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The next regular meeting is Sunday, February 10th, 2008 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 6:00 PM.

Message from the Grand Knight



First, I want to thank everyone who helped out this busy Advent and Christmas season. You helped make our church shine to all that visited us. Church members and guests are always impressed with the congregation and the building; that is such a blessing.

Second, I want to share a story with you that I witnessed just a couple of days prior to Christmas.

On Saturday December 22nd around 5 PM, my family had just finished dinner and was in the middle of opening gifts for Christmas with my in-laws and extended family on Kirsta's side because we were not going to be home over the holidays. My cell phone rang with a call from John Whattam wanting to know if I would accompany him to Gene Solome's home to share the Body of Christ with the Solome family and drop off dinner. I said, "Let me call you right back."

Kirsta asked who was on the phone, so I told her, and the rest of the family said, "You won't be able to see what we get for Christmas if you go." Kirsta encouraged me to go, I felt like I needed to go, and so I said that I would get to see everything when I got back. I called John and said that I would be right there. I climbed over all of the gifts, grabbed my coat, and jumped in the car. I was feeling a little guilty for leaving but I was there before I knew it. I got to the door and went inside to find the whole Solome family and John talking in the family room; I joined in with them.

We were led by John in prayer and we received the Body of Christ. Upon asking if Gene could receive, we were informed that he hadn't been able to swallow anything for the last week or so, but we could try.

John, the family, and I went to Gene's bedside. John said, "The Body of Christ." Gene opened his mouth, John placed the Body on Gene's tongue, and Gene swallowed. There was a tear in Gene's eye and a look that said, "Amen." As you know, Gene passed away the following day. I know that the last thing he consumed was Christ.

(Message from the Grand Knight-Continued)

When I returned to my brother-in-law's home, the presents were opened, but I knew that I had witnessed the greatest gift ever given.

I know that Gene is in the greatest place imaginable, looking down on us right now smiling.

There are a few of people in your life who you know that change you for the better. I believe Gene was one. He inspired me to be a better Knight, Catholic, father, husband, and man.

I thank God for placing him in my path.

Vivat Jesus,

Damon Franks

Message from the Chaplain



Brother Knights,

I want to say thanks for all your involvement the past few weeks - you certainly have been a blessing to the family of St. Mark. You have been involved in every aspect of the faith life of this parish, from womb to tomb, involvements too numerous to mention here. As you have blessed St. Mark, may you and your households be blessed, now and forever.

In Christ,

Fr. Larry

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February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Knights' Birthdays

Patrick Mc Allen - 2/1
Frank Mc Nulty - 2/2
Paul Henderson - 2/3
Andrew Gallegos - 2/3
Gerard Lane - 2/5
Philip Harrington - 2/9
Wayne Costa - 2/10
Mark Navo - 2/11
John Whattam - 2/14
Brian Rollins - 2/15
Gregory Staley - 2/16
Sean Mulvey - 2/16
Kenneth Curry - 2/25
William Pardy - 2/28

Wives' Birthdays

Susan Starr - 2/3
Carla England - 2/20
Pamela Gartner - 2/21
Laura Scheer - 2/27

Anniversaries

Michelle & Andrew Yockey – 2/25

Upcoming Events

- **2/10** - (6:00 PM) Council Business Meeting
- **2/10** - (7:30 PM) 4th Degree Assembly social meeting at Lansdowne Arms
- **2/17** - Planning Meeting
- **3/2** - Pancake Breakfast
- **3/6** - Council Business Meeting
- **3/11** - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- **4/3** - Council Business Meeting
- **4/13** - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- **4/20** - Pancake Breakfast

Please stay current by visiting the official calendar online at
<http://www.knights1498.org/calendar.php>

Knights in Action: Christmas and Spaghetti Dinner



Meeting Minutes, January 3rd, 2007

The General Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Dan Timmerman for a First Degree ceremony.

Roll of officers

Chaplain – Present
Grand Knight – Excused
Deputy Grand Knight – Present
Chancellor – Present
Recorder – Present
Financial Secretary – Excused
Treasurer – Present
Lecturer – Absent
Advocate – Absent
Warden – Present
Inside Guard – Present
Outside Guard – Present
Trustee 3 Year – Present
Trustee 2 Year – Present
Trustee 1 Year – Present

Applications for Membership

- None

The Council conferred the first degree on the following:

- Jeff Cahill
- Kurt Haneke
- Kurt Bradley
- Carey Britten

Grand Knight's Report

- Thank you all for making the Advent season successful
- Present when giving Gene Solome his last Eucharist; a very solemn moment. (*Entire message is on Page 1 and attached to the official minutes*).

Chaplain's Report

- Thank you all for your help!
- Staff was treated to a nice lunch where John Whattam spoke about what the Knights do. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

- No Report

Receipts Read

- Deposits **\$8,370.91**:
 - Pennies From Heaven - \$32.91
 - Dues - \$589.00
 - Misc. - \$40.00 (Nativity Donation)
 - K of C Formal - \$7,005.00
 - KCIC - \$196.00
 - Pancake Breakfast - \$508.00
- Expenses **\$1,634.65**
 - Misc \$26.46 Wells Fargo
 - Movie Night \$39.90 Jim Butler
 - K of C Formal \$107.90 Patrick McAllen
 - Nativity Figurines \$350.00 Steve Dietsch
 - Misc \$296.07 Patrick McAllen
 - Awards \$209.65 Marc Solome
 - Christmas Party \$50.00 Greg Archunde
 - Sacred Heart Retreat House \$250.00 Donation for X-Mas Party
 - Pancake Breakfast \$121.15 Sysco Food
 - Pancake Breakfast \$65.82 Brian Rollins
 - Misc (Hickory House Ribs for Church Staff) \$117.70 John Whattam

Financial Secretary Report

- No Report

Trustees Report

- Scheduled an audit for the last week of January, and will have a report next month.

Chancellor Report

- No report

Meeting Minutes - Committee Reports

Membership – (Jim Butler)

- No report

Program Director (John Whattam)

- No report

Council – (Brian Rollins & Scott Krueger)

- Pancake breakfast 1/20 went off well, a fair number of people showed up.

Family – (Bernie Kuta)

- Christmas tree Cutting on 12/8 had 3+ feet of snow on the ground.
 - Organized by Scott Rons and Wayne Costa
 - 6 Knights participated – Costa, Rons, Elder (+ friend), Whattam, Barnett, and Kuta (previous weekend)
 - 12 Trees for church and Nativity.
 - Hot Chocolate, Chili lunch.
 - Special thanks to Chet's friend who provided the trailer.
 - Expensed recorded: 0, saving from Budgeted: \$100
- Advent party at the Sacred Heart Retreat house on Dec 15th, organized by Dan Lazzeri with assistance from David Petteys.
 - 28 Knights attended, 80 total.
 - St. Nick was excellent (insurance agent Gregory Archunde)
- Nativity Crèche setup on 12/16
 - 8 Knights, Anzur, Smith, Park, McAllen, Barnett, Kuta, Stapleton (storage of figures), and Wilson.
 - 17 piece steel nativity set has been purchased for \$650. Many special thanks to **Robert Wilson** for arranging the artist and delivery.

- Kuta maintaining lights and generator for evening services through Epiphany.
- No costs Recorded.
- Live Nativity 12/24, 12/25
 - Kuta and Smith lead
 - Several youth actors at each mass from three families outside of the council.
 - 5 Knights/Families participated, Barnett, Whattam, Rons, Kuta, Dan Mense (new transfer).
 - No costs recorded.
- Planned activities
 - Nativity stable will remain in place through 1/15. Takedown date still TBD; will notify council through email.
- Parish Movie Night (or equivalent) in February or March
- Parish grounds cleanup prior to Holy Week, likely on March 15th.
- Parish Kite flying picnic on ascension Sunday, April 27th.
- Beer and Brats begins in May, and will be renamed.

Community – (Patrick McAllen)

- Mardi Gras coming up 2/2.
 - \$62.50 / person
 - \$84 for overnight accommodation
 - 132 Participants so far
 - Looking for donations to put a face to the auctions.

Church – (Chet Elder)

- Thank you everyone for helping setup for the Christmas Mass.

Youth – (Steve Myer)

- Free throw contest 1/27, 3PM, Thunder Ridge High School.
 - Posted in St. Mark bulletin for next 3 weeks, flyers for 2 weeks.
 - Posted in calendar section of the Highlands Ranch Herald
 - Invited Big Brothers/Sisters, Boys and Girls Club.
 - Posters at Rec Centers
 - Coordinating with Pax Christi Church.
 - Flyers are available for distribution, please invite neighbors, coworkers, etc.
 - Need 3 or 4 volunteers to help judge – they need to arrive at 2pm. Please contact me so I can send out the rules prior to the event.
- TUFT Lock-in
 - Scheduled for Friday, 1/18 from 12am – 6am. Note, this conflicts with the Men's Retreat, but Juanita was unable to reschedule.

Pro Life – (Michael Beiriger)

- 1/20 is Sanctity of Life Sunday. Crosses will be put in front of the church, and respect life posters will be put up.

Report of Standing Committees

First Degree Team (Dan Timmerman)

- Entire council is invited to the next practice.

Fourth Degree Report: (Jim Holton)

- We need 3rd Degree knights to think about becoming 4th degree.
- 1/19 is the March at the capitol for Right to Life.
- Solome Family is grateful for the 4th degree assistance.

- Gene Solome's cane will be auctioned off

Fund Raising Committee (Paul Stege)

- No report

Insurance Agent's Report (Gregory Archunde)

- Thank you for inviting me; I had a great time at the Advent party.
- God has a great image for each of us; spend 2008 being great - be better than you are.

District Deputy's Report (Tom Odle)

- Made Star council membership. Need one more insurance member; insurance is very good.
- Fraternal survey is due at the end of January.
- District deputy is required at audit.
- Free throw contest 1/27
- Hats are available as a fundraiser. \$2 per hat, sold for \$5.
- Double Star council Award awarded to Andy Michaud

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business:

- Parish cleanup, parishioners/Knights could "adopt" a section of the grounds.
- We have the go-ahead for the garden; talk to Damon if you are interested volunteering.

Awards

- Family of the Month – The Solome Family
- Knight of the Month – Scott Rons

Under Good of the Order

- Jim Butler's Father in Law, Arthur McKiernan
- Joe Schiner
- Barbara Singer
- Jon Herskovits' Father

Council Officers and Directors

Position	Name	Phone
Chaplain	Fr. Larry Solan	(720) 348-9700
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Treasurer	Bob Hay	(303) 548-0614
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Warden	Brian Rollins	(303) 471-8086
Inside Guard	Greg Staley	(303) 471-0726
Outside Guard	Robert Wilson	(303) 371-1683
Trustee 1 Year	Michael Beiriger	(303) 683-3296
Trustee 2 Year	Dan Lazzeri	(303) 346-0695
Trustee 3 Year	Andy Michaud	(303) 915-5384
Lecturer	Chris O'Reilly	(303) 791-9120
Membership Director	Jim Butler	(303) 660-3809
Council Director	Scott Krueger Brian Rollins	(303) 683-3406 (303) 471-8086
Family Director	Bernie Kuta	(303) 346-8830
Community Director	Patrick McAllen	(303) 683-2757
Church Director	Chet Elder	(303) 683-4575
Youth Director	Steve Myer	(303) 683-4844