



## Fr. Francis Syrianey Council #12567 December 2015 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 21 and 22, the Light the Way to Christmas dinner on November 28 and the council Christmas Party on December 4.

### Children's Hospital Blood Drive



**The Children's Hospital**

Brother Frank Seagren chaired a council blood drive to benefit Children's Hospital on December 18, 2015. All 32 appointments were filled with donors.

Frank has secured these dates for 2016 blood drives: March 11, June 10, September 9 and December 9.

### Fraternal Survey

All council members are reminded that it is time to consider volunteer hours you have given to our council, parish and community this past year. The tabulation of these hours is important to our Order as they help us maintain our non-profit status.

### 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

The December business meeting scheduled for December 15 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next award presentations will occur at the January business meeting on January 26.

### Guadalupe Dinner

Thanks to the many Knights and family members who helped with the Guadalupe Dinner held on December 12.

### Keep Christ in Christmas



To combat the secularization of Christmas in our society, especially for children, Supreme established the "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiative many years ago. A poster contest and other activities were encouraged. Public service announcements were produced and are available from Supreme for distribution to radio and television stations.

Our council has participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" effort for a number of years. We have used signs and banners outside the church, sold Christmas cards with religious themes and distributed Christmas pins and Advent cards.



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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)*

**Council Social Meeting**

Lecturer Rich Schick is pleased to announce that representatives of Samaritan House will speak at the council social on January 12. Samaritan House is one of the services provided by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Denver. Catholic Charities has served northern Colorado since 1927.

Samaritan House's origins go back to a cold winter night in 1981, when Fr. C.B. "Woody" Woodrich opened up Holy Ghost Church in downtown Denver to the homeless. He expected about a dozen people to sleep in the church; 200 showed up for shelter.

The efforts of Fr. Woody, Msgr. James Rasby and Archbishop James Casey led to the original Samaritan Shelter opening in the fall of 1982. Capuchin Fr. Bill Kraus was the first Director. The current Samaritan House building at 2301 Lawrence St. opened in November 1986.

**Upcoming Events**

January 1	Solemnity of Mary
January 2, 3	Community Sunday
January 8	Carron Coffee House
January 12	Council social meeting
January 17	Parish breakfast
January 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree
January 22	Carron Coffee House
January 26	Council business meeting,

**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 30, 2016  
**Where:** St. Augustine Catholic Church (New Life Center) - 675 E. Egbert St., Brighton CO 80601  
**Contact:** Jim Albany 303-287-9332  
[jmsalbany@gmail.com](mailto:jmsalbany@gmail.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)*

**Wreaths Across America**



On December 12, several knights from our council and Assembly #3300 participated in placing wreaths on the graves of deceased veterans at a number of locations, including Ft. Logan and Mount Olivet cemeteries. Brother Knights participating were: Bob Kreger, Rudy Ramirez, Frank Humpherys, Lanny Adelman, Deris Wolff, Al Nemes, Ted Hand, Mo Michel, Ken Vigil, David Resendez, David Averill, George Wathen, Tony Ventura and Don Miller.

Also, some family members participated. For more information on Wreaths Across America, see our November newsletter and the Wreaths Across America website at:

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/)

**Patriotic Degree**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members are encouraged to participate in a Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree exemplification as soon as possible. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

**When:** February 27, 2016  
**Where:** Assembly #1966,  
 Nativity of Our Lord  
 900 W. Midway Pkwy., Broomfield, CO

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**When:** June 25, 2016 (tentative)  
**Where:** Assembly #2813 (Padre Pio)  
 St. Frances Cabrini Church  
 6673 W. Chatfield Ave., Littleton, CO 80128

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