

## THE HISTORY OF COUNCIL 12567

In September 1999, a Light of the World (LOTW) parishioner, Frank Humpherys, who was a member of the Knights of Columbus, was approached by the State Council Development team about the possibility of creating a new Knights council at LOTW. Frank had previously approached a number of different pastors regarding starting a K of C council but had been turned down because they did not see “a need for a Knights council”.

Frank invited Father Jerry Rohr to lunch for the express purpose of discussing starting a new council. Fr. Jerry was very familiar with one Knight’s activity, Coffee House, because he attended most of their sessions as the presiding Priest. They discussed Fr. Jerry’s concerns about potential conflicts with existing parish groups and he was assured that it would not be a problem because of the large scope of Knights activities. Father Jerry gave his blessing to form a new council at LOTW and the Colorado State New Council Development team was contacted and a membership drive initiated. Frank Humpherys spoke at all Masses in early October 1999 and a sufficient number (the minimum is 30) of new members, transfers, and reactivations were recruited to make a new council feasible.

At the first meeting, the name “Father Francis Syrianey” was adopted for the new Council. Father Francis Syrianey had been the original pastor at LOTW and had been a member of the Knights of Columbus. Although the council decided on a charter date of January 1, 2000, the paperwork was received by the Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. on October 29, 1999, thus establishing the charter date for Council 12567.

Within two months, the Council membership grew from 30 to 50+. It has continued to grow each year and now has over 200 members. The first full year of Council activity resulted in 12567 being named the number eight council within the state of Colorado. In each subsequent year, 12567 has always been among the top 20 Councils. Father Francis Syrianey Council was named the number one Council three times within the first 10 years of its existence.

Due to his efforts in organizing the new council, Frank Humpherys was elected as the Grand Knight and thus became the Charter Grand Knight of Father Francis Syrianey Council 12567 of the Knights of Columbus. The charter members of the Council are listed on the Charter.