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GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER – Douglas Blondin

Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and IHM Congregation:

Thanks to all who came out for the Firecracker BBQ - our annual celebration of summer. It was a good time of fellowship & food - and the rains held off this year !!! Thanks to PGK Paul May and PDGK Patrick Day for organizing the event.

Our faith includes two August celebration events - The Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6th (not itself a Holy Day of obligation but it falls on a Sunday this year) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th (a Holy Day).



Reflect on The Transfiguration where Jesus takes Peter, James and John the brother of James up on a high mountain. Jesus is then transfigured - His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as light. Moses and Elijah appear and talk with Jesus. Then a voice from the clouds says "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!". (Based on Matthew 17)

If we somehow were hidden and watching the scene, what would we have thought? Naturally knowing how events unfolded influences our present understanding of the scene. But what if we only had the knowledge available to us at the time of the event? The scene would likely seem quite mysterious and incomprehensible.

That makes me think about some of the events I've encountered in my life and didn't understand at the time. Often minutes, days or months later, I'd learn something that revealed the blessing of the earlier event. Others events remain a mystery to me. We must trust in the Lord that they occur for a reason and pray for His guidance.

Children are a blessing (and often a mystery!) and before my next letter many will head back to school. For some that will mean heading off to college - perhaps to a place far away and the child's first extended stay away from home. Let's keep families in our prayers as they deal with the inevitable changes that "growing up" brings to all. These college students will encounter many new situations where they need to make choices. Let's pray that they invoke the guidance of our Lord in making wise decisions and that their not-so-wise choices provide learning opportunities without long-term negative consequences.

The remaining days of summer will likely be filled with many vacations. Let's keep families in our prayers that they will have safe travels, that it's a good time for family bonding and makes memories they will cherish for many years.

Vivat Jesus!

Douglas Blondin

Grand Knight Council 7502

Northglenn, CO

Pray for vocations! Pray for our seminarians and priests!

Please include the following Knights and their family

Robert Morelli, Patricia Heimann (Greg Heimann's mother), Cathy Ross (Charlotte Smith's sister), Dena Ballinger (Joe Duran's Daughter-in-law), John Luna, Terry Zrust, Jeff Tuell (Ed Getsch's Son-in-law), Fran Warrior, Amy Mondragon, Judy Nelke, Maryann Gillespie, Arnie Malsom, Shirley Hofer, Gene Dell, Mike Brown, Jim Brozovich, Tom Hermosillo, Frank Taggart, Elisabeth Barron, Margie Archer, Jake Jacobs, Diane Roybal, Sharon Suedkamp, Doli Brown.

Deceased: Mark Carvalho, Abel Sanchez, Michael McKenny (Son of Jim McKenny), Patrick Ebert (Father of Randy Ebert)

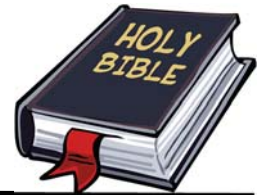
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Scripture of the Month

Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, ⁴² cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



Prayer of the Month

Prayer for World Youth Day:

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!

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Prayer of the Month is the Official Prayer for World Youth Day, as taken from the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is used in acknowledgement of the Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of August, for World Youth Day.



MINUTES of Council 7502 July 11, 2023 meeting

by substitute Recorder Patrick Day

[Bracketed remarks herein are post-meeting explanatory remarks.]

CALL TO ORDER: GK Doug Blondin at 7:03 p.m. A Members' Rosary preceded the meeting.**OPENING PRAYER:** led by Grand Knight (GK) Doug Blondin**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All attending members**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:** Motion to accept the June 13, 2023 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:** GK Doug Blondin

- Thanks to all who have agreed to serve - returning, new positions & new officers.
- Exemplification was held on June 25th. We welcomed Jeremiah Janssen and Brandon Trujillo to our Council.
- Peach Sales - Started July 1st/2nd with over \$4,000 in sales. Continued this past weekend. Will take sales at the BBQ and one last sale after Masses on 22nd/23rd. Check with the desk when you come to Mass to see if help is needed. Delivery planned on August 12th. Thanks to Al Quintana for heading this up.
- Firecracker BBQ - July 15th at Noon in Woodglen-Berkshire Park, 11730 St Paul St, Thornton. Council supplies burgers, hot dogs, sausage and vegetarian burgers, baked beans & bottled water. BYOB. A-G Dessert, H-P Appetizer, Q-Z Salad. Thanks to PGK Paul May and PDGK Patrick Day for heading this up.
- Mid-year audit Saturday, July 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in the Hall.
- Have already received Fund Craze tickets. Deadline to turn in is October 10th.
- Deacon's Mass & Dinner at IHM on Thursday, August 10th. Mass is at 6 p.m. and looking for people to serve the catered dinner around 7:15.

CORRESPONDENCE: GK Doug Blondin

- Thank You from Joe Duran for the funds to build a ramp at his house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: GK Doug Blondin

- Resolution 2022-23 - No. 03 - Scholarship Procedures – Resolution Read, Discussion & Vote. All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS: GK Doug Blondin

- We need to fill a number of Director positions. Any suggestions?
 - Family Director - Strengthen and nourish home life through sponsorship of activities involving entire families (e.g., Family Game Night). Also, picks the Family of the Month.
 - Membership Director - Oversees recruitment for the Council. Plan membership drives. Plan exemplification ceremonies.
 - Retention Chairman - Follow-up with members who don't pay dues. Did they forget? Hardship case? Do they need to be moved to an affiliate member?

FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado - gave the report on expenses, income and membership. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 384 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias - gave the Treasurer's report of 6/30/2023 account balances in the Council's bank accounts. Written reports are available to members upon request.
- Bingo Report: Ron Ondrak - gave his report and status on new Bingo venue. Looking for a second day of Bingo. Written reports are available to members upon request.

Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

- Membership: TBD - no report

OFFICER REPORTS:

- Advocate: Jim Peterson No Report
- Chancellor: Ken Allscheid No Report
- Trustee: James Bernatow (1 year), Dave Paul (2 year) & Paul May (3 year) — announced mid-year budget meeting 07/22/2023. Announced Picnic on 07/15/2023

PROGRAM REPORTS: Deputy GK Kent Closson — No Report

- Family: TBD — No Report
- Faith: Kent Closson — No Report
- Life: Vernon Bustos — No Report
- Community: Chris Gaul — Boy scout troop #120 from Oklahoma City staying overnight this coming weekend. We will be unable to serve breakfast.
- Squires: Josh Hem Lee - July 15 squires' installation at 6pm via zoom July 16 installation of the officers followed by adventure golf; family members will have to pay for their own. Paperwork will be done by July 30.
- Special Olympics: Mike Chacon-Request knights charity softball tournament. Need 15 guys. Will be in the newsletter.
- Vocations: Ken Allscheid – resuming late August, early September. Sponsoring 4 men this year.

FOURTH DEGREE: Clark Musser — excused.

FIELD AGENT REPORT: Todd Krommenhoek (303-242-7976 todd.krommenhoek@kofc.org) excused.

DISTRICT DEPUTY (DD) REPORT: Tom Walls — State organizational meeting had a lot of great information. Looking to hold a district meeting in August. Mentioned training needed for some new officer positions. Let's have a great fraternal year and thank you for being a knight.

LECTURER: Rob Ebenkamp - excused

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Knight of the Month: Josh Hem Lee

Family of the Month: Michael Hageman

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by GK Doug Blondin.

ADJOURNMENT: GK Doug Blondin at 7:44 p.m.

Knight of the Month – Nicholas Gaul

Nick was born in suburban Chicago. He moved to Colorado when he was 6 and has attended Immaculate Heart of Mary since age 9. He graduated from Holy Family High School, and while there had an early interest in theology, biblical history, and Catholic apologetics. While working as a Sacristan at IHM, he was caught reading the Book of Mormon by Father Greg Ames when he first became pastor; Nick explained that he was planning to debate Mormon missionaries that had come to his family's door and wished to be well-prepared.



Knight of the Month (continued)

Nick earned his Juris Doctorate degree from University of Colorado law school and became a licensed attorney in 2013. Nick joined the Knights in August 2015 and made his major degrees a year later. Chris Gaul, PGK, was his proposer.

Nick met his lovely fiancé Amber Walters through Internet friends. After a long car trip together where they talked till hoarse, and then kept talking, they knew they were right for each other and got engaged at Estes Park in 2022.

Nick and Amber took over editing the Council 7502 Newsletter from Joe Feiten in February 2023. Joe built up our newsletter into one of the best in Colorado and maintaining its high standards is a must. On July 14 Nick answered an urgent call from Chris Crabtree for help moving furniture. He took a pickup load of furniture to a downtown apartment. Two days later Chris Crabtree had another urgent need to move heavy furniture and Nick immediately responded.

For being ready to pitch in when needed for both the short and long term, Nick Gaul has earned the honor of Knight of the Month.

Ladies Auxiliary Report – Dianne Heimann

Hello,

About myself.... I was born in Aurora (at Fitzsimons Army Hospital). My father was starting his military career in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, so I've traveled many places in my youth. After 20 years of military service my father retired at Lowry, and we moved to Thornton. I graduated from Merritt Hutton High School (now Thornton High School), and I worked at Del Farm for many years, the Aurora Police Department, then King Soopers. I was bored and wanted to travel, so I joined the U.S. Navy. I have never regretted that decision.

While in the Navy (I did travel), I met my husband (Greg Heimann) in San Diego, and we were married. We have one daughter together, Kimberly. I retired from the Navy with 20 years of service, and Greg had 30 years of service.

We retired in San Diego and started a computer business. After about 7 years we decided to move to Denver, so we sold our business. All my immediate family is here in the Denver area, my parents were aging, and I wanted to spend some time with them, while I could. Greg agreed.

Greg and I joined IHM in 2005. Greg joined the Knights of Columbus in 2014 and I joined the Ladies Auxiliary in 2018. I have held the positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President. I look forward to working with the Ladies and Knights this coming year.

On July 13th, the Ladies Auxiliary had our Installation of Officers ceremony. Our new officers are Vice President-Jan Cogar, Recording Secretary-Judy Allan, Treasurer-Cherryl Ondrak, Corresponding Secretary-Reni Pfeifer, Historian-Benita Montoya, and Hostess-Verissa Beatty. Many thanks and gratitude to the outgoing officers-Charlotte Smith (President), Jan Cogar (Recording Secretary), Gay Specking (Treasurer), Reni Pfeifer (Corresponding Secretary), Mary Allscheid (Historian), Pat Lewis and Jeanette McKenny (Hostesses). I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your leadership, your time, and your commitment to our organization. The food was great (as always), and it was so nice to socialize with these wonderful Ladies.

On July 15th, the Knights had their Annual Firecracker BBQ, and the Ladies provided games for the children. The food was great, and a good time was had by all. The Ladies have no meeting in the month of August; however, some Ladies will be at IHM on August 10th to support the Knights with the Annual Deacons Dinner.

Thank you, Dianne Heimann

Special Olympics Update – Michael Chacon**Battle of the Bats Softball Tournament**

We're looking for Knights who are interested in playing in the Special Olympics softball fund raising event. It will be a fun event that will give you a chance to play and compete with your brother Knights. We need 15 players to field a team. Each team is guaranteed at least 2 games and up to 4 games if they make the finals. Each player would be responsible for raising at least \$30 to participate.



The event will be held at Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St, Commerce City on Saturday September 23 from 8am to 6pm.

Please contact me if you are interested in playing and I will help coordinate the team: Michael Chacon at mchacon077@msn.com

Upcoming Events for Volunteers

- Aug 5 Front Range Cycling, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, CO 80016
 Aug 5 Front Range Softball, Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St, Commerce City, CO 80022
 Aug 12 State Golf, Aurora Hills Golf Course, 50 S. Peoria Street, Aurora, CO 80012

Calendar of Events for August 2023

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Tuesday	August 1	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	August 1	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Saturday	August 5	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Saturday	August 5	*C	*C	Special Olympics Event *C
Tuesday	August 8	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	August 10	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday	August 12	*C	*C	Special Olympics Event *C
Sunday	August 20	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Tuesday	August 22	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting
Thursday	August 24	7:00 PM	Hall	JPII Council #17142 Meeting

*A: All IHM parishioners are invited by Council 7502 and Assembly 1966 to join in praying the Patriotic Rosary on the first Saturday of each month. The Rosary will be at the Veteran's Memorial on Community Center Drive across from E.B. Rains Park on Saturday, August 5th at 10:05 AM. Bring an umbrella for shade!

*B: The 7pm Council Business meeting is preceded by a 6pm meal and 6:40pm Rosary.

*C: Please see this month's Special Olympics Update and contact Michael Chacon for details.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Knights Birthdays

08/01 Anthony McArthur
 08/04 Jeremiah Walters
 08/06 Kenneth Newman
 08/07 Abel Sanchez
 08/09 Grant Dempsey
 08/09 James McKenny
 08/10 Doug Moberg
 08/10 Albert Quintana
 08/10 Leroy Trujillo
 08/11 Victor Roybal
 08/11 Daniel Rutter
 08/13 Ben Espinoza
 08/13 Jerry Luthye
 08/14 Robert Morelli
 08/15 Tom Hammons
 08/15 John McCormick
 08/15 Phillip Perez
 08/16 Richard Bloom
 08/17 David Kettler
 08/17 Raymond Luque
 08/17 Jon Wilkins
 08/18 Brandon Trujillo
 08/19 Kenneth Scudder
 08/20 Stratus Mushabe
 08/22 Demetrio Carrillo
 08/22 Leon Quintana
 08/23 Carlos Vera
 08/24 Aaron Castaneda
 08/24 Bruce Vaness
 08/27 Stephen Dinise
 08/27 Michael Ferris
 08/27 Edwin Lawson
 08/28 Dale Anton
 08/28 Rev James Spahn
 08/29 Terry Lapotosky
 08/29 Dale Sanders
 08/30 Michael Conklin
 08/30 George Snellbaker
 08/30 Mike Swisher
 08/31 Samuel Miller



Ladies Birthdays

08/02 Judie Coker
 08/04 Patricia McKenny
 08/05 Juanita Sousa
 08/07 Susan Anton
 08/08 Patricia Newman
 08/11 Rhonda Rost
 08/12 Reni Pfeifer
 08/13 Donna Rae Dello-Stritto
 08/13 Shirley Konrad
 08/14 Rene' Harris
 08/14 Myra Wilson
 08/15 Erika Taft
 08/16 Helen Jimenez
 08/17 Shirley Hofer
 08/21 Kelly Geers
 08/22 Laura De Herrera
 08/23 Dana Ebenkamp
 08/23 Amanda Novak
 08/25 Esther Befort
 08/26 Linda Barrios
 08/27 Edyth Closson
 08/31 Mary Zettler



Anniversaries

08/01 14 Timothy and Jenna Closson
 08/01 25 Brandon and Rene Dill
 08/01 31 Paul and Kandra Kaiser
 08/01 31 Thomas and Jill Walls
 08/03 49 Thomas and Cathy Hermosillo
 08/04 44 James and Christine Chevarria
 08/11 50 Mike and Reni Pfeifer
 08/12 28 James and Tia Bernard
 08/14 58 William and Brenda Honas
 08/16 26 Br. Matthew and Diane Leyba
 08/16 54 Ronald and Cheryl Ondrak
 08/17 60 John and Sandy McCormick
 08/18 50 Michael and Linda Hankerd
 08/19 56 Robert and Gay Specking
 08/20 29 Jeffery and Kathy Hotovec
 08/20 18 Travis and Courtney Lamb
 08/21 36 Greg and Mary Rogers
 08/22 25 Randy and Mary Ebert
 08/24 38 Andrew and Myra Wilson
 08/25 69 James and Esther Befort
 08/25 16 Dale and Catherine Sanders
 08/27 30 John and Stacie Elfering
 08/27 47 Robert and Laurie Korn
 08/27 40 Lawrence and Susanna Kuhn
 08/28 52 William and Nancy Bawn
 08/28 13 Adam and Kristina Fernstedt
 08/29 53 Leopoldo and Linda Barrios

Ordinations

08/02 Rev. Gregory Ames



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Editor's Update

Your Managing Editor is Nicholas Gaul (ncgaul@gmail.com) with editors Amber Walters and Chris Gaul. May God richly bless and keep all of the Knights of Council 7502! Blessed Virgin Mary, who bore Christ in your womb, was Assumed bodily into Heaven, Pray for Us.

BINGO IS MOVING - New location starting August 15th

Join us for Bingo on Tuesday and Wednesday each week

Early Bird games at 11:15am Regular Bingo at Noon

Bingo Oasis at 10657 Melody Drive, Northglenn

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