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### Charity

Charity is helping the least of us. (*Knights to Christ* November 18<sup>th</sup> entry)

*Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me. (Matthew 25:45)*

### Children's Hospital Blood Drive



The next blood drive for Children's Hospital is scheduled for December 18, 2015. Contact Chairman Frank Seagren to donate: [frankronnie@msn.com](mailto:frankronnie@msn.com), or 303-979-2175.

### Highway Cleanup

Brother Rick Brentrup and his merry band of highwaymen cleaned our council's stretch of Bowles and Kipling streets on November 14. They removed 14 bags of refuse and made our part of the world a nicer place to live. Thanks to all who helped on this worthy project. Rick said the next cleanup will be scheduled in the spring.

### Pennies from Heaven

Perhaps many knights in our council have noticed the piggy bank on the back table of our meeting rooms and never knew the purpose of the bank. Coins placed in the bank go to Colorado State Charities and are primarily used to assist priests and seminarians. The Supreme website further explains the program:

*Pennies for Heaven* is a popular program with Knights throughout the Order. In Alberta, Pennies for Heaven dates back to 1974. . . Our Pennies for Heaven program was begun in 1991," said Ohio State Deputy Roland F. Bator. Each diocesan vocations director receives the amount donated by councils in his diocese. . . But as in many jurisdictions, large and small, Pennies for Heaven is part of a wider vocations initiative.

The next time you see the piggy bank, remember to contribute change to *Pennies from Heaven*.

### Unity

Unity is living in harmony. (*Knights to Christ* November 23<sup>rd</sup> entry)

*Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (Romans 12:16-18)*

### Council Awards

At the November 17, 2015 business meeting, Grand Knight Jesse Taitano announced the November Family of the Month was awarded to the Joe Francis family for their service to the council and parish.

Council Director Matt Traver announced that John Bullock was the Knight of the Month for November. John has been very active in council and parish events, including recently stepping in as acting Grand Knight.

State Knight of the Month Chairman, George Strangan, announced that our own brother knight, Paul Patricca, had been named the September State of Colorado Knight of the Month.

### Mid-Year Meeting



The Mid-Year meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Convention Center (I-70 and Chambers Rd.) on December 11-13. Our own 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team will be there on December 11 initiating new members into our Order. On December 12, there will be a Christmas party. All knights and their families, including children, are welcome to attend the Christmas party. Our District Deputy, Frank McGinley, encourages all knights to attend the Mid-Year meeting, especially officers who were unable to attend the July organizational meeting.



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**Fraternity**

Fraternity is walking together toward the Father.  
(*Knights to Christ* November 17<sup>th</sup> entry)

*My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*  
(*Psalms 63:9*)

**Upcoming Events**

- December 4 Council Christmas Party
- December 4 Carron Coffee House
- December 5, 6 Community Sunday
- December 6 Installation Mass for Fr. Ron Cattany (at Cathedral)
- December 9 Officers' meeting (at Deacon Mark Wolbach's)
- December 11 Carron Coffee House (Christmas Party)
- December 11-13 Mid-Year meeting (Crowne Plaza)
- December 12 Wreaths Across America
- December 12 Guadalupe dinner
- December 15 Council Business meeting
- December 18 Children's Hospital blood drive
- December 25 Christmas Day (holy day)
- January 1 New Year's Day (holy day)

**Wreaths Across America**

Our mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. We also organize a week of events including international veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia where we stop along the way to spread our message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. (From *Wreaths Across America* website.)



**Patriotism**

Patriotism is concern for our fighting men. (*Knights to Christ* November 14<sup>th</sup> entry)

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.* (2 *Timothy* 4:7)

**Thanksgiving**

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. Pilgrims and Puritans who began emigrating from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England.

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. Thanksgiving in the United States was observed on various dates throughout history. From the time of the Founding Fathers until the time of Lincoln, the date Thanksgiving was observed varied from state to state. Thanksgiving was first celebrated on the same date by all states in 1863 by a presidential proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln proclaimed the date to be the final Thursday in November in an attempt to foster a sense of American unity between the Northern and Southern states. Because of the ongoing Civil War and the Confederate States of America's refusal to recognize Lincoln's authority, a nationwide Thanksgiving date was not realized until Reconstruction was completed in the 1870s. On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday.

Below is Norman Rockwell's "Freedom from Want", depicting a Thanksgiving dinner, which appeared on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1943.

