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WHAT AND WHEN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY

- 11th 7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting
13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO
14th 11AM - 4PM Leadership Training DR Earl C
Bach Council 3340¹
20th 7:30 AM Rosary for Life
20th Ave. and Vine St. Denver, CO

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

by Fred A. Keller

Let's all thank JR White and his team of officers for a terrific year! We remember those great Fish Fries, Mother's Day Brunch, and a beginning move toward a council home. We also want to thank all who helped out making these successful. Let's continue your prayers and enthusiasm - we need your support! Along these lines, we are hoping to begin the new council year, joining with brother councils in our state for an Installation Mass this summer.

We are planning a council cookout in late July or early August, and plan to supply beverages for our parish picnic this summer. A few speakers are being arranged for this fall before or after our usual business meetings. One or two may include an insurance evening to cover long term care. One thought is to have fresh snacks and soft beverages 15 minutes before the meeting, supported by donations; stop for the business meeting, and then again with beer optional after the meeting

I caught the end of a very strong cast of bishops celebrating outstanding Catholics at the Eucharistic Congress at our National Shrine in Washington, DC in honor of Fr. McGivney on Saturday, June 22nd, the feast day of Saints Thomas More and John Fischer.

As you may remember, Henry VIII, King of England was growing impatient with Cardinal Wolsey and the Church because he was unable to get permission from the pope so that he could divorce his wife, Queen Catherine, and marry his pregnant mistress, Anne Boleyn. At that time the Bishop was John Fisher who studied at Cambridge and was ordained to the

priesthood. He was known for writing against the errors of the time, and was noted for frequently visiting the faithful. Thomas More, a layman, was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and replaced Cardinal Wolsey as Lord Chancellor of England. He was advanced because of his wisdom, good judgment, reputation as an internationally known scholar, and his loyalty to the king. It was the first time in nearly 100 years since a layman held such a high position. Thomas was educated at Oxford, was married and had three daughters and a son.

King Henry was a "model of Catholic orthodoxy and an upholder of papal primacy". In 1521 he was awarded the title, "Defender of the Faith" by the pope because King Henry had written a treatise that attacked the heresies of Martin Luther. Luther wrote a nasty letter to Henry, calling him a liar and a pig. Thomas was commanded to return the favor to Luther. He wrote an official, sound theological response to Luther, peppered with colorful nasty language written in superb Latin. However, the king's carnal and political interest in producing a male heir opposed Church law. Soon the division between the Church and the king stirred the entire nation. The king ordered the Bishop and his Chancellor imprisoned for treason, staged a trial, and sentenced them to death.

When Thomas was alone with his daughter, awaiting his execution, he gave her his hair shirt that he had concealed all those years beneath the furs, gold chains and velvet of his office. On the scaffold before his death he declared to the crowd that he was dying for the Catholic Faith, and as "the king's loyal servant - but God's first." He then told his executioner not to let the axe cut his beard, "for it at least had committed no treason."

While in prison, Bishop John Fisher was named to the College of Cardinals by Pope Paul III. He was beheaded on June 22 and Thomas More on July 6, 1535. (Reference is the Magnificat, June, 2002.)

Saints Thomas More and John Fischer were the first of hundreds of Catholic faithful to suffer martyrdom in the years ahead at the hands of the English crown.

IT IS TIME TO PRAY

Prayers are welcome for:
Fr. Richard Ryan

¹ See details on page 4, Leader Training

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Jim Weiland
Fred Purdy

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

by Bill Longan

To date no other knights have come forward indicating a willingness to assist with the Columbian Squires. According to the manuals, five men are needed to function as counsellors². These are; one chief counsellor and four committee counsellors. I'm sure many of you fellow knights have a teen age son or sons whom you may want to encourage to become members of a Squires Circle and subsequently become a Knight of Columbus. You should also consider participating as a counsellor. A sixth, a priest, to be the Father Prior of the Circle may be appointed by the Chancery office, by the Council Chaplain, by the Grand Knight, or by the parish pastor.

The Columbian Squire organization chart shows a three member advisory board consisting of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Council Chaplain. If these three individuals are active in the development of the Squires Circle, it will be a successful venture.

KNIGHTS TO CHRIST

St. Benedict (circa 480- 547)

PATRIOTISM is community involvement through God's call.

You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. - James 2:24

The founder of the Benedictine Order, St. Benedict came from a distinguished Italian family (his sister was St. Scholastica). He studied in Rome, but disturbed by the city's sinful and chaotic nature, he chose to live as a hermit at the age of twenty. Soon afterwards some monks asked Benedict to be their leader; though this initial experiment failed (as the monks were upset by Benedict's high standards, and even tried to poison him), the saint was enthusiastic over the idea of monasticism: monks living together in a community, combining contemplation, work, and shared prayer. The Benedictine Rule emphasizes *ora et labora* ("prayer and work"). The saint performed many miracles, and when he died, he was buried in the same grave as his sister.

² My spell checker did not recognize this spelling, however this spelling is taken from the Columbian Squires handbooks and found in my Webster dictionary.

He could never have imagined the monasteries established under his influence played a vital role in preserving western culture during the Dark Ages, and the Rule of Benedict has guided many monks and religious up to this day. ~ J.M. Guerin

Benedict teaches us that great things can be done for God through a life properly balanced between prayer, study, and labor, with elements of community involvement. Is our assembly's mission plan balanced across the board? Or do we have an imbalance - perhaps too much emphasis on good works and not enough on spiritual building initiatives?

As the flower is before the fruit, so is faith before good works ~ Richard Whately

ELECTION RESULTS

by Bill Longan

The annual election of officers conducted at the June meeting resulted in the following list of candidates being unanimously chosen by the ten Knights in attendance:

Grand Knight Fred Keller, Jr.
Deputy Grand Knight JR White
Recorder Tony Jimenez
(the younger)
Treasurer Ted Robinette
Chancellor Joe Simmons
Warden
AdvocateMatthew Middlebrooks
Inside Guard Jamie Kogl
Outside Guard Miles Nikont
Three year Trustee Harold Bennett

LIFE PASS IT ON

YOUR TAX MONEY SUPPORTS CHILD ABUSE !!

by Leo Mantei

Every state defines sex with a child under the age of consent as a child abuse crime, and requires that all "health-care" workers must report all suspected child abuse to authorities. Yet, Planned Parenthood and the rest of the abortion industry has, for years, knowingly helped protect the perpetrators of the crime by aborting the baby.

Life Dynamics, an abortion industry investigative team, recently called more than 800 abortion clinics across the country, posing the situation of a 13-year-old girl pregnant by her 22-year-old boyfriend and wanting an abortion to hide the sexual activity. **More than 90 percent of the abortion clinics said they would perform the abortion and thus cover up the crime!**

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Doing so not only violates state law, but Federal law as well, for agencies like Planned Parenthood which receive millions of dollars in Federal funds each year as a "family planning" provider.

First there is the sexual abuse of the child by the perpetrator, next there is the medical abuse by the abortionist, then there is more sexual abuse by the perpetrator because he was not apprehended. The child-rapist feels free to assault other young girls, resulting in more abortions and more money for the abortion clinic. No wonder they don't report the crimes!

Enforcement of these child protection and crime reporting laws is not being done. The evidence is right there in the files of many abortionists. This is worth writing to your state and federal congress people about. It could turn the tide against the baby killers for good!
Leo Mantei 303-985-7637

Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July

27 Ralph A Dinkel
31 Frank R Babkiewich

August

4 John D McLaurin
5 Raymond D Stevens
8 Scott J Day
8 David McCullough

WEDDINGS

July

11 Sally & Antonio C Jimenez
16 Susan & Eugene N Bennett
16 Anna Mae & Robert J Duffy
24 Teresa & Michael E Bargas
29 Kathy & Warren R Howard
29 Amber & Raymond A Weber

August

5 Pat & Jack H Swanzy

NEW MEMBERS

by Ken Riedel

No new members were recruited this past month.

Do You Have An E-mail Address?

By Ken Riedel who submitted this and the following three items.

Effective June 30 first-class postage will increase to 37 cents. Council's monthly newsletter, **Mountain News**, could be e-mailed to you saving the council over

\$0.53 per issue. I know you're thinking that's not much of a savings, but multiple your issue by the 148 total members in the council (and continuing to grow). You may call Financial Secretary Ken Riedel, 303-988-9049 or e-mail Ken at kdriedel@attbi.com with your e-mail address. Also, **if you change your mailing address or telephone (home and/or work)** please call or e-mail Ken with the changes.

Council Website

1218 hits (as of the writing of this article (06/24). That's how many times that someone has logged on to Christ on the Mountain Council 7640 on the Internet at www.kofc7640.org. Check it out and fill in our guest book. We know its a bit hard to find; but if you go to the [Contact Us](#) on the home page and look near the bottom where it reads, If you like, you can [see](#) and [sign](#) our guest book as well. We'd like to hear from all of you who have access to the Internet. What was the count when you logged on?

Council by-laws Mailed

Christ on the Mountain Council 7640 by-laws were mailed yesterday (06/23 to all members that were not present at the 06/13 business meeting. If you haven't received your copy as of reading **Mountain News** please contact Financial Secretary Ken Riedel via E-mail (kdriedel@attbi.com) or phone (303-988-9049).

Semiannual Membership Roster

Attached is your copy of our **Current Membership Roster** as of 07/01/2002. Please review the roster and notify the Financial Secretary of any incorrect information or would like to add any additional information, contact Ken via E-mail (kdriedel@attbi.com) or phone (303-988-9049).

Also enclosed is our **Friends Mailing List**. Likewise, if any information is incorrect or requires updating, please contact Ken.

What do Knights Do?

By Bill Longan

A score and eight years have passed since Ray Stevens drove me to the Edgewater Council for induction into the Knights of Columbus. At that recruitment, I was asked several questions and at the conclusion of the interview, I asked, "What do Knights of Columbus do?"

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To which, I received no meaningful reply. Lo, these many years since I have learned that Knights; cook and serve breakfasts and Lenten meals, cleanup after same, distribute Tootsie rolls and collect donations and distribute those funds collected, debate meaningful and not so meaningful issues, and sundry other ventures. However, what I believe I have learned over time is "Knights seem to refuse to attend meetings." When our council began, many men - perhaps thirty or more - attended the general meeting in the large area in the basement of the church. As time passed, I've noticed a marked reduction of attendees - perhaps ten give or take a few - meet in one of the hot stuffy rooms in the basement of the church. Now, I am aware that we all have commitments - real or invented - to keep³. Our council has gotten into a kind of rut. We do the same activities year after year and there doesn't seem to be any new ideas coming forth. So, come on brother Knights, get off of the couch on the second Thursday of each month and come give us the benefit of your thoughts and comments at the general meeting each month.

Colorado State Council Meeting

The Colorado State Council Meeting held Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30 at the Weston Hotel in Arvada was attended by Fred Keller Saturday. The mass and officer's installation occurred at the 5:00 PM Mass at Spirit of Christ Church, 7400 West 80th Ave., Arvada. JR White reported the State Council will donate \$5000 to the forest fire evacuees. Any additional donations for the same group may be sent to Ken Riedel, who will forward them to the State Council.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leader Training is scheduled for Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, Financial Secretary's positions, and three members of each council. These sessions will be held July 14, 2002 at the DR Earl C. Bach Littleton/Englewood Council 3340 located at 3800 S. Windemere beginning at 11 AM and ending at 4 pm.

Future Events

The future events for our Council are; Annual Vocations walk at the Mother Cabrini Shrine August 10, participation in the Knights annual family cookout August 29, involvement in the upcoming Parish Picnic September 8, and as always the Tootsie

Rolls, details for each event in the next issues.

Family of the Year: Bill and Maggie Basbagill
Knight of the Quarter: Harold Bennett

Seeks Full-Time Employment

Current IT student with experience and degree work in electrical engineering and website production. Seeks full-time position that provides a challenging and professional environment. Special interests in multi-disciplinary projects, information technology and multimedia.

Skills: project management, quality assurance, leader, teamwork, discipline, critical thinking; VHDL, C++, Java Script, HTML, Basic; Macromedia Dreamweaver, Macromedia Fireworks, Adobe Photoshop, Corel PhotoPaint, Aldus Page Maker, Mentor graphics, MS Projects, MS Visio, MS Office.

Experience: Christ on the Mountain Council, Knight of Columbus, Webmaster, Lakewood, Colorado (August 2001 -Present); The Latest Scoop Publishing Website Builder, Loveland, Colorado (August 2000 - Present).

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³ I'm just as guilty as the rest of you about this.