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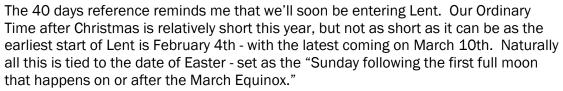
Catholic Parish in Northglenn, Colorado

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# GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER – Douglas Blondin

Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and IHM Congregation:

I hope that your year has started well and our arctic blast caused no issues. I recall a time growing up in the early 80s in Vermont where we experienced an unusual stretch of 40 days where the high temperature had a minus sign! Now that's a cold snap.





This year has the interesting collision with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day. For all those who bemoan the crowded restaurants on Valentine's Day, you have a good reason for not going out this year. Usually, a VD Ash Wednesday means an April Fool's Day Easter. However, since 2024 is a leap year, Easter will be on March 31st.

I'm always amazed that Ash Wednesday is likely the day with the 3rd highest church attendance - behind Christmas and Easter. Unlike the other two days, Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. What is it about Ash Wednesday that draws so many people to church? Perhaps it's the tangible sign of receiving ashes on our foreheads. Is there something about how we understand Ash Wednesday that could be used to make our attendance as enthusiastic on other Holy Days?

Growing up, we were encouraged to give up something we like during Lent. And there's certainly benefit in this discipline of denial. The period of Lent can be an opportunity to stop a bad habit, or start a good one. As an adult, I've focused on things that help better myself, my faith, and my community.

Naturally one thing we give up during Lent is eating meat on Fridays. I'm old enough to remember when every Friday during the year was meat free. It wasn't until 1966 when Vatican II allowed it to only be required during Lent. What is often missed is that there was still the "hope and expectation" to be meat-less on Friday - but we are allowed to substitute some other form of penance. Do we absentmindedly eat meat on non-Lent Fridays without fulfilling the other part?

For those looking for a Fish Fry, our Council will have one at IHM on Fridays from February 16th through March 22nd. We will serve from 4:30-6:30. Come for a good meal & fellowship, and stay afterwards for IHM's Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Vivat Jesus Douglas Blondin Grand Knight Council 7502 Northglenn, CO

# Pray for vocations! Pray for our seminarians and priests!

Ernie Gurule, John Luna, Brenda Garcia (David Garcia's daughter in law), 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), Terry Zrust, Jeff Tuell (Ed Getsch's Son-in-law), Fran Warrior, Judy Nelke, Maryann Gillespie, Arnie Malsom, Shirley Hofer Mike Brown, Jim Brozovich, Tom Hermosillo, Elisabeth Barron, Margie Archer, Diane Roybal, Sharon Suedkamp, Doli Brown.

Deceased: Gene Dell, Frank Taggart, Jake Jacobs.

Contact Jerry Starling at jcstarling@comcast.net or 303-451-1648 to add or remove names.

# Scripture Of The Month

Luke 10:30-36

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. <sup>34</sup> He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

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Scripture of the Month is taken from *The New American Bible, Revised Edition* (NABRE) at <a href="www.usccb.org/bible">www.usccb.org/bible</a>, which provides explanatory introductions and footnotes, and is used in support of the Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of February, for the Terminally III.

### Papal Commentary on Scripture of the Month

"Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers – with creation and with themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be done and all of us are called to ensure that it happens. Let us look to the icon of the Good Samaritan, to his ability to slow down and draw near to another person, to the tender love with which he cares for the wounds of a suffering brother.

Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live.

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.

...The sick, the vulnerable and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships."

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From Pope Francis's Message on the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Day of the Sick, to be delivered on February 11<sup>th</sup> of this year.

# Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7502 Minutes January 9 2024 Meeting

by Recorder - Jerry Corr C

**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 December 12, 2023 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: GK Douglas Blondin

### COUNCIL ISSUES:

- Fraternal Year 2024-25 Budget Please submit any input to GK Doug Blondin by February 1, 2024.
- The Lenten Fish Fry will start on February 16th and go through March 22nd.
   Mike Pfeifer will be leading. Volunteers are still needed. A signup sheet will be available.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** GK Douglas Blondin - Thank You letters were received from Father Andrew and Father Ernest for our Christmas clergy gifts. A verbal thank you was received from Deacon Paul.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:** GK Douglas Blondin

- Officer Nominations will be upon us before we know it. Nominations will be taken
  at the Council meetings during April, May and June, with elections held in June.
  Eric Wilson has volunteered to head the nominations committee. Please contact
  the GK, DGK, the present officer holders or Eric if you have questions on the
  various officer positions.
- Directors Council directors are appointed and many may decide to continue in the new fraternal year. Recall that we currently have two unfilled positions membership & family. Please contact the GK, DGK or current directors with any questions on director roles.
- Joint Golf Tournament We're exploring doing a joint tournament with Holy Cross Council. Mark Balderston has graciously agreed to again head our Council's efforts. He has set a tentative date of Friday, September 20th.
- Super Bowl Party The Bronco-free family Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February
  11th. We will have a watch party in the Knights Hall. The Happy Hour will begin at
  3pm, dinner at 4pm and the game starts at 4:30pm. The Council will provide a main
  dish & queso dip. Surnames A-M bring a munchie or side dish and N-Z a dessert.
  The poker table will be out and you're welcome to bring other games.
- The next burrito sales are scheduled for the weekend of January 20-21 2024.

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- Field Agent Todd Krommenhoek is no longer a field agent. Until a new one is assigned, members should direct their insurance questions/needs to the Wheaton Agency at 303-427-5056 or support@kofcservice.com.
- Scam Alert Some entity is using information in the bulletin to send text/email. The message will address you by name, report to be from Father Ernest and ask you to respond quickly for a favor. The one I responded to asked me to buy a gift card and I'd be reimbursed. This is a very common scam, and IHM/Father Ernest will never ask us to do such a thing. If you get one, do not respond. Simply delete it, reporting it as junk or spam to you carrier/email service. At this point, the scammers aren't savvy enough to spoof a believable phone number/email address. I've informed IHM and they are looking at actions but it will likely just be awareness as it's not possible to stop these attempts.
- The mid-year audit for the Council & Bingo will be on Saturday, January 27th at 9am in the Knights Hall. The Grand Knight, Trustees, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Bingo Managers are required to attend. Others are welcome.
- The mid-year audit for NKCHA will be held after the Council audit (approximately 10am). The President, Grand Knight.& Treasurer are required, and all others are welcome.
- State Convention Will be held April 26-28th at The Antlers in Colorado Springs.
  The Council is required to send 2 delegates and can send up to 2 alternates. As
  the Grand Knight, Doug Blondin will be one delegate. Others to be selected from
  those interested. The Council will reimburse expenses.
- GK Doug Blondin thanked everyone that took down the Christmas decorations in the Knights Hall.
- Thomas Crown will transfer from a council in Hawaii.
- James H. Talarico will transfer from a council in Pittsburg. PA.

### FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado Ed gave the report on expenses, income and membership for the month ending December 31 2023. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 379 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias André gave the Treasurer's report of December 31 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. There will be two must-go's in January 2024 and one must-go in February 2024. More volunteers are needed as substitutes.
- Membership: TBD No Report

### OFFICER REPORTS:

- Chaplain: Father Andrew Kemberling Absent
- Deputy Grand Knight: Kent Closson Absent
- 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 – Absent Family: TBD – No Report

Community: Chris Gaul - Chris asked about getting Paul May's Grand Knight picture

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engraved. Father Ernest has started a train the trainer program to increase the faith of IHM Parishioners. Kent Closson and Chris Gaul will run the next session in the Spring on Saturday mornings. Chris is looking for a few good men from the IHM parish.

Life: Vernon Bustos – No Report

Squires: Josh Hem Lee – The squires had their Christmas party. There was a white elephant gift exchange. They added one new member. The squires raised 400.00 from selling ornaments this Christmas season. Josh thanked James Bernard for his leadership and assistance with the squires in 2023.

Football Blackout: James Bernard – There were no blackouts this season, 6 people ended with one number to go and 14 people ended the season needing two numbers. Each winner received \$54.00 that was rounded up from \$53.33.

Nancy Bernatow – Baltimore, Tia Bernard – Carolina, Jan Cogar – Jacksonville, Denise

Dewar – New Orleans, Micah Bernard – NY Giants, Randy Ebert – Washington Many thanks to all who participated and supported the Football Crazr & Blackout, which raised \$320.00 for the Knight in need fund.

Special Olympics: Mike Chacon – No Report

Vocations: Ken Allscheid – The January mass will be held at the Seminary on Jan 12, and the February mass will be at the Seminary on Feb 2nd at noon.

4th Degree: Clark Musser - No Report

FIELD AGENT REPORT: Council 7502 no longer has a field agent therefore, all insurance needs or questions need to be directed to the Wheaton Agency at 303-427-5056 or support@kofcservice.com.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: Tom Walls – Tom welcomed Thomas Crown and James H. Talarico to the 7502 Council meeting. The District meeting will be held on January 20, 2024 in the Knights Hall from 9am to 11am. Eric Wilson will make his famous scrambled eggs. Please get your passports ready if you will be attending the Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada. All reports need to be turned in by February 16 2024. The 2026 Supreme Convention will be in Denver, Colorado.

LECTURER: Ralph Roy – Roy read an article from the Liguorian magazine, a card about Brother Andre from Canada that performed miracles, and a passage from a book entitled Beautiful Eucharist.

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

- Sir Knight Joseph Martinez passed away on December 15th. The funeral was held at IHM on January 4th. There were 6 honor guards that attended the funeral and 200 people attended his reception.
- Council 7502 Founding Member Frank Taggart died in Mesa, Arizona on November 22nd. A funeral was held at St Joseph's in Golden CO on January 4th. Three of our founding members signed the Resolution of Condolence.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: None

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Jon Wilkins family CLOSING PRAYER: Given by GK Douglas Blondin

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

ADJOURNMENT: GK Doug Blondin at 7:41pm.

### Special Olympics - February 2024 - Michael Chacon

The winter season is starting this month. Here are the upcoming winter events for anyone who is interested in volunteering. I only included events in the metro area. If you're interested in more distant events, such as Greeley, Copper Mountain and Grand Junction please see the website <a href="https://specialolympicsco.org/calendar/">https://specialolympicsco.org/calendar/</a>

February 3 @ 12:00 am Young Athletes Erie Recreation Family Open Ice Skate Erie Rec Outdoor Rink, 575 Kattell St, Erie, CO

February 12 @ 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Front Range Winter Games Eldora Ski Resort 2861 Eldora Ski Rd #140, Nederland, CO

February 13 and 14 @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Denver Public Schools Elementary School District Basketball Tournament

Denver East High School 1600 City Park Esplanade, Denver, CO

February 15 @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Denver Public Schools Middle School District Basketball Tournament McAuliffe International Middle School 2459 Holly Street, Denver, CO

February 18 @ 8:30 am - 6:30 pm Denver Regional Basketball Colorado School of Mines - Student Recreation Center 1500 Illinois Street, Golden, CO

February 23 @ 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Denver High School Regional Basketball Gold Crown Fieldhouse 150 S. Harlan St, Lakewood, CO

March 5 @ 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Aurora Public Schools District Basketball Tournament Fieldhouse USA 14200 E. Alameda Ave, Aurora, CO

March 16 @ 8:30 am - March 17 @ 6:00 pm State Basketball Tournament Colorado Academy Athletic Center 3800 S Pierce St., Denver, CO

March 23 @ 8:30 am - 3:00 pm State Figure Skating and Speed Skating Apex Ice Arena 13150 W 72nd Ave., Arvada, CO



## Ladies Auxiliary Report - Dianne Heimann, President

The Ladies Auxiliary met on Thursday January 11, 2024. We had 13 members present. We did not have a December meeting, instead we had our annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party. A big THANK YOU to the Knights for cooking our dinner and serving us. The food was great, and we really appreciated being catered to!

At our meeting, we took care of business, approving the Recording Secretary Minutes from our November meeting and the Treasurer's report for November and December. We celebrated the December birthdays of Rosemary Martinez, Kathie Barrett, Jeanette McKenny, Joan Day, and Gay Specking. We also celebrated the January birthdays of Rhonda Casias, Verissa Beatty, Sharon Cherry and Cherryl Ondrak. Happy Birthday Ladies!

We are approaching our busy time of the year. At our meeting, a budget committee was formed to meet in February to prepare the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This proposed budget will be presented to the members at our March meeting. We also will be forming a nominating committee in February to start the process of nominating members for offices for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Lent is also approaching; I have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help the Knights with the Fish Fry's on Fridays during Lent at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Happy Valentine's Day!

# Family of the Month - James Bernard's

James Bernard was born in South Dakota and graduated from U. of South Dakota in Vermillion. He met his lovely wife Tia in college. They married and lived in Sioux Falls, SD. The family moved to Colorado in 2004 when James started his career with the US Treasury Dept. in Lakewood. He is now a Group Manager. James and Tia had two children in a two-bedroom apartment. They moved to Northglenn in 2005 the week Barrett was born. They attended IHM until COVID, and now attend John Paul II where Barrett was able to serve Mass and be a master of ceremonies. The family moved to Westminster in 2015.

Tia started working for Adams 12 School District to work around their children's schedules. She is now a food service Supervisor covering a dozen schools.

Their oldest son Beau is a Corporal in the Marine Corps. He and his lovely wife Amber are stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California. Beau is in logistics.

Their daughter Micah is a senior at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque majoring in psychology and criminology. She plans on going on to an advanced degree. She is president of her sorority and rugby club.

The youngest son Barrett is a freshman at Colorado Mesa in Grand Junction. His majors are communication and business.

Beau, Micah, and Barrett are all athletic. They would play street football with the four Gormley brothers. When choosing sides Beau picked Micah. Razzed by the other boys about picking his sister to be a nice brother, he picked her because he wanted to win.

Barrett and Beau were Chief Squires in our Squires Circle. James held many leadership roles in the Circle and mentored his successor Josh Hem Lee when his sons aged out. James and Tia are at most Council events. For several years James has managed the Football Crazr fundraiser supporting Colorado KC State Charities and the "Blackout Board" fundraiser using NFL scores.

For their long, sustained service to the Squires, Council, and Parishes the Bernard's have earned the honor of Family of the Month.

Knights Birthdays		Ladies Birthdays			Anniversaries		
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# Calendar of Events for February 2024

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Saturday	February 3	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Tuesday	February 6	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	February 6	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Sunday	February 11	3:00 PM	Hall	Super Bowl Watch Party *C
Tuesday	February 13	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	February 15	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday	February 18	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Thursday	February 22	7:00 PM	Hall	JPII Council #17142 Meeting
Tuesday	February 27	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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

<sup>\*</sup>C: Happy Hour begins at 3PM, dinner at 4PM, Game at 4:30 PM. Surnames A-M bring a munchie or side dish, N-Z bring a dessert, see the Minutes for details.

# 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, (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.



# Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: Nativity of Our Lord - Gym

Date: Saturday Feb. 17 - 2024 Time: 2:00 pm

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus - 10961

Contact: Tony Anderson traentere concast net
Registration at Event

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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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 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!!



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