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Chaplain's Column



Father Grzegorz Golyzniak

Dear Brother Knights

Soon we will celebrate the most important day in American history. On this supremely significant day, fifty-six British land-owning men signed a watershed document, the Declaration of Independence, in a little-known Pennsylvania colony. And this document would pave the future of what

would arguably become the greatest nation in the world, the United States of America. How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the fourth of July:

"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the fourth of July the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Pomp? Check. Sports? Backyard games count, right? Check. Bonfires? Check. Illuminations? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God Almighty? hhmm ...

But John Adams set an example for us. After everything's said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among*

these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, is the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, he deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day (and every day).

There are many ways to honor God on this special day. Perhaps you can read a passage from the [Catholic Bible](#) with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a family rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future. Or you could pray this simple prayer for our nation written by George Washington, our first President:

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.” AMEN!

**With prayer Fr. Gregory
P.S. Thank you for your dedication to our country and church. Be safe at your annual pancake breakfast.**

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again.



Month of the Most Precious Blood

Saint(s) of the Month

Sixteen Carmelites were caught up in the French Revolution and martyred. When the Revolution started in 1789, a group of twenty-one discalced Carmelites lived in a monastery in Compiegne, France, founded in 1641. The monastery was ordered closed in 1790 by the Revolutionary Government, and the nuns were accused of living in a religious community in 1794. They were arrested on 22 June and imprisoned in a Visitation convent in Compiegne where they openly resumed their religious life. On 12 Jul 1794 the Carmelites were taken to Paris and five days later were sentenced to death. They went to the guillotine singing Salve Regina. They were beatified by Pope Pius X. The martyrdom of the nuns was immortalized by the composer Francois Poulenc in his famous opera *Dialogues des Carmelites*.

We celebrate the feast of these martyrs on 17 July.



Election of Officers

Installation on 20 June



St. Peter's Council officers were installed at a ceremony in St. Peter's Church at 1900 on 20 June in lieu of the social meeting. Families were invited and several wives were in attendance to see their husband/father/son sworn in. Each wife was presented a single red rose in appreciation for their support of the husband who takes time from family to devote to council affairs. A small reception followed in the church conference room.

Officers installed were:

Grand Knight..... Bob Knapp
Deputy Grand Knight..... Randy Fritz
Chancellor..... John Kowalczyk
Warden..... Art Bell
Financial Secretary (Appointed).... Jim Desautel
Treasurer..... Tom Bailey
Lecturer... (Appointed)..... Patrick Henry
Recorder..... Tony Trifiletti

Advocate.....	Jim Bergeron
Trustee, 3 Year.....	Dave McCloy
Trustee, 2 Year.....	Ed Hettler
Trustee, 1 Year.....	Dick Peters
Outside Guards.....	Robert Knapp Bob Lynn
Inside Guards.....	Patrick Finnegan Jim Mack

Chaplain Father Golyzniak

The installation was conducted by District 26 Deputy Dan Rolenc.

Teacher: Who wrote "Oh say can you see?"
Pupil: "An eye doctor?"

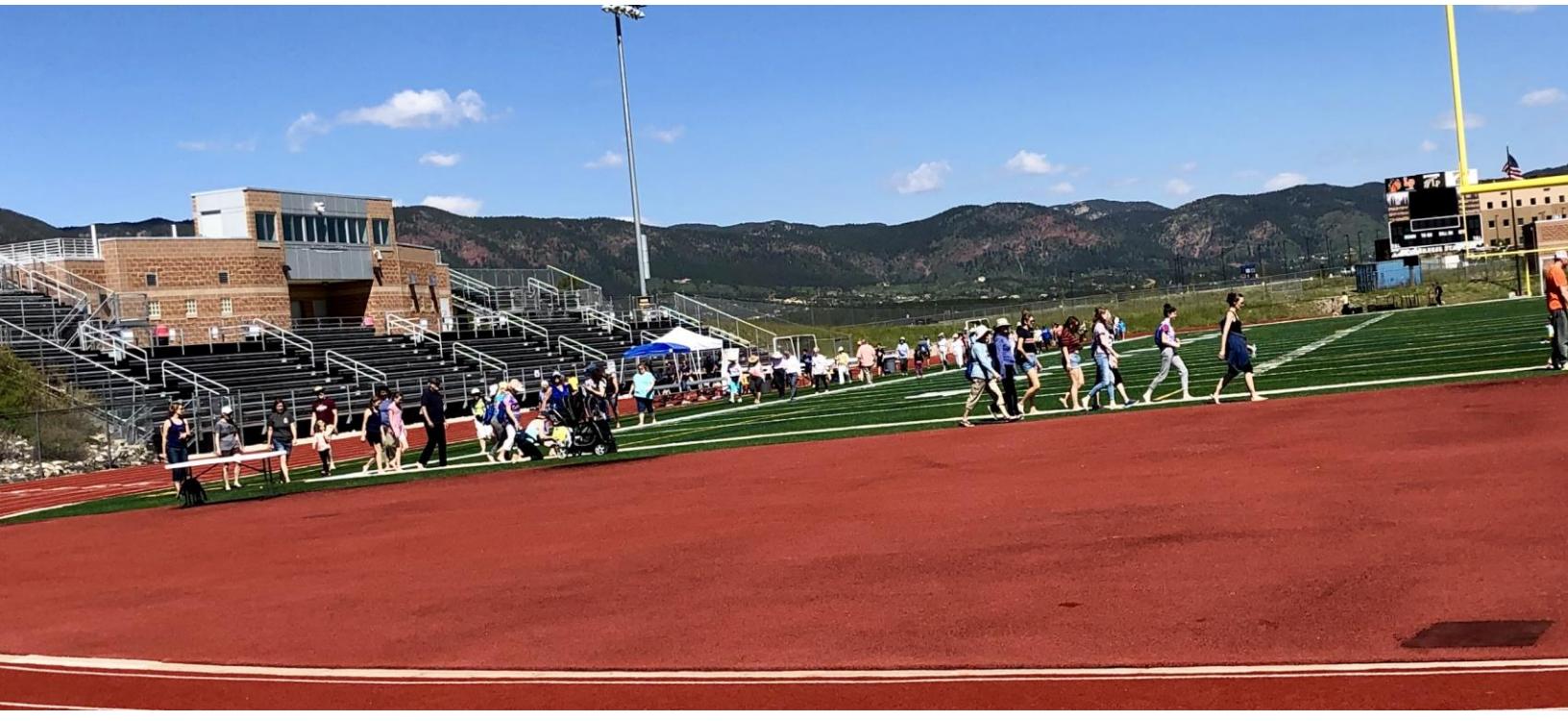
Knights in Action



Knights prepare bratwurst and hot dogs for participants in the Barefoot Mike walk for Human Trafficking held on 01 June at Memorial Park.

Left to Right: Randy Fritz, Rick Ragaller, Jim Rech, Vincenzo Champion, son of Brian Champion, and Dick Peters.

Photo by Diana Champion



Participants from churches and councils throughout the Colorado Springs/Monument area during the Barefoot Mile Walk.





Family of the Month Award: Patrick and Barbie Henry. Presentation by GK Dave McCloy.



Knight of the Month Award is presented to Bob Knapp by GK Dave McCloy/



Left: John Hartling, SK Extraordinaire

Editor's Note: *SK John Hartling is a Red Cross volunteer shelter supervisor who is always on call for emergency situations and never hesitates to go when called upon. The following is a report of his latest trip to flooded St. Louis.*

After 3 calls from Red Cross expressing a desperate need for Shelter Supervisors (SV) I agreed to deploy to St. Louis. When I arrived I was sent to a shelter in a school in Troy, MO only to find there were already 6 SVs on site so I wound up working as a Shelter Helper (SH) for the week. Team was great and really enjoyed working with them. Manager was a jerk making inappropriate comments about clients and sexual innuendo. Reported him to Hqtrs and they were not happy!

Worked 12 hour night shift for first 3 nights and then switched to days. In both cases after work, meals and travel time you only get 2 hrs of personal time a day. Lucky enough to stay in a motel. Yeah, no cots! It still took me a week to fully recover.

Clients were great and I really enjoyed taking care of them. NO problems at all. Local restaurants catered and food was outstanding. Poor people had amazingly positive attitudes. Flooding was 2 miles distant from where the levee broke.

Water up about 4 feet in our area. Snakes and spiders kept some people from returning to their houses by boat. Gnats swarming in your face prevented taking a walk.

When we closed the shelter a number of people were going to live in their cars until they could get back to their houses and take care of the damage with mold being the primary concern. Breaks my heart!



Assembly News



Newly installed Sir Knights wearing outgoing regalia for the last time.

The installation of newly elected officers was held on 20 June at 1900 with District Master Mike Kavanaugh installing the officers. Several family members were present for the event that was followed by a joint reception with Council officers in the conference room.

Newly elected officers installed:

F. Navigator.....Ed Paulovich
F. Admiral.....Bob Leise
F. Captain.....Robert B. Knapp
F. Pilot.....John Russ
F. Purser.....Richard Peters
F. Comptroller.....Jim Taylor (younger)
F. Scribe.....Rob Hoette
F. Outer Sentinel.....Mike Pietsch
F. Inner Sentinel.....Chuck Hardy
F. 3 Year Trustee.....John Wishart
F. 2 Year Trustee.....Jim Bergeron
F. 1 Year Trustee.....Randy Elmer
Faithful Friar.....Father Golyzniak



Your Insurance Corner

Five things you need to know before talking to your insurance agent

1. What should a family expect when sitting down with a K of C agent?

A family should expect to visit with a professional and knowledgeable representative of the Knights of Columbus who is going to bring a great deal of value to their family.

2. What would they discuss?

The history and current events of the Knights of Columbus, then transition into discussing what is going on in the member's life, and then finally educate the member on how the insurance program may be able to better their situation financially.

3. Why is this meeting important?

A member's life can change in an instant, and everyone should always be prepared for the unthinkable to happen so their family is okay.

4. Why should families meet regularly with their agent?

Life is always changing. New jobs, new houses, etc. All these things change the financial needs of a family.

5. Why should families choose K of C insurance?

Personal service is a lost art in our world today. But our agents are not just business men, they are brother Knights and your well-being is their business 24/7. This type of service is so important when you need it the most.

Your K of C Field Agent is brother Knight **Kip Gaisford** and can be reached at:

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Telephone: 719-332-2938

Q: What kind of tea did the American colonists thirst for?

A: Liberty!



Independence Day



What a wonderful day to celebrate freedom by Americans of all colors, religions, and ethnic backgrounds! This is the day commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on 04 July 1776 and declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Most of us will help with the 4th of July street pancake breakfast at St. Peter's or perhaps participate in the parade that is billed as the

nation's largest small-town parade. Later there will outdoor barbeques and parties with friends and family. Some of the other methods of celebrating our national holiday and some historical trivia to mention are:

- In 1777, 13 gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on 04 July in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary with an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13 gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. (Not much different that today).
- In 1778, General George Washington marked the day with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute.
- In 1779, 04 July fell on a Sunday, so the holiday was celebrated on Monday, 05 July.
- In 1781, Massachusetts became the first to recognize July 4th as a state celebration.
- In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- In 1870 the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- By 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.



references to God – God as supreme Lawmaker, God as Creator of all men, God as the Source of all rights, God as the world's supreme Judge, and God as our Protector on whom we can rely. It declares that each of us is created equal. This means equally endowed with unalienable rights. It does not mean that all are born with equal capabilities. Nor does it mean that all of us can be made equal, as Communist dogma alleges. As the modern discovery of DNA now confirms, each of God's creatures is unequal and different in every other way from every other person. The Declaration of Independence proclaims that life and liberty are the unalienable gifts of God – natural rights – which no person or government can rightfully take away. It affirms that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given unalienable individual rights, and that government derives its powers from the consent of the governed. Our Declaration reduced government from master to servant, for the first time in history.

If we ever forget that we are One Nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under. ~
President Ronald Reagan

From the Knights of Columbus publication
"Knights to Christ".

Q: What was General Washington's favorite tree?
A: The infantry!

Patriotism is one nation under God

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. ~ Leviticus 25:10 – inscribed on the Liberty Bell

Take this day to reflect on our nation's religious roots.

The Declaration of Independence is the official and unequivocal affirmation by the American people of their belief and faith in God. It affirms God's existence as a "self-evident" truth that requires no further discussion or debate. The nation created by the great Declaration is God's country. The rights it defines are God-given. The actions of its signers are God-inspired. The Declaration contains five

Word of the Month

From Catholic Word Book, a K of C Publication



Spiritism: Attempts to communicate with spirits and departed souls by means of séance, table tapping, Ouija boards, and other methods; a violation of the virtue of religion. Spiritualistic practices are noted for fakery.



Month's Sermonette

Jesus, overflowing with compassion, heals people worn down by the ways of the world and brings them joy. And he calls us to join him in this kingdom work. Now at first this might seem like an overwhelming expectation. How can any of us, even a group of us together, be a sign of Christ's presence to people in need? Hungry, homeless, poor? Persecuted, afflicted with incurable disease, shunned by others? What about people close to us who carry their troubles silently and deep inside with no outward sign of pain they are enduring? There are so many needs and, left to ourselves, so few resources. "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few", Jesus says. When it comes to expending the reach of Jesus' ministry of compassion, there is no shortage of work to do or people to care for. At times we hardly know where to start. But we are not left without resources to strengthen us for the work of the kingdom. We can pray, "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers". We can pray for priests, deacons, and people consecrated to the religious life to be people of grace. We can pray for social service agencies and people who have dedicated their lives to caring for the poor to be people of hope. And when we pray, we should not be surprised if we hear Jesus calling us to be people of grace and hope for others in everything we do.



You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism. ~Erma Bombeck



**Marian and Jim Taylor celebrate their
60th wedding anniversary on 06 June and
were given a special blessing after Mass
by Father Michael Holmquist.**

Monthly Council Mass

Knights and Families Urged To Attend



The Knights celebrate Mass as a group on the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill, deceased, or for special occasions. The Mass on 07 July will be for the repose of the soul of **Suzanne Gibbons**.

A breakfast or brunch will be planned occasionally and advance notification will be made at council meetings. Remember to sit in the pews reserved and wear your Council nametag and the Order lapel pin.

If you know of any Knights, or their families, who should have a Mass said for them, please contact **Bob Leise at 303-681-2182**.

11 Jul - Carl R. Anderson
11 Jul- Martin Redecker
12 Jul – Robert B. Knapp
13 Jul - Art Bell
15 Jul – Zach Asche
19 Jul- Brad Burtwhistle
19 Jul – Gary Piper
22 Jul- Dennis Balitski
22 Jul- Bob Burns
22 Jul – Glenn Priddy
24 Jul- Phil Beaudoin
25 Jul- Maurice Meier
26 Jul- Larry Bauers
27 Jul- Phil Sexton
27 Jul- Tim Walter
31 Jul – Hector Chavez



Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during this beautiful Colorado summer month of July.

Q: What did King George think of the American colonists?
A: He thought they were revolting.



July Birthdays

A Monthly Feature

01 Jul – Brendan Rudnicki
03 Jul – Jim Desautel
04 Jul- Deacon Scotty Bowen
04 Jul- Uncle Sam
09 Jul- Robert Hilmo

I'd rather look back
at my life and say
"I can't believe I did that"
instead of saying,
"I wish I did that."

July History

01 Jul 1963- U.S. Post Office started the 5-digit ZIP codes
02 Jul 1937- Amelia Earhart and her airplane were lost in the Pacific
02 Jul 1964- The Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon Johnson
05 Jul 1865- The Salvation Army was founded in London
06 Jul 1885- Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by a rabid dog.
07 Jul 1922- The Reader's Digest was founded
11 Jul 1955- The United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry AFB, Colorado
14 Jul 1881- William H. Bonney (Billy the Kid) was shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett and died the next day
16 Jul 1945- First atomic bomb detonated in New Mexico
17 Jul 1955- Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California
20 Jul 1969- First man stepped foot on the moon.
23 Jul 1904- The ice cream cone was invented in St. Louis during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition
27 Jul 1940- Bugs Bunny made his cartoon debut
28 Jul 1914- World War I began
31 Jul 1556- St. Ignatius of Loyola died in Rome

- 18 Jul – Council Officer's Meeting at 1800
- 18 Jul- Fr. Kekeisen Assembly Meeting at 1900
- 21 Jul – Parish Picnic at Fox Run Park



Pancake Breakfast

The annual 4th of July St. Peter's street pancake breakfast will be held in the cobblestone alley between the Church and St. Peter's school. This is one of our biggest events of the year and is too big for any one of the three teams to pull off, so a request goes out to all Knights of the Council to participate on that Wednesday. We need cooks, servers, set up and tear down crews, and teams to bus tables. Family members are certainly welcome to help and their assistance would be appreciated. In the past, we have served over 1,000 people before the big parade starts at 1000, hence our plea for many helping hands. Tables and chairs will be set up starting at 0500 and cooking starts shortly after to feed hungry people who show up before our starting time of 0700. Then a wave of runners competing in the annual four-mile race from Palmer Lake to Monument will show up around 0730 with ravenous appetites. The biggest 4th of July parade in Colorado starts at 1000 and then we start the massive cleanup.

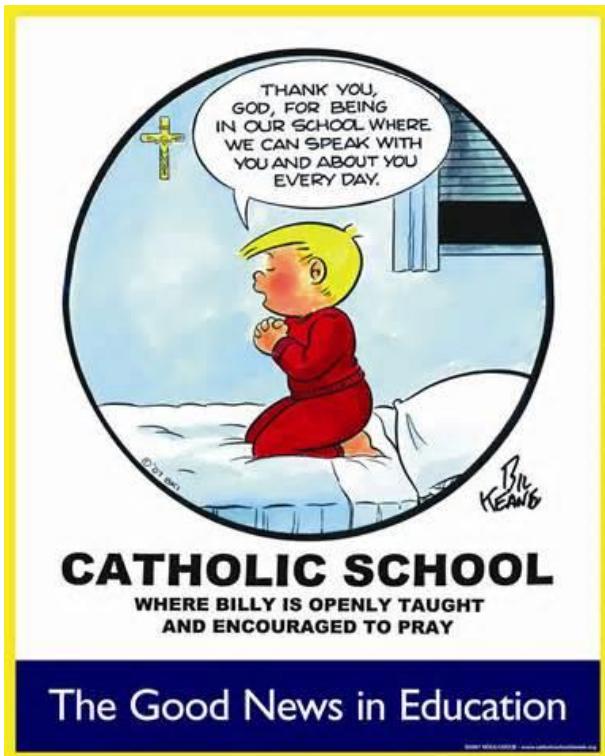
Upcoming Events



- 04 Jul – Independence Day
- 04 Jul - Annual Pancake Street Breakfast
- 07 Jul – Corporate Council Mass at 0800
- 17 Jul- Council Social Meeting at 1900



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For the fiscal year, we budgeted income of \$20,600 and expenses of \$20,700. Our actual income was \$26,500, or 129% above budget. This was greatly helped by a \$3,000 donation by the widow of a long-time Brother. Yet even without this donation, our Council raised more funds than anticipated to give to the needy and other worthy causes. And give we did! Of the \$22,400 we actually spent, fully half went to charitable causes. And out of the half that went to Council Operations, a good portion of the money we send to Supreme also finds its way to those in need. I believe these numbers show that the year was tremendous financial success.

Our Council Officers are currently preparing and reviewing the proposed budget for next year, and will present the proposal for Council approval at one of our future meetings.

Jim Desautel, Financial Secretary



Remember in our prayers: Fred Wolfe, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Terri Stauber, Laura Gomez, Joan Durbin, Jane Rosenhoover, Father Brownstein

.Financial Report:

We have finished the year with great success financially for the Council. Kudos to the officers last year who created the budget, and to our GK and Program Chairs this year who led the financial success. Let me give you some overall perspective.



Smile for The Day

Last Sunday, the sermon was the one about the ten bridesmaids. The five good bridesmaids remembered to take plenty of oil for their lamps; five bad bridesmaids did not. The priest at our

church is always very fiery and his sermons always end on a high note.

On this Sunday he ended with....

“Where would you rather be? In the light with the five good bridesmaids, or in the dark with the five bad bridesmaids?” I wasn’t the only one who got it wrong!



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B BELOW: Jim Bergeron is a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, Former District 26 Deputy, and a 28-year volunteer at Tri Lakes Cares.

Photo courtesy of Tri Lakes Cares Facebook page.

BERGERON NAMED SPIRIT OF MONUMENT AWARDEE

Courtesy of
Tri-Lakes
Cares

Jim Bergeron was awarded the Spirit of Monument award at the town's 140th anniversary celebration on June 15.

The award was given to "an individual who has demonstrated the generosity of spirit, dedication to service and enthusiastic support of our community." Tri-Lakes Cares nominated Bergeron for the award.



