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WHEN, WHAT, WHERE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

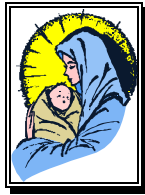
December

- 9th 7:30 First Degree Exemplification
13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO
- 11th **7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting**
13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO
- ~~13th Council Christmas Party~~
- 20th **7:30 AM Rosary for Life**
20th & Vine St.
6:30 PM Charity bingo, Council 5161
3820 S. Federal Blvd.
- 25th **Merry Christmas**

January

*January - Buy tickets to Country Dinner
Play House for February 8, 2004
Performance. See item on page 3.*

- 1st **Happy New Year**
- 1st **5:00 PM Mountain News Deadline.**
- 8th **7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting**
13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO.
- 16th Martin Luther King Day
- 22nd 6:30 PM Clergy Appreciation Dinner
13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO



IT IS TIME TO PRAY

Prayers are welcome for:

Pope John Paul who is seriously ill in the Vatican.
William & Catherine Dreiling, parents of Jerri Riedel, Bro.
Ken Riedel's in-laws.
Our Service Men fighting terrorists in the Middle East
countries.
An end to abortion.

*Please submit names to be included in this item of the News
Letter via e-mail, wlongan@aol.com or any other means
available to you. We can't pray for those needing prayers
unless you tell us who they are.*

First Degree Scheduled

by Ken Riedel, Membership Director

First Degree Exemplification is scheduled for 7:30 PM

December 9th in the Worship area of Christ on the Mountain
Parish Center. All members of the Council are invited and
welcome to observe the proceedings.

Grand Knights Message

by J R White Grand Knight Council 7640

We seem to be forgetting one thing as Knights. Father
Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus as a
charitable Catholic, fraternal service organization. The first
tenant that Christ seemed to stress was humility; it is my
opinion that we do not have to go out and sell ourselves,
however, we need to let people know through our deeds. The
Fourth Degree promotes the Knights in public. It is the job of
the First, Second and Third Degreed Knights to make this
charity happen. They are, however, not going to do it by
spending their hard earned money on advertising. That
money wasted on advertising would sure go a long way
towards supporting charitable organizations. Last year a very
exciting, productive and worthwhile evangelization program
was voted down, yet it seems like there is a sentiment
spreading making it more important that we sell ourselves
rather than do good deeds of charity. There is no way one
can justify spending the council's hard earned money, what
little we seem to be able to generate these days, on promoting
how great the Knights are. The Knights of Columbus are
better than that! We do not have to sell ourselves; our charity
is widespread and not just limited nor concentrated at our
parish. We support the **Right to Life** - from cradle to grave,
people in the mentally challenged programs, unwed mother
programs to just mention a few.

As I have and will continue to stress, we as Knights need to
prudently support our Parish along with the other worthwhile
projects that need to be supported. There is the
disadvantaged whom the Knights should both lend and fulfill
an evangelization and benevolent role towards. Therefore, it
would be a very worthwhile project to pledge \$150 to your
parish and purchase a light fixture for the Church. However,
it would be the utmost disaster if the Knights started playing
games and issuing challenges such as that we will match
purchases with the Parishioners! The Council does not have
that kind of money nor the fund raising abilities. You might
have noticed that we are struggling to replace the money we
contributed to purchase the Church's informational sign out
front!

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Appreciate all the help we have received on the Tootsie Roll drive, the Oktoberfest and all the other projects you have participated in. We are having a Christmas party for the Council, I hope you all will turn out and show what fraternity is really all about. There are many of you that cannot make meetings, but contribute in many ways to helping the Knights be successful. Please accept our sincere thanks for all your assistance and help. Please come to this gathering and be honored to know that you are making a difference to the community.

Mall Ministry Colorado Springs

by Fred Keller Past Grand Knight

Since Jesus works through us, Christ is counting on us to help Him enable the Capucin Fathers to spread His Word to all of us who are in need of Him through out the year, but especially this Christmas season. If each Knight in K of C Council 7640 would give \$5 to \$10 we would meet our goal of \$500 to enable the Franciscan Capuchins host anyone who stops by at the mall.

Fred Keller knows some of us who will try to **match each individual donation up to \$10 received by Dec. 24, 2003.**

So please hurry and make out your donation to:

K of C Charities Fund - Capuchins and send them on to Bro. Fred Keller, 13051 W. Vassar Pl., Lakewood, CO 80228. Bro. Fred will tally and forward them to our Chairman, Bro. Walt Price.

Please send your donations to Bro. Fred as soon as possible. You will save our council the cost of mailing requests to each member of our council.

Council Christmas Party

from and e-mail sent by JR White as told to him by Bro. Ken Krug

A Christmas party is planned for December 13th. Time, location and other particulars were not available at this printing of the Mountain News. (*Post Deadline Flash*) This event has been cancelled for any one or more various reasons.

November Council Meeting

by Bill Longan, MN Reporter

Thirteen men attended this meeting which began at 8:05 PM.

A majority of the elected officers were absent from this meeting.

Charles Bralish, our Council Insurance Field agent paid us a visit and gave a brief report on the financial doing of the Supreme Council.

The Vocations fair was held October 29th at Christ on the Mountain. The Dominican Fathers gave a presentation to those youth who attended.

Father Grabrain thanked the Council for purchasing the sign.

Bro. Joe Kubar brought up the subject of the lights in the worship area that should be replaced. Each light can be purchased for \$150 and proposed a matching donation plan. It would involve asking the parishioners to consider donating the cost of a light. Each \$150 donation would be matched by the Council. This proposal was not presented as a motion nor was it voted on by those present. However, Bros. Ray Scott and Joe Kubar each gave Father John a \$150 personal check to purchase two lights.

Bro. John Bistranin reported on the Tootsie Roll Campaign. He proposed the recipients of the funds this year to be Coffee House, GAP, Developmental Opportunities, the same organizations as last year. He also proposed a new organization, Wilderness on Wheels to receive a \$50 donation which is a suggested amount for supporting the organization. This proposal was approved by consensus of those present. - See the Tootsie roll item on page 3 for more details. -

Bro. Bill Longan announced he has the pattern for Council Vests available. If any member wants to borrow the pattern to make their own vest they may do so.

Bro. Harold Bennett will accept orders for name tags. Hopefully, we will get name tags for everyone in the Council thus getting a discount price.

Our Knights of Columbus Fraternity

A synopsis of the "Surge with Service", a publication of the Knights of Columbus 2002 - 2003. Bill Longan, Editor

During the coming eleven months of the fraternal year, I intend to continue to describe our Knights of Columbus in a manner that, I believe, will advance an understanding of our organization.

"Surge with Service"

Grand Knight - J R White

Program Director - Bro. Ken Krug

Community Director - Bro. John Bistranin

Community Activities - Shaping the world around you

Pro-Life Chairman - ??

Volunteerism Chairman - ??

Human Needs Chairman - ??

Coffee House - Bro. John Danielson

Tootsie Roll Campaign - Bro. John Bistranin

Civic Involvement Chairman - ??

Public Safety Chairman - ??

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Health Services Chairman - ??
Decency Chairman - ??
Honor Columbus Chairman - ??

Look at all those Chairman vacancies. Would any of you be willing to look into being one of the Chairman or even be Director? How much more could we as a service organization accomplish with a little effort in these areas of need? Ask our Grand Knight for information on these activities.

2003 Tootsie Roll Drive

by John Bistranin, Community Director, Tootsie Roll Chairman

The following is a summary of our Council's 2003 Tootsie Roll campaign.

Besides collecting donations after Masses at our parish, we manned four grocery stores.

I thank all brothers who helped at the Masses and the following men who manned the stores for this worthy cause: Charles Morgan, Cesar Palencia, Jay Reinhart, Joe Hogan, Stan Smith, Tom Rosson, Rod Smith, Marty Gonzales, Ray Scott, John Gillen, Tony Jimenez, Sr., Ken Riedel, Rustin Gersch, Ken Krug, Ted Robinette, Joe Simmons, J.R. White, Jay Chafin, Harold Bennett, Ron Day, Butch Kaiser, Norm Miller, Don Heithoff, and Frank Sanger. All told, 27 Council members donated their time for a total of about 65 hours.

Our gross donations came to \$1,948.37 this time. After deducting the cost of the candy and the portion that goes to the State Council for various programs including Special Olympics, our Council was able to donate \$50 to the Wilderness On Wheels Foundation, giving us a "Donor" membership with them, and then we equally divided up the remainder among three worthy organizations that assist our mentally and physically disabled brothers and sisters: Coffee House, the Graduate Activities Program, and Developmental Opportunities. Each of them will receive \$397.70.

May God bless each of you for your contributions, whether they were monetary or generously sacrificing your time, or both!

John Bistranin Tootsie Roll Chairman, 2003.

FAMILY AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

by Ken Krug, Deputy Grand Knight

December Knight of the Month - Joe Cronin
Family of the Month - Joe & Karen Kupar

Charity Bingo

by JR White, Grand Knight

Council 5161 is hosting the Bingo games at Bingo City 6:30 PM, December 20th, 3820 S. Federal Blvd. This event is always held on the third Saturday of each month. Call JR White at (303) 980-9298 for additional information or to volunteer. A big **Thank You** to those Knights and Spouses who are helping with these sessions.

Country Dinner Play House

by Ron Day, Council Activities Director

An evenings attendance at the Country Dinner Play House performance will be a fun activity for twenty Council members and their spouses. The price, **\$27.95 per person**, includes Dinner, Show, Tax, Gratuity, Coffee & Tea. Soda may be added at \$1 per soda. Alcoholic drinks & dessert tokens a \$5 each. Evening Performances have the doors open at 6 PM, Buffet 6 to 7:10 PM, Barnstormers 7:15 PM, Curtain 7:45 PM The buffet-style dinner consists of delicious carved baron of beef and ham, salmon, baked chicken, assorted vegetables, salads, and rolls.



The Play House schedule has:

- January 21 through March 14, 2004, "**Meshuggah Nuns.**" Musical Theater's favorite nuns are back in a hilarious adventure at sea filled with music, laughter and loads of fun.

The evening of Sunday February 8, 2004

Thas been selected for the Council. **Bro. Ron Day** has signed up for **Forty Tickets (40)** so plan on taking your wife or girl friend to this event. Contact Bro. Ron Day during January at (303) 795-8252 to order your tickets. Don't leave him holding unused tickets and a major debt. *My wife and I are planning on going to this event so that leaves only 38 tickets available for the rest of you. If Ron and Darlyce are going that leaves only 36 tickets. Tickets are selling fast so don't miss out! Carpooling would be a good idea also.*
Ed.

Council 7640 Website

by Ken Riedel, Membership Director

Check out the Christ on the Mountain Council 7640 Internet website at www.kofc7640.org and fill in our guest book.. It can be found on the primary home page. You may view what comments others have entered and make your own comment... Also take a look at the State web site

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(Article submitted by Financial Secretary Ken Riedel)

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If you do change either of the above listed addresses, please notify Financial Secretary Ken Riedel, 303-988-9049 and/or kdriedel@comcast.net.

LIFE PASS IT ON

by anonymous

A new chairman is needed for the right to life activities in our council. Bro. Leo has moved on to other important activities in the Right to Life project and can no longer continue in this chairmanship. Please be good enough to take on this role and volunteer. Contact our Grand Knight JR White.

ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December

16th Richard Schaefer, 18th Michael Delp, Daniel Leiker, 20th John Brady, 25th Jack Swanzy, 26th Bren George, 30th Michael Commerford, Jay Reinert.

January

7th Ray Scott, 8th John Bistranin

Weddings

December

19th Rita & Fred Williamson, 27th Constance & Virgil Ranker, 30th Mary Jane & Robert Mulvaney

January

1st Claudia & Russell Williams

Knights of Columbus Insurance

by Charles Bralish, Insurance Agent

WHAT IF?

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits?

Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it?

Let me help you plan for the future.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

Charles A. Bralish

Field Agent

Colorado Association of Insurance and
Financial Advisors

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Clergy Appreciation Planning Meeting

by Bill Longan, MN reporter

The meeting to discuss plans for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner occurred Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30 PM at the Christ on the Mountain Parish facility, 13922 W. Utah Ave. Lakewood, CO. Four of the thirteen Councils within the West Metro Deanery were represented; Councils 3799 Lakewood, 7640 Lakewood, 9596 Lakewood, 12567 Littleton. The proposed budget for the event was distributed to all present. Some believed the cost of some of the items to be low. If each Council in the Deanery will contribute \$75 to \$100 toward the expenses it may be a financial break even event. One Council will review the budget and make recommended changes. A sample invitation was passed around the group for approval. No formal objection was expressed, thus the invitation was accepted. Food preparation will begin at 8 AM January 22nd and should continue until serving time. There must be men to set up the tables and chairs etc. for this gala and to clean up afterwards. Men will

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also be needed to serve the guests. With the Christmas Holidays time is short so help out now! Please volunteer your services to JR White so that he doesn't have to call the roster at the last minute to get help.

Lenten Fish Fry

by Bill Longan MN reporter

Time is fast approaching to prepare for the most major fund raising event of the year. Again Bro. John Gabarino will chair this lucrative activity. However, he needs a great deal of help with this project.



The Fish Fries occur during the six Fridays of Lent beginning February 27th and ending April 2nd. A person should be available to oversee the activities each of the six weeks thus relieving Bro. John of having to be there all six weeks. Men are needed to do the preparation of the fish and potatoes the Thursday before and set up of the dining area. Men are needed to set up and man the fryers outside and do other cooking duties inside the day of the Fish Fry as well and men to do the cooking, serving and cleanup afterwards. Members of the Boy Scouts and Knights spouses are welcome helpers as well.

Please contact Bro. John to volunteer your services.

Mothers Day Brunch

by Bill Longan MN Reporter

Planning should begin for the Mother's Day Brunch to be served on Mother's Day 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the basement of the parish center. Chefs will be needed to cook sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs. Servers will be needed to replenish the serving line with necessities of a good brunch. Bus-men will be needed to do tablesettings and clear away used placemats etc. The chairman of this event, if memory serves, is Bro. Jay Chafin. Help Bro. Jay by volunteering your services on this project.

Question: Should we do a similar event for Father's day, June 20th? That is something to consider.

State Convention

by Bill Longan MN Reporter

We should be getting notification of the State Convention, which I believe is going to be some time this spring or summer. More about this event in the next two or three issues of the Mountain News. The Grand Knight and one or two others are delegates to the proceedings. Other members of the Knights of Columbus and their spouses are welcome to

attend and participate in the meetings and events of interest to them.

A Christmas Thought

By Bro. J Ken Krug

It was at a family dinner, shortly before Christmas last year that the complaining started. My brother and his wife bemoaning the fact that Christmas had become so darned commercial. What has happened to Christmas' of old? When life was simpler and people just seemed to care more about the meaning of Christmas and family.

Well Christmas is still the same, we have changed. The real meaning of Christmas is the expression of love all around us. Yes, the malls are crowded and people are pushing and tempers are showing. But, that is our lifestyle now; we live in a fast paced world. But, look beyond the noise and the bustle of the mall. Here are hundreds of people who want to get the right gift for Uncle Harry or Aunt Gertie, why?

Because Christmas is about sharing love by giving expressions of how much you care. It may be that you send a card to some distant friends that you haven't seen in years. But, every Christmas you pause to think about them and write a little note. Or it's finding the right gift for a brother you love but who lives too far away to visit very often. Out of sight out of mind, is normal except at Christmas (and sometimes his birthday, if you remember).

So when you feel that the Christmas season is too much, too commercial, remember that its all about love and caring. So what if the stores want your business and you want just the right gift at the best price. All this effort is because you do care, you do want everyone on your list, to feel loved. Remembering that love is driving it all may make it easier to take the crowd because most of them are searching for a perfect gift for those that they love.

7640 Club

by Bill Longan, Editor

No News is Good News?? I really wish someone on the Board of Directors or the chosen officers would submit articles of interest to the News Letter in order to keep the membership informed. Financial status is not necessary for publication but any other activity such as meetings, discussions, decisions or opportunities for property acquisition should be reported.

Name Tags and Vests

by Bill Longan MN Reporter

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We can get a good price on name tags which come in four styles; Pin On, Clip On, Pocket, and Magnetic. Each tag will have the Knights of Columbus Emblem and Council Number with the members name suspended below. These range in price from eight dollars to ten dollars per name tag.. This would be a great gift for Dad for Christmas, Fathers Day, Birthday, or to say "Hey dad we all love ya" Gift! It requires twenty or more name tags to get a great price break. Get your order to Bro. Harold Bennett. He will accept orders for name tags..

Also, it would be beneficial to all of us if we all wore a yellow vest like the one worn by Bro. Ron Day, at Council sponsored or assisted events. Such a vest gives one a place to fasten the name tag that I know you are going to order. Vests were made in the early days of the council by one or more of the Bros. wives. The pattern is currently on loan to Bro. Fred Keller. When he is finished with the pattern others may have use of it. If Experienced Vests are available from those Knights who may not be very active at the present time, would you consider giving them to the Council for use by other Knights?

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