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COUNCIL #7502*

**Serving Christ, His Church and  
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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:

I hope that you had a blessed Christmas and that your travels were without incident.

As we start 2024, it is popular this time of the year to look at our lives and make some “resolutions” to change. In that spirit, I ask each person to prayerfully consider how they are fulfilling the first three pillars of the Knights - Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I fully understand that there are many demands on our time and that we all have necessary & worthwhile non-Knights activities.



The Council has many charitable endeavors. We financially & spiritually support seminarians (our future priests). Raise money for ultrasound machines (help avoid abortions). Make a monthly donation to the IHM Food Bank. Donate coats to the Coats for Kids campaign. Collect & distribute funds for those with Intellectual Disabilities. Volunteer at Special Olympics events. Award 3 College & 2 HS scholarships. Work on community projects at the church & for parishioners. Support church events like Oktoberfest and the annual Deacons Dinner. Donate money for major church projects - like the new lighting & sound systems.

To support charities, we do a number of fund-raising events. Our main fundraiser is our weekly Tuesday & Wednesday bingo sessions. We also make and sell breakfast burritos. Sell Palisade peaches. Participate in the Tootsie Roll campaign. Have a Fish Fry during Fridays of Lent. Host an annual golf tournament.

These endeavors take a lot of work and new volunteers are always welcome. These are also an example of our second pillar, Unity - we can do much more when we unite.

Our fundraising activities also provide an opportunity for our third pillar, Fraternity - it's an occasion to get together with your brother Knights (and often their families) for fellowship. We also have fraternity at the meal before our council meetings & with social events - like the summer BBQ, Super Bowl watch party and the Christmas party.

Of course, it's not just people but organizations who should look to change. Perhaps you're not as involved with the Council as it is not working on something that you believe it should. For these items and any other questions you may have, you can always contact me at [kofc7502gk@gmail.com](mailto:kofc7502gk@gmail.com). I remind my brother Knights that officer nominations will be coming up before we know it. Being an officer (or a program director) is another way to serve and to help shape the future of the Council.

Like a lot of things in life, you get out of the Knights of Columbus what you put into it. Please prayerfully consider the involvement you have with your Council.

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:

Brenda Garcia (David Garcia's daughter in law), Elliot (John Elfering's infant nephew), Jose Sousa & his Wife, Toni Serrano (wife of Toby Serrano), Barbara Peterson, Robert Morelli, Patricia Heimann (Greg Heimann's mother), Dena Ballinger (Joe Duran's Daughter-in-law), John Luna, Terry Zrust, Jeff Tuell (Ed Getsch's Son-in-law), Fran Warrior, 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: Joe Martinez, Albert Gonzales (Father in Law of James DeHerrera)

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



### Scripture of the Month

#### 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

<sup>12</sup> As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Now the body is not a single part, but many. <sup>15</sup> If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. <sup>16</sup> Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." <sup>22</sup> Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, <sup>23</sup> and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, <sup>25</sup> so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. <sup>26</sup> If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

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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 the Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of January, for the Gift of Diversity in the Church.

### Papal Commentary on Scripture of the Month

"The same Spirit who bestows this diversity of charisms unites the Church. It is always the same Spirit. Before this multitude of charisms, our heart, therefore, must open itself to joy and we must think: "What a beautiful thing! So many different gifts, because we are all God's children, all loved in a unique way". Never must these gifts become reasons for envy, or for division, for jealousy! As the Apostle Paul recalls in Chapter 12 of his First Letter to the Corinthians, all charisms are important in the eyes of God. At the same time, no one is irreplaceable. That is to say that within the Christian community, we need one another, and each gift received is fully realized when it is shared with one's brothers and sisters, for the good of all. This is the Church! And when the Church, in the variety of her charisms, is expressed in communion, she cannot be mistaken: it is the beauty and the power of the *sensus fidei*, of that supernatural sense of faith which is bestowed by the Holy Spirit in order that, together, we may all enter the heart of the Gospel and learn to follow Jesus in our life."

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From Pope Francis's address to the congregation at St. Peter's Square on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



## Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7502 Minutes December 12 2023 Meeting

by Recorder - Jerry Corr 

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Attending Members.

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:** Motion to accept the November 14, 2023 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.

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

### COUNCIL ISSUES:

- Hall Decorating - Thanks to those who came by on Saturday, November 25th to decorate the hall - Paul May, Greg & Diane Heimann, Jan & Carl Cogar, Eric & Marlene Wilson, Eddie Swan, Ron Ondrak, Kathy Sergeeff, Sia Ray and Doug Blondin.
- The December 2nd Children's Christmas party was cancelled due to lack of responses. Instead, the Ladies arranged for Santa to be in the Youth room to greet all children after Masses on December 10th. A total of 100 children met with Santa.
- The Adult Christmas party was held at the Hall on December 9th. A total of 65 people attended.
- Mike Pfeifer has agreed to head the Lenten Fish Fry - as long as he has a crew.
- Fraternal Survey of Activities - reminder to turn them in by December 15th. This is very important.
- Doug Blondin is looking for fish fry volunteers. Friday Feb 16 2024 will be the first of five fish fries in 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** GK Douglas Blondin - Received return of a vest from Greg Jamison, who was in our Council but moved to Arizona.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** GK Douglas Blondin

- Fraternal Year 2024-25 Budget - Just starting to gather data. If you have input on income or spending, please get it to me by February 1st. Working with the other officers, we will present a proposal at a meeting TBD in March. The proposed budget will be published in the April newsletter and presented at the April Council meeting. Discussion and voting will take place at the May Council meeting.
- Mid-Year meeting – Doug Blondin attended on December 2nd & 3rd in Monument (video link to Western slope gathering in Montrose). Good breakout session for Grand Knights. Topics included awards, upcoming Eucharistic procession, membership and clearing out our prospects lists. I also got to see our District Deputy Tom Walls received the Star District award.
- Doug Blondin asked the council for a membership director.

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- The State convention will be in April 2024 in Colorado Springs.
- The Supreme convention will be in August 2024 in Quebec Canada.

### FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado – Ed gave the report on expenses, income and membership for the month ending November 30 2023. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 381 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias – André gave the Treasurer's report of November 30 2023 account balances in the Council's bank accounts. Written reports are available to members upon request.
- Bingo Report: Ron Ondrak/Greg Heiman - Ron gave his report. Written reports are available to members upon request. More volunteers are needed as substitutes.
- Membership: TBD – No Report

### OFFICER REPORTS:

- Chaplain: Father Andrew Kemberling – No Report
- Deputy Grand Knight: Kent Closson – The Council Calendar has been updated with some of the upcoming events. A page has been added with links to different sites. The council needs a Membership and Family Director. If you have a member Knight that you would like to recommend for one of these positions, please provide information to the Grand Knight Doug Blondin or Deputy Grand Knight Kent Closson.
- Chancellor: Ken Allscheid – No Report
- Advocate: Jim Peterson – No Report
- Trustees: James Bernatow (1 yr), Dave Paul (2 yr), and Paul May (3 yr) – No Report.

### PROGRAM REPORTS:

Membership: TBD

Faith: Kent Closson – IHM Eucharistic Revival is planning several events over the next year to make us aware of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. IHM is hosting a potluck and movie night on Dec 16 after the 4:00pm Mass. The movie is Science Tests Faith. The potluck will follow after Mass in the Narthex and the movie is planned to start around 6:00pm. IHM is taking a small group of parishioners to Indianapolis to attend The National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024. In you are interested in joining, please contact Father Ernest. The IHM Eucharistic Revival Committee is planning to have Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi in May 2024.

Family: TBD – No Report

Community: Chris Gaul – Absent

Life: Vernon Bustos – No Report

Squires: Josh Hem Lee – The squires will be selling ornaments at John Paul II parish now that the Christmas Carol plays have been completed. A new investiture will take place the weekend of December 16 2023.

Football Blackout: James Bernard – There are eight teams left with two numbers, Carolina, Denver, Las Vegas, Minnesota, New Orleans, NY Giants, Tampa Bay and

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Washington. There are 15 teams with three numbers left. The last week of the regular season ends on January 7<sup>th</sup> so the winners will be announced and prizes distributed at next month's meeting. James thanked Doug Blondin for double checking the results.

Special Olympics: Mike Chacon – The events for 2023 have ended. Many thanks to Kent and Josh for volunteering. The Knights of Columbus will start back up in February 2024.

Vocations: Ken Allscheid – Eight checks have been sent and seven have been cashed. We are waiting on the Supreme rebate of 100 dollars. There is an opportunity to attend the chapel on the seminary grounds on the first Friday of each month. It is open to the public however January 12 will be next opportunity. We are gathering pictures for a poster in the Narthex for the seminarians to whom we made donations.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Clark Musser – No Report.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: Tom Walls – Tom asked the council if we are having the Christmas poster contest. Doug Blondin will contact Smoky for an update. Tom asked about the free throw contest in January 2024. There will be a District meeting on January 20 2024 from 8am to 9am to go over the mid-year meeting. The delegates and alternates that will be attending the State Convention will need to stay in the conference hotel. The 2026 Supreme Convention will be in Denver, Colorado. All resolutions need to be submitted by February 16, 2024 for the Colorado State Convention in August 2024.

LECTURER: Ralph Roy – Sent a prayer to the Deputy Grand Knight that was read during the council meeting.

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

- Veterans
- Roby Vega
- Tony Alberico
- Richard Amend
- Lynn Ray
- Desalvo family
- Hazel Marie
- Bonnie Hirn
- Nolan Frank
- Carolyn Suarez

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: None

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Pete Gormley family

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by GK Douglas Blondin

ADJOURNMENT: GK Doug Blondin at 7:35pm

## Ladies Auxiliary Report – Dianne Heimann, President

The month of December has been busy and full of festivities. Christmas is such a special time of the year!

On December 9th, the Knights had their annual Adult Christmas Party. The ladies decorated the tables and provided some delicious desserts.



On December 10th Santa came to IHM, in the Youth Room. Santa (Leo Amend) was there for the 7am and 9am masses. Santa (Bob Harder and his wife Janie, who was Mrs. Claus) was there for the 11am and 12:30 pm masses. The children enjoyed talking to Santa and their families seemed to enjoy having their individual and family pictures taken with Santa Claus.

On December 14th, the Ladies Auxiliary had their Ladies Christmas Party, with 30 Ladies in attendance. A big thank you to Charlie Barrett, Rudy Barron, Bob Harder (the main cooks) and all who helped prepare our wonderful dinner. We had nine Knights who served us dinner, and our bartender was Carl Cogar. The Ladies enjoyed the dinner, dessert, the gift exchange (and steals).

As we celebrate this Christmas season with our families, enjoying good food and exchanging gifts, remember the greatest gift of all, God's gift to us, his only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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## Scholarship Applications Deadline Saturday March 23, 2024

All Council 7502 Knights are reminded that Applications for the High School and College Scholarships are available. Scholarship candidates must be a child or grandchild of a Council 7502 member in good standing or a deceased past member who was in good standing at the time of his death.

For the two high school scholarships, a candidate must be an incoming freshman who has been accepted to a Catholic High School. The \$1,500 first year scholarship is renewable each of the remaining three years of High School if requirements are met as set forth in the Application form.

The college scholarship is \$5,000 for just the first year of college, as more fully explained in the College Scholarship Application Form. Three scholarships are available for the coming 2024-2025 school year.

**Completed, signed Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, March 23, 2024** and submitted to: Knights of Columbus No. 7502, c/o Brian Appelhans, 10290 Oak St., Westminster, CO 80021.

Applications are available (i) by emailing Kevin Smith at [Kevin@scudderpress.com](mailto:Kevin@scudderpress.com), (ii) by calling Larry Allwine at 720-887-8402, (iii) possibly at Officers and Council meetings and (iv) at Scudder Press, 565 Russell Blvd., Thornton, CO 80229. Please obtain the application at your earliest convenience so that your child or grandchild has time to complete and timely submit the four-page application.



## Family of the Month - Jon and Tammy Wilkins

Jon was born in Minnesota and moved with his family to Northglenn as a young child. He graduated from Northglenn High School in 1983 where he was a wrestler, ran track, and competed at the state level



in gymnastics. Jon is an Eagle Scout. He got a Broadcasting degree from Metro State in 1987 and did a stint as a deejay with KYGO. After leaving radio he deejayed wedding reception for years. During this time, he moonlighted in the carpet business. Deciding between radio and carpeting, he opted for carpet and became part owner of Century Carpet.

Jon married his lovely wife Tammy in 1998. They have four sons – Oliver, age 23, Nicholas, age 20, Jon-Paul, age 14, and Francis, age 9, and one 16-year-old daughter, Isabelle.

Tammy is a Pilates instructor. She is also a classically trained ballet dancer and has danced with Boulder Ballet as well as Colorado Dance Theater. She has a degree in Kinesiology and Dance Science.

Jon has been intrigued with the Christmas Carol since he was a boy. It is a story of redemption. He started writing a version for the stage in 1998. With no curtain for scene changes, he hit upon the idea of three stages. Jon began accumulating and making props. He was finally able to put it on at IHM in 2001, and has done it again six times.

The 2023 production sold out every performance. It is a heavy lift to pull props out of storage and turn the parish center into a theater, find cast members, rehearse in a compressed timeframe, and put on a good show – all the while working full-time and raising five kids. When short a cast member, a family member may be “voluntold” for a role. In the most recent performance, every family member did participate – four of the children performed, two of the children filmed, and Tammy choreographed the dance scene in the play. It is also a considerable expense storing the props for years. (Father Ernest Bayer has encouraged parishioners to make an earmarked donation to IHM to assist with renting storage space.)

For their great efforts and sacrifices to bring *A Christmas Carol* to IHM for the seventh time, Jon and Tammy Wilkins along with their five children are our Family of the Month.

## ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Adult Christmas Party was held on December 9th at the Hall. There were approximately 65 guests who enjoyed the meal made by Charlie Barrett and Bob Harder, with desserts from the Ladies Auxiliary. After dinner, a gift exchange was held - attendees were selected in random order to either open a gift from under the tree (brought by attendees) or steal a gift someone previously opened. It was a good evening of sharing the Christmas spirit!



Christmas tree with gifts for the exchange

Guests filling their plates with great food



Enjoying the Gift Exchange!



Knights Birthdays		Ladies Birthdays		Anniversaries	
01/03	Raymundo Bocanegra	01/01	Annetta Gallegos	01/03	26 Carlos and Abby Vera
01/03	Richard Depperschmidt	01/01	Betty Robben	01/04	59 Lawrence and Joan Allwine
01/03	Pete Gormley	01/01	Sandra Roybal	01/06	37 Michael and Martha Keaveny
01/05	Timothy Leadens	01/02	Mary Ann Gillespie	01/06	22 Stratus and Naamara Mushabe
01/05	Jay Troy	01/03	Sheryl Russ	01/08	62 Jose and Mary Perea
01/06	Ronald Montoya	01/05	Cynthia Farrar	01/10	36 Michael and Jan Conklin
01/07	Jerome Rodarte	01/05	Mary Ott	01/19	4 Matthew and Anne Marie Doss
01/07	Josh Trostel	01/07	Rhonda Casias	01/25	54 Earl and Donna Hoffman
01/09	Christopher Matterson	01/08	Kathy Waring	01/27	44 John and Cindy Hill
01/09	Rev. Isidore Orjikwe	01/09	Beverly P Andes	01/29	16 Frankie and Rose Romero
01/10	Walter Bralish	01/09	Mary Drake	01/31	42 Brian and Ida Appelhans
01/11	Brian Flynn	01/10	Dianna S Howe		
01/12	James Bernatow	01/11	Mary Johnston		
01/13	Vince Gallegos	01/15	Jean O'Connell		
01/14	John Kiely	01/16	Barbara Schaul		
01/14	Justin Trostel	01/18	Linnea Newell		
01/15	Rev. Meluleki Tshabalala	01/20	Sue Tanko		
01/16	Steven Scholbrock	01/20	Karen Anne Vance		
01/17	Dennis Hotovec	01/21	Jo Ann Windholz		
01/18	Lynn Ray	01/22	Katherine Matterson		
01/19	Shawn Burchfield	01/23	Ruth Bloom		
01/19	James Rutter	01/23	Krystal Luthye		
01/23	Trent Getsch	01/24	Allyson Young		
01/23	Michael McCarthy	01/25	Shelly Ferris		
01/23	Daniel McIntosh	01/25	Cherryl Ondrak		
01/26	Dustin Johannsen	01/25	Debbie Ziegler		
01/31	Patrick Day	01/29	Anita Venegas		
		01/30	Charlene Ligrani		



**Calendar of Events for January 2024**

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Tuesday	January 2	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	January 2	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Saturday	January 6	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Tuesday	January 9	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	January 11	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday	January 21	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Tuesday	January 23	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting
Thursday	January 25	7:00 PM	Hall	JPII Council #17142 Meeting

\*A: All IHM parishioners are invited by Council 7502 and Assembly 1966 to join us on the first Saturday of each month and pray the Rosary at Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 9:00 A. M. Mass at 10:05. The Rosary will be held in the Isaiah Room unless the weather allows, then it will be held on the Patio between the Church and Parish Center.

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

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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  
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