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September/October 2010 Newsletter

Council Family Picnic

The family picnic was a great success and allowed us to get to know each other and our families just a little bit better. Thank you to Fr. Brian and Deacon Mike for celebrating Mass with us and to the parish for several gifts including aprons, Grand Knight's hat, and a new council flag. Finally, thank you to brother Paul Eaton and his wife, Rosemary, for hosting this event.

Parish Golf Tournament and School Fun Run

When I think of the golf tournament and school fun run weekend, all I can say is "Wow!" We have had many compliments on the success of these events. The folks at Saddleback Golf Course were absolutely amazed at how quickly the golf tournament came together, how much participation we had from the community, and how successful the event was. There were so many people involved in the planning and execution of this event, that I'm sure I would miss someone if I tried to thank each of you, so I will just say thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. I do want to particularly acknowledge brother Paul Eaton's efforts. Without his leadership and coordination, this never could have happened.

Parish Food Drive

On October 9/10, we will be passing out empty grocery bags for parishioners to fill and return the following weekend. On that weekend, we will need help collecting the food. If you can help with this, please contact Fred Blackmere at Fred.Blackmere@comcast.net.

Major Degrees

On October 2, three council members received their 2nd and 3rd degrees. Walter Corey, Jim Armstrong, and Walter Garzon all attended the major degree ceremony at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Northglenn. Congratulations on your entry into full Knighthood!

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 is currently participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign - <http://www.40daysforlife.com>. Please consider giving just a little bit of your time to pray, fast, or give personal witness at the abortion clinic in Boulder. Remember that even the smallest deeds, done in the love of Christ, will make a difference.

On October 3, members of our council joined many other people in the annual Life Chain at the intersection of Hover and Nelson Rd. Life Chain is a silent, prayerful, public witness for life held on the first Sunday of October each year. More information can be found at <http://www.nationallifechain.org/>.

Praying the Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and that is a great time for us to adopt a new council practice - praying the Rosary before the start of each monthly business meeting. We will start praying the Rosary at 6:40pm. Please join in even if you arrive after the Rosary has begun. Mary won't mind!

Council 1313 in Longmont has a practice of saying a family Rosary each month at a brother's home. A traveling statue of Mary stays with that brother during the month he hosts the Rosary. Until recently, the family Rosary has been held on Wednesdays, and that has conflicted with our planning meetings. They've changed the day so that our council can

participate as well. This month's Rosary will be held at Dan and Jeannie Krische's home on Tuesday Oct. 19th @ 7:30pm. Their home is at 700 Rider Ridge Drive, and their phone number is 303 776-3104. This is a family event, so wives and children are welcome. After the Rosary, there is usually time to socialize.

Rides To Mass

There are several members of our parish who 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

We are moving forward with creation a Squires circle, but we need two or three members to serve as counselors for the group. You do not have to help run meetings or coordinate events since that is done by the circle members themselves. Counselors are for advisory and oversight of the circle, so the time commitment is fairly minimal. Once we have a group of counselors, then we can start looking for a few good young men to get the group going. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Chris Schmitz (schmitcg@gmail.com).

Ladies Auxiliary

We are also trying to start a Ladies Auxiliary. We have a coordinator and are trying to set up a meeting with the State Ladies Auxiliary some time in November. Information about the Auxiliary can be found at <http://www.kofcladiesauxiliary.org/>.

Knight and Family of the Month

This month's Knight of the Month is Walter Garzon. Walter was very recently initiated into our order, and just received his major degrees on October 2nd. Even before being initiated, though, Walter helped at the back-to-school picnic and at our family picnic. Thank you for your help, Walter!

Our Family of the Month is the Tom Amodio family. Tom was also recently initiated, and he has already taken an active role in our council. Tom and his wife, Sara, have children in St. John's school, and we are proud to have them in our council family!

Next Meetings

The next business meeting is October 6 at 7pm in Benedict Hall. The next council planning meeting is October 20 at 7pm in either Benedict Hall or the St. Catherine room, depending on space needs at the church. The planning meeting is for us to consider new ideas and activities, plan the details of existing activities, and to socialize.