



**Fr. Francis Syrianey Council #12567  
December 2014 Newsletter**

**Charity**

Charity is the Good Shepherd. (*Knights to Christ* December 2<sup>nd</sup> entry)

*I am the good shepherd who is willing to die for the sheep. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. (John 10:1, 14-18)*

**Council and Charity Events**

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the Thanksgiving Food Box collection on November 22 and 23, the Light the Way to Christmas dinner on November 29 and the Carron Coffee House Christmas Party on December 19. Also, thanks to the donors for the Children's Hospital Blood Drive on December 12. Finally, the LOW Respect Life Committee is asking for newborn diapers, supplies, receiving blankets and clothes for Samaritan Sunday on January 17-18.

**Council Christmas Party**

On December 9, approximately 100 Knights and family attended the council Christmas Party at GI Jodi's. Attendees included Brother Deris Wolff (below) who delivered a lecture on the evils of e-cigarettes.



**Unity**

Unity is journeying to Christ anyway. (*Knights to Christ* December 3<sup>rd</sup> entry)

*Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. (Philippians 2:2)*

**Council Awards**

At the October 28 business meeting, Jose Lucero was honored as the Knight of the Month. At the November 18 business meeting, Al Finken was named Knight of the Month.

**Guadalupe Dinner**

Thanks to the many Knights and family members who helped clean tables and chairs on December 12 and assisted in the preparation for the Guadalupe Dinner held the following night (see below). Among those present were noted food critics Derek Landreville and Bob Kreger (below) and Head Chef Luis Naegele (page two).





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**Fraternity**

Fraternity is His life in us. (*Knights to Christ* December 18<sup>th</sup> entry)

*I have been crucified with Christ and no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)*



**Upcoming Events**

- January 1 Solemnity of Mary
- January 3, 4 Community Sunday
- January 9 Carron Coffee House
- January 9-11 Mid-Year Organizational Meeting  
(Colorado Springs - Colorado Springs Marriott - 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs)
- January 11 New Church gathering
- January 13 Council social meeting
- January 17 Food Bank of the Rockies
- January 17, 18 Samaritan Sunday
- January 18 Council breakfast
- January 21 Council officers' meeting
- January 23 Carron Coffee House
- January 27 Council business meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- April 10 Parish Bingo Night

**Major Degrees**

First Degree members are encouraged to make their major degrees as soon as possible. Here are some opportunities to take your major degrees:

- When:** Saturday, Jan 24, 2015
- Where:** St. Augustine Catholic Church (Parish Life Center) - 178 S. 6th Ave. Brighton CO 80601
- Contact:** Keith Iverson [ivcat1@msn.com](mailto:ivcat1@msn.com)

**Patriotism**

Patriotism is Duty, Honor, Country. (*Knights to Christ* December 5<sup>th</sup> entry)

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as his very own. (Psalm 33:12)*

General Douglas MacArthur (below) was a great American patriot who received the Medal of Honor for his service in the Philippines and on the Bataan Peninsula. He fought in three wars and attained the rank of General of the Army. He said that, while proud of being a soldier, he was infinitely more proud to be a father.

The December 5<sup>th</sup> entry in the *Knights to Christ* book contains an excerpt from an address he delivered to the cadets at West Point on May 12, 1962:

Duty, Honor, Country. These three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points, to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith. . . They mold you for future roles as the custodians of the nation's defense. . . They teach you to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. . . They teach you in this way to be an officer and a gentleman.

Every cadet entering the military academy receives a copy of the General's address in its entirety.

