



# KNIGHTLY NEWS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1498  
VOLUME 7, NUMBER 6

*St. Mark of Highlands Ranch, 1498, 9905 Foothills Canyon Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80129  
www.knights1498.org*

**The next regular meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM, St. Mark Catholic Church. First Degree scheduled for 6:30 PM followed by Council Meeting. We will pray the Rosary together at 6 PM.**

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Knights' Birthdays

Michael Gogel 12/3  
Mike Sieradski 12/3  
Garry Mattox 12/4  
Robert See 12/4  
Michael Beiriger 12/6  
Conrad Steller 12/8  
Dana Klein 12/10  
John Mari 12/11  
Marvin Hersh 12/11  
Matthew Rons 12/11  
Scott Newman 12/12  
Ronald Cross 12/13  
Carlo Turchiano 12/17  
John Filippone 12/18  
Joseph Graziano 12/19  
Chet Elder 12/20  
Steve Naclerio 12/22  
Richard Starr 12/24  
Richard Bobbin 12/25

William England 12/31  
Peter McDonald 1/2  
David Stauber 1/13  
Edgardo Belen 1/14  
Jeremy Harris 1/17  
Richard Simpson 1/18  
Paul Weber 1/19  
Dan Timmerman 1/19  
Michael Flower 1/20  
Brian McNamara 1/21  
Chester Lipinski 1/22  
Brian Wenham 1/29  
Michael DeSimone 1/30  
Tony Meli 1/31  
Gerald Bleser 1/31  
John Delmez 1/31

### Wives' Birthdays

Maureen Fesker 12/8  
Rachel Gerle 1/21  
Kristen Haneke 1/26  
Susan Turchiano 1/27  
Beth Dequiroz 1/31

### Anniversaries

Chet and Denise Elder 12/27  
Peter and Shannon Lorton 1/3  
Michael and Lorraine Beiriger 1/6  
Brian and Jamie McNamara 1/27

## Upcoming Events

Christmas Tree Cutting, Sat., Dec. 3, 7:30 AM - Noon  
Advent Party, Sat., Dec. 17, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Dec. 18, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Spaghetti Dinner, Sat., Jan. 7, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Planning Meeting, Mon., Jan. 2

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, Dec. 1, 2011

### **Roll of Officers**

Chaplain – Excused, Deacon Bruce Sago sat in Father John’s place

Grand Knight – Present

Deputy Grand Knight – Present

Chancellor – Present

Recorder – Present

Financial Secretary – Present

Treasurer – Present

Lecturer – Excused

Advocate – Excused

Warden – Present

Inside Guard – Present

Outside Guard – Excused

Trustee 3 Year – Excused

Trustee 2 Year – Present

Trustee 1 Year – Excused

### **The minutes of preceding meeting were:**

Approved.

### **Grand Knight’s Report (Jim Butler)**

Thank you for coming out on this cold, snowy and icy night. It’s great to see 3 former Grand Knights here tonight who were instrumental in building our great Council.

Employment: there are many brother Knights looking for work and many Knights at good companies and I’d like to see us Knights help each other out more, support one another in this regard. We are going to have an employment corner/section on our council’s website. We can use this to exchange products/services among Knights and help others find work.

See the movie “Courageous.” Father John recommended it and it is a great film. One character in the movie is struggling to support his family in challenging circumstances. It’s about a group of men that commit themselves to higher goals.

The Advent celebration at St. Mark was wonderful! It had a great turnout and great to have the Knights sing during it. I think our parish is not on the mend but healed. I feel great about St. Mark.

As I mentioned before, starting a Squires program here is a priority goal. There are so many teens who need positive role models and experiences. There may be some St. Mark teens who don’t have a positive male role model in their life. 95% of squires become Knights. I am passionate about this. We have

received a letter from Supreme that they are sending a Squire Circle development kit. A Squire Circle here will be our legacy for our Council.

### **Chaplain’s Report (Fr. John Auer)**

(Deacon Bruce Sago) This Sat. at 10 AM 51 children will receive their first reconciliation.

There will be 8 priests here to help. All are invited to come and receive reconciliation.

This month on Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Fri., Dec. 9, the Hermanos En Christo ministry is having a Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and celebration here at St. Mark.

At Christmas we of course celebrate the birth of our Saviour, but also the return of the King of the World.

It was great seeing all the Knights singing at the Advent celebration. Don’t let the secular rush of the season get to you. Stay in touch with the spiritual side of the season.

### **Treasurer’s Report (Rob McCoy)**

#### Financial Report:

Checking balance (includes the general fund, Angel fund and building fund): \$16,578

Raffle account: \$2,690

Approximately \$10,000 in 5 CDs.

### **Notices of Application—Membership. (Gary Cahill)**

Brian Sago, Deacon’s son. Nathan Franks, past G.K. Damon’s son.

### **The Council conferred the 1st Degree on:**

No 1st degree this month.

### **Financial Secretary’s Report (Bernie Kuta)**

From Nov. Vouchers/disbursements/Expenses: \$3,184.64

From Nov. Receipts/Income/Deposits: \$1,683.22

- Bernie will be ordering name tags soon. Let him know ASAP if you need one.
- It’s time to pay the \$36 dues for next year. After you pay your dues you will receive your card. You can get a check to Bernie Kuta, or go to our council website ([www.knights1498.org](http://www.knights1498.org)) and pay with a credit card.
- Please fill out the annual Calendar Year Survey on volunteer activities and hours. This information is needed to maintain the K of C standing as a non-profit with the IRS.
- Nativity set-up: this year we will have the Nativity

scene on the hill overlooking Highlands Ranch Parkway. We will erect the Nativity on Sat., Dec. 10, starting at 9AM. We expect to take 2 to 3 hours.

- Budget: Revenue: we are currently at \$30,218 with \$78,550 budgeted for the year. Expenses: we are at \$23,747 with \$77,640 for the year.

### ***Auditors and Trustees Report***

No report.

### ***District Deputy's Report (Marc Solome)***

- Our council is 12 for 15 for membership. We are on track for star. Insurance is 1/5. This March is Membership Blitz.
- Jan. 6-8 is the Midyear Meeting for District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. The 7th is the day of big breakout sessions.
- Feb. 4 is the District 9 meeting at St. Francis.
- Feb. 19 is the district free throw contest.
- Coats for kids: AJ has been very active and a huge blessing on this. Supreme will now be sending him 500 coats instead of 300 to distribute as he deems necessary.
- Trustees: audits are coming up and due Feb. 15.
- Blessed John Paul II membership campaign: For every 3 new members recruited a large limited edition John Paul II medallion with display will be awarded to the council. For 6 new members, the council will also get one for the Chaplain.
- RSVP Program: donate to seminarians (typically \$500). Some of this donation comes back from State.
- World Leaders Catholic Supply. This is a Saints trading card company. It is not endorsed by the K of C, but it is approved to talk about at meetings.
- Our Squires Circle is the 3rd one starting in our district. The Squires do not compete with the Boy Scouts as the Squires is about instilling faith and acting on that faith. The Squire Circle is not allowed to take money from the Council, other than an initial starting amount.

## **Meeting Minutes—Committee Reports**

### **Report of Standing Committees**

#### **1st Degree—(Webb McDonald)**

- If your on the team, watch for an email soon.

#### **Council—(Greg Staley)**

- The next Pancake Breakfast will be Sun., Dec.

18. Skip did a great job at the last one. For this next one Greg will be out of town and will need volunteers. Masses should get busier during Advent..

#### **Pro-Life—(John Lane)**

- 10 Commandment plaques: Maybe you've seen these that Jim Spoon makes. There is one hanging near the door to the work sacristy at St. Mark. We are going to sell them to other councils too. I'm still determining the best price to sell them for. We will advertise in the Knight's Call.

#### **Family—(Larry Johnson)**

- There will be no Spaghetti Dinner this month. The next one will be Sat., Jan. 7.

#### **Community—(Steve Myer)**

- The Highlands Ranch Holiday Party will be at Civic Green Park this year, regardless of the weather (the mansion is having construction done). It will be on Sat., Dec. 10, and we will be there selling hotdogs and collecting coats from 11 until 2. We will also have Keep Christ In Christmas cards.
- If you want to join the trip to bring much needed coats down to Alamosa on Sat., Dec. 10, contact AJ Stapleton.

#### **Youth—(Tristan Solome)**

No report.

#### **Church—(John Park)**

Thank you for helping with Keep Christ in Christmas sales. This Sat. Chris Chavez and John Whattam are heading up the Christmas tree hunt in Genesee Park. This should take around 4 to 5 hours. Dress warm, especially the kids, and the snow is deep. Andy is donating his trailer. We need saws, but they cannot be gas or electric powered. Our council has donated \$250 to get 10 trees.

#### **Fourth Degree Report—(Scott Krueger)**

- The Corporate Service Mass was wonderful to see and lunch afterwards at C.B. Potts was enjoyable.
- Great turnout at the Advent Festival! Very nice to have the 4th degrees wear regalia and march flags into the worship space.
- On Dec. 9th we'll need regalia for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and celebration.

#### **Membership—(Gary Cahill)**

No report other than the notices of application mentioned above.

### **Formal (Ed Belen)**

The theme is "A Knight in Hollywood." It will be on February 11, 2012. Dinner at 6:00 PM, dancing at 7:30 PM. There will be a silent auction. Please think of items to donate for the auction. It will be at the DoubleTree Hotel, 7801 E. Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Price: \$60/person. Costumes are optional, but feel free to dress like a movie star or character.

### **Insurance Agent's Report—(Greg Archunde)**

No report.

### ***Unfinished Business***

No unfinished business.

### ***New Business***

No new business.

### **Communications/Announcements**

Advent Party (Jim Butler) As usual the Advent party will be at the Sacred Heart Retreat House on Dec. 17 starting with Mass at 5 PM. We will need a lot of help. It gets very crowded so we are going to think of some new ideas such as cooking the food ahead of time at church and maybe rotating seating. Jim Butler spoke on how this is his favorite event that we do. Greg Archunde plays the best Santa.

This Sat. we need to prepare a nice lunch for the 8 priests who will be giving the sacrament of reconciliation to the children.

On March 31 we will have the 2nd and 3rd major degrees here at our church.

The Gathering of Men Retreat in Estes Park is this Jan. 21-22. It's a wonderful experience with good fellowship with brother Knights that stay in a cabin together. Talk to Damon for more information.

Marked Men for Christ. The next weekend event is this Jan. 27-29 in Grant, CO. Marked Men is worldwide and started here in CO. Talk to Damon for more information.

Denny Wilwerding received a Honorary Membership Card for 25 straight years of Knighthood, given to those 65 years or older.

Rick Feldes and Edgardo Belen brought checks

from United Launch Alliance time matching donation for \$500 each, as Ed and Rick have each donated over 40 hours to K of C in 2011. A photo was taken to demonstrate their commitment to our communities. The emphasis is to get employees to help in the local communities and the company will match with the average salary of an equivalent worker for what the ULA volunteer did.

We had a guest speaker, Brad Maddock, speak to us about the Catholic spiritual program "That Man is You." It is a weekly Bible study focused on the development of men in the modern world. The groups meet every Fri. morning at 6 with a continental breakfast, then a short DVD, and then small group discussions.

**We will be having a planning meeting the Mon. before every business meeting on the first Thurs. of the month.**

### ***Awards***

- Knight of the Month: Miguel Gutierrez
- Family of the Month: The Park family.

### **Prayer Intentions:**

---

- George Nowakowski
- Brian Miller
- Dick Lazzeri
- Tony Meli
- Ricardo Cardenas
- Paul Lochray
- Joe Graziano
- Tom Vitry
- Brookshire McDonald
- Jason Ellsmore
- Kay Smith
- Maggie Trizna
- Yvonne Short
- Greg Short
- Jason Thrun
- Matt Woodall
- Kirsta Franks
- Kathy Dunn
- Troy Rundle (son in law)
- Jeff Spoon
- Kathy Michaud
- Robin Simpson

- Gary and Sheri Cahill
- Scott Jack
- Theresa Chavez
- the soul of Gil Chavez
- Alexandra Stapleton
- Chris O'Reilly's nephew
- Dan Lazzeri's father
- Joe Graziano
- Dick Kuta
- Eugene Solome

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