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**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:

Alleluia He Is Risen! Happy Easter. Even if this newsletter arrives to you after March 31st, that's still an appropriate greeting as the time from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday (occurring this year on May 19th) is designated in the church calendar as "Easter time".

Shortly into that period we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday (on April 7th this year). This is a relatively new devotion - actively promoted by Pope John Paul II.

It is based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. She was a Polish nun and wrote in her diary on February 22, 1931, that Jesus appeared to her wearing a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from His heart. Jesus would ask Faustina to paint the vision of His merciful divinity being poured out from His sacred heart. She did not know how to paint, but three years later the first artistic rendering of the image was produced under her direction. IHM recently acquired a high-resolution copy of that image, which hangs in the sanctuary (but not during Lent).

Jesus said to Faustina one day "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." Kowalska said that Jesus specifically asked for a feast day to be celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. The first Mass celebrating the Divine Mercy occurred on April 28, 1935 and was attended by Kowalska. She would die at the age of 33 on October 5, 1938 in Krakow. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place & the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy in the General Roman calendar.

We are also in Spring time - a tricky time in Colorado as the snowstorm on March 14th reminds us. In typical Colorado fashion, the first day of Spring on March 19th greeted us with 60-degree weather. Will we be "treated" to another storm or is summer on its way?

Spring is a time to start fresh and of starting over. While we see this visibly in nature, we also have the opportunity to make it part of our journey. Consider taking time to take stock of things in your life that need to change for the better. A quote about spring from Buddha struck me - If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.

We can also do something to support the miracle of our lives. After a few years hiatus, the March for Life is back on Friday, April 12 from 11 am – 1 pm at the Capitol. Come and Support Life.

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:

Rosemary Martinez, 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 Hoffer Mike Brown, Jim Brozovich, Tom Hermosillo, Elisabeth Barron, Margie Archer, Diane Roybal, Sharon Suedkamp, Doli Brown.

Deceased: Jody Scott, Carl Montoya.

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



Luke 23:55-24:12

⁵⁵ The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, ⁵⁶ they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.

¹ But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. ⁵ They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." ⁸ And they remembered his words. ⁹ Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, ¹¹ but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the

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Scripture of the Month is taken from *The New American Bible, Revised Edition* (NABRE) at www.usccb.org/bible, which provides explanatory introductions and footnotes.

Papal Message of the Month

Brothers, sisters, may we rediscover the enjoyment of the journey, quicken the heartbeat of hope and experience a foretaste of the beauty of heaven! Today, let us summon the energy to advance in goodness towards Goodness itself, which never disappoints. If, as one of the ancient Fathers once wrote, "the greatest sin is not to believe in the power of the resurrection," today let us believe and profess: "Christ is truly risen from the dead!" We believe in you, Lord Jesus. We believe that, with you, hope is reborn and the journey continues. May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: "Peace be with you!"

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Papal Message is taken from the close of Pope Francis's April 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* message, dated April 9, 2023.



MINUTES of Council 7502 March 12, 2023 meeting

by substitute Recorder John Hem Lee

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

CALL TO ORDER: GK Doug Blondin at 7:01 p.m. A Members' Rosary preceded the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER: led by Grand Knight (GK) Doug Blondin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All attending members

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion to accept the February 13, 2024 Council Meeting's Minutes as published in the recent Council newsletter. Motion seconded & passed.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: GK Doug Blondin

- 2024-25 Fraternal Budget - I put together a proposed budget - using the various inputs that I received. Modifications were made after going over it with the Trustees and at the recent officers meeting. Members of the Council are invited to the Hall on this Saturday, March 16th at 9am for any discussion & modifications before the budget is finalized. The plan is to publish the budget in the April newsletter, present at the April Council meeting and have discussion/vote at the May meeting.
- Lenten Fish Fry - Fridays, February 16th through March 22nd. Serving 430-630. 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. We've had good attendance - 90 in the snow/ice on the 16th, then 117, followed by 124 and then we had over 170 last Friday.
- State Convention - To be held April 26th through 28th at The Antlers in Colorado Springs. The delegates will be myself and PGK Paul May. The alternates will be Eric Wilson and DGK Kent Closson.
- 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. We will definitely be in need of a third year trustee - current two year becomes one year and current three year becomes two year. Other officers may chose to run for re-election but you can naturally choose to also run. 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 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE: GK Doug Blondin — We received a Thank You from Ruth Carvalho (widow of Mark) for the Viaticum kit we sent to her in honor of her late husband. Ruth will give the kit to a priest near her home in Oklahoma.

NEW BUSINESS: GK Doug Blondin

- There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on **April 6th**. While held in Mead, it will be a virtual event. Please see me if you're interested in becoming a Sir Knight.
- The next Corporate Sunday at IHM will be on **April 21st** at the 9am Mass. If you're not part of the Color Corps for that Mass, please wear your vests (to any Mass).
- Deacon's Dinner - We've already been contacted to help with serving & cleanup at the Deacon's Dinner (Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and Squires). This year the Deacons will be involved in a 3 day event, including a dinner (deciding if a buffet or plated) to be served at IHM on **Thursday, August 29th**.
- Thoughts of Christmas in March - I got contacted the other day if we had a date for the Adult Christmas party. Apparently others are thinking ahead and looking to rent the hall in that timeframe. So if you want to mark your calendars I've set the date for **Saturday, December 14th**. The Ladies Auxiliary will be discussing if they'll have a children's party (tentative date December 7th), do a Santa meet at IHM as per last year or do something different.

Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

- Joe Feiten in his capacity as State Leader for March for Life, mentioned that there is a March for Life on Friday April 12th from 11am-1 pm. Someone donated the money to IHM to pay for the buses (2 will be going down).
- Smokey Mortus from JP II came and spoke on behalf of the Stegmuller family and asked us to participate in a small luncheon for this family next Monday March 18th between 12 to 1ish. JP II's 2nd annual golf tournament is June 8th.
- Dave Paul mentioned the broadcast message sent out and the request for volunteers to help with the pledge drive next Tuesday- Thursday (March 19-21st).

FINANCIAL and MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

- Financial Secretary: Ed Delgado - gave the report on expenses, income, and membership. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 380 members.
- Treasurer: André Casias - gave the Treasurer's report of 6/30/2023 account balances in the Council's bank accounts. Written reports are available to members upon request.
- Bingo Report: Ron Ondrak - gave his report. Written reports are available to members upon request.
- Membership: TBD - no report

OFFICER REPORTS:

- Deputy Grand Knight - Kent Closson - made a plea for a Membership Director and a Family Director.
- Advocate: Jim Peterson - no report
- Chancellor: Ken Allscheid - no report
- Trustee: James Bernatow (1 year), Dave Paul (2 year) & Paul May (3 year)

PROGRAM REPORTS: Deputy GK Kent Closson

- Family: TBD — no report
- Faith: Kent Closson — Kent mentioned the church sponsoring a Jesus in the Eucharist seminar for 8 weeks and implored us to support this. Pilgrimage to Indianapolis in July for the Eucharistic Congress. The Archdiocese is also doing a small pilgrimage to 7 parishes. The Eucharistic revival committee is planning a Corpus Christi event in May, details will be forthcoming. 40 Days of Life campaign will end on March 24, a eucharistic procession is scheduled for March 23rd at 10 am.
- Life: Vernon Bustos — no report
- Community: Chris Gaul — Fr. Ernest asked for help to paint the exterior of one or both rectories. Chris is trying to obtain materials and source funding. Chris Crabtree is also asking for help to build a gate outside her carport. Knights will supply the labor and Joe Feiten volunteered to pay for the materials. Date still TBD.
- Squires: Josh Hem Lee - In an effort to attract potential members, a blurb will appear in the parish weekly bulletin. Josh visited St. Mark's last week to present at their officers meeting. Will continue to encourage the young men to assist at the fish fries.
- Special Olympics: Mike Chacon - The winter season wraps up this month and training and practices for spring have begun. Three basketball tournaments this week at Gold Crown courts in Lakewood. Ice skating events will be held at Apex Ice Arena in Arvada on 3/23. Any volunteers please contact Mike Chacon.
- Vocations: Ken Allscheid - We received a thank you note from a seminarian who just finished his first year of studies. Also from a seminarian studying at the Vatican.

FOURTH DEGREE: Clark Musser — excused. Elections in May. Color Corps this Sunday at Holy Cross at 1:30 pm.

Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

FIELD AGENT REPORT: None. Direct insurances needs/questions to the Wheaton Agency 303-427-5056 or support@kofcservice.com

DISTRICT DEPUTY (DD) REPORT: Tom Walls — Encouraged us to sign up for State Convention at The Antlers from Apr 26-28. District 14 had 4 other councils at the free throw contest last Saturday. Encouraged us to host a church membership drive for spring. Supreme Convention will be held this year in Quebec. (2026 convention will be held in Denver)

LECTURER: Ralph Roy - Liguorian article on rest - "Ease on Down Road 2024". There are several forms of rest but during Lent we concentrate on spiritual rest which is prayer and reflection.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Kevin Pedersen, Joe Duran, Jim Mortus, John Luna

Mike Pfeifer mentioned that he and a group will be traveling to a rural part of Nigeria to assist Fr Isidore in his work. He asked for our prayers and support.

Knight of the Month: Eric Wilson, Mark Germann & Ron Ebenkamp for the Super Bowl party.

Family of the Month: James Bernard accepted the award for last month's family of the month.

CLOSING PRAYER: Given by GK Doug Blondin.

ADJOURNMENT: GK Doug Blondin at 7:52 p.m.

Fraternal Year 2024-25 budget to be discussed & approved at May 14th Council meeting

INCOME	Budget
Dues	\$8,000.00
Bingo	\$85,000.00
NKCHA Hall Rental	\$28,800.00
Fundraiser	\$64,400.00
College Scholarship Funds	\$15,000.00
Donations	\$3,640.00
Bank Reserves	\$36,750.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$241,590.00
EXPENSES	Budget
Fraternal Expenses	\$105,810.00
Fundraiser Expenses	\$52,960.00
Donation - College Scholarships	\$15,000.00
Donation - High School Scholarships	\$7,500.00
Donation - IHM Capital Improvements	\$30,000.00
Donations - Remaining Items	\$30,320.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$241,590.00

A detailed version of the budget is available by contacting Ed Delgado, Financial Secretary, by email (edelgadokofc@gmail.com)

LADIES AUXILIARY by Dianne Heimann, President

The Ladies Auxiliary met on Thursday March 21, 2024. Because of the snowstorm our scheduled meeting on March 14 was rescheduled to March 21, 2024. We had 20 members present.



At our meeting, we took care of business, approving the Recording Secretary Minutes from our February meeting and the Treasurer's report for February. We celebrated the March birthdays of Teri Chatigny, Jackie Hartman, Delores Brugger and Romelia Carillo. Happy Birthday Ladies!

Our Treasurer presented the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to the members. We formed a nominating committee to start the process of nominating members for offices for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

A big THANK YOU to Mike Pfeifer and his crew for cooking on Fridays during Lent. And a big THANK YOU to all the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary volunteers for their time and service to our church to provide the Fish Fry's on Fridays during Lent at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I hope everyone had a good Lent and a good Easter!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 11, 2024.

Hall of Memories Dinner

On May 4th we will add James Peterson and Brian Appelhans to the Wall of Honor/Memories. The event at the hall will start with cocktail hour at 5, serve dinner at 6 with ceremonies to follow. Knights and their families are encouraged to come and show their appreciation for the contributions of these two worthy gentlemen. So that we can ensure a proper amount of food, please RVSP by Sunday, April 28th to kofc7502gk@gmail.com (preferred) or by calling 720-539-5544.



Who's the Seminarian ... ?

(answer on page 8)

This is the first in an anticipated series.

The picture to the left is of a priest during his time in the seminary. He is either a priest assigned at one time to IHM or has another IHM connection.

Who is this seminarian

(bonus question: what year was he ordained & when was he at Immaculate Heart of Mary)?

ST. JOE & PAT DINNER

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish held a St. Joe and Pat dinner on March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19.

Many Knights and their families enjoyed the delicious Italian food. The bar served Irish beer. A few Knights of Columbus marveled at attending a dinner where no Knight had to cook, serve, or clean up. It was a novel experience to just be a guest.



HM Pastor Fr. Ernest Bayer enjoying taking children for a spin around the dance floor.

And the Seminarian is... (from page 6)

This was hopefully an easy one (they'll get harder) and you recognized our current IHM pastor, Father Ernest Bayer. He started at another seminary and transferred to St John Vianney for his final year of studies. After serving his year as a transitional deacon, he was ordained on June 9, 2001. Fr Ernest was actually the first priest ordained from St John Vianney seminary!!!

His first assignment was as a parochial vicar serving three parishes in the northwest part of our state – St. Michael the Archangel in Craig, Holy Family in Meeker and St. Ignatius of Antioch in Rangely. In 2005, he transferred to Holy Name in Steamboat Springs – serving first as administrator before being appointed pastor a year later. His time at Holy Name including the building of a new sanctuary.

In the summer of 2022, IHM pastor Fr Declan Creighton had to transfer back east for health reasons. Fr Ernest was in the midst of his third 6-year assignment at Holy Name when the archbishop selected him to become the new pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr Ernest started his ministry at IHM on August 8, 2022. On occasion, you may find Fr Ernest in the choir area singing with a men's group and/or playing his guitar. Out in the community, you may find him whizzing past you on his bicycle. We look forward to the time that God has destined Fr Ernest will serve as IHM's "Loving Shepherd."

Special Olympics Report – April 2024 – Michael Chacon

The spring season is starting this month. The upcoming events in April include:

Denver Public Schools High School & Elementary School District Soccer Tournament Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Kennedy High School 2855 Lamar Street Denver, CO.

Denver Regional Swimming, Sunday, April 28, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Arapahoe High School 2201 E Dry Creek Rd. Centennial, CO.

Also, the Special Olympics will be holding a Polar Plunge and 5K fund raiser at Boardwalk Park/Windsor Lake, 100 N 5th St, Windsor, CO on Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these events can sign up on the Colorado Special Olympics website.



More good times from the St. Joe and Pats dinner.

Knights Birthdays

Ladies Birthdays

Anniversaries

04/01 Donald Howbert
 04/02 Jerome Starling
 04/04 Thomas Carter
 04/05 Mike Brown
 04/05 Michael Cardenas
 04/06 Marcin Goczol
 04/07 Vernon Bustos
 04/08 David Bowes
 04/09 Leopoldo Barrios
 04/09 Michael Gallegos
 04/11 Carlos Venegas
 04/11 Dcn. Lynn Waring
 04/13 Ernest Paquette
 04/14 William Honas, Jr
 04/14 Anthony Jude
 04/16 Caleb Brewer
 04/16 Richard Marquez
 04/17 Michael Keaveny
 04/17 Loren Radke
 04/18 Dennis Davenport
 04/19 Justin Langfield
 04/23 Michael Chacon
 04/24 John Gaines
 04/25 Rodney Candelaria
 04/25 Don Emenim
 04/26 Charles Harwood
 04/26 Rev. Joseph Hearty
 04/28 David Zamora
 04/29 Martin Cote
 04/29 Josef Shafer
 04/30 Leonard Castaneda
 04/30 Dcn. Richard Milinazzo

04/02 Kathleen Kettler
 04/04 Debbi Castaneda
 04/06 Mary Allscheid
 04/06 Mary Ebert
 04/07 Mary Beth Applehans
 04/07 Roswitha Stonehocker
 04/08 Rosaline Ziegler
 04/13 Jennifer Kirchmeier
 04/13 Linda Rose Lopez
 04/14 Bonnie Applehans
 04/14 Monalisa Shafer
 04/15 Jeanne Bowes
 04/17 Pennie Sue Harcsa
 04/18 Elaine Carney
 04/22 Alice Marie Drotar
 04/22 Lea Gerber
 04/23 April Chatigny
 04/23 Donna Hoffman
 04/23 Michelle Priola
 04/24 Jennifer Crown
 04/24 Marian L. Ross
 04/26 Cristin Duarte
 04/27 Norma Prew
 04/27 Elaine Quintana
 04/30 Shelly A Holt
 04/30 Kris Waters
 04/30 Connie Winner

04/01 35 Jack and Patricia Hall
 04/04 31 Michael and Carla Weible
 04/07 51 Levon and Kathy Sergeeff
 04/12 55 Henry and Arlene Vera
 04/13 11 Scott and Kendra Henning
 04/15 28 Jared and Rene Harris
 04/16 13 Derek and Melanni Medrano
 04/16 61 Frank and Connie Winner
 04/17 31 Michael and Cynthia Farrar
 04/23 36 Scott and Janice Pahl
 04/25 21 Wendall and Andrea Jene Ashley
 04/27 56 James and Candy Peterson
 04/28 34 Thomas and Sheryl Russ
 04/29 30 Patrick and Paulina Day
 04/30 47 Larry and Roxanne Domenico



Calendar of Events for April 2024

Day	Date	Starts	At	Event
Tuesday	April 2	6:00 PM	Hall	NKCHA Board Meeting
Tuesday	April 2	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Officers Meeting
Saturday	April 6	*C	*C	Fourth Degree Exemplification *C
Saturday	April 6	10:05 AM	*A	Patriotic Rosary *A
Tuesday	April 9	7:00 PM	Hall	Council Business Meeting *B
Thursday	April 11	7:00 PM	Hall	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Friday	April 12	11:00 AM	*C	March for Life
Sunday	April 21	2:00 PM	Hall	Squires Meeting
Tuesday	April 23	7:00 PM	Hall	Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting
Thursday	April 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.

*C: See the Grand Knight Doug Blondin for details

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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.

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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