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Newsletter

ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN  
COUNCIL #7502

Serving Christ, His Church and  
**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
Catholic Parish in Northglenn, Colorado



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER – Douglas Blondin

Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and IHM Congregation:

I hope your Lenten journey is going well, and you're keeping all Lenten promises. But maybe you've fallen short of your best intentions. If that happens, there's always a chance to start anew. I'm reminded of the aphorism, attributed to St. Teresa of Avila, that "God writes straight with crooked lines." Keep your eye on the final destination and be open to where God is guiding you at this point on your Lenten/Life journey.

Naturally Lent brings unique opportunities - like IHM's Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm (preceded by our Fish Fry from 4:30-6:30). For me, Lent is about changing your perspective. While that might mean doing radically different things, it can also be accomplished by things available year-round. Perhaps give daily Mass a try (set a realistic goal – a few times during Lent or perhaps once a week.) Maybe stop & spend time with our Lord in IHM's Adoration Chapel. Go to confession. Visit nearby Mother Cabrini Shrine. Attend a Council meeting – the next one is March 12th (530pm gathering, 6 meal, 640 Rosary, 7 meeting).

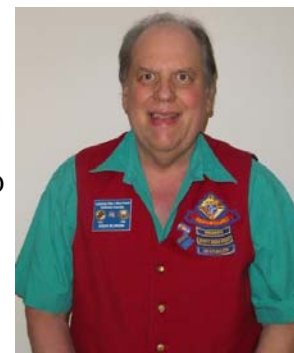
I'll suggest something real simple – sit in a way different place at Sunday Mass. I'm a creature of habit – usually sitting in the same place (even the same pew). The last few weeks I've moved around – from one side of the center aisle to the other, near the center aisle or the outside, close and far away. I've been amazed at how different the church looks – seeing things I knew existed but hadn't seen in a while. I've met new people and seen familiar faces from a different angle. I've found myself more engaged in the Mass with the changing viewpoint.

We will all have a different perspective when (weather permitting) Palm Sunday starts with a gathering on the lawn. The procession into church may send you to a different seating position. Be open to where God is guiding you.

We'll culminate Lent with Holy Thursday and the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Come by on Good Friday for the Passion Play by the Youth Group and The Lord's Passion. Holy Saturday includes the Divine Mercy Choir concert. Finally, the Glory of Easter. Whether you come on the Vigil or Sunday, you're certainly going to find yourself among many unfamiliar faces. Just like at Christmas, I ask you to be kind and welcoming to those folks. Your greeting and welcoming smile may be all someone needs to bring them back to more regular attendance.

I pray that you continue to have a fruitful Lent, are open to what God intends for you during this time and become prepared to celebrate a Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus  
Douglas Blondin  
Grand Knight Council 7502  
Northglenn, CO



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

Joe Duran, Johnny Padilla, John Luna, Brenda Garcia (David Garcia's daughter in law), 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), Arnie Malsom, Shirley Hofer Mike Brown, Jim Brozovich, Tom Hermosillo, Elisabeth Barron, Margie Archer, Diane Roybal, Sharon Suedkamp, Doli Brown.

Deceased: None to report.

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



### Scripture of the Month

#### **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers <sup>4</sup>and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup>I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

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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 March, for the new martyrs.

### Prayer of the Month

Lord, so great is our love for you that even though we walk in a world where speaking your name can mean certain death, your faithful still speak it, and speak it all the louder.

Help us work for a world where all may speak their creeds, and pray their prayers without fear of violence.

Hear the prayers of those who abide with you in dangerous times and in dark valleys,  
And who die with your name on their lips.


Draw them quickly to your side where they might know eternal peace. Amen.

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Prayer is taken from Catholic Relief Services' Prayer for Christian Martyrs, in support of the Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of March, for the new martyrs.



## Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7502 Minutes February 13 2024 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 January 9, 2024 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF TRANSFER:** Thomas Crown

### **COUNCIL ISSUES:**

- The 2024-25 Fraternal Budget is being worked on now. The plan is to publish in the April newsletter, present at the April meeting and vote on it at the May meeting.
- Burrito Sales - Held on February 3rd & 4th. Financial Secretary will report details but it went well. Next sale will be in April. Plan is to take a few "summer months." Thanks to all who helped make & sell burritos, as well as those who bought them.
- The Super Bowl party was held on February 11, 2024 and was a great event.
- Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays, February 16th through March 22nd. Serving dinner from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Help needed in cooking, serving and cleanup. See Broadcast mail for a link to use Signup Genius. Stay afterwards for IHM Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.
- State Convention - To be held April 26th through 28th at The Antlers in Colorado Springs. The Council needs to send 2 delegates - as GK I'll be one and PGK Paul May has volunteered to be the other. We can also send up to 2 alternates. Eric Wilson has volunteered to be the first alternate. Kent Closson will be the second alternate. The council will pay for lodging & meals.
- Officer Elections - Eric Wilson has volunteered to head the nominating committee. Please let Eric know if you would like to submit your name or have the recommendation of a brother Knight for a position. A reminder that you must be a 3rd Degree member to hold an office. Nominations will be made at Council meetings in April, May & June. Elections in June and the one-year terms start July 1, 2024. We need a third-year trustee.
- Anyone with children or grandchildren that have not applied for a scholarship, the deadline is March 24, 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** GK Douglas Blondin – A thank you note was received from the Special Olympics for our 750.00 donation from the Tootsie Roll campaign.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** GK Douglas Blondin

- Thanks to Kent Closson and others for the new shelf/curtain rod in the Ladies bathroom. This will be used to hang the funeral pall, tablecloths, and other items.
- A young lady from IHM, Carlena Lim, contacted us for financial assistance as she works to join The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. The officers approved her request, sending \$500 from our approved Vocations budget. The council received a very nice Thank You note

## Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

from Carlana Lim.

- Joint Meeting Night - We plan to have another joint night with the Ladies Auxiliary in May. We will share a meal together and all come down to pray the Rosary. The Ladies will then move upstairs for their meeting while we conduct our meeting here.
- Wall of Memories/Honor inductees. The committee has chosen two new inductees: Brian Applehans and James Peterson. The dinner celebrating their induction will be on May 4, 2024.
- There is an opening on the NKCHA board.

### FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado – André Casias gave the report in Ed's absence on expenses, income and membership for the month ending January 31 2024. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 379 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias – André gave the Treasurer's report of January 31 2024 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

### OFFICER REPORTS:

- Chaplain: Father Andrew Kemberling – Absent
- Deputy Grand Knight: Kent Closson – Kent is working with Smokie Mortus to make edits on the council website. Please email or call Kent for any edits or recommendations for website content. Kent is working on updating upcoming events on the council calendar. If you know a knight that you would like to recommend for Membership Director or Family Director, please contact GK Doug or DGK Kent. The Membership Director works with the Grand Knight and the membership committee on retention and recruiting new members. The Family Director works with other council members to plan family activities for the council.
- Chancellor: Ken Allscheid – No Report
- Advocate: Jim Peterson – No Report
- Trustees: James Bernatow (1 yr), Dave Paul (2 yr), and Paul May (3 yr) – The Council and NKCHA mid-year audits have been completed.

### PROGRAM REPORTS:

Membership: TBD

Faith: Kent Closson – The IHM Eucharistic Revival is planning several events throughout 2024 to make us aware of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In January, IHM hosted a Eucharistic video series entitled Presence – Mystery of the Eucharist. It was an 8-week program. IHM will be hosting a series entitled Jesus and the Eucharist during Lent after each Thursday morning mass. Father Ernest hosted a meeting on Feb 19, 2024 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Cenacle Room about the upcoming IHM Pilgrimage to the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. Please encourage Knights and their families to participate in the Archdiocese of Denver Pilgrimage entitled Pilgrimage Passport to the 7 parish pilgrimage sites (Blessed Sacrament, Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Most Precious Blood, St. Clare of Assisi, St. John Loveland, St. John the Evangelist, St. Thomas Aquinas). The IHM Eucharist Revival Committee is planning to have a Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Sunday in May 2024.

Family: TBD

Community: Chris Gaul –The growing faith program begins on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 9:00am to 10:30am and it will run for 6 weeks.

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## Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

Life: Vernon Bustos – No Report

Squires: Josh Hem Lee – Josh Hem Lee – Josh has contacted nearby parishes to inform them of the squires' mission. Josh Hem Lee had a meeting with St. Mark's parish. The Squires will assist with Lenten activities. Several squires will age out of the program this year.

Special Olympics: Mike Chacon – The winter season has started. There will be a basketball tournament at the Colorado School of Mines on Sunday, February 18 2024 at 4:30pm.

Vocations: Ken Allscheid – We have been unable to contact the seminarian about the uncashed check. March 1, 2024 is the next first Friday mass. The Mass on February 2<sup>nd</sup> included a celebration of Candlemas – the Presentation of the Lord.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Clark Musser – The corporate family mass will be at John Paul II parish on February 18, 2024 at 7:30am. The next mass will be held at Holy Cross parish.

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 – Absent

LECTURER: Ralph Roy – Read a section from the Liguorian written by Bonnie Abadie entitled: Faith Hits Home.

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

- Johnny Padilla is starting chemotherapy.
- John Luna was moved into hospice.
- Jim Beaufort was moved into a senior living facility.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: None

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: James Bernard family

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by GK Douglas Blondin

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

ADJOURNMENT: GK Doug Blondin at 7:40pm.

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## Seminary Mass

Are you looking for something different to do during Lent? How about attending Mass at the Seminary?

They hold an open Mass once a month, usually on the first Friday. During Lent it will be Friday, March 1st at Noon. The seminary is at 1300 S Steele St. To park for Mass, take I-25 South, get off on University Blvd, and head north. Take a right onto Florida Ave, left onto Monroe St, and then turn left into the Seminary and follow the road to parking on the left. Go to the visitor entrance and they'll direct you down the hall to the Chapel. Along the way, you can view pictures of past classes and find priests past and present (see 2001 for Father Ernest). If you have time, explore the beautiful areas on either side of the altar.



## LADIES AUXILIARY by Dianne Heimann, President

The Ladies Auxiliary met on Thursday February 15, 2024. We had 18 members present.

At our meeting, we took care of business, approving the Recording Secretary Minutes from our January meeting and the Treasurer's report for January. We celebrated my February birthday. I am the only February birthday in the Ladies Auxiliary.



Our budget committee met and will present the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to the members at our March meeting. We also will be forming a nominating committee in March to start the process of nominating members for offices for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

On Sunday February 11, 2024, the Knights hosted a Super Bowl Party at the hall. There has not been a Super Bowl party for a few years (because of Covid). It was good to gather with fellow football fans and enjoy the game. What a fun time we all had.

Lent is here. Please volunteers to help the Knights with the Fish Fry's on Fridays during Lent at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 14, 2024.

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## Lenten Fish Fry

Looking for a Lenten Fish Fry? Our Council is holding one on Fridays through March 22nd at IHM in the parish hall. Each week we will have two kinds of seafood, coleslaw, French fries, mac and cheese, lemonade, and coffee. The charge is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (9 & younger) - with proceeds supporting our seminarians. We serve from 4:30 to 6:30 and encourage you to stay afterwards for IHM's Stations of the Cross at 7pm.



## 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.



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## Special Olympics – March 2024 – Michael Chacon

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 <https://specialolympicsco.org/calendar/>

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



## Knights of the Month – Super Bowl Watch Party Team

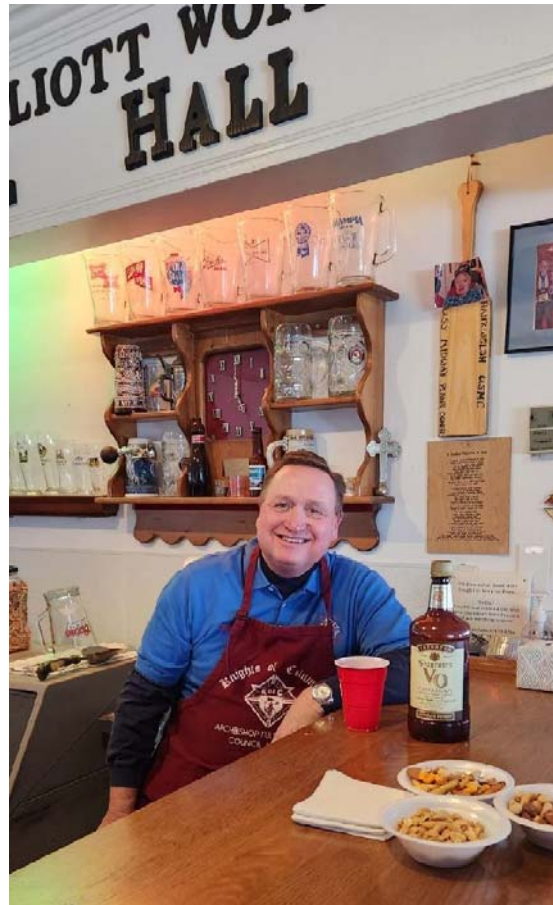
Our Knights of the Month are the Super Bowl watch party Team of Eric Wilson, Mark Germann, and Ron Ebenkamp.

The Council hosted a Super Bowl watch party on February 11. The cooks provided a feast that the 60 football fans could not put a dent in. Top of the menu was chicken drumsticks garnished with Teriyaki, buffalo, and Whiskey BBQ coatings. There was a large supply of Eric Wilson’s “Deputy Grand Knight Queso dip.”

Eric Wilson is married to his lovely wife Marlene. He learned to cook in quantity in college. Eric led the Journey Days breakfasts that fed a thousand people in less than 30 minutes, so he knows how to put food on the table. Eric joined in 2007 and was inducted into the Hall of Honor this year. He is running the 2024 Officer nominating process.

Mark Germann tended bar. Mark joined in 2013. He has held a plethora of offices, including Grand Knight, District Deputy, and Colorado Membership Chair. He is assisted in all his endeavors by his lovely wife Cathy. They have four children. Mark winters in Florida and it was good luck he was in town to join the Super Bowl festivities.

Ron Ebenkamp joined the Knights in 1993. His grandson Gavin helped as well preparing the feast.



Ron Ebenkamp and grandson Gavin

Mark Germann

The potluck dinner was quite lucky, with crockpots brimming with goodies and the dessert table full of treats.

Thanks to Eric, Ron, Gavin, and Mark for all the great food, beverages, and support of Council activities.



Knights Birthdays		Ladies Birthdays		Anniversaries	
03/02	Stephen Robles	03/01	Brittany Vessely	03/03	12 Lynn and Sia Ray
03/04	Robert Rost	03/02	Colleen Kenfield	03/09	37 Michael and Melissa Cardenas
03/04	Woodrow Stephens	03/02	Michaelann Martin	03/10	41 Dcn. Paul and Marilyn Louderman
03/08	Antonio Teran, Jr	03/07	Kathie Novak	03/11	35 Jerry and Krystal Luthye
03/10	Thomas Gagnon	03/11	Lisa Davenport	03/15	47 David and Nancy Paul
03/10	Eldon Meis	03/12	Silvia Rutter	03/18	57 Michael and Sharyl McCarthy
03/11	Dcn. Jerome Durnford	03/13	Sharyl McCarthy	03/23	28 Kevin and Michelle Priola
03/12	Cruz (CJ) Barajas	03/14	Cheryl Cote		
03/14	William Brown	03/14	Sobrina Kiely		
03/15	James Brozovich	03/14	Patty Luce		
03/15	Joe Montoya	03/18	Margie Allen		
03/15	Antonio Romero	03/18	Marguerite Gormley		
03/16	James Peterson	03/19	Valerie Brown		
03/17	Benjamin Dugas	03/22	Abby Vera		
03/17	D. Patrick O'Connell	03/23	Delores Stephens		
03/18	Joseph Feiten	03/25	Mary Guerrero		
03/19	Jeffrey Althaus	03/26	Jackie Hartman		
03/19	Arthur Archuleta	03/27	Dolores Brugger		
03/21	Joshua Goodboe	03/27	Kandra Kaiser		
03/21	John McCarthy	03/29	Mary Montoya		
03/21	Nicholas Trostel				
03/21	Don Trujillo				
03/22	Albert Nelson				
03/22	Roger Peckinpaugh				
03/26	Fr. Miguel Mendoza				
03/28	Charles Andes				
03/28	Joseph Crichton				
03/29	Robert Allan				
03/30	Jerry Ligrani				



### Calendar of Events for March 2024

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Friday	March 1	4:30 PM	IHM Hall	Lenten Fish Fry *C
Saturday	March 2	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Tuesday	March 5	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	March 5	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Friday	March 8	4:30 PM	IHM Hall	Lenten Fish Fry *C
Tuesday	March 12	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	March 14	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Friday	March 15	4:30 PM	IHM Hall	Lenten Fish Fry *C
Sunday	March 17	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Friday	March 22	4:30 PM	IHM Hall	Lenten Fish Fry *C
Tuesday	March 26	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting
Thursday	March 28	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.

\*C: See the article on the Lenten Fish Fry earlier in the newsletter for details. Served from 4:30pm - 6:30 pm.

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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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