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"They will know we are Christians by our love; we will work side by side and we will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride."

Brothers, this edition of the May Knights Call is late because I wanted to wait until after the 117th Colorado Knights of Columbus State Convention was in the history books. What a historic convention it was. The Opening Mass, for the first time in our history, was celebrated in the Maronite Rite of the Eastern Catholic Church. We were very honored to have His Excellency A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of the Eparchy of our Lady of Lebanon, as the main celebrant. This was a great start to a great State convention. The Mass was followed by the Clergy Appreciation dinner where Bishop Zaidan and Bishop Jorge Rodriguez joined us along with 45 other members of the clergy and religious Orders, including the Little Sisters of the Poor and Sisters for Life. At the dinner, I announced that effective immediately and retroactive to 1 January 2019, every new member initiated into the Order in Colorado would be in honor of our bishops, State Chaplain John Stearns and our priests, pastors and council chaplains. The Knights of Columbus have a proud legacy of support to, and solidarity with, our Bishops and Priests. We are living in times where a few members of the hierarchy and clergy have not acted well and, as a result, the Catholic Church is under attack, as well as ALL bishops and priests on some level. The Knights of Columbus, as an Order, and we as a state council stand in solidarity with our bishops and priests. I ask every council to recruit, in the time we have left in this fraternal year, as many new knights and families as we can to show that we stand strong with our Church and its faithful shepherds.

At the banquet Friday night, I made the following remarks (edited for the purpose of this article) that I believe capture who we are as Catholic men and as knights. I recalled that a few years ago at a Supreme Convention States Dinner, the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec, Cardinal Lacroix, began his dinner speech by singing the song, "They Will Know We are Christians by our Love." This is not a song we sing much anymore. In fact, I hadn't heard it sung in many years before he sang it and I haven't heard it since. But one day on my way to work while thinking about the convention and banquet speech, the song popped into my head. The lyrics capture well the essence of who we are as Knights of Columbus and more particularly as Catholics. "We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord...they will know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other; we will work side by side...and we will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride and they will know we are Christians by our love."

Bishop Zaidan, in his homily at the Opening Mass, reminded us that it's through our simple actions that we preach the Gospel. As knights, the premier principle of our Order is charity; love of God and neighbor. It's through this foundational principle of our Order that we achieve Father McGivney's vision which is to evangelize—to lead others to Faith in God by being examples of Christ to others. Father McGivney provided for our continual formation

through the daily living of the principles of fraternalism: charity, unity and fraternity. As knights, we are called to model these principles in our everyday actions. It is through these principles that are able to accomplish our good works and, more importantly, form the very foundation of the relationships we build with our families, friends, coworkers, brother knights and especially those with whom we struggle for whatever reason—it's how we evangelize. Our Order's Faith in Action program service model provides the means for us grow in our faith and to serve God and neighbor by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead. To evangelize also means to provide other Catholic men and their families with the opportunity to also serve God and neighbor. A great way to do that is to ask them to join our great Order—to provide the gift that will change their lives.

We have under 60-days left in this fraternal year. Now is not the time to slow down. I am challenging every Knight in every council to recruit a new member in May and June. If we do, we will have over 300 new knights and families to serve with us. The world will know we are Christians by our love and by the fact that we will work with each other and we will work side by side and we will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Your Most Humble Servant in Christ,

Jay J. Doherty

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Colorado State Deputy





MASTER'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

By the time that you read this month's Knights Call, we will have completed and recuperated from our annual State Convention. It is a time to reflect on the successes and failures of the past year and to look forward with a vision for the successful conclusion of our fraternal year and the beginning of the new one. There has been some success achieved in the 4th Degree this past year in the areas of programming but it has been a very slow process. As much as there has been a lot of discussion with regard to Honor Guards, both positive and negative, overall I was pleasantly elated by the support and participation of our membership. Overall Honor Guards that were participated in saw an increase of 18.63% more events in 2018 over 2017 and the number of participants increased 12.18% over the same period of time. I believe some of that increase is in the manner in which Honor Guards are provided as any member's family can request an Honor Guard at their funeral as long as they are in good standing.

This year the 4th degree had an increase in the number of programs submitted for Program of the Year. In 2018 there were 9 submissions and for 2019 there were 12. I know that there were many other busy assemblies completing programs but as with anything, the event is not over until the paperwork is completed. I have heard over and over again we do not do these events for recognition and awards and though I would concur with that thought, I disagree that it is not important. Recognition of your assembly or council is a great marketing tool for recruitment of men into our Order. It shows your parish and community all the effort, good works and charitable deeds that the men and their families perform throughout the year in their parish and community at large.

This past mid-year meeting held in Denver in December, I provided information on the need for statuary for a very barren looking Catholic chapel at the new VA hospital in Aurora. I tasked each assembly to raise and donate \$200 to help defray the cost of the statuary and Stations of the Cross requested by the Catholic VA Chaplain. The goal was to raise \$7,500 by convention. I am happy to report that we exceeded that goal and have been able to provide both the statuary and Stations of the Cross requested by the Chaplain. A special thanks to Leo Armenta who brought this issue to the forefront for the 4th Degree and to Grand Junction, Fr Nicholas Bertrand Assembly 1519 and Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13621 for their generous donations. The council donated \$500 to the cause and their Assembly, through a second collection in the parishes, raised another \$3,400. Thank you immensely for your efforts and the funds raised to help our VA hospital Catholic Chaplain and our veterans who have served our country well.

Do you wish to move onto the 4th degree? There are four (4) 4th degree exemplifications scheduled so far through the end of this fraternal year and into the next. The first is an exemplification in Pueblo at the Shrine of St. Therese on May 4th. From there we have an exemplification scheduled at St. Francis Cabrini in Littleton on June 15th, Holy Name Catholic Church in Steamboat Springs and one at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Windsor on October 26. Let us together, move our member forward through the degrees and continue the expansion of our visibility through active membership recruitment and programming.

Vivat Jesus, Vivat Maria
Roger G Muller
Roger Muller, PSD
District Master

Upcoming 4th Degree Exemplifications

Assembly 2813
Saturday June 15, 2019
St. Francis Cabrini
Littleton, CO
Contact: Art Hinkel - 303-948-0946 arthinkel@q.com

Council 4462
Saturday September 14, 2019
Holy Name Catholic Church
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
Contact: Walter Magill 970-819-1161 wnmpepls@gmail.com

Assembly 3124
Saturday October 26, 2019
Our Lady of the Valley
Windsor, CO
Contact: Chuck Rohrer - 970-672-6109 charlesrohrer6@gmail.com



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Brothers,

Jeremy Johnson, 46, passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2019 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jeremy was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 02, 1972. He served in the Army for 16 years as sergeant and he was awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars, the Army Commendation Medal 3rd Award, and Joint Service Achievement Medal, another Army Achievement Medal 5th Award Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award 3rd Army, and the Good Conduct Medal 5th Award. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veteran Foreign Wars, United Service Organization, American Legion, and The Knights of Columbus.

In addition to being the State Life Director, Jeremy was a member of State Secretary Chris Foley's Council, Sts. Gabriel and John Vianney #12335. He was the current Deputy Grand Knight. He was also a member of The James A. Broyles Assembly # 3523. He served as Faithful Capitan last year. Jeremy was a caring and thoughtful guy, volunteering with many notable organizations. He was very active with the VFW as well as the Knights of Columbus. He was very proud of his membership in the knights, choosing to be buried in his Fourth Degree Regalia. At his funeral there were 20 Knights in the Honor Guard and another 20 3rd and 4th degree knights in the pews.

Eternal rest grant to Jeremy, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



2018 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all Councils that participated in the 2019 KCiC Poster Contest.

The Colorado State winners below will receive a medallion and a Gift Card.

Age 5-7 Division

1st Place: Ameila Janik, District 27, Council 15451

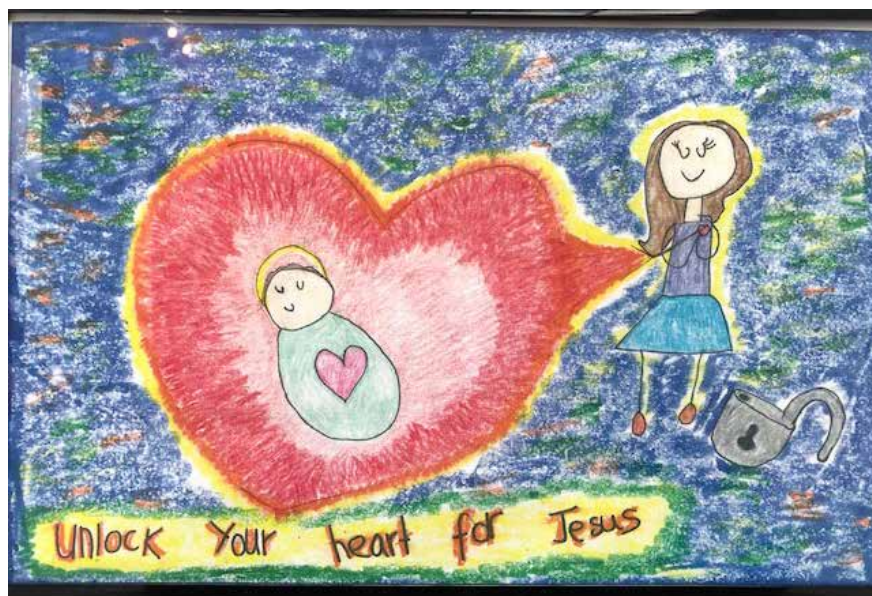


2nd Place: Remi Eitel, District 41, Council 14479

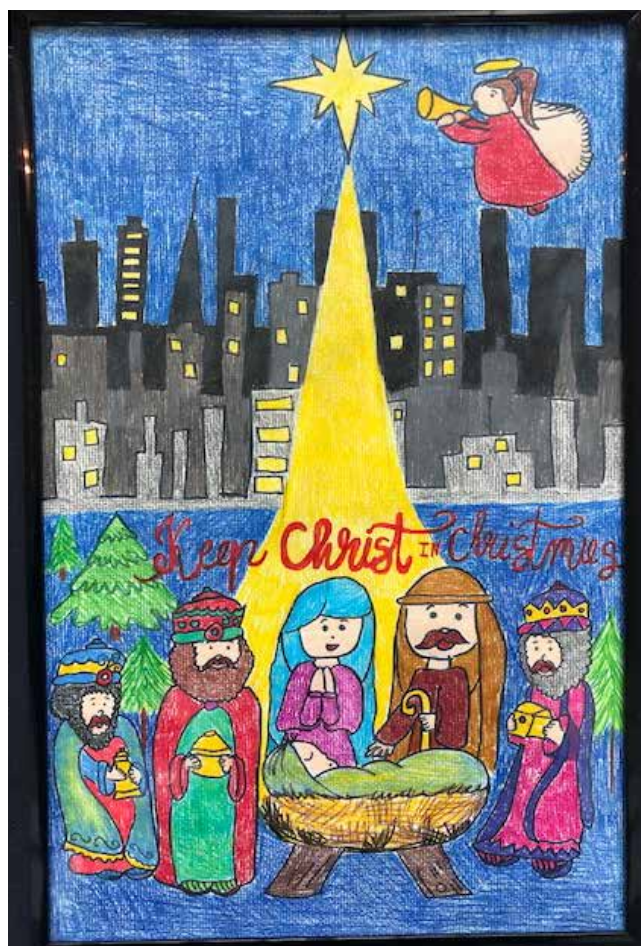


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1st Place: McKenzie Albright, District 10, Council 1408

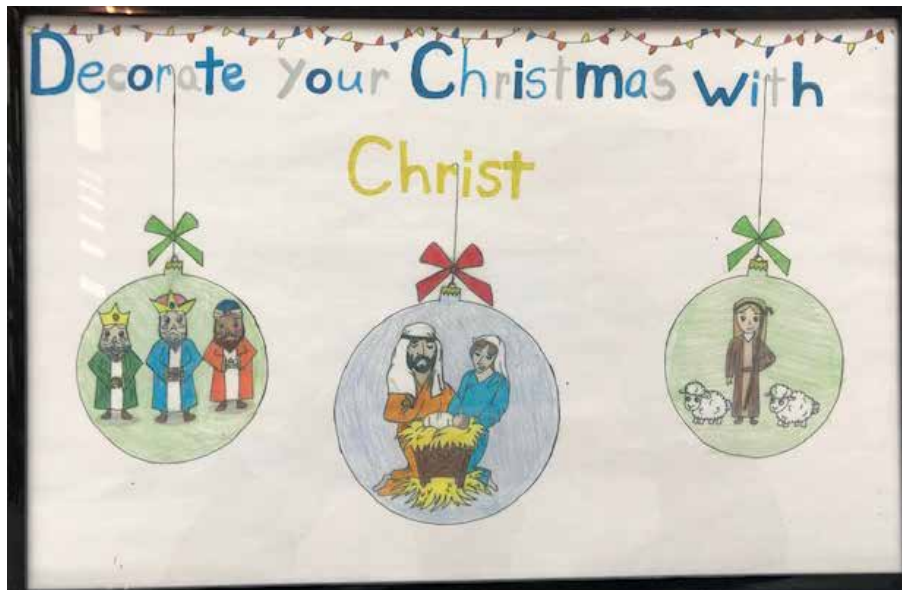


2nd Place: Amelia Jarosz, District 27, Council 15451



Age 11-14 Division

1st Place: Kyra Kiser, District 10, Council 1408



2nd Place: A.J. Naber, District 4, Council 1214



Thank you all for your participation!

John Eiler, KCiC Poster Chair, jreiler@comcast.net

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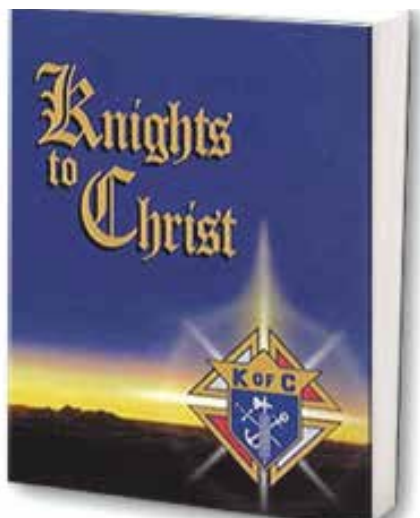
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STATE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The March, 2019 Colorado State Knight of the Month is Brother Knight Seon Smyth of the Mount Saint Francis Council, Council No. 12228, Colorado Springs CO.

Seon's is very dedicated to respect life. In the 40 Days for Life campaign, he prays in front of Planned Parenthood almost every night. He prays in the night time hours from 6:00 pm to 6 am. During the blizzard on March 13, Seon was out on the sidewalk praying for the unborn. He used his sign and a telephone poll to block much of the sideways snow from the blizzard. Seon is also on the Church security team to help insure the safety of our parish.



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FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS (2019)

COMBINED FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE (No Frills)

DATE Saturday, May 11, 2019
COUNCIL 14045
LOCATION Our Lady of Peace
ADDRESS 89 Smith Ranch Rd
CITY/STATE Silverthorne, CO 80498
CONTACT Ronald Schumann
PHONE 970-367-5830
E-MAIL schumankr@msn.com

COMBINED FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE (No Frills)

DATE Saturday, May 25, 2019
COUNCIL 557
LOCATION Henkel Hall
ADDRESS 1200 Acero Ave
CITY/STATE Pueblo, CO 81004
CONTACT William Courney DGK
PHONE 719-994-5900
E-MAIL wrcourney@gmail.com

COMBINED FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE (No Frills)

DATE Saturday, May 18, 2019
COUNCIL 11730
LOCATION Our Lady of the Pines
ADDRESS 11020 Teachout Road
CITY/STATE Black Forest, CO 80908
CONTACT GK John O'Rourke
PHONE 719-650-9981
E-MAIL skjohn.orourke@gmail.com

COMBINED FORMATION AND KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE

DATE Saturday, June 8, 2019
COUNCIL 2308
LOCATION St Stephen's Church
ADDRESS 1885 Blake Ave.
CITY/STATE Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
CONTACT DD Manuel Gomez
PHONE 970-948-4306
E-MAIL gomez.manuel@gmail.com

PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS (2019)

DATE Saturday, June 15, 2019
COUNCIL 2813
LOCATION Saint Frances Cabrini
ADDRESS 6673 W. Chatfield Ave
CITY/STATE Littleton, CO 80128
CONTACT FN Arthur Hinkel
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