

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



**Mount St. Francis Council #12228  
Knights of Columbus  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

### Brother Knights,

January was a busy and productive month for the Council. Five members of the Council attended the State Mid-year meetings in Loveland, CO. This was a very informative session.

Key Point From the Meeting Include:

1. The Knights of Columbus - Supreme Council- is conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

The membership campaign incentives are as follows:

- Recruit at least 1 new member per month and receive a Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month.
- Recruit a minimum of 4 new members and receive a large specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a stand for display.
- When a council recruits a minimum of 6 new members during the "Be Not Afraid" Membership Campaign their Council Chaplain will receive a specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with display stand.

2. At the Mid-Year meeting the State K of C received a donation of a monstrance. The monstrance requires some refurbishment before it can be used for Adoration. During the chapter meeting, there



was a request for donations to the State Charities for the purpose of refurbishing the State Monstrance. We will discuss this project at our next meeting.

3. There is a New "Surge With Service" Award. Every Council that completes and submits the required forms will win. There are 4 Supreme Forms, 6 Service Program Reports, 3 Membership Program Reports required. This award will replace "Top 25%" Award. They will also use a new point calculation. The Goal to put emphasis on Council participation and State Focus Areas: 46% Service, 32% Membership, 22% Admin. Some previous awards were deleted: Pennies From Heaven, Mentally Handicapped, Council Newsletter, and the Top 25% award.

Program Reports are: 1. Church Focus Areas include: Vocations, Marion Hour of Prayer, Keep Christ in Christmas, and the Knights to Christ Booklet. 2. Community Focus Areas include: Mentally Handicapped, Special Olympics, Food for Families, and Coats for Kids. 3. Council Focus Areas include: Knight of the Month/Year, Council Newsletter, Pennies From Heaven, and Knights of Columbus State Retreat. 4. Youth Focus Areas include: Free Throw Contest, Soccer Challenge, Essay Contest and Poster Contest. 5. Family Focus Areas include: Family of the Month/Year, Family Game Night, and the Perpetual Memorial Society. And 6. Pro-Life Focus Areas include: Ultrasound Initiative, Culture of Life, and Pro-Life Family of the Year.

**If you see a program above that interest you please contact the DGK Al Batey, Program Chairman Bob Gualtieri, the program chair or me.**

We will conduct a 1st Degree on 26 January, there are three candidates. If all three attend that will give us nine new members for the year.

I have been in contact with the Saint Francis Men's Club and they are going to join with us to host a Saint Patrick's Dinner on 17th of March. Mike's Mashers will be the cooking team for this event. Also on the 16th and 17th we need a team of Knights to help with the carpet removal and new floor project in the Padre Pio Building. We will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting for this project.

We currently have 31 members who are 4th Degree Knights. If you are interested in advancing to the 4th Degree please contact me or one of our 4th Degree Knights.

*Vivat Jesus*  
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 Robert Knapp  
 Grand Knight Council 12228  
 Faithfull Admiral Assembly 88  
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### THERESA'S TID BITS

**Dear Ladies,**

Thanks to those of you who contributed snacks for the January meeting, we were really entertained by Vic and Earnest! You just never know what's going to happen at these gatherings, so if you haven't joined us or it's been awhile since you have been to a meeting please consider coming. This month though we will be having **Ladies Night Out**, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm dinner meeting at TGIF, area 25. We hope you can make it. We will be deciding what to do for the Mt. Saint Francis Nursing home this spring/Easter. Please RSVP if you plan on attending, email or call 622-6028. We really appreciate Lisa

Kita for volunteering to be Sherry Fernandez's financial back up person. This is a job Sherry has done for well over 12 years now, Sherry you are awesome and we are grateful for your faithful service. Thank you for the prayers for Lee and Terry, they are both recovering well. Also, Cindy Tennis is recovering from her eye surgery. Just a reminder, Lisa K., Sharon H., & Margaret B. signed up to have snacks delivered for the next KoC meeting, thanks. Happy Valentine's Day!

Blessings,  
 Theresa Knapp

### 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS

PETER AIELLO	VICTOR FERNANDEZ	JOHN KLACZKIEWICZ	RICHARD OLSON
ALAN BATEY	LAURENCE GARRETT	ROBERT KNAPP	JORGE PEREZ
ROBERT BIGGERS	JOSE GONZALEZ-	ROBERT KNAPP	DAVID PHILLIPS
WILLIAM CAMPBELL	PADRON	JOSEPH KOVARIK	MORTON SIMS
ERNEST CUSHING	LAWRENCE GRAY	RICHARD KUBICKO	PHILLIP SOSALLA
CHARLES CZARNIECKI	WAYNE HEILMAN	PAUL LEWIS	SCOTT TOUNEY
THOMAS EICK	JOHN HEYNE	JOSEPH MURPHY	IVAN YOWELL
DOUGLAS EVANS	ROBERT KITA	HUBERT NETHERCOT	EUGENE ZIMMER

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Sir Knight Al Batey was selected as Council 12228's December Knight of the Month. He is a member of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Colorado Springs. Al is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member of Assembly 0088. He is has been our Council's Membership Director for 3 years and currently serves as Deputy Grand Knight. He joined the Order in 2005. Al is a bundle of organized energy in the middle of things all over town. He is one of the principle organizers of the Hungry Heroes Program that greets every plane of returning soldiers from the desert. Al pitches in on "an on-call" basis to help our three cooking teams for pancake breakfasts and Lenten Fish Dinners. He also is a volunteer leader for the after mass refreshment after the 10:30 Mass. During December Al assumed the responsibilities for execution of the Council Christmas party when the primary coordinator had to withdraw. To keep in shape Al worked on the firewood project. Finally he was the head traffic cop for the Knights efforts to assist in parking cars at the Christmas Eve Mass.

By his personal commitment and initiative, Sir Knight Al Batey demonstrated his leadership abilities, commitment, and dedication to his Council. He eminently deserves the title "Knight of the Month" for December 2011.

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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Robert Kita family was selected as Council 12228's December Family of the Month. Brother Sir Knight Bob is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member, Bob and his wife Lisa are members of St Francis of Assisi Parish in Colorado Springs, and attend the Sunday 10:30am mass. Lisa volunteers as a money counter after Sundays collections.

Bob and Lisa assisted a team of a dozen people in the set-up and decoration of the the Saint Francis Hall for the Council's annual Council "Pot Luck" Christmas Party. This was the first year that the Saint Francis Hall was used as the venue. Their efforts were rewarded with an evening of great food, Christmas Carol singing, and fellowship. But it did not end there Bob and Lisa stayed after and helped with the clean-up. The next weekend saw Bob in action with his brother Knights split firewood.

By their willing leadership, they demonstrated Charity toward their fellow Knights, their willing Unity to organize and support council events, and Fraternity with fellow Knights and their families to insure a successful Christmas event and a winter's worth of firewood for Sister Chris. The Robert Kita family is most worthy of being named the "Family of the Month" for December 2011.

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## SECURING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

In today's day and age many of us are concerned about the legacy left behind for our children. We worry about safety and security for our children, and building a good financial future for them. With the ever turbulent market these days, it is hard for us to find that safety.

As Knights of Columbus we are given unique opportunities to safe guard that future. Our insurance program not only protects against the tragedy of loss, but it helps to build a secure future for our children. Many of us, including myself, never thought of using the power of the Knights of Columbus Whole Life Insurance to build a secure future for our children.

Knights of Columbus plans offer terrific cash accumulation values to help supplement cost of likely future expenses, such as the purchase of a home, a

wedding, or help offset college costs. In addition to the offset of these expenses, they offer excellent cash values in time for their retirement.

I am committed to every brother Knight and their family as if they were my own. Let me take the time to help you plan.

Sincerely,

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## Celebrating Birthdays in February

JOSE	GONZALEZ-PADRON	February-04	LESLIE	HAMBLIN	February-10
SCOTT	TOUNEY	February-06	DAVID	GOLAS	February-12
ALAN	BATEY	February-07	AARON	SIMS	February-16
ANTHONY	RAGO	February-07	MIKE	ZAHAROFF	February-19
DAN	SCHAEFER	February-09	RICHARD	KUBICKO	February-28

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 26 January	1st Degree and Officers Meeting 7:00PM at the Church
Saturday, 28 January	Spaghetti Dinner after the 5:00PM Mass
Thursday, 2 February	Monthly Meeting 7:00PM
Wednesday, 22 February	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, 23 February	1st Degree and Officers Meeting 7:00PM
Friday, 24 February	Fish Dinner @ 5:00PM followed by Stations of the Cross
Thursday, 1 March	Monthly Meeting 7:00PM
Friday, 2 March	Fish Dinner @ 5:00PM followed by Stations of the Cross

### COUNCIL #12228 OFFICERS

Grand Knight - Robert Knapp	622-6028
Deputy G K - Al Batey	532-0532
Chancellor – Ernest Cushing	246-7122
Advocate – TBA	
Recorder - Tim Mishkofski	522-0523
Treasurer – Joe Murphy	265-5058
Warden – Bob Gualtieri	302-5159
Inside Guard – Joe Shonka	266-9069
Outside Guard – Aaron Sims	260-8524
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee - Charlie Czarniecki	266-0776
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – Scott Lewis	593-7090
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee - Van Sims	260-8524
Financial Secretary – Les Hamblin	522-1896
Lecturer - Tom Eick	266-9150

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

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### SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Program	Robert Gualtieri
Church	John Ross
Vocations	Joe Murphy
Community	John vchlewald
Pro-Life	Scott Lewis
Health Service	Bob Biggers
Council	TBA
Public Relations	Harvey Siegle
Family	Larry Gray
Youth	TBA
Columbian Squires	TBA
Membership	Tony Gonzalez-Padron
Recruitment	Al Batey, Van Sims,
Committee	Charlie Czarniecki
Retention Chairman	Ernest Cushing
Insurance Promotion	TBA



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