



KNIGHTLY NEWS

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**The next regular meeting is Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 at 6:30 PM, St. Mark Catholic Church.
We will pray the Rosary together at 6 PM.**

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Knights' Birthdays

Michael Matchinsky 8/8
Dominick Reichert 8/10
Gary Cahill 8/11
AJ Stapleton 8/11
Eric Foxworth 8/13
Todd Pedretti 8/14
Larry Tebbe 8/17
Ed Joyce 8/18
Alan Bowman 8/19
John Carson 8/21
Jeff Hylen 8/22
Thomas VanderHeiden 8/23
Alton Stamps 8/24
Alvyn Schopp 8/25
Tom Vitry 8/27
G Thomas Harding 8/28
Father Ed Kinerk 8/30

Wives' Birthdays

Shannon Lorton 8/4
Kathleen Contos 8/6
Sheri Cahill 8/14
Cheryl Thrun 8/14
Rose Blackburn 8/29

Anniversaries

Gerald and Romona Bleser 8/5
Steve and Cindy Myer 8/5
Wayne and Lisa Costa 8/7
Jason and Cheryl Thrun 8/7
G Thomas and Patricia Harding 8/17
John and Eileen Carson 8/22
John and Jule Lane 8/23
Justin and Pamela Gartner 8/27
Greg and Sandi Krason 8/30
Dan and Alice Timmerman 8/30

Upcoming Events

Beer & Brats, Sat., Aug. 6, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
St. Mark Parish Picnic, Sun., Aug. 14, Noon - 3:00 PM
Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Aug. 21, 7:00 AM - Noon
End of Summer Pool Party (for Knights and families, Rob MaCoy's house), Sat. Aug. 27 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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

Degree schedules: please click [this link](#) and scroll down to see a list of upcoming Degree schedules.

Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2011

Roll of Officers

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

The minutes of preceding meeting were:

Approved.

Grand Knight's Report (Jim Butler)

“I am honored to be your new Grand Knight. I hope you received my letter. Let’s raise our spirituality. Keep the Rosary with you at all times—we will be doing more Rosary checks. The Squire program is very near and dear to my heart. I have a 12 year old son. Read the KofC Knights to Christ booklet daily. Pray together with your family—it’s a powerful thing.” Jim then read a thank you card from Alea Tebbe regarding the scholarship our Council gave her. “Great leaders and volunteers make great things happen.” Our Financial Secretary Bernie Kuta is celebrating his 25th anniversary.

Chaplain's Report (Fr. John Auer)

Thank you and blessings to Jim Butler as Grand Knight and his officers. Thank you all for your service to our parish with your many hours, support and love. This is giving to Christ. I’m proud of you. Please pray for newly ordained priests and deacons. We are in a good position within the Church. Celebrate who you are and relish in God’s love every now and then.

Treasurer's Report (Rob McCoy)

Financial Report:

General Fund: \$24,554.52

Angel Fund: \$4,918.48

Building Fund: \$2,475.00

Total: \$31,948.00

Notices of Application—Membership. (Gary Cahill)

(Jim Butler) James Cunningham—Chris Chavez vouched for him. (Gary Cahill) I’m happy to be in this role.

The Council conferred the 1st Degree on:

John Volpe. Miles Olgea, our parish Music Coordinator, is a 4th degree transfer.

Financial Secretary's Report (Bernie Kuta)

From June Vouchers/disbursements/Expenses: \$2,446.37
From June Receipts/Income/Deposits: \$2,129.83

Auditors and Trustees Report

No report. July 15ish audit.

District Deputy's Report (Marc Solome)

- Upcoming Major Degree dates: Oct. 8, our Council. Both ceremonies have changed and are very different.
- The District 9 meeting is July 14, 9 AM to 11 AM at Pax Christi.

Meeting Minutes—Committee Reports

Report of Standing Committees

1st Degree—(Webb McDonald)

Thank you for helping with the first degree tonight, and I need more members to play roles.

Council—(Greg Staley)

- Greg will be handling the Beer & Brat and Pancake breakfast events. Every 1st Sat. will be a Beer & Brats (B&B). Every 3rd Sun. will be a Pancake Breakfast. This Sun. will be a Pancake breakfast. Let’s do it outside. The last B&B was great—well attended.

Pro-Life—(John Lane)

- (John Lane) “I’d like to thank Mike Beiriger for all he’s done and his help, and I’m happy to serve.”

Family—(Larry Johnson)

No report.

Community—(Steve Myer)

(Patrick McAllen) Ice Cream Social at Civic Green Park: rainy, but nice, about 8 volunteers.

Youth—(open)

- We are looking for a Youth Director. John Whattam spoke on the responsibilities and benefits of this position.

Church—(John Park)

- St. Mark Parish Picnic, Sun., Aug. 14, Noon - 3:00 PM. This is not a Knights event, we are just supporting it.
- St. Mark Business Manager Jennifer Garcia has asked John Park to be the liaison between the Knights and church (there has been a lot of Knights coming to her often regarding many things—too many people).

Fourth Degree Report—(Scott Krueger)

No report.

Insurance Agent's Report—(Greg Archunde)

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

Canoe Raffle

(Robert Wilson) Get tickets from me and turn the stubs in to me. We are trying to sell 1,000. Please help us get locations to show the canoe at and sell more tickets.

New Business

(Marvin Hersch) Returning Gods Gifts Campaign. Last year we made 60% of quota. This year we are currently at 86%. \$101,900 is what we have now. Ministries have been cut back 40% because the offertory is down. Marvin made a motion to give \$1,000 to this campaign. This would go to education, feeding the poor, priestly vocations. There will be a 6 hour planning meeting with Bishop Sheridan this Sat. at our church regarding a building a new Catholic school here in Highlands Ranch, possibly on our property. We are in the top 15% of all dioceses. (John Whattam) We have some money in the budget for charitable contributions. We will vote on this next month. John Whattam made the motion. It was seconded and tabled until next month.

(AJ Stapleton) AJ made a motion to reimburse Adelia Simpson \$383 for her personal expenses giving blankets to the needy. The motion passed.

Communications/Announcements

The Camping trip. (Jim Butler) We expect over 200 people. We'll need help. Father John will be there for a full Mass. We'll be collecting during the Mass

up there. Volunteer for at least one meal. We need volunteers to register guests at tables after Mass.

Peaches. (John Whattam) For the next 4 weekends we'll be taking orders after Masses and we'll need help with presales. Delivery will be after all Masses the weekend of Aug. 20 & 21. You can also order and donate peaches to the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen for \$1 off the list price. Pat Whattam will be doing another canning day at the church kitchen.

For questions please contact John Whattam at peaches@knights1498.org, or 303/913-3362
1 box = 35-40 peaches (20-22 lbs)
½ box = 15-20 peaches (10-11 lbs)

Aaron Knox is raising money for the [JDRF Walk To Cure Diabetes](#). Please walk with us and/or donate to this cause. Aaron's 5 year old daughter has type 1 diabetes. Their team name for the walk is Ellie's Diabetes Busters and will be walking on Sept. 11.

The Formal. (Ed Belen) The formal is set for Feb. 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel. The theme is A Night in Hollywood. The cost will be the same or less.

Jon Herskovits is the new State Membership Coordinator. He spoke on several issues. Spirituality is the focus of the new 2nd degree. There are new requirements for Star Council. Supreme wants to separate the 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies. State does not. Quality, not quantity this year. Retention, and it starts immediately. Engage new Knights early. The Shining Knight award is for 1st degrees within their first year. This includes doing an event, meeting with the insurance representative, etc. Focus on one new member a month. Can do a 1st degree any time, when a candidate can meet, not when the degree team prefers. Jon then read "Value of a Member."

Jim Butler then told the Council how reengagement is also an important issue for him.

Awards

- Knight of the Month: Mitch Harris
- Family of the Month: Kristen and Kurt Bradley.

Under Good of the Order

Chris O'Reilly spoke on his personal experience of being a Knight.

Prayer Intentions:

- Kirsta Franks
- The Knox family
- Dan Mortimore
- Rose Blackburn
- Kurt Haneke
- Joyce Hersch
- Theresa Chavez
- Jolene Polage
- Bob Wilwerding
- Aaron Knox
- Cathy Michaud
- Dorothy Knox
- Gene Krueger
- Aston Davis
- Jerry Cahill
- Sherril Dunhill
- Father John
- Many more who are in our hearts and minds.

Position	Name	Phone
Chaplain	Fr. John Auer	720-348-9700
Grand Knight	Jim Butler	303-660-3809
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Wilson	303-371-1683
Chancellor	A J Stapleton	303 523-8229
Recorder	Jason Thrun	303-984-0337
Financial Secretary	Bernie Kuta	303-346-8830
Treasurer	Robert MaCoy Jr	720-233-3971
Advocate	Richard Bowers	303-829-7438
Warden	Patrick McAllen	303-683-2757
Inside Guard	Dan Scribner	303-470-3853
Outside Guard	Chris Chavez	720-344-0507
Trustee 1 Year	Brian Rollins	720-989-8919
Trustee 2 Year	Chris O'Reilly	303-791-9120
Trustee 3 Year	John Whattam	303-470-0821
Lecturer	Robert Seydel	720-379-7499
Membership Director	Gary Cahill	303-663-3260
Council Director	Greg Staley	303-471-0726
Family Director	Larry Johnson	303-955-8950
Community Director	Steve Myer	303-913-3496
Pro Life	John Lane	303-204-3776
Church Director	John Park	303-667-7287
Youth Director		



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July 2011

Knights in Christ,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Grand Knight for the 2011/2012 fraternal year, which started on July 1. I cannot express enough how excited I am to lead this council of great men. We are blessed to have such a dynamic and engaged group of 214 Knights in 1498 and I know that we can accomplish incredible things if we all work together as a council. Need has never been greater in both our parish and community and our level of responsibility and commitment must be elevated. After meeting with the core group of officers and directors, we have come up with several goals for 1498:

- Increase the level of spirituality for Council 1498. We will pray the rosary before every council meeting. I also encourage all of you to read Knights to Christ daily. If you don't have a copy, they are available for purchase at a significant discount.
- Re-engagement of Knights. Many of you receiving this letter have stopped attending council meetings and events for a variety of reasons. **WE WANT YOU BACK!** While recruitment of new members continues to be important, we are more focused on welcoming back our current 1498 brothers. All of you joined for a great reason and we want you to receive the full benefit of what service in this order can mean to your spiritual and family life. If you are behind on dues, we will forgive any outstanding balances and only ask that you pay for the 2011 fraternal year to become current. Retention of parishioners and recruitment of new members are parish-wide goals and the Knights will be in lock-step with St. Mark in this initiative. As you all know, it has been a challenging year for clergy and staff and we will continue to support the leadership of St. Mark.
- Start a Squires Program. There are many reasons why this is important to me. As a father of 4 children (two of them boys aged 12 & 8), there is nothing more critical to my family than raising great kids who will be Christ-focused and contributing members of society. The Squires program will help provide a critical pathway for boys where they are mentored by Knights to form the leadership qualities to become better men. Squires are open to all boys aged 12-18. We will need 10 young men to get a program started. With all of the societal challenges facing our youth, programs such as these will undoubtedly help them overcome and thrive.

On the back side of this letter, please take note of all the good that we have done in the prior fraternal year. That being said; I know that we can do more.

I invite all of you to attend our council meeting on July 14, 2011 to meet the new team of officers and directors and learn of our ambitious goals for the year. We will pray the Rosary at 6:00 and proceed with a 1st degree ceremony at 6:30. Our Council business meeting will begin at approximately 7:15. Our regular schedule for council meetings (First Thursday of each month) resumes on August 4th.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Butler, Grand Knight Council #1498

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"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the LORD rather than for men"- Colossians 3:23