



Knights' Knews

March 2014



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers and Ladies:

Here at the beginning of March we find ourselves at the beginning of the holiest of seasons, Easter, preceded by six weeks of preparation, Lent!! My prayer and wish for you and all Knights of Columbus is that during this time we may find more meaning in our faith and draw closer to God, our families, and community. These principles of the Knights of Columbus can guide us as in this Lenten journey.

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

The “corner” this month is something of a story telling time—hopefully the message will be of meaning to you. Some may recall Deacon Mike Balchus, a Knight of St. Peters Parish in Monument. Mike capped his working career as a Field Agent for K of C Insurance and has now retired to Florida. Shortly after 9/11 he visited our Council and related how he had been to the “HOME OFFICE” and saw and learned how the Knights of Columbus were such a strong pillar of emotional and financial support to the many individuals and families devastated/crushed by this event. He was emotional, he was animated, and he was believable, as he told the story. He seemed in awe!

We here in Colorado witnessed this same commitment to help after the floods and fires of last summer. The Knights of Columbus was here and helped!

We know of the tremendous and on-going support the Knights of Columbus provides to our Priests, Bishops, and Pope as they serve as Christ to us—as they lead us in our faith. You read of these actions in the *Columbia* magazine that you receive, and by logging in to kofc.org.

The “Knights of Columbus” beyond Council 9993 or Assembly 3049 seems distant, difficult to “connect” to. But without millions of individual Knights contributing in their own way this good work would not be possible.

Now, here is the commercial—you could see it coming. Knights of Columbus Insurance is the engine that powers these good works. Of course the bedrock of Knights of Columbus Insurance is service and financial protection for members and families. A truly big deal--perhaps the only way you have viewed Knights of Columbus Insurance.

I am suggesting that you view Knights of Columbus Insurance through a broader lens. Whether considering basic needs or adding to your financial package later as resources become available, look to the Knights. You will be buying from a company recognized for stability, safety, and financial integrity. Here is the “kicker” for me, I benefit from the products I purchase, and without additional out-of-pocket money I am part of the Knights good works. Win, Win, Yes! Talk with your Field Agent.

Vivat Jesus!!

**Knights of Columbus Council 9993 & Assembly 3049
St. Patrick Parish, Colorado Springs, CO 80920**

Lent is Here!**Make Straight the Way
of the Lord!**

By the time this newsletter comes out, you may well be started on your Lenten Journey. This journey, like all others must have a destination in order to get somewhere, and you can't get there without taking the first step. Perhaps you attended an Ash Wednesday Mass and/or the Lenten Mission. Maybe you have made some Lenten "resolutions" – something extra that you can sacrifice by extra prayer, good works, or give up. For example, the men's program *That Man is You* gives out a 40-day plan with prayer, scripture, meditation, and actions to accomplish spiritual goals. Here is a challenge for you to add a goal for your journey – a goal of supporting the spiritual battle taking place in our culture.

Believe it or not – prayer changes things! **Believe it!** Jesus taught it and showed us by His example. For example, the Gospel for February 24th was from Mark Chapter 9, where Jesus cures the son possessed by an evil spirit that the apostles could not cast out. When they asked Jesus why they couldn't cast it out, he responded, "This kind can only come out **through prayer.**"

There is evil in our land – the culture of death. It has many names – "abortion", "choice", "euthanasia", "right to die", "human embryo research", or "cloning". To it, human life is just a commodity, something to buy, experiment on, or dispose of when no longer wanted. We could go on and on, but you already have seen and heard. How did it come to be this way? Probably because too few tried to stop it. Perhaps too many of us think it's not our business or concern. It wasn't much of a blip on MY radar until I took the first baby steps. I listened. I read. Then I got involved with the Knights Culture of Life and the Ultrasound Program. This led to attending the Diocesan Right to Life Banquet and hearing some great testimony which convinced me that yes, WE CAN DO SOMETHING!

The poster above shows one thing that we can do this Lent – "watch and pray." Knights have been asked to take part in 40 Days for Life by prayerful vigil on Sundays during Lent, between 6AM and 6PM. I have planned to be there between 10AM and noon. You can bring your family or friends - as Jesus said, He is there wherever two or more gather in His name (Unity). If you can't stand or walk, bring a chair. Even if you physically can't be there, you can join in prayer – at Mass, with a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more info, check our web calendar at www.kofc9993.org or email me at ron_krom@hotmail.com. Vivat Jesus!

HELP SAVE LIVES from March 5 - April 13

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

Recognizing that "with God, all things are possible," our community is joining with hundreds of other cities for this spring's global **40 Days for Life** – one of the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilizations in history.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful – and proven effective – pro-life campaign that has already been embraced by more than 600,000 people worldwide, saved 8,245 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 88 abortion workers, and seen 44 abortion facilities close down for good.

40 Days for Life features three components:

- 1. PRAYER & FASTING:** Join together with other believers for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
- 2. PEACEFUL VIGIL:** Stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local Planned Parenthood at 3480 Centennial Ave, Colorado Springs
- 3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Bring a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy and public visibility

Learn how **you** can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" right here in Colorado Springs, by contacting Michele Mason 719-659-2097 prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com or by visiting the web page listed below.

www.40daysforlife.com/coloradosprings

Brother Knights, if you have changes to your home address, phone number or email address, please email Paul Miller, Financial Secretary, at paul-jr@themillers.com or call 719-440-5313 (leave a message if no answer)

Volunteer Corner – Here's Your Chance

March 2nd – Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Contact Greer Bailey (greerb@comcast.net , 590-4907)

Sundays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13 – 40 Days for Life Vigil, Centennial Avenue near Planned Parenthood. Pray and keep watch. See the newsletter article and poster.

Fish Fry, March 21st : Contact Ron Krom (ron_krom@hotmail.com , 590-4971)

2:00 PM: early cooking and set-up -- 2 more needed. Doug is “fry captain”.

3:30 PM: finish food prep -- 2 more needed plus a kitchen “captain”

5:30 PM: serving and cleanup – 5 to 6 men needed

6:45 PM: Stations of the Cross – 2 candle-bearers needed + person to hand out booklets

Corporate Communion, Sunday March 30th at 7:45 Mass. Wear your K of C “colors” or 4th Degree regalia and come to worship as a body, followed by a breakfast together.

April 6th – Monthly Pancake Breakfast. Contact Greer Bailey (greerb@comcast.net , 590-4907)

Fish Fry, April 11th: Contact Ron Krom (ron_krom@hotmail.com , 590-4971)

Over-all team leader needed to pick up food and organize volunteers.

2:00 PM: early cooking and set-up -- 4 needed plus “fry captain”

3:30 PM: finish food prep -- 3 to 4 needed plus a kitchen “captain”

5:30 PM: serving and cleanup – 5 to 6 men needed

6:45 PM: Stations of the Cross – 2 candle-bearers and reader (experience desired) + person to hand out booklets

Congratulations To New Honorary and Life Members

Sir Al Pfeifer beams as he shows his new Honorary Life Membership card presented to him as the social meeting on February 26. In recognition for long term membership and years of service, the Supreme Council awards Honorary and Life memberships. The Grand Knight holds the Honorary Life Membership cards to be presented to Brother Roy Salem, Brother Al Fick who is wintering in AZ, and Brother Jack Palmer who resides in Denver.

Congratulations, Knights!!



District Free Throw Champions

Congratulations to Marie Resman (Center), 13 year old girls champion and June McKinley, 12 year old girls champion in our District KofC Free Throw Championship Competition. June and Marie represented St Patrick Council. The District competition was held at Corpus Christi School gym on February 15.

These outstanding athletes advanced to the State of Colorado KofC Free Throw Championship held on March 2, at St. Mary's School Gym in Littleton, CO.

Good luck, ladies!!



St. Patrick Parish

Herman Jasper, Grand Knight

On February 8 and 9, Fr. Solan, from an armchair rather than the pulpit, held a fireside chat with parishioners and described **Operation Renovation**. Planned for this coming summer it would renovate the kitchen, nursery, and other elements of Bonzel Hall. A flyer was in the bulletin the weekend of Mar 1 and 2. Parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus, are asked to support this \$600,000 project.

Knights are asking, how, and are we, going to help out. Here is the developing approach to proceed. The officers meet on Sunday, March 2, in place of the meeting normally scheduled for Ash Wednesday. From this will come some alternatives and possibilities? These will be communicated via e-mail to members around the 6th of March. Members can consider these ideas and discuss at the Mar. 12 member meeting. Ideally on March 12, members will determine which if any ideas deserve to be formalized into a resolution to be presented on March 27. Expenditures greater than \$500.00 requires a resolution that is read twice, published in the newsletter, and then voted upon. March 12 is your chance to have your voice heard.

The Bottom Line—"Supporting Our Good Works"

What follows is a brief summary of the financial activities associated with our 3rd Degree Council [9993] and 4th Degree Assembly [3049].

February, though a short month, was a busy one. Two big pieces to start the new calendar year were the semi-annual audit and the mailing of dues notices. The **audit** was held at the beginning of February and sorted through quickly thanks to the hard work of the Financial Secretary and the Trustees. During the period from **July 1st through December 31st**, the council **raised** an amazing **\$15,868.58** and **disbursed \$18,637.79** including ~\$1,600 to help brother Grant Wick and \$800 to help brother Joseph Marjan. The Council is happy to have been in a position to help these two brothers in need. If you would like more details on the semi-annual audit, please feel free to contact me. Also this month, the **collection of dues** hit full swing. The council has **collected \$5,372** so far, which includes many of our brother knights who had fallen behind in their payment. It is important to the council that dues be kept current to allow for the administration of the council (postage, state & supreme dues, etc...) without using money from our brother Knight's gallant fundraising efforts.

With our **Keep Christmas in Christ** program wrapped up after the holidays, Council 9993 was able to disburse **\$156.75** to both **Pike's Peak Citizens for Life** and the **Life Network** for their Pro-Life education programs. Also this month, **\$250** was approved for inclusion in the Council's support for the **Military Archdiocese Chaplain's Scholarship Fund**. This money will be combined with money raised in the first week of March at the Military Appreciation breakfast. The Knights hosted a **Pancake Breakfast** which grossed **\$573.94** with **\$260.20** in supplies purchased.

As part of the Council's yearly operating expenses, we paid our dues to the **State Council**, totaling **\$710.13** for this six month period. Part of this money goes to pay for your Knight's Call state newsletter. The Knights continue to support supplies for our **Parish** with a donation of **\$100** and **Life Network's Mobile Pregnancy Center** with a donation of **\$100**, both ongoing monthly contributions from Council 9993.

If anyone would like more information on the financial status of the Council or the Assembly, please stop by any regular business meeting or feel free to contact me directly.

Faithfully yours,

Taylor Lilly

Treasurer, Council 9993 and Purser, Assembly 3049

REMINDER

**Your Journey in the Knights of Columbus
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degrees**

Herman Jasper, Grand Knight

If you are not yet a 4th Degree Knight, here are opportunities in the weeks ahead to experience the lessons of the principles of the order by advancing through the 2nd and 3rd degree, and ultimately the 4th Degree.

Are you a First Degree Knight? On Saturday, March 29, there is a combined 2nd and 3rd degree at Arvada. This will be an all-day event. Contact Herman Jasper, 590-9303 if you wish to attend. Someone will attend with you.

If you have received your 2nd Degree and are awaiting a chance to obtain your 3rd Degree, this is the time and place. On a Monday evening, March 31, we are hosting a 3rd degree (only) beginning at 6:00 pm in our Council Chambers (McGivney Room). Let us know if you will participate. We need some Knights to help host this degree. Contact Herman Jasper, 590-9303.

Are you looking forward to advancing to the 4th Degree? On Sunday, May 18, a 4th Degree is scheduled in Security. You obtain and complete the 4th Degree application with our Council, 9993. The Council verifies your status as a 3rd Degree Knight and the application is forwarded to Assembly 3049 to review and acceptance by assembly members.

There is a \$70.00 charge to take the 4th Degree. This includes an evening banquet. The 4th Degree is taken in formal dress—tuxedo or dress military uniform. Tuxedos may be rented or purchased (new or used) at Al's Formal wear at Chapel Hills Mall. Occasionally they have a two-for-one sale, so it might pay to go in with a buddy.

Regalia (cape, chapeau, sword) is optional and required to participate with an Honor Guard. The cost is around \$500.00 and can be purchased on an easy-pay plan with the assembly.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brothers and Sisters, please remember in your Prayers:

- ♣ Fr Larry Solan, Fr Joe Damhorst, Fr Mike Butler, Fr Don Brownstein, Fr Bill Carmody, Fr Richard Ryan, Fr Brian Rossler, Fr Jim Klein, Deacon Lee Sherpa and family, Deacon Ken Huard, our Seminarian: Nathan Hinds
- ♣ Brothers Roy Salem, Vince Kierney, Michael Herder, Don Pomelo, Tony VerKamp and family, Don Bartek, Chuck Zeitvogel, Andrew Marjan and family, Bill Zint, Lady Nancy Arpad, Joan Knudsen, Harold Flavin, Susan Arpad, Maureen Harrington, Brendan Wirth and family, Chuck and Ann Weida, Mark Abrams, Mike Crino, Helen Fichtel, Mike Hayman, Joe Keegan, Rita Newell, Cindy Brown (wife of Deacon Dick), Susan and Todd Stein, Tony Valdez, Mabel Page, Maureen Schymanski, Sheri Fernandez, Jennifer Hurt, Jonathan Mintern, Cassandra Patalano, Tom Kaiser Sr and Hallie Kaiser, Pedro Gonzalez, Betty Sauter, (wife of PSD Foster Sauter), Joe and Peggy Solms, Mark and Regina Elio, Claude Trujillo, John D'Alesio, Paul Turner, Sister Marlou Ricke, John Garr and family, and Carol Cote
- ♣ For the Repose of the Soul of Michael Zentz, and prayers for his family
- ♣ For all Military, Police, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and all who work diligently to provide comfort for people in need.
- ♣ For our National Leaders that they may work to preserve our Religious Freedom, the Rights of Conscience, the Sanctity of Marriage, and respect for all human life from conception to natural death.
- ♣ For the Prayer intentions of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.
- ♣ For the Prayer intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis I.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANYONE IN OUR K OF C "FAMILY"
IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS OR OTHER ASSISTANCE!**

Ladies Auxiliary Corner*Melissa Anderson*

Spring is beginning to tease us, tiny buds are forming on trees, but we know winter hasn't let go yet. To me, that describes our mindset as we approach Ash Wednesday and begin our Lenten journey. We are teased by the joy we will know on Easter; we find hope in small things as we make our journey; but we know the journey itself will test our resolve as we travel with Our Lord through these somber days. Just as we believe spring will surely arrive soon, we believe, too, that we will someday know New Life in Christ. Let's help each other toward that life as we share this road.

I've been remiss lately in thanking all of you wonderful Ladies for the truly great things you do for the Ladies, Knights, parish and community. I'm awed when I stop and think about the number of activities you are involved with and the countless hours you devote to make life better for all of those around you. I'm truly blessed to be associated with such selfless women.

On a lighter note – we actually finished our February meeting before the Knights finished theirs! The Auxiliary voted to participate the next parish sale weekend, April 26th & 27th, with a bake sale for charity. Since the fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale event is on hold for a while, we will have our bake sales at some of these sale weekends. Please consider contributing baked goods to this event. More details to follow.

Mary Ann Lamecker provided an update on the upcoming parish renovation projects and their effect on parish events. Several events will be cancelled or postponed until after the project completions. Keep an eye out for details and updates in the bulletin!

We all congratulated Rachelle LaMay on her new endeavor. For those who may not know, Rachelle and Brian are the proud new owners of All Thing Catholic in Chapel Hills Mall. The store will open in a new location in the lower level of the Dillard's wing on Monday, March 3rd. Congratulations and thank you, Rachelle and Brian, for ensuring that Colorado Springs will continue to have a wonderful Catholic bookstore and gift shop. Good Luck. Now, it's up to all of us to patronize the store!

Don't forget the State Convention on April 24-27 (yes, the same weekend as the bake sale!). I emailed information to all of the Ladies. If you plan to attend, fill out the registration for and make your hotel reservations. Please contact me at 282-9025 if you have any questions.

Just a few upcoming dates for your calendar –

March 15 – Parish St. Patrick Celebration

March 26 – Auxiliary Meeting, Fitzpatrick Room

March 30 – Corporate Communion, 7:45 Mass

April 9 – Parish Seder Meal

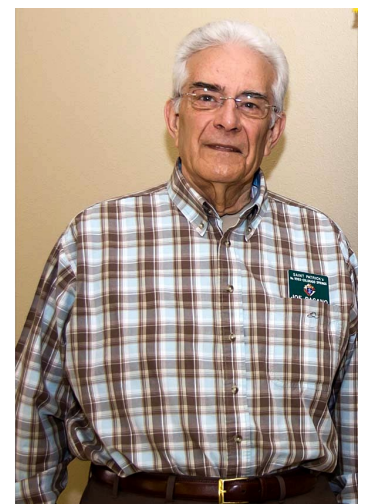
I wish all of you a holy and fruitful beginning to this Lenten season. May God Bless you and your loved ones abundantly every hour of every day.

Welcome to St. Patrick Council 9993**Joseph Pagano**

On February 12 we welcomed new member Joseph Pagano as a transfer. Joseph is a Third Degree Knight who had worked for many years in Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Joseph has already helped at the Newcomers Breakfast and is assisting Marlou Ricke with the RCIA program.

Welcome, Joseph!



**Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program for Military Chaplains
Military Appreciation Breakfast with Knights Charles Cote and Chris Bergen**



"Catholics in uniform ...face having to go weeks — and sometimes months — without being able to attend Mass or receive spiritual guidance from a priest."
Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

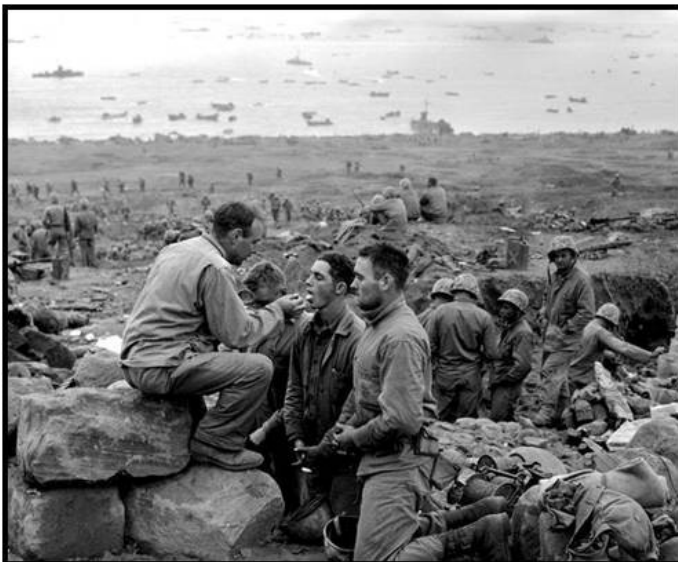
"The U.S. military archdiocese, which supplies Catholic chaplains, estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today, but they are only able to supply 280 — barely a third of the number needed."
Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



Through the Order's new scholarship program for military chaplains, the Knights of Columbus hope to increase the number of priests serving in the armed forces while reducing the financial strain on the Archdiocese for the Military Services.



Donations should be made payable to Colorado K of C State Charities with the memo line indicating Military archdiocese



CARL A. ANDERSON
SUPREME KNIGHT

TEL.: 203-752-4350
FAX: 203-752-4118

State Deputy Chuck Page presents the
Silver Anniversary Certificate
for St. Patrick Council 9993
to Grand Knight Herman Jasper

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
1 COLUMBUS PLAZA
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510-3326

2/1/2014

To The Officers, Members and Families of
St Patricks Council 9993:

It is my privilege to extend fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Supreme Council on your 25th Anniversary. My fellow Supreme Officers and Directors join me in congratulating you on your 25 years of service to the Catholic Church and your community.

When Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, our revered founder, launched the Knights of Columbus 132 years ago, his hope was that Catholic laymen coming together in a common cause could help the Church locally, promote Catholic family life and lend assistance to the less-fortunate in the community. Through such actions not only would the direct recipients of our charity benefit, but the fraternity of Catholic Knighthood would be strengthened. Your council and the thousands of others throughout North America, Mexico, the Philippines, the Caribbean and Europe are evidence of the clarity of Father McGivney's vision.

That vision is something that must remain bold and meaningful today. On this anniversary, I ask that you re-dedicate yourselves and your families to the teachings of our faith and the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism held so dear by our founders, and especially those who founded your council 25 years ago.

With my personal best wishes and warm regards, I am

Fraternally and sincerely,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Recognizing 25 years of Service
to the principles of:

Charity

Unity

Fraternity

Patriotism

CAA/jr



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Silver Anniversary
Certificate

AWARDED TO

St Patricks
Council 9993

in grateful recognition of 25 years
of service to our Order's principles of Charity, Unity,
Fraternity and Patriotism on behalf of Holy Mother Church,
our country and fellowman.

SUPREME KNIGHT

2/1/2014
DATE



ASSEMBLY 3049 HAPPENINGS



Knights of Columbus
F O U R T H
D E G R E E
Patriotic degree of the Order.

St. Patrick Council 9993

- ♣ March 30, 2014
- ♣ June 29, 1914

Falcon Council

- April 27, 2014 - Falcon
- May 25, 2014 - Calhan

CORPORATE COMMUNION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Masses are at 7:45 AM with 7:15 AM Showtime.

Falcon Masses are at 8:30 am with 8:00 Showtime; Calhan Masses are at 10:30 am with a 10:00 Showtime

Fr. Mike's Ponderings

Turn away from sin and return to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

This is one of the formula prayers we use at the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. What do you suppose it means? Following is my understanding.

When we go to the sacrament of reconciliation we ask for forgiveness of our sinfulness and selfishness. In return for having offended God we want to make retribution by becoming more selfless and less selfish. When we become more selfless we become more and more imitators of Christ.

During this forthcoming Lenten season may I suggest you read more of what Pope Francis is saying on a daily basis. I can assure you that his daily message will be on the subject of selflessness. May his comments encourage you to do more selfless acts on a daily basis. In that case I can assure you that your Lent will be a more joyous season that it is supposed to be. Be a light in a world of darkness.

Padre Mike






*Discover a World of Good Things
 in the Knights of Columbus*



KofC Council # 9993 Monthly Planner



March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
	2	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7 Forty Days for Life (St Pats)
				Parish Lenten Mission		8 Men's Breakfast - 7:30 am Bonzell Hall
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins Forty Days for Life (K of C)	10	11	12 Business Meeting - 6:30 PM	13	14 Forty Days for Life (St Pats)	15 St Patrick Day Parade
16 Forty Days for Life (K of C)	17 Chapter Meeting 7 PM - St Mary's St. Patrick's Day	18	19 4th Degree - 7 PM Solemnity of Saint Joseph	20	21  Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross Forty Days for Life (St Pats)	22 State Audit hosted by Council 9993
23  Council Open House [3:30 to 5PM] Forty Days for Life (K of C)	24	25 Annunciation of the Lord	26 Bus & Social Meeting - 6:30 PM Ladies Auxiliary MTG & Social - 6:30 PM	27	28 Forty Days for Life (St Pats)	29 2d & 3rd Degree Arvada Founders Day - Honor Venerable Michael J. McGivney
30 Corporate Communion 7:45 am Mass Forty Days for Life (K of C)	31 3rd Degree Exemption Host by our Council					



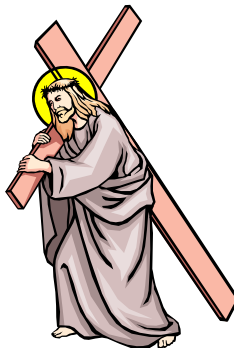
KofC Council # 9993 Monthly Planner

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fool's Day	2 Officers MTG - 6:30 PM	3	4 Forty Days for Life (St Pats)	5
6 Forty Days for Life (K of C) Newcomers Pancake Breakfast	7	8	9 Business Meeting - 6:30 PM	10	11  Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross Forty Days for Life (St Pats)	12 Men's Breakfast - 7:30 am Bonzell Hall
13 Forty Days for Life (K of C) Palm Sunday	14	15	16 4th Degree - 7 PM	17	18 Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Good Friday	19
20 Easter 	21 Please plan to help park cars for the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Easter Masses. Look for contact info in the newsletter.	22	23 Bus & Social Meeting - 6:30 PM Ladies Auxiliary MTG & Social - 6:30 PM	24	25 Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist	26
27	28	29	30			

SAINT PATRICK
COUNCIL 9993

“Repent and Believe in the Gospel”



KNIGHT'S KNEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 9993

6455 Brook Park Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80918

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED