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Grand Knight's Message

Jeff Maschler

In late August, the Knights of Columbus completed their annual Supreme Council convention for their 125th year, and I would like to point out some of the highlights of that meeting which affect each of us.

For the first time ever, these proceedings were televised live on EWTN and the Canadian Salt and Light network, and carried online at EWTN.com. I think this is a sign you can expect a more vocal, public, and active Knights of Columbus both worldwide and locally.

Early in the meeting, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson proclaimed “*What kind of Catholics do they think we are? Do they not know by now – that the Knights of Columbus will never cease to persevere against the evil of abortion?!?*” To this end, the Knights have helped write pro-life legislation ending partial-birth abortion, are working hard to overturn the legal basis of Roe v Wade, and have announced a world day of prayer against abortion next year.

Did you know Camp Victory in Baghdad Iraq has a Knights of Columbus round table sponsored by St Paul's Parish here in Colorado Springs? This roundtable started with 2 Knights and has grown to over 30 – from Italy, Poland, Canada, and the US – and are working to support St Basil Catholic Church and School located in downtown Baghdad. This is just another example of the order's ability to evangelize across the globe. Our continued support for our men in uniform here and abroad, military and civil is truly remarkable and a great source of pride and motivation for our Order.

Last year, through fundraisers and dues, our organization – at 1.7 million members worldwide – surpassed our old record of charity by \$4M – contributing nearly \$144M and over 68 Million Man hours worldwide. Colorado Knights in particular

recorded contributions amounting to 40 hrs each and \$100 for every Knight. That may not seem like a big number – but Colorado boasts membership of 14,000 Catholic men.

In 125 years, our record of charity is second to none, and our commitment to the Catholic faith and support of Catholic families and clergy is exemplary. Our founder, Michael J McGivney, who is now being seriously considered for beatification – the first American Priest with this honor – had the foresight, wisdom, and inspiration to build an organization which is now the largest growing fraternal service organization in the world.

For the 15th consecutive year, Knights of Columbus insurance has earned the highest rating from S&P, and the highest rating for the 32nd consecutive year from the AM Best Company. What does this mean to us? In a letter to our Supreme Knight, Beverly Buchanan – the wife of a recent fallen Knight writes – “I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.” *She is talking about our insurance program!*

Closer to home, Our Lady of the Pines council supports special Olympics, parish youth, missions to Avondale, vocations in priesthood and leadership, pro-life charities, parish needs, disadvantaged youth at the Arc, memorial for our deceased priests, care for the elderly and incarcerated. And all that was just in the last two months!

We also have an active and charitable ladies auxiliary who are also committed to Catholic family values, take pro-life seriously, and teach us how to cook and clean. ☺

Brothers – Keep up the good works!

Practical Catholic men of our parish –

consider yourself invited! What are you waiting for? Follow the example of great men - Fr Michael McGivney, Sam Alito, Jeb Bush, John F Kennedy,

Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and our own Bishop Sheridan and Fr Mike Butler - and *join our team.*

Vivat Jesus!
Jeff

Tootsie Role Drive

Joe McGirr



It is time for the annual Tootsie Roll fundraising drive. This is the national effort for the Knights of Columbus which directly support Mentally Handicapped individuals. In past years our council has supported local Special Olympics programs, local special education programs, and our parishioners with special needs. Again this year will provide our needed funds to support our neighbors and parishioners!

We've got two weekends in September, but there will be more so look for sign up & dates coming soon.

I am leading the Drive this year ...contact me at jmcgirr47@comcast.net / 719-659-6848.

Parish Picnic

Dale Misner

Thanks to all the Knights and their ladies for the great support of the Parish Picnic.

There were over 400 people at the picnic, and no one went home hungry. The music, games, cake walks, llamas and alpacas were all big hits. Your support is much appreciated by the parish and especially the Parish Council.

Dale Misner

Children's Ark

Pierre Gaudreault

On August 26th some brothers from our council and ladies from our auxiliary had a great time preparing and serving dinner for some residents at Children's Ark in Greene Mountain Falls. Vic Villard led the team, which barbequed spare ribs and chicken

and prepared several side dishes. Then the team participated in the meal with the children and staff.

The goal of the Children's Ark is to rehabilitate kids that have been abused and neglected and who are often juvenile offenders and drug addicts. The Ark's hope is to show the children how to integrate into society before they turn eighteen at which time, they can move to a transition house. In this way, the kids may be able to avoid the streets, the jailhouse or worse when they become adults. Most of the children come from metro Denver, but some come from other places.

The directors, teachers and other staff at the facility work their miracles through discipline, education, love and the power of Christ. The director in charge of enforcing the rules told us that our presence and service was important for the children so that they could see people freely volunteering their time and resources to care for others since the staff is often accused by some kids of being there just for a paycheck.

The kids at the meal were very courteous to us. Many of them introduced themselves, shook hands and told us that they appreciated what we were doing. Not all of the kids were present for the meal because some were disciplinary restriction.

Because of local Knight's of Columbus councils, the kids are able to enjoy special meals at times other than Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.

We should also thank Mike Balchus for letting us know how we can help the least of these in our community.

Bravo Knights and Ladies!

Brothers and Relations in Need of Prayer:

Katherine Leger & her vocational discernment
Fr. Jerry,
Fr Mike,
Fr Frank Kasata (St Mary's Pastor)
Regis Larouere
Bill Bollwerk
Tony Marcotte
Evelyn French, who was in the hospital for some time
Francis Billiard
American Soldiers and their leadership
Parents who have lost children
The soul of the mother of Laura Plue

Your Insurance Corner!

488-6816, or e-mail me at balchus@aol.com. I'm your council agent and friend Mike Balchus.

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Birthdays of September

01 Louie Sciarrotta	16 Michael Hogan
02 George Proeller	18 Richard Olson
08 Richard Hankins	21 Augustin Larraga
13 Rodrick Fugate	24 Scott DeGrado
15 Gary Ware	26 Dan Smith

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr Michael Butler	495-2351	Financial Sec.	Dave Miller	495-0289
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Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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Treasurer	Dana Ware		

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FRATERNAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Activity
1,2	10:00A 4:00P	Tootsie Roll Drive Falcon Walmart
8	5:00P	Taco Dinner – Team C Our Lady of the Pines
8,9	10:00A 4:00P	Tootsie Roll Drive Falcon Walmart
9	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team C Our Lady of the Pines
12	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
19	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security

OCTOBER		
Date	Time	Activity
TBD	10:00A 4:00P	Tootsie Roll Drive
10	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
17	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security
TBD	10:00A 4:00P	Tootsie Roll Drive
27	5:00P	Taco Dinner – Team A Our Lady of the Pines
28	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team A Our Lady of the Pines