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## November 2010 Newsletter

### Parish Food Drive

In October, our council helped distribute grocery bags and collect food for the St. John's food bank. There was a tremendous response from the parish, and we collected over 5,000 pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who helped collect the food as it came in and to those who helped transport the food to the food bank. Also, thanks to Cub Scouts from St. John's Pack 65 and to Michelle Black and members of the confirmation class who also helped with food collection.

### Major Degrees

First degree members, if you would like to attain your 2nd and 3rd degrees, there are upcoming opportunities including one in Loveland on November 13. These are very worthwhile degrees, so please consider attending.

### Pro-Life Activities

Our council participated in this fall's 40 Days for Life campaign (<http://www.40daysforlife.com>) as well as the October Write For Life, which asked for letters to be written to Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius.

At our November business meeting, the council approved sending at least \$10 per month to support Priests for Life (<http://priestsforlife.org>), which is a pro-life organization that helps priests "preach, teach, and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia." In addition, they lead other pro-life efforts to help laity as well as religious in their efforts to promote a pro-life agenda. If you would like to add to the council's monthly contribution, you can do that by making a donation to the council, and your donation will be passed on.

Finally, we collected \$103 from members at the planning and business meetings to help Colorado State Council in their purchase of a 3D/4D ultrasound machine for the Alternative Pregnancy Crisis Center in Aurora. This is part of phase 1 of the State Council's Ultrasound Initiative which will place 4 ultrasound machines in areas throughout Colorado. If a pregnant mother is shown a 3D/4D image of their baby, she is far less likely to have an abortion. It is not too late to add your donation. Contact Financial Secretary, Dan Knievel ([dpk@psu.edu](mailto:dpk@psu.edu)), if you would like to support this cause.

### Annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Service

On Saturday, November 6, a special prayer service was held after the First Saturday Mass. Each year, councils throughout the order have special Masses or services for Knights who have passed away. Deacon Mike Berens presided at this year's service. Our council gave memorial candles to widows and families of three Knights at St. John's who passed away during the last year - Deacon Bill Lee, Arthur Jerzak, and Andy Keller. Supporting widows and their families was one of the primary reasons Fr. McGivney created the Knights of Columbus.

### Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army

Knights across the country will again help The Salvation Army collect money by ringing sleigh bells at stores and shopping malls. We are teaming up with Longmont Council 1313 to ring bells at the Super Walmart on the following dates: Nov 19-21, Nov 26-28, Dec 3-5, and Dec 10-12. Friday shifts are 5-7pm and 7-9pm. Saturday shifts are 9am-12pm, 12-3pm, 3-6pm, and 6-9pm. Sunday shifts are 12-3pm and 3-6pm. All funds collected will stay in the Longmont area. Please contact brother Fred Blackmere if you are interested in helping. This is a great family activity - kids ALWAYS get more donations than adults. Dress warmly and bring lots of hot chocolate!

## **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 November 16th at brother Bob and Ann Tinder's home - 506 Peregrine Circle in Longmont. 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).

## **Columbian Squires**

At the November business meeting, the council voted to approve formation of a Squires circle. Brother Chris Schmitz will complete all the paperwork, and we will start recruiting soon after that. If you would like to help or know of any young men in the parish or school who might be interested in joining, please contact Chris at schmitcg@gmail.com.

## **Ladies Auxiliary**

We are trying to start a Ladies Auxiliary. We have a coordinator and will set up a meeting with the State Ladies Auxiliary in one of the upcoming months. Information about the Auxiliary can be found at <http://www.kofcladiesauxiliary.org/>.

## **St. Patrick's Day Party**

Our council will coordinate this year's parish St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 12th. We are looking for a few volunteers to help put on this event. If you would like to help out, please contact Grand Knight, Rich Chopyak - rchopyak@gmail.com.

## **Knight and Family of the Month**

This month's Knight of the Month is John Robisch. John is an active Knight in our council and willingly helps with many events including the monthly parish breakfasts, where he always greets parishioners with a welcoming smile. Thanks for all you do, John.

Our Family of the Month is the Fred Blackmere family. Fred and his wife Connie are very active in our parish and council. Most recently, they helped coordinate collection of food for the parish food drive. Thanks to you both for being our Family of the Month.

## **Next Meetings**

The next planning meeting is November 17th at 7pm in Benedict Hall. The next business meeting is December 1st 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.