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Catholic Parish in Northglenn, Colorado**



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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER – Douglas Blondin**

Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and IHM Congregation:

Shortly Labor Day will be upon us - signaling the unofficial end of summer. Naturally the autumnal equinox is not until September 23rd & I'm sure we have many hot days still ahead of us.

On September 5th, we celebrate the feast of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Certainly, her life and work are something to admire and serve as inspiration for our efforts. However, most of the work to make the world (and our Council) a better place is done by people in small ways each day that will never make the news.

On August 10th, we served food (& washed innumerable dishes) at the Deacons' Dinner - thanking them for their service that benefits us all. On August 12th, we completed the peach sales with distribution day - proceeds to be used for the purchase of ultrasound machines at pregnancy centers. On August 18th through 20th, we made burritos & sold them after Mass - raising funds to support our seminarians so that there will be men to lead us in our faith in years to come.

Listing all the people involved in those events would exceed the space allocated, but know that the efforts of each of you are appreciated - directly by me and indirectly by the beneficiaries of these events. If you haven't been involved in Council events for a while, please consider future opportunities. You will have a good time of fellowship with your fellow workers and produce benefits for many.

One area where we could use more people is Bingo. If you don't know, Bingo has moved (again) to Bingo Oasis at 10657 Melody Drive - just across from Northglenn Marketplace and just under 2 miles from IHM. We run games on Tuesdays & Wednesdays - early bird at 11:15 & regular session from noon to about 2. With the recent departure of some long-time workers, we are in need of a few people who are able to commit on a regular basis. You don't have to volunteer both days or even every week (perhaps you can "share" a day with someone - naturally we understand that you'll miss some days due to vacation & other events). Bingo proceeds fund many things - IHM lighting & sound systems, monthly food bank donation & our Hall purchase & upkeep just to name a few. Please prayerfully consider if helping Bingo is right for you. Contact Bingo Managers Ron Ondrak (720-341-7945) or Greg Heimann (303-241-2564) to volunteer or with questions.

In closing, the motto for this year from our State Deputy is "In Service to You". Please look for opportunities where you can labor & help contribute to this mission.

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 members in your prayers:

Larry Allwine, 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: Patricia Bayer (Mother of Father Ernest), Martin Spahn (Brother of Father James Spahn)

Contact Jerry Starling at [jcstarling@comcast.net](mailto:jcstarling@comcast.net) or 303-451-1648 to add or remove names.



### Scripture of the Month

Isaiah 58:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Is this the manner of fasting I would choose,  
a day to afflict oneself?

To bow one's head like a reed,  
and lie upon sackcloth and ashes?

Is this what you call a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;

Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking off every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,  
bringing the afflicted and the homeless into  
your house;

Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed;

Your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear  
guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help, and he will say: "Here I  
am!"

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the accusing finger, and malicious speech;

<sup>10</sup> If you lavish your food on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;

Then your light shall rise in the darkness,  
and your gloom shall become like midday;

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD will guide you always  
and satisfy your thirst in parched places,  
will give strength to your bones

And you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.

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Scripture of the Month is taken from *The New American Bible, Revised Edition* (NABRE) at [www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible), which provides explanatory introductions and footnotes, and is used in support of this month's papal intention, for those living at the margins.

### Prayer of the Month

*Prayer for People Living on the Margins:*

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of prejudiced attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by every kind of discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of the Month is adapted from Catholic Charities USA, and is in acknowledgement of the Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of September, for people living on the margins.

## Minutes of Council 7502 August 8 2023 Meeting Notes

by Recorder Jerry Corr 

**CALL TO ORDER:** GK Douglas Blondin at 7:00pm. A members' Rosary preceded the meeting.

**OPENING PRAYER:** GK Douglas Blondin lead us in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Attending Members

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:** Motion to accept the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:** GK Douglas Blondin

- We had a wonderful Firecracker BBQ on the 15th. Good food and fellowship - and the rains stayed away.
- Peach sales went very well this year. Distribution will be August 12th at IHM. Help is needed around 7:00am, and more people will be needed at 9:00am.
- Still need to fill director positions - Family, Membership & Retention.
- Serving Deacons' Day dinner at IHM on August 10th. Show up around 6pm, serving will be about 7:15. Please wear white shirt/top and black pants.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** GK Douglas Blondin

- None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** GK Douglas Blondin

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:** GK Douglas Blondin

- Burrito Sales - August 19th & 20th (Making the morning of the 19th) Help will be needed at 5:30am.
- 4th Degree Exemplification - September 30th in Ft Lupton.
- Fund Craze (football) State Fundraiser for 10.00 - James Bernard is running again (thanks). This helps fund the state convention. Football Blackout Board for 20.00. James can be contacted at (720) 398-7066 or by email: [jbbigdog56@gmail.com](mailto:jbbigdog56@gmail.com)
- Tootsie Roll campaign - Thanks to Ray Luque for again heading this up. Will be looking for volunteers for October 14th at locations TBD.
- Catholic Men's Leadership Summit - Saturday, August 26th 7:30am-1:45pm at IHM, GK Doug Blondin asked for volunteers to provide a simple lunch for 30 minutes.
- Lecturer position open - Ron Ebenkamp's current schedule conflicts with Council meetings. We need a new Lecturer, please contact GK Douglas Blondin.

**FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:**

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado – Ed gave the report on expenses, income and membership. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 384 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias – André gave the Treasurer's report of July 31 2023 account balances in the Council's bank accounts. Written reports are available to members upon request.

## Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

- Bingo Report: Ron Ondrak/Greg Heiman - Ron gave his report and requested help for two volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the new location at 107<sup>th</sup> & Melody. Written reports are available to members upon request.
- Membership: TBD – No report

### OFFICER REPORTS:

- Deputy Grand Knight: Kent Closson – Working on constant contact and the website
- Chancellor: Ken Allscheid – No report
- Advocate: Jim Peterson – No report
- Trustees: James Bernatow (1 yr), Dave Paul (2 yr), and Paul May (3 yr) - Finished the fraternal year audit

### PROGRAM REPORTS: DGK Kent Closson – No Report

- Faith: Kent Closson – No Report
- Family: TBD – No Report
- Community: Chris Gaul – No Report
- Life: Vernon Bustos – No Report
- Squires: Josh Hem Lee – Had annual mini-golf at Adventure land.
- Special Olympics: Mike Chacon – Tennis, softball, bicycle tournaments have taken place recently. Golf coming up this weekend. Asked if the knights would like to be a sponsor or be umpires at the softball league.
- Vocations: Ken Allscheid – Ken will contact Ernie Rodriguez to support this fall.

**FOURTH DEGREE:** Clark Musser – Had funeral with 5 knights this past week.

**FIELD AGENT REPORT:** Todd Krommenhoek (303) 242-7976  
[todd.krommenhoek@kofc.org](mailto:todd.krommenhoek@kofc.org) - Excused.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:** Tom Walls – Excused

**LECTURER:** Ron Ebenkamp – Excused

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Please let us know of those needing prayers:

- Judy Allan had hiatal hernia repair surgery on August 2, 2023
- Larry Allwine fell and had a second injury on his good knee
- Joyce Chevarria is in rehab at the same facility as Larry Allwine
- Mary Hagemen fell and broke her arm and will have another surgery to remove her pins and rod
- Jim Peterson's wife will have neck surgery soon

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:** Nicholas Gaul

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:** None

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Given by GK Douglas Blondin

**ADJOURNMENT:** GK Doug Blondin at 7:40pm

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7502

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>TH</sup> 2023 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE THORNCREEK GOLF COURSE



Event Start Time 9:00 am (Shotgun Start)

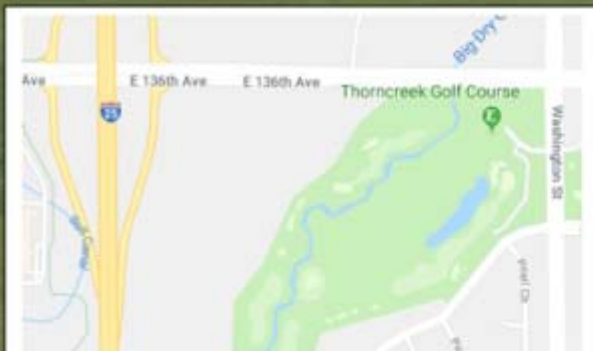
Registration will open at 7 am. Breakfast burritos will be available with coffee and juice.

Please fill out contact information, so we can let you know if there are any changes or updates.

**Come Tee Off, to raise funds for Council 7502  
Scholarship program, including High School and  
College Students**



CONTACT: MARK BALDERSTON  
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13555 Washington St, Thornton, CO  
80241 303-450-7055

Fee: \$150 per Golfer, Team: \$600

Golfing fee includes: Golf, Range Balls, Cart, All Non-Alcoholic beverages, Hole Contests, Entry for door prizes.

Event Format: 4 Person Scramble (Shot Gun Start)

Proper golf attire will be required, collared or mock golf shirts are preferred, and soft spike or tennis shoes are allowed. No Metal Spikes. No outside food items, beverages or alcohol are allowed.

Please see the Registration form for Sponsorship Opportunities

A Banquet buffet will be served after you finish your round.

No portion of any donation, payment or sponsorship in support of this event can be a charitable donation deductible for federal income tax determination.

### Special Olympics - Battle of the Bats Softball Tournament



Mike and Kent are looking for Knights from Council 7502 who would be interested in playing in the Special Olympics softball fund raising event. It will be a day of fun that will give you a chance to play, meet, and compete with fellow brother Knights. We are looking for 13 players to field a team (need total of 15 for a team). Each team is guaranteed at least 2 games and up to 4 games if they make the finals. Each player is being asked to raise at least \$30 to participate. The tournament will be held at Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St, Commerce City on Saturday September 23 from 8am to 6pm.

Please contact Mike or Kent if you are interested in playing and we will help coordinate the team: Michael Chacon at mchacon077@msn.com or Kent Closson at kentclosson@msn.com

We are also looking for 5 to 10 volunteers that could help throughout the tournament. They are primarily in need of umpires. But they also have other duties, including score keeping.

### Special Olympics – Denver Plane Pull

Twenty-five Knights and family members from State and metro councils participated in the Special Olympics charity event at DIA on Saturday. The event had over 90 teams. The Knights also hosted a stand selling hotdogs and water. The brand new airplane arrived from Boeing just that morning. It was a fun and exciting as the team grabbed the rope and started moving the plane.



### Knights Serve 250 at Deacons Dinner



Ladies, Knights, and Squires served the Deacon’s Dinner.

IHM hosted 250 guests for the Archdiocese Deacon’s Dinner in the Parish Center on August 10. The dinner was catered. Knights had a great turnout to set up, serve dinner, and clean up afterward.

## 141st KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPREME CONVENTION

One of our own was nominated as a delegate to this convention held in Orlando, Florida from Monday, July 31 to Thursday, August 3, 2023. Carl Cogar was one of the representatives from Colorado, and he was accompanied by his wife Janis; a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. There were representatives from all over the world who converged upon the Marriott Hotel and World Center. The convention provides an opportunity to commit anew to our cherished principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and allows the representatives of each jurisdiction to reflect on the Order's progress, and plan for future growth and success.

Each day started with Mass (with about two thousand in attendance) with the priests, bishops, cardinals, and other dignitaries processing in, and the delegates and spouses looking on. It was amazing!

After Mass, the delegates attended meetings at which delegates from other countries, for example Ukraine and the Philippines, addressed the delegation. One of the days included award ceremonies; Colorado received the Pinnacle Award which recognizes those jurisdictions which have led the order through excellence in membership growth, in addition to meeting all other Pinnacle Award Metrics. On another of the days, numerous resolutions were presented to the Knights.

K of C members attending, along with their spouses, were treated to a formal "State Dinner"; complete with an amazing meal and entertainment which included a sing along with a verse of a song specific to each state while the delegates waved their state flags. The Ladies in attendance were treated to a special luncheon which included a guest speaker, the Supreme Knight's wife; following this was a cello player accompanied by a pianist. All in all it was an amazing experience!



## Firecracker Barbeque July 15

The Firecracker BBQ was held at Woodglen Park in Thornton. The cooks Leo Amend, Carl Cogar, and Paul May grilled up trays of tasty burgers and hot dogs. The park shelter tables were loaded with salads, side dishes, and desserts. Paul May did the food shopping. Patrick Day towed the cook trailer to the park with his pickup. Dianne Heimann organized children's games. Kent Closson brought his Cornhole game. The afternoon thunderstorm that usually ends the Firecracker BBQ did not happen this rainy year. The warm day wound down with no wind and lightning. A good time was had by all.



Carl Cogar, Paul May, and Leo Amend manning the grilles.



Edge and Kent Closson enjoying the Firecracker Barbeque.



## Peach Sales to Support Purchasing Ultrasound Machines

Knights again this year sold Palisade peaches to raise money to purchase ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers. This year 488 boxes were sold. Net proceeds were over \$3,500.

A semi truck rolled into IHM parking lot early on August 12 and dropped off 8 pallets of delicious Palisade peaches from this year's bumper crop. Al Quintana had things well organized, including having coffee and donuts for workers.

Forty Knights from IHM, John Paul II and Holy Cross councils broke down the delivery and took them to their respective parishes. The majority were distributed by Council 7502 Knights from the Immaculate Heart of Mary parking lot a mild, cloudy day.

Cars pulled in and had orders loaded as their names were checked off.



Lots of help and perfect weather for loading peaches into customers cars.



Greg Heimann looks on as Ed Delgado and GK Doug Blondin track peaches being picked up.



Post pick-up, PGK piled his pickup with Palisade peach pallets to keep parish parking lot pretty.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report – Dianne Heimann



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Soon the children (and grandchildren) will be back to school, and we can get back to our normal routine.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies helped the Knights with the Annual Deacon's Dinner at IHM. A very big THANK YOU to Verissa Beatty, Benita Montoya, Reni Pfeifer, and Jan Cogar for helping out! The Deacon's and their wives had a great time!

The Knights have moved their BINGO sessions to Bingo Oasis at 10657 Melody Dr. (in Northglenn) on Tuesday and Wednesdays each week. The Ladies support the Knights with this fundraiser by providing two Ladies for each session who serve as cashiers. If any ladies are interested and can help out please contact Jan Cogar at 303-993-2726.

The next Ladies meeting is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar of Events for September 2023

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Tuesday	September 5	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	September 5	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Saturday	September 2	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Tuesday	September 12	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	September 14	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday	September 23	8:00 AM	*C	Softball Tournament *C
Sunday	September 24	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Tuesday	September 26	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting
Thursday	September 28	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, September 2nd at 10:05 AM. Bring an umbrella for shade or precipitation!

\*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 or Kent Closson for details.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### Knights Birthdays



### Ladies Birthdays



### Anniversaries

09/01 Clarence Connelly  
 09/01 Kevin Ripplinger  
 09/01 Henry Vera  
 09/02 John Elfering  
 09/05 Daniel Jurgensmeyer  
 09/07 Jim Martinko  
 09/08 Manual Ortivez  
 09/10 Leo Amend  
 09/10 Aaron Rivera  
 09/10 Nicholas Wojciak  
 09/11 Carl Montoya  
 09/11 Charles Schaul  
 09/13 Paul Kaiser  
 09/13 Ronald Morales  
 09/14 Nisar Barkat  
 09/15 Christopher Novak  
 09/19 Steven Luensmann  
 09/20 Larry Hartman  
 09/21 Kenneth Asay  
 09/21 Michael Green  
 09/21 Joseph Konrad  
 09/22 James Revello  
 09/24 Thomas Hermosillo  
 09/24 Vernon Masters  
 09/25 James Chevarria  
 09/26 Matthew Leyba  
 09/26 Jeffrey Luce

09/01 Paulina Day  
 09/02 Rhonda Moberg  
 09/04 Jean Troy  
 09/06 Margaret Archer  
 09/06 Loraine Martin  
 09/06 Claire Mlotkowski  
 09/10 Christine Balderston  
 09/10 Jan Conklin  
 09/14 Amy Swisher  
 09/20 Melanni Medrano  
 09/21 Karen Gaines  
 09/24 Ida Appelhans  
 09/26 Lena Roy  
 09/27 Christine Entrekin  
 09/29 Naamara Mushabe  
 09/30 Rene Dill

09/02 45 Michael and Shelly Holt  
 09/04 30 Jose and Juanita Sousa  
 09/05 31 Carlos and Anita Venegas  
 09/06 54 Ed and Marilyn Getsch  
 09/07 60 Jerome and Carol Starling  
 09/09 34 Greg and Dianne Heimann  
 09/11 58 Albert and Sandra Quintana  
 09/12 14 Don and Jennifer Emenim  
 09/12 14 John and Sobrina Kiely  
 09/14 27 Michael and Stephanie Roy  
 09/15 59 Lynn and Sue Albi  
 09/15 39 Steve and Mary Beth Applehans  
 09/15 Dan and Julie Locricchio  
 09/15 34 Joseph and Karen Anne Vance  
 09/16 34 Rich and Michelle Milinazzo  
 09/17 18 Aaron and Christine Herrera  
 09/19 53 David and Clara Dudak  
 09/23 45 Gilbert and Luisa Gallegos  
 09/26 42 Dale and Susan Anton  
 09/30 28 Abie and Cristin Duarte

**Congratulations!**

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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.

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## BINGO NEW LOCATION: BINGO OASIS

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  
THANK YOU BINGO WORKERS!!



Visit us on the Web:  
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