### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

ST. JOAN OF ARC COUNCIL 12392

### KNIGHTS TALK

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### **Grand Knight's Report**

Hello Brothers,

First, I want to say Merry Christmas to you all and your families, and I hope that we have a great New Year. It has been a heck of a year. We have witnessed a lot this year. We have seen a miracle and we have experienced great loss. The last couple months have been hard on this council but we keep moving forward. Which kinda brings me to my point. I believe that God has 3 answers to our prayers,

- 1. Yes
- 2. Not yet
- 3. I have something different in mind.

The first one is easy, and the easiest to understand, and answers can be correlated. Unfortunately we take the second one for no, but sometimes we need to be patient to get the answer that we may not want, but normally we can see this later in life if we look back with an open heart and open mind. That is when we can see the larger plan. The third is a lot like the second in that our prayers and his answers can take us to a path that is different but even better that we could have planned for ourselves.

We witnessed a miracle with Jackie Murphy who is just a walking miracle. Yes I know that I have used that word a lot but I truly do think that it is a miracle. I just don't know how else to put it. I truly think that god carried her, Dan, and the boys through the month of October and still to this day. We might have prayed for it but he did the work.

On the other side is the death of our friend and Brother Kevin Vasina. I know that this council and the parish all prayed for him to get better but that wasn't meant to be. It is sad that a time that should have been so happy for Heather and Kevin has turned into a tragedy. There isn't a lot that we can do other than be there for Heather and the kids for anything that that might need. Keep them in our prayers, be that shoulder to cry on and then be there to listen. I know that this parish and the council will miss him greatly.

Ok so this is the last report of 2023, we are in the middle of the Christmas season and we are getting ready for 2024. It has been a weird year, it seems that it has flown by except for a couple of little stretches that seem to have just dragged on. We have accomplished a lot this year, we now have our Exemplification team up and running. Our crews for shopping and burrito making are running like a well oiled machine (I like to see new faces so other guys get an opportunity to volunteer and get active as well). We have new faces running around the parish that are Knights from other parishes that I would like to get involved and get them active and working with us. Next year is the 25th anniversary of our council and I will be sending out a request for a committee to work on this project. I would like a group of guys and their wives to help plan this event. I have some ideas to get them started but I would like them to make it their project and make the night really special. In closing I hope everyone reading this has a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus Scott Ludwig

### **Minutes**

Knights of Columbus 12392 December Council Meeting: Meeting Called to Order at 7:39pm Called by: Grand Knight Scott Ludwig

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to approve the last months meeting minutes was made by Dan Bukoski, and 2nd by Gary Tuka, the minutes were approved.

Grand Knight Report: Scott Ludwig- Nothing to Report

Financial Report: Dan Murphy Checking \$8,356.73 Contingency \$1,965.36 Disaster Relief \$2,446.97 Sleeping Bags \$1,114.91

Membership: Stephen Meyer NA Service Programs: Kevin Colborg

A). Faith and Vocations: Gary Lauricella- NA
B). Community: Kevin Colborg: Nothing to Report

C). Family: Steve Rovira-Nothing to Report

D). Culture of Life- Dan Murphy -Nothing to report

E). Communications: Steve Rovira- NA F). Marketing: Lyle Maretech- NA

G). Website: NA

H). Trustees Report: The Trustees had nothing to Report!!!!

Fourth Degree Report: NA

Field Agents Report: Brandon Moore: NA

District Deputies Report: David Dudden- NA

Unfinished Business No unfinished business

New Business: No new Business

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Communications- Kaleb Archer: Nothing to Report

KOM/FOM- Steve Rovira

KOM- Jeff Kamosa, for all he does for the council and the Parish. FOM- Randy and Patty Gendill, for all they do for the Parish and the Council. Birthdays and Anniversaries- Scott Ludwig

12. Lectures reflection- Mike Mally Nothing to Report

13. Grand Knights Summary part 2. Nothing to Report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm Respectfully Submitted By: Kaleb Archer

\*Recorders Note: The current record for the shortest council meeting was set by GK Ludwig at the previous December meeting, capping it off at 10 minutes. Stay tuned for next months minutes to see if he can break the record and seal it in history.

\*\*Updated Recorders Note: Grand Knight Scott Ludwig has officially broken and beaten his record from the previous December meeting, capping it off at a whopping whole Five minutes!!!!

### Mark Your Calendar

To sign up for events; please go to our web site: http://www.kofc12392.org

### January

5th Burrito making 5 PM

6 th Prayers at Planned Parenthood meet at St Joan parking lot at 8:30 AM

7th Pancake breakfast Orleans Hall after 7:30 and 9 AM Mass

7th Burrito sales after all Masses

10th Knight's business meeting 7 PM Lorraine Room

21st Spiritual Adoption and baby bottle drive after all Masses

24th Planning Meeting 7 PM Lorraine room

25th Newsletter articles due



### **February**

2nd Burrito making Orleans kitchen 4 PM

3rd Prayers at Planned Parenthood meet at St Joan parking lot at 8:30 AM

4th Pancake breakfast Orleans Hall after 7:30 and 9 AM Mass

4th Burrito sales after all Masses

7th Knight's business meeting 7 PM Lorraine room

10th Superbowl Salsa making 11 AM Orleans Hall kitchen

11th Superbowl Salsa sales after all Masses

17th Treat and Greet 10 AM Orleans kitchen

25th Newsletter articles due

### **Exemplifications**

Onsite Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

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**Patriotic Degree** 

### **Memory Lane**

### 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Nhana Merriman	2 Chris Mally	3 Richard Callaway Gregg Kostelecky Tony Tuka
4 Deacon Buddy Pancake Breakfast after each AM Mass	5 Knight/Family of the Month submission to Grand Knight	6 Epiphany	7	8 Justin Kress	9	10 Fr. Watson
11	12 Cindy Kroeker KOC Mtg - 7PM	13	14 John Malec Marian Hour - 8PM	15 Carol Mally	16 Mark Weisgerber A - Weisgerber (R) - 14th	17 Major Degrees Council 539 1555 Grant St
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (Observed)	20	21 Chris Scholz	22	23 Barbara Mann	24
25 Newsletter article submission deadline	26 Gil Leyba	27	28	29	30	31

### 2009

#### January

- 4 Pancake Breakfast—1st two Masses
- 5 Knight/Family of the Month to GK
- 8 Feed the Poor at Broadway Assistance Center 4PM meet at church parking lot
- 9 Grade 7th and 8th Fun Night—6PM Durrie Hall
- 14 Council Mtg.—Rosary @ 7PM
- 15 Feed the Poor at Broadway Assistance Center 4PM meet at church parking lot
- 17 Mass for Fr. Joseph for ProLife award
- 17 4th Degree Christmas Social
- 19 Metro Meeting—Council 4796—Rosary 740PM
- 25 Newsletter article submission deadline
- 31 1st Degree Practice

### **Memory Lane**

### 2014

#### January

4th Rosary at Planned Parenthood meet at St Joan at  $8:30~\mathrm{AM}$ 

5th Pancake breakfast

5th Knight/Family of the Month to GK

7th KOC state reports meeting 7 PM

8th Knights business meeting 7 PM

9th Feed the poor at Broadway Assistance Center 4 PM meet at church parking lot

11th Midyear state meeting 8 AM Colorado Springs

12th BAC food drive after all Masses

18th 4th degree Christmas social at ST Anne's 6:30 PM

19th Spiritual Adoption all Masses, hand out baby bottles

19th Corporate Communion 7:30 AM

20th Squires meeting 7 PM in Lorraine room

25th 1st degree exemplification in Room 2 Durrie hall 10 AM, 9 AM show, 9:30 AM candidates

25th Newsletter articles submission deadline

29th Officer meeting 7:30 PM Lorraine room

29th Potluck 6:30 PM

### 2019

### January

5th Rosary at Planned Parenthood meet at St Joan parking lot at 8:30 AM

5th Knight/Family of the Month to GK

6th Pancake breakfast after morning Masses Orleans Hall

7th 1st degree 7 PM Durrie Hall

9th Knights business meeting 7 PM Lorraine room

12th Pro life Rally Mass at Cathedral 11 AM, Rally Capital building 1 PM

19th 4th degree Christmas party 6 PM

20th Chili cookoff 1 PM Orleans Hall

23rd Officer Meeting 7 PM

25th Newsletter submission deadline

26th Salsa Sales 3 PM Orleans kitchen

### How to Sign up...

Please see below for the steps to sign up a new member to the Knights of Columbus. It is very easy to do this and no need for a form 100, as it is all done online. Blue bolded items are provided for things that help default new member to our parish council.

Kofc.org/join then follow the below prompts and input new members details:

Title

First Name

Last Name

Suffix

Sumail Email

Confirm Email

Mobile Phone

Date of Birth Month MM Day DD Year YYYY

Preferred Language

Agent Referral Code (Leave Blank)

Check the box - I am a baptized Catholic Male

Check the box - I am a practical Catholic.

Mailing Street address

Zip/Postal Code

City

State

Country

Preferred Local Council 12392

Member Referral Number 5134359 (this is Stephen Meyer's to work toward Traeger raffle)

Church Parish Name St. Joan of Arc

Church Parish City Arvada

Church Parish State CO

Promo Code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** (free for the first year Jan - Dec)

Hit the Add button

Check the box - I agree to abide by the Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus, .....

I'm not a robot

Once this is done an email will be received to the email address confirmed above. New member will need to confirm the email address within 24 hours to get started and enrolled.

Once this step has been completed please text Stephen Meyer at 303-513-6170 to get new member processed through the Online Exemplification or scheduled with our in person exemplification team.

### A legend leaves

Some people touch the world and leave their mark in a large and positive way. Their presence is an inspiration to all of us. Kevin Vasina was one of those people. His time with the Knights was extraordinary. He was one of our Color Corps commanders (CCC) and a past Faithful Navigator. He attended more honor guards during his tenure in the color Corps. He was always willing to participate in all the Knights events. This love for the church and the knights by Kevin motivates us to be our best.

You might find him working at the pancake breakfast, or helping with the confirmation program, or working at a heaven's helpers project, attending dinner at BAC, serving at soup night, being the president of the men's club, preparing refreshments for the council meeting, being the assembly navigator, working every event the boy scouts can come up with, doing the tootsie roll drive, working the clothing drive



for Birthline, working at a Heaven's helpers event, or anything else the knights are doing.

However, the one accomplishment that he is most proud of is being the head of his family ,this explains why he would be found telling you about the important things going on in Victoria's life, how he shared the times in the boy scouts with Vincent, or the latest accomplishment in Veronica's gymnastics. He could always be found at 9 AM Mass sitting with Heather and then heading to coffee and donuts to see who he would meet that day

His attitude of always say yes while serving the Lord and his fellow man is truly an inspiration. To thank God for the grace that he has been given and to share his life with anyone in need is one I hope I can live up to. His dedication to family, Knights, and his faith are the reasons why I always try to live up to his example.











Kevin may not be physically with us at every event now, however he is with us in spirit. His example of love and sharing are a model for us to follow. He has carried the torch for many years and now it is time to pass it on. Who will be the one, or who will join the group, that steps up and says "here I am Lord let me take the torch and run."

### Help end abortion in our time

On\_Saturday, December 2<sup>nd,</sup> the knights (Adrian Ybarra, Jeff Komosa, Ed Bradley, Ed Mueller, Sean and Dan Murphy) plus Mike Phelan, and Andi Johnson, came together to pray for an end to abortion.

You can join these prolife advocates on the first Saturday of each month by joining us at St Joan's at 8:30 AM on <u>Janu</u>-



ary 6<sup>th</sup>, to carpool to the Planned Parenthood building. For more information contact our prolife chairman, Dan Murphy. Also, we are asking our council members to take time to pray on





we are asking our council members to take time to pray on that Saturday to ask Our Lady to help bring an end to abortion at this clinic and to direct the young ladies to Lighthouse at the other end of the street at 9 AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.

### KNIGHTS HELP SET UP THE NATIVITY SCENE



On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Knights (Gary Tuka, Sean Murphy, Lyle Maretech and Zach Sawaya) came together to set up the figures for our outdoor nativity set. They set up our outdoor nativity scene for all to see. Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas being their motto.

### KNIGHTS COME TOGETHER FOR DECEMBER MEETING



On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the December business meeting was held followed by Chili and Monday Night Football. What a great way to finish the year! This is an event that has become an annual tradition as we thank the brothers for all their effort during the year. I invite you to join us for the meeting next year when December rolls around again.

#### WHAT DOES 400 BURRITOS MAKE?



On December 3, the Knights (Lyle Maretech, Ed Mueller, Joe Zibrick, Stephen Meyer, Ed Bradley, Joe Starcevich, Randy Gendill, Jeff Komosa, Bill Poska, Mike Mally, Phil and Kevin Kroeker) joined together to make 400 burritos and proceeded to sell them all that weekend. This goes to show that with some creative thinking and strong manpower we can make a difference in our community. Thank you to all who purchased a burrito and made our venture a success, while supporting the giving tree.

Lending a helping hand....

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a group of 20 Knights (Chris Mally, Gary Lauricella, Dan Murphy, Caleb Archer, Ken Dresel, Sean Murphy, Dave Weigand, Gary Tuka, Mike and Ed Mally, Jeff Isenhart, Joe Starcevich, Ed Mueller, Lyle Maretech, Jeff Komosa, Bill Poska, Kevin Kroeker, John Malec, Stephen Meyer, Joe Zibrick, Sean and Dan Murphy) helped provide the parish with a Santa breakfast sponsored by the Knights. Another 40 Knights and their families showed up to support the program by eating breakfast, everyone is doing their part as the total fed reached over 250. The Knights and crew combined for 130 hours of community service plus the joy that comes from giving of your time and talent and a good feeling from helping the Giving Tree.





#### WHY WOULD I MAKE TIME?



Why would you spend time with brothers and widows, letting them know we care and still want to be a part of their lives. Well because of the smile you bring, the hope for a better day, the chance to talk with someone new, and the isolation you feel being afraid to go to Mass. Congratulations to Adrian Ybarra, Ed Mueller, Jeff Komosa, Gary Lark, Steve Rovira, Sean and Dan Murphy

and Carolyn Ackerman, senior club liaison, who found time in their schedule to visit and bring cookies to: Stella Orndorf, Dorothy Shea, Ruth Lyons, John Malec, Jo Johnson, Bill Bittman, Helen Burtschi, and Armella Gerber. Their act of kindness made a big difference, maybe next time you can be the one who makes a difference getting to know those

who paved the roads that we now travel.











### **Knight of the Month**

Brother Jeff Komosa has been selected as Knight of the Month for council number 12392 in Arvada, Colorado.

Jeff became a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in 2017. From the moment Jeff became a Knight about a year and a half ago, he has been an active member of our council. He decided to join the Knights of Columbus after a promise he made to his mom, before she passed away, to stay active in his faith. It's safe to say she would be incredibly proud of him. Jeff regularly participates in many of our council's activities including treat n greet, heaven's helpers, prayers around planned parenthood, salsa preparation/sales, pancake breakfasts, and giving tree. We are so fortunate to have Jeff as a member of our council, and happy to recognize him.

Congratulations Jeff and thank you for everything you've done, and continue to do, for our council and parish!

### Family of the Month

The Randy and Patricia Gendill family has been selected as Family of the Month for council number 12392 in Arvada, Colorado.

For many years, the Gendill's have contributed to both our council and parish. Randy was the maintenance specialist at St. Joan of Arc parish for many years. They have prepared green chili for the council to use for breakfast burritos every month. In addition, to coordinating the Parish's Santa breakfast for many years, Randy also designed and put together the outdoor Nativity set for the parish. Each year, Randy also assists with setting up tents for our council's annual picnic as well as for our peach sale fundraiser. We are so thankful for Randy and his wife and happy to recognize them both.

Congratulations to the Gendill's for being selected as Family of the Month!

### Good of the Order

### GOOD OF THE ORDER - PRAYERS NEEDED

### **Knights & Knights' Families**

### **Knights & others in the Military**

Jackie Murphy – Health issues

Cindy Fagnant- Health

Fr. Joseph Cao – Health issues Angela Daniels – Health issues

Tony Calabrese – Health

Terry Zrust- Health Trudy Rock – Health

Michelle Mueller – Health

Ed and Alice Mally - Health

Kevin Vasina – Repose of his soul

Gabriel Streams – Health

Wayne Ludwig – Health issues

John Jurbala – Health

Kailee Kemp – Health

Terry Biernet - Health

Dexter and Helen Williams – Health

Paul Moser - Health Armella Gerber- Health

Don Leyba – Health

Don Leyou Tream

Deacon Hugh Downey – Health issues

Dean Watson - Health

Phil Kroeker- Health

John Malec – Health issues

Stephanie Colborg – Health

Patty Kinsey – Health issues

Barbara Fahey – Health

Tom Ballanger -Health

Joe and Sue Starcevich - Health

Kathy Schroder - health issues

Marilyn Cunnings- health issues

**Vocational Prayers** 

Chris Marbury Antonio Villafranca

Luke Metzer

People of Ukraine

Joe Derks

Matthew Streams

Tanner Colborg

### **Knights Widows**

Mary Berger

Helen Burtschi

Jennie Daly

Charlotte Francalancia

Barbara Fahey

Maureen Fallet

Armella Gerber

Brenda Bartolletti

Ann Lockwood

Kathy Schroder

Loucille Pesce

Nora Polito

Jill Puz

Joyce Calton

Patti Lennox

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Norine Tuka Barbara Mann

Kathy LaBerenz

Jean Schreffler

Terri Carey

Veronica Wills

Pat Conlev

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Heather Vasina

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Zachary Michalczyk

Alex Diaz