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Charity

Charity is preparing the way for the Lord. (*Knights to Christ June 24th entry*)

And you, Child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. (Luke 1:76)

Children's Hospital Blood Drive



The blood drive for Children's Hospital scheduled for June 12, 2015 had to be cancelled due to mechanical problems with the Children's Hospital Blood Mobile. It has been rescheduled for July 10. Contact Chairman Frank Seagren to donate: frankronnie@msn.com, or 303-979-2175.

Rummage Sale, Furniture Moving

Thanks to Joe Snow, Mike McBride, Dan Fessler and other Knights who worked at the parish rummage sale on June 6. Approximately \$175.00 was raised for the parish.

Also, thanks to the strong backs from our Council that helped move furniture in the parish office on June 22 and 23 to facilitate the replacement of carpet.

Culture of Life

According to the Supreme Council, the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative has enabled the purchase of 268 ultrasound machines in the United States and Canada, with a total value of more than 14.2 million dollars. It is, without a doubt, the most effective pro-life program undertaken by the Knights of Columbus.

The program saves lives each day. When each woman is able to see an image of her unborn child, we turn the tide of public opinion. Our council continues to support this initiative through the Run for Life 5K. We Knights seek nothing less than the transformation of our culture into a new culture of life.

Unity

Unity is a cornerstone. (*Knights to Christ June 4th entry*)

Did you never read in the Scriptures "The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone; this came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes?" (Matthew 21:42)

Council Awards

Pictured below are Deris Wolff (left) receiving his Family of the Month award for May and Mike McBride (right) receiving his Knight of the Month award from GK Dan Fessler at the May 26 business meeting.



(photo From Luis Naegele)

Parish Appreciation Breakfast

Thanks to the many Knights who donated their time on Fathers' Day and made the parish appreciation breakfast on June 21 such a resounding success. About 400 parishioners were served a great breakfast.

Pledge of Allegiance

The phrase "under God" was officially incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, by a joint resolution of Congress amending § 4 of the Flag Code, adopted in 1942.

On October 6, 1954, the National Executive Council of the American Legion, adopted a resolution, first approved by the Illinois American Legion Convention in August 1954, which formally recognized the Knights of Columbus for having initiated and brought forward the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Unity (cont.)

New Knights

Our Council added eight new members in June. These six men took their First Degree on Tuesday June 9:

- Zach Garfias
- Kurt Connolly
- Pat Alarid
- Pat Garrison
- Gerry Toomer
- Steve Kossik

These two men took their First Degree on Thursday June 11:

- Bill Mele
- Matt Candrian

Welcome them when you see them at Mass or Council events.

Officer Installation

District Deputy Paul Patricca presided over the installation ceremony of officers for the fraternal year 2015-16 on June 16, prior to a Council social. The new officers are:

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| Grand Knight | Derek Landreville |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Orlando Adelman |
| Chaplain | Fr. Michael Pavlakovich |
| Financial Secretary | Rick Bentrup |
| Lecturer | Rich Schick |
| Chancellor | John Bullock |
| Warden | Frank Seagren |
| Treasurer | Richard Harig |
| Recorder | Mike Worley |
| Advocate | Joe Snow |
| Inside Guard | Ted Hand |
| Outside Guards | Mike McBride |
| | Matt Traver |
| Trustees | Dan Fessler |
| | Bill Telesco |
| | Rudy Ramirez |

Western Welcome Week

Our Council will participate in Western Welcome Week in downtown Littleton on August 15, 2015. Many will remember we sold cotton candy during the Grand Parade at this event for many years.

Patriotism (cont.)

Flag Day (cont.)

The organization founded a magazine, *American Standard*, in order to promote reverence for American emblems. Cigrand was appointed editor-in-chief and wrote articles in the magazine as well as in other magazines and newspapers to promote the holiday.

On the third Saturday in June 1894, a public school children's celebration of Flag Day took place in Chicago at Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks. More than 300,000 children participated, and the celebration was repeated the next year.

Cigrand became president of the American Flag Day Association and later of the National Flag Day Society, which allowed him to promote his cause with organizational backing. Cigrand once noted he had given 2,188 speeches on patriotism and the flag.

Cigrand generally is credited with being the "Father of Flag Day," with the *Chicago Tribune* noting that he "almost singlehandedly" established the holiday.



Bernard Cigrand



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Fraternity

Fraternity is relishing the brotherhood of the men. (*Knights to Christ* June 9th entry)

(Some soldiers heard David say he'd love a drink of water from a certain well. They sneaked through the enemy's lines,) drew some water from the well, and brought it back to David. (Chronicles 11:18)

Upcoming Events

July 4-5	Community Sunday
July 10	Children's Hospital blood drive
July 10-12	Organizational meeting (Doubletree Hotel—Orchard Road)
July 13	Council audit (tentative)
July 14	Council social meeting
July 18	Food Bank of the Rockies
July 22	Officers' meeting
July 28	Council Business meeting
August 15	Western Welcome Week

Major Degrees

The first ritual handbook of our Order was published in 1885. It listed only the principles of Charity and Unity. Supreme Knight James T. Mullen and primary ritual author Daniel Colwell thought the initiation ceremony should be held in three sections in accord with the "Trinity of Virtues", Charity, Unity and Brotherly Love. Consequently, Fraternity was officially adopted in 1891. Supreme Knight Mullen had long proposed a patriotic degree with its own symbolic dress. The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree took place at the Lenox Lyceum in New York City on February 22, 1900. The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors officially adopted the Fourth Degree in 1903.

Date: July 18, 2015 (Combined) 10:00 AM
 Council: Council 10122 – Aurora
 Location: Queen of Peace Church
 13120 E. Kentucky Ave Aurora, CO 80012
 Contact: Bill Riedel
wjriedel@aol.com / 303-5671-6865

Date: August 19, 2015 (Combined) 10:00 AM
 Council: John P. McManamen
 Location: Christ the King Church
 4921 Evergreen Parkway
 Evergreen, CO 80439

(More details to follow)

Patriotism

Patriotism is remembering our forefathers founded our nation based on principles from God. (*Knights to Christ* June 20th entry)

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

4th Degree Exemplification

All council 3rd Degree members are strongly encouraged to take their 4th Degree as soon as possible. Here are an opportunity:

Date: August 15, 2015
 Assembly: 2418 – Charles Fedler Sr.
 Location: St. Mary's Location:
 St. Mary's Drive
 Montrose, CO 81401
 Contact: Larry Neil 970-825-4808, 970-825-4808 / Miner7637@yahoo.com

Flag Day



Working as a grade school teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, in 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand (see page 1a) held the first recognized formal observance of Flag Day at the Stony Hill School. The school has been restored, and a bust of Cigrand also honors him at the National Flag Day Americanism Center in Waubeka.

From the late 1880s on, Cigrand spoke around the country promoting patriotism, respect for the flag, and the need for the annual observance of a flag day on June 14, the day in 1777 that the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes.

He moved to Chicago to attend dental school and, in June 1886, first publicly proposed an annual observance of the birth of the United States flag in an article titled "The Fourteenth of June," published in the Chicago *Argus* newspaper. In June 1888, Cigrand advocated establishing the holiday in a speech before the "Sons of America," a Chicago group. (continued on page 1a).