program, donated \$5000 to the program after watching Tim Tebow's comeback against the Chicago Bears. "I wanted to make this donation in his name. We all know that Tim's mother was advised to abort him due to an illness she had while she was pregnant, but she chose not to. She put her trust in God, and as a result, brought into the world one of the finest human beings ever to play the game, and one who is a role model and inspiration to multitudes. Through the good works of the Knights of Columbus of Colorado, placing ultrasound machines in crisis pregnancy centers, it is my hope that other women will choose life over abortion." Below is Pam Tebow's story:

Pam Tebow knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband, Bob, were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant. Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue. While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll make him a preacher. Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football. Pam's son is Tim Tebow.

The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called 'The Mile-High Messiah'. Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of women's centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every little baby you save matters. We pray her tribe will increase!

Donations for the KofC Ultrasound program can be sent to **Colorado State KofC C Charities, % Claude Trujillo, 505 Columbia Ave., Del Norte, CO 81132-2201**

OUR LADIES VOICE



TEAM
Together Everyone Achieves More

February 2012

Dear Knights and Ladies:

Welcome to February and allowing yourself to be pampered by your loved ones or even just allowing yourself some time to treat yourself. I'm sure you all agree when you feel great on the outside by taking care of yourself you certainly start to feel wonderful about yourself. The month of February is about love and caring.

Also during the month of February, there are several birthdays celebrated, as well. Besides George Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, there are other birthdays such as Elmo's, (Yes sesame street Elmo), Langston Hughes who was a great African American writer and poet, Susan B. Anthony and Levi Strauss.

If you're interested in something a little quirky but interesting, there's such events as the National Wear Red day, Toothache Day, National Gum Drop Day. Then, there's National Freedom Day along with President's Day and Groundhog Day. There is also a White T-shirt Day and a National Inventor's Day in honor of Thomas Edison's birthday.

February often marks the celebratory two weeks of Mardi Gras which means "Fat Tuesday," a holiday preceding the Christian observances of Ash Wednesday and Lent. Lent is a time of sacrifice which is observed during the 40 days leading up to Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Therefore, let us show that we as Christians are not just Jesus' groupies, we are His friends. Let us be bold to join Him, fasting in the wilderness for forty days during Lent; let us be bold to pray with Him in the garden on Maundy Thursday, let us fearlessly stand at the foot of His cross on Good Friday, so that we may witness His Resurrection and His Ascension, and join in His triumphant reign. And on that Last Day, when Jesus brushes away the groupies, let us be among His true friends, whom He welcomes into His glory.

The State Auxiliary Today.....

State Convention April 26-29 2012 -- Mad Hatter's Tea Party May 5, 2012

May God Bless You All

Sharon K. Hernandez
State President

NOTE
 To be included in "Knights in Action",
 send your council newsletters to:
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b.tawson@comcast.net



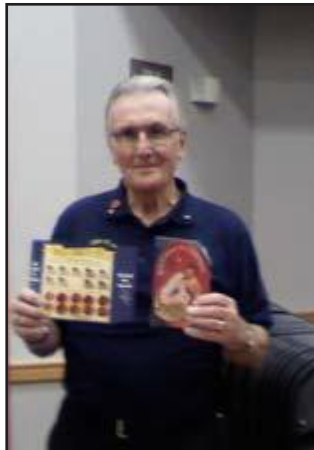
Members of Our Lady of Loreto **COUNCIL 12336** in Foxfield, CO, stand next to the construction site of the new St. Joseph Center at Our Lady of Loreto Church. With proceeds from a number of fundraisers – including the council’s annual golf tournament – Knights pledged and delivered \$120,000 to help make the new parish hall a reality. And as a way of recognizing the council for its efforts, the new St. Joseph Center will feature the “Knight’s Kitchen.” *reprinted from Columbia Magazine October 2011*



Littleton, CO **ASSEMBLY 3300** Faithful Navigator Deris Wolff is presented the Assembly Charter by District Master Claude Trujillo, Jr. and State Deputy Roger Muller, Sr. at the mid year banquet.



ASSEMBLY 3049 in Colorado Springs – Honor Guard at the Night of Prayer for the unborn, Dec. 8th, St Patrick’s parish



Arvada Knight puts Christ back into Christmas, **COUNCIL 12392**, Arvada, CO Brother Pat Francalancia, Chairman of the Council’s Keep Christ in Christmas program, personally sold 100 boxes of Christmas cards and related items. A true “Warrior for Christ!”



COUNCIL 14479, Conifer, CO – Grand Knight Don Ditzzenbach with Claire Kemp; Claire is one of the ARC of Jeffco’s clients who helped with Tootsie Roll sales at the King Soopers in Conifer.



Ladies Auxillary Snowball Dance had a guest drummer, our own General Agent Doug Parsons. We knew he had a lot of talent, but has kept this one undercover! *photo courtesy of John Barklage*

VALENTINE’S DAY DINNER DANCE RETURNS TO COUNCIL 539. DENVER CO. All Knights and their families invited to a Valentine’s Day Party on February 11, 2012 to be hosted by **COUNCIL 539**, Denver CO. Come join the festivities and share a meal of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desert. The cost is \$10/person or \$20 per family. Contact; Sean Espy: gk@kofc539.org



SUPER BOWL PARTY, COUNCIL 2160 – GREELEY, CO

COUNCIL 2160 will host a Super Bowl Party at its council hall. It's a potluck, but the council provides burgers, Brat's, dogs and Italian sausage. Families are invited. Contact Stephen Stank 970-539-3358 if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS BOX ANONYMOUS, COUNCIL 1062- GRAND JUNCTION, CO.

Knights and Ladies of **COUNCIL 1062** purchased several baskets of food that were transferred via trailer to the Catholic Outreach Soup Kitchen, where the group assembled individual boxers for the needy. The boxes of food, along with toys were delivered very grateful families in Mesa County. True Warriors for Christ!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES DRIVE COMING TO ELIZABETH, CO, COUNCIL 11918

Knights of **COUNCIL 11918**, Elizabeth, CO will conduct a food for families drive during February for local food pantries. The council will also host its annual Italian dinner on the 25th. The council's "Happy Birthday" Jesus party was a great success and a lot of fun for the kids, not to mention the reminder that Christmas is Jesus' birthday.

"COME FOR THE GLAMOUR, STAY FOR THE FUN." – COUNCIL 1498,

HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO

Knights at **COUNCIL 1498** host their fabulous annual Formal dinner and dance, "A Knight in Hollywood" February 11, 2012. The event will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Greenwood Village, CO. There will be a silent auction as Knights and their ladies dressed liked movie stars stroll the venue.

COATS FOR KIDS MISSION TRIP

By AJ Stapleton Council 1498 – Highlands Ranch

DAY 1

It is Friday morning and we are ready for our Mission trip. 3 days, 3 different communities, all of us focused on the mission to keep God's people warm and bring Christmas joy to those in need. I climb aboard the 26' U-Haul truck. It is packed to the roof with coats, hats, gloves, blankets, bicycles and helmets. First stop: Marion House, Colorado Springs. We arrive in the Springs around 10:30 am. Our caravan includes 19 church volunteers, 6 of which are Knights. We are greeted by the Marion House staff and we start to unload our truck. The line starts to form and the smiles of the men and women, now abandoned to the streets, begin to flow. One by one they are helped by our volunteers. The process is slow, but it allows me to appreciate what we are doing here. It is teaching me patience and allowing me to appreciate what we are doing here today. It is teaching my 11 year old daughter to treat everyone equally. It is an education to the 9 young boys and girls that are volunteering with us this morning. Within the hour we have handed out about 500 adult clothing articles. Just as we are heading inside the soup kitchen to have lunch with our group, I am taken by the smile of a young mother of 3, Susan. She is pushing a stroller with 2 kids in it. She stops in front of me. Shyly and almost embarrassed she whispers her need for kids coats. My friend and brother knight, Robert Seydel, moves quickly to the truck and cracks open a box of new kids coats. The truck is stocked with 480 new kids coats delivered early this month by our supreme council. When Robert rejoins us for lunch he shares how a second family approached him at the truck looking for coats for their children. As I have lunch a few tables away from Susan and her children, I observe how she shares her story with her table mates. I can see her smile and it encourages me to continue strong on this 3 day journey.

DAY 2

With the temperature in the low teens we arrived at our destination in Alamosa. Our Brother Knights of Council 2096 opened the doors of their council and offered the warmth of their hall and a very appetizing meal to all of us volunteers. After dinner and brief conversation, we stepped into the cold night and started to setup for the morning ahead. It took a couple of hours to unload the truck and set up the tables. When we were done we had over 20 tables displaying the brand new coats donated by Supreme. We unloaded about 45 bicycles and hundreds of adult coats, hats, mittens and scarfs. Saturday morning was spectacular. We woke to a blanket of frost covering our autos. We arrived at the hall around 7:30 am and began assigning duties to the volunteers. Our Brother Knights wanted to make the day memorable for the visitors they decided to fly Santa in. Santa, dressed in his red suit, visited with every child and posed for pictures with the children and families. Every child had a chance to visit with Santa before moving to the coat area. The day moved along without a hitch. Groups of people arrived constantly during the morning. We were thankful to have enough volunteers to be able to greet everyone constantly and quickly. Saturday was very special. I had the opportunity to visit with several families, but 2 really caught my attention. A particular lady, whom we will call Sarah (since I never asked her name...shame on me), visit our event 3 times that day. One of the volunteers pointed her out to me. I have to be honest; I headed her direction with every intention to reproach her. "Come on lady, don't you think 3 visits in one day are more than enough, don't you think that other children could use the coats?" is what I was prepared to say to her. Somehow, I held my breath. I saw 4 children with her and I was moved to ask questions before making accusations. Shortly, I realized that these children were her grandkids. She had 9 in all. She had been bringing the grandkids in groups. In tears she explained to me the joy it was to be able to give these children new coats. She was looking after her daughters children. "I feel like a grandmother should feel" she shared. "Not sure I follow" I replied. She explained that a grandmother wants to spoil their grandkids. She felt as though finally she could do so. Wow, I did not know what to say. I just kept quiet and helped her find what she needed. Late that morning I met a gentleman, whose name also eludes me. He brought his daughter and the neighbor's boy. This gentleman explained the boy's situation, telling us that the boy's mother is a single parent who works often. This young man is left to look after himself. This generous man knew that the boy's mother could not bring him to the coat give-away so he brought the young boy. The volunteers worked hard to get him a coat; hat, gloves and we sent him home with a bike and helmet. This boy was so happy, he decided to ride the bike home!

We started to clean up around 1pm. I could see the faces of the volunteers, specially our children volunteers, showing fatigue. We were glad the morning had come to an end with such success. As the children had an opportunity to return to the hotel for much needed rest, the rest of the adult volunteers loaded the truck and headed for La Jara to setup for the day ahead.

DAY 3

Our last day in the Southern portion of the state started relatively early. LaJara, CO is situated 14 miles from Alamosa CO. We arrived at the Our lady of the Valley Church. Quickly we grabbed a cup of coffee and some donuts, and proceeded to our posts. The LaJara community was very welcoming and many of our Brother Knights were on hand to help with the tasks ahead. As the day progressed, we were able to distribute many of the coats; but the crowds weren't coming in as we expected. As I spoke to one of our local Brothers, he explained that many surrounding towns heard of the coat drive but had no transportation to come to us. So we shifted gears on how to approach this event. We had our local Brothers make phone calls to school teachers and School principals. We were determined to find out who was in need and we thought the local school teachers would know. Within minutes we started putting together coats in bags to be distributed to certain communities and families. Many of our Brothers took the coats and delivered the coats themselves. We couldn't be more thankful. Things were coming together. One late morning visitor came in with a list of about 18 kids' names and sizes. He was thankful and a bit unsure if he could ask for these many coats. We did not think twice about it and helped the gentleman load his truck with the coats. I came to find out later that he was a member of the Mormon Church. I rejoiced to learn such news. We were breaking boundaries with brothers of other faiths. It is amazing how God brings people together to do his will!

As the mission came to an end, we thanked God for allowing us to be his instruments this weekend. Doing mission work brings me closer to my family and friends. It has been an opportunity to grow in my faith and to appreciate all that God has given me. I encourage you to make your next vacation a mission trip. You will discover that giving of your time and resources gives you so much more in return.

May God bless your journeys, wherever they may lead you!



First family of the day with Grand Knight Israel Rivera (r)



Keeping everything in the truck was challenging at times.



Front row left to right: Robert Seydel, Blake Seydel, Tori Stapleton, Molly McAllen, Kiko Gutierrez, Vanessa Stapleton, Alexandra Stapleton.

Middle Row: Sierra Seydel, Laura Gutierrez, Miguel Gutierrez, Angie Gutierrez, Rosa Gutierrez, Nancy Stapleton, Alice Timmerman, Dan Timmerman.

Back Row: Patrick McAllen, AJ Stapleton, Al Getz, Louella Garcia-Getz.

**NECROLOGY FORM
STATE CONVENTION 2012**

TO Elected State Officers
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As we remember our deceased Brother Knights, their spouses, Chaplains and Priests that have departed this life during the **PAST YEAR(since the 2011 State Convention)**, I am requesting you provide me the following information for the 2012 State Convention Memorial Mass. Please complete the form below indicating the names in chronological order by date of death. If a Brothers wife is the deceased, indicate their full name, date of death and the full name of the Brother Knight associated with the deceased. In addition, please indicate if the deceased was an **ESO, DD, FDD, GK, FN, Chaplain, member of the clergy or is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight.**

Examples: (It is helpful to have a phonetic example so that the State Deputy can pronounce the name properly and clearly)

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10/31/11	Janice Smith		Wife, Sir Knight Walter Smith	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Council # _____

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Date	Brother Knight Name	Phonetic	Relation	Title

DUE DATE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 2012

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SUBJECT: DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION

The by-laws of our Order provide for the representation of delegates from councils in good standing to our State Convention. Specifically, the referenced by-law is as follows:

Chapter II Sec. 12(a) - State Councils shall consist of the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight, actually residing in the state or jurisdiction, from each subordinate council in good standing If there be more than one Past Grand Knight, the council shall elect the one to represent it in the State Convention. A council having no Past Grand Knight may elect any of its Third Degree members in good standing in lieu thereof as a representative of said council in the State Council. Each subordinate council shall elect alternates for its representatives in the State Council.

Worthy Grand Knights: These elections need to be completed with the delegates and alternates full names and membership numbers sent to the **State Secretary**. This information is to be submitted:

NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012
(This information, can be sent on-line under forms, State Secretary forms)
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