



**Fr. Francis Syrianey Council #12567
March 2015 Newsletter**

Charity

Charity is giving us this day our daily bread. (*Knights to Christ* March 22nd entry)

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry." (John 6:35)

Swimming in the Sun

Fr. Albert Haase is a Franciscan priest and author. The entry for March 22 in the *Knights to Christ* book references his book *Swimming in the Sun*. Fr. Haase reflects in his book on the sacrifices made by Catholics interred in Barracks 26 of the Dachau concentration camp during WWII. To celebrate the Eucharist, each day a prisoner had to give up his daily ration of bread, making our sacrifices during Lent and throughout the year not seem so harsh.

Children's Hospital Blood Drive



A total of 22 units of blood were collected at the March 13 blood drive for Children's Hospital. Blood drives will be held on June 12, September 11 and December 11, 2015. Contact Chairman Frank Seagren to donate: frankronnie@msn.com, or 303-979-2175.

Denver Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen

At the March 10 social meeting, former LOTW staff member Ken Whiteacre (see page 1a) spoke about his involvement with the Denver Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen. The following are excerpts from his presentation:

After I retired from LOTW in October 2012, I got invited by a friend to participate in the Denver Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen. This organization was founded by Dorothy Day in New York in 1933 and it is nationwide. Everyone involved in the Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen is a volunteer, from the delivery people, those preparing the food, servers, the Board of Directors...Everyone! NO one is paid!

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Unity

Unity is wishing emeralds were peanuts. (*Knights to Christ* March 5th entry)

These three remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Council Officers 2015-16

The council nominating committee, Jesse Taitano, Luis Naegele, Rudy Ramirez and Bill Telesco is now considering a slate of officers for the next fraternal year to be proposed and published at the April business meeting. Floor nominations and an election will take place at the May business meeting. Contact the committee for more information.

Council Awards

At the March 24 business meeting, Family Director John Eiler announced the Antonio Ventura family was honored as the March Family of the Month (see top photo below with DGK Derek Landreville). Also, the DGK, on behalf of Council Director Matt Traver, announced that Rod Evers was honored as Knight of the Month (bottom photo). Thanks to Tony and Rod, as well as Luis Naegele for the photos.





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Charity (cont.)

Funding comes from various churches (including LOTW) and other organization around Denver. I had no idea what this was all about, but I thought that this would be a good use of my retired time.

The first time that I participated, this is what I found. The first group of volunteers arrived at the Denver Inner City Parish at 1212 Mariposa around 9:00 am and stayed until about noon. Several other volunteers have already dropped off unsold vegetables, fruits and pastries from places like Starbucks, Sprouts, King Soopers, and Safeway. Also, meat is brought from the Food Bank of the Rockies or donated from some other source. A cook begins to prepare 45 gallons of soup from the donations, while the majority of volunteers prepare a green salad and a fruit salad. At 1:30 pm, a second group of volunteers transport the food down to the St. Francis Center on Curtis Street. A third group of volunteers set up the serving line at the center and, around 3:00 pm, they begin serving some 400 homeless Denver residents. By 4:30 pm, they are finished serving the guests at the St. Francis Center. If there are any leftovers, they are sent to New Genesis Shelter for Men.

On the second Friday of each month, the Soup Kitchen receives a donation of very good chili. . . If there is a large donation of produce, some of it is frozen and the rest is donated to The Dolores Project, the Denver Inner City Parish food bank and/or the Denver Rescue Mission. The Soup Kitchen operates every Wednesday and Friday during the year (with the exception of the day after Thanksgiving).

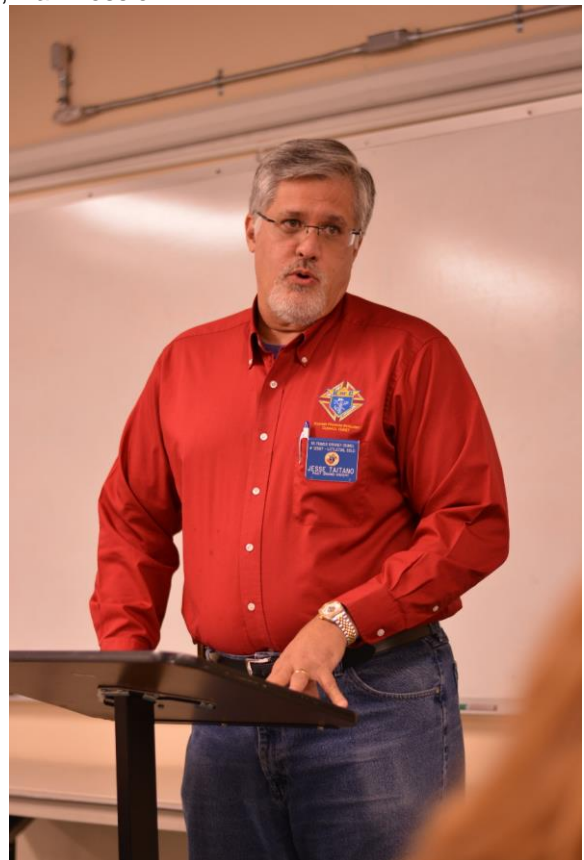
(Note: Catholic Worker movement founder Dorothy Day was recognized by *Time* magazine as one of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century.)



Unity (cont.)

Social Meeting

At the March 10 council social meeting, PGK Jesse Taitano (below) gave a presentation on the duties of council officers and a description of the various colors for the 4th Degree Honor Guard. See also our Worthy GK, Dan Fessler.





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Fraternity

Fraternity is sharing your gift with others. (*Knights to Christ March 3rd entry*)

Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully! (Matthew 5:6)

Upcoming Events

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| April 2-5 | Easter Triduum |
| April 4 | Highway cleanup |
| April 10 | Carron Coffee House (41 st anniversary commemorated) |
| April 11-12 | Community Sunday |
| April 14 | Council social meeting |
| April 17 | Carron Coffee House |
| April 18 | Food Bank of the Rockies |
| April 19 | Parish Breakfast |
| April 22 | Officers' meeting |
| April 23-26 | K of C State Convention |
| April 28 | Council business meeting |
| May 12 | Membership Dinner |
| June 27 | Culture of Life 5K Run |

Free Throw Contest

Our council participated in a free throw contest on March 7 at Lilley Gulch Rec Center. Cashel Dugger, Cole Ehlinger and Gabriel Dewicki (below) participated, with Gabriel winning the contest. He is eligible to move on to the district contest. (Photo from Joe Snow.)



133rd Anniversary

March 29 is the 133rd anniversary of the chartering of our great Order.

Patriotism

Patriotism is a young man who serves his country. (*Knights to Christ March 21st entry*)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24)

4th Degree Exemplifications

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

Date: May 17, 2015
 Assembly: 96 – Holy Family Assembly: Location: St. Dominic
 331 Main Street, Colorado Springs, CO
 Contact: James Moore:
 719-390-4713 /
 cokerbears@msn.com

Date: June 6, 2015
 Assembly: 2813 - Padre Pio Assembly
 Location: St. Francis Cabrini
 6673 West Chatfield, Littleton, CO 80128
 Contact: Donald Ferega
 303-985-0011 /
 donflwco@com

Flag Retirement

Local assemblies will participate in a flag retirement on Saturday June 13, 2015. This is an appropriate way to dispose of old and tattered American flags. Details will follow soon.

