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Spring 2011 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Note

I apologize for not having sent a monthly newsletter since November. With the illness and death of my father, I needed to focus my time and energy there, and time for a newsletter was one of the things that had to give. Things have settled down now, and I should be back on track for sending monthly letters. By the way, thank you very much for all cards and prayers.

We've had a lot going on in the last few months, and I want to thank all of you who helped at all the various activities. March was extremely busy with a parish breakfast, St. Patrick's Day party, Lenten Fish Fries, and the parish food drive. We have many more activities coming up!

St. Patrick's Day

The St. Patrick's Day party was a great success. Parishioners enjoyed a traditional corned-beef and cabbage dinner, bagpipes and step-dancers, music and dancing, and fun with their fellow Irish kin. Thank you to brother Rich Kohl for coordinating this event. Great job!

Parish Food Drive

The March parish food drive brought in over 5,000 pounds of food for the St. John's Food Bank. While the weight is down from the previous food drive, the amount of food was equivalent or more because we targeted items such as cereal which weigh less than canned foods. Thanks to brother Fred Blackmere for working with John Williams to make this a successful food drive.

Seminarians

We are fortunate to have two seminarians from our parish who attend the St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. Our council as "adopted" Carl Bunderson and Jason Wunsch through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). On April 6, Jason, Carl, and their families joined us for a potluck dinner in Benedict Hall. They spoke about their calls to the priesthood and what they are currently doing at the seminary. These guys are truly on fire with the Holy Spirit, and their talk was very inspirational. We plan to make a council visit to the seminary some time in the upcoming months, so stay tuned.

Lenten Fish Fries

Our council has volunteered for cleanup duty for all of the Lenten Fish Fries. Several brothers have also help coordinate and cook as well. These dinners are wildly popular because the food is great, and the fellowship is even better. Thanks to brother Dave Lamphere who has put so much effort into making this such a successful parish event. We can always use extra help after 7pm to clean up the kitchen area. Contact brother Dan Knievel (dpk@psu.edu) if you can help!

Parish Breakfasts

The monthly parish breakfasts continue through May. We have experimented with new items and expanded our menu to provide a quality breakfast at a very low cost. This is a great community-building activity. Please help out if you can. The April breakfast is on Palm Sunday (4/17), and the May breakfast is on May 22.

Dinner with Fr. Francis

Fr. Francis will be visiting from Uganda in May. A dinner is planned for May 22, and our council has been asked to help with that. The Canino family will be cooking, but our help is also needed. More details will follow.

State and Supreme Conventions

The annual state convention will be held from April 28 to May 1 in Colorado Springs. All Knights are welcome to attend. Our council is sending Rich Chopyak (GK), Dan Knievel (PGK/FS), and alternates Paul Eaton (DGK) and Jim Kaiser (Advocate). At the May business meeting, we'll update you with all the information.

The supreme convention will be held in Denver this year. This is a great opportunity for Colorado Knights to showcase Colorado and the work we do here. Supreme conventions are normally attended by many cardinals, bishops, and priests as well as Knights from all around the world. Details are still being finalized, but our council will certainly be involved.

First Degree Ceremony

Starting May 17, our council will host a quarterly 1st Degree Initiation! The degrees will be held in Benedict Hall at 7pm on the day before our planning meetings in May, August, November, and February. We have formed a degree team in conjunction with the preexisting team in Council 1313. This will provide both councils an opportunity to grow our councils without having to travel to other cities for the initiation ceremony. If you would like to be a part of the degree team, please contact Grand Knight Rich Chopyak.

Consider inviting someone to join the Knights of Columbus. Remember that the best way to recruit someone is simply to ask. Many men just are waiting for an opportunity, and all they need is a personal invitation to join. Membership is open to men 18 years of age and older who are practical Catholics in union with the Holy See. That means accepting the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspiring to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and being in good standing in the Catholic Church. If you know someone like this, invite him to join!

Praying the Rosary

At 6:40pm prior to each council business meeting, we will pray the Rosary. Please consider coming a few minutes early to pray together with and for your brother Knights.

Longmont Council 1313's family Rosary is at 7:30pm on on April 19th at Deb and Joe Montante's home. Their address is 2973 Breakwater Dr. in Longmont. Their phone number is 720-494-9214. This is a family event, so wives and children are welcome. Knights from Council 14898 are also welcome to host the family Rosary.

Rides To Mass

Several members of our parish need help getting to and from Mass each week. We are looking for council members and anyone else who would like to be part of this important ministry. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jim Kaiser (jamesandsusan82@hotmail.com) or Chris Schmitz (schmitcg@gmail.com).

Online Resources

Remember, our web site has a complete calendar of all our current activities. The address is www.kofc14898.org. We have also added Twitter and Facebook pages for the council. Links to both of those pages can be found at the bottom of our web page.

Next Meetings

The next planning meeting is April 20th at 7pm in Benedict Hall. The next business meeting is Star Wars Day - May the Fourth (be with you...) - at 7pm in Benedict Hall. The planning meeting is for us to consider new ideas and activities, plan the details of existing activities, and to socialize.