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*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:

Labor Day is upon us and is usually seen as the end-of-summer. Growing up in Vermont, Labor Day definitely brought about a change - as the next day we started the school year (we'd be in school 'til mid-June). Labor Day was also the final day of the 10-day run of the local fair - the Champlain Valley Exposition.

Another sign of change will be the Autumnal Equinox on September 22nd. Hopefully it will mean cooler temperatures & I'll no longer sleep with the window open. We do know it will mean the start of more hours of darkness than daylight.

A week earlier, on September 15th, is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The feast, originally titled "Our Lady of Compassion", was added to the Roman Missal in 1482 and varied as to when it was celebrated. It was changed to "Sorrows" in 1913 by St Pope Pius X - who also fixed the feast day to September 15th.

Our Lady of Sorrows may sound familiar as it's also the name of IHM's Adoration Chapel. Do you know that the chapel is named after an Eastlake church of the same name? Eastlake is a community a few miles north and east of IHM - dating back to 1911 when it was established as a small, rural railroad town. In 1990, most of Eastlake was annexed by Thornton in order to take advantage of the latter's sewage system - the railroad line is now the terminus of RTD's N-line.

Early Catholic residents in the area attended Mass in Welby or Brighton. As the agricultural community grew, they wanted a church of their own. Our Lady of Sorrows' cornerstone was laid at the corner of York St & Lake Ave on July 29, 1917, with work under the direction of Welby contractor Henry Cline. Upon completion, the \$3,500 construction debt was almost paid. In the early days, Servite Fathers served the mission status of the church & Servite Sisters taught Sunday School. Membership dwindled when the area hit hard times in the 1930s. The church, later a mission of St Augustine's in Brighton, closed in 1970. The building was sold to the Northglenn Masonic Club in 1971, who are still using it to this day.

September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We usually end Mass at IHM with the prayer to St Michael the Archangel. The prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII in 1884 after seeing a horrific vision of the works of Satan in the 20th century. Over a century later, in 1994, St Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to recite this prayer frequently.

May we always labor to always keep learning, especially about our faith.

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:



John Luna, Joe Duran, Johnny Padilla, 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.

### ACTIVE DUTY POSTER AND PRAYERS

A framed poster with pictures of service members currently serving on active duty from families of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish is being prepared by the Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Assembly (1966). When completed, the poster will be hung in the hallway near the north entrance to the church. The poster will include a prayer people are encouraged to say to ask for protection and protect the service members so they will safely return to their families.

### Calendar of Events for September 2024

| Day      | Date         | Starts  | At   | Event                               |
|----------|--------------|---------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday  | September 3  | 6:00 PM | Hall | NKCHA Board Meeting                 |
| Tuesday  | September 3  | 7:00 PM | Hall | Council Officers Meeting            |
| Saturday | September 7  | 9:45 AM | *A   | Patriotic Rosary *A                 |
| Tuesday  | September 10 | 7:00 PM | Hall | Council Business Meeting *B         |
| Thursday | September 12 | 7:00 PM | Hall | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting            |
| Sunday   | September 15 | 2:00 PM | Hall | Squires Meeting                     |
| Tuesday  | September 24 | 7:00 PM | Hall | Fourth Degree Assembly 1966 Meeting |
| Thursday | September 26 | 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. The Rosary will be held in the Jeremiah and Isaiah rooms in the Parish Center following the 9:00 AM Mass. We will begin at 9:45 and a guide will be furnished. We pray for all the Military, First Responders, and Federal, State, and Local officials. Families are urged to attend.

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

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7502  
Council Meeting Notes by Recorder Josh J. Hem Lee  
August 13, 2024

Call to Order 7:05 PM GK Douglas Blondin. 43 Knights in attendance. Prior to the meeting, Eric Wilson gave a brief report on NKCHA - the Homeowners association that maintains the hall. All is going well but costs are rising. Tom Hotz was elected as the 5-year board member. A meal and the rosary preceded Eric's report.

Opening Prayer: GK Douglas Blondin

Pledge of Allegiance: All Attending Members

Approval of last meeting's minutes. Motion to accept July council meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion was seconded and passed.

### **Grand Knights Report:** GK Douglas Blondin

#### **Council Issues:**

- IHM Ministry Fair - To be held after Masses on August 17th & 18th. We will have a combined table for the Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and Squires. Help is needed after each Mass to be at the table and answer parishioners questions about the Knights.
- Golf Tournament - Mark Balderston is again heading this up. To be held Friday, September 20th at Thorncreek golf course. This is our fundraiser for college scholarships. Still determining what assistance Mark needs
- Peach Sales - Very successful with over \$15,000 in sales. Distribution was this past Saturday. Thanks to Al Quintana for coordinating - with assistance from Eddie Swan and Leon Quintana. And thanks to all who took orders & helped with distribution. Also thanks to all who bought peaches.

**Correspondence:** GK Douglas Blondin - Thank you from IHM Food Bank for our "consistent, generous support"

Thank you from the principal of Holy Family Church for supporting three students.

Clark Musser, GK of Holy Cross, was present at the meeting and gave a short speech of thanks for our support of the outdoor Stations of the Cross initiative at Holy Cross. Clark presented a certificate to Council 7502.

**Unfinished business:** None

#### **New Business:**

- Deacon's Dinner - To be held Thursday, August 29th at IHM. We will need about 10 people to pour drinks on table, assist with the buffet (will be mostly self-serve so they can run 4 lines and hopefully get through faster), bus tables & wash dishes.
- Burritos - We pick up with burrito sales on August 17th & 18th. So we'll need a couple of folks to help make the chili on the 16th, lots of folks making burritos on the morning of the 17th and help with sales after masses on the 17th & 18th (every mass this weekend but the Spanish mass).
- Tootsie Rolls - Ray Luque will coordinate this year's event, which will take place on October 12th. An opportunity awaits for someone to take on this role as Ray will be retiring from this position after many years of service.

## Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

- In God We Trust - Music by USAFA Catholic Choir. To be held at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, 756 Telluride St, Aurora on Saturday, September 21 at 11am. Lunch & Social to follow. The Council who has done cooking the past 4 years is overbooked. Holy Cross has a grill trailer which uses natural gas. There is a need for someone with a truck who can haul the trailer and also volunteers to cook.

### Financial Reports:

**Financial Secretary:** Ed Delgado Ed gave the report on expenses, income and membership for the month ending July 31st 2024. Ed also gave a breakdown of the peach sales which saw \$16000 in sales and netted just over \$4000 for the ultrasound project. Written reports are available to members upon request. We currently have 376 members.

**Treasurer:** André Casias Andre gave the Treasurer's report as of July 31, 2024 account balances in the council's accounts. Written reports are available to members upon request.

**Bingo:** Ron Ondrak/Greg Heimann Greg gave his report. Written reports are available to members upon request. More volunteers are needed as substitutes.

### Officer Reports:

**Chaplain:** Fr. Andrew Kemberling excused

**Deputy Grand Knight:** Kent Closson no report

**Chancellor:** Ken Allscheid no report

**Advocate:** James Peterson no report

**Trustees:** Dave Paul (1 yr), Paul May (2 yr) & Byron Day (3 yr) The audit was recently completed. NKCHA has sent the 990 information to the account.

### Program Reports: DGK Kent Closson

**Membership:** TBD

**Faith:** Kent Closson - no report

**All Things Football:** James Bernard Call text or email tickets for crazr ticket sales. There is one month left. Football blackout is now sold out. Names will be randomly drawn at last month's meeting, half of the proceeds from this will support the Knight-in-need fund.

**Family:** Robert Allan no report

**Community:** Chris Gaul - The other IHM rectory needs scraping and painting of the porch. Chris reported that he and other Knights completed this in the past few weeks.

**Life:** Vernon Bustos - no report

**Squires:** Josh Hem Lee - 6 Squires attended the peach distribution this past Saturday. Form 468 was submitted on July 31st. Monthly meeting is this Sunday at 2 pm.



## Minutes of Council 7502 (continued)

**Special Olympics:** Mike Chacon All events are in the newsletter. The plane pull is on Aug 21st. Mike has been networking with parents at various events.

**Vocations:** Ken Allscheid Ken will verify dates that the seminarians will return for the new semester as well as names of seminarians that the council can support

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree:** Paul May Paul received a note from CO State council asking for donations from councils to help sponsor Special Olympics athletes. Some sort of prize incentive will be announced soon.

**Field Agent:** None. Direct insurances needs/questions to the Wheaton Agency 303-427-5056 or [support@kofcservice.com](mailto:support@kofcservice.com)

**District Deputy:** Gary Thomas excused

**Lecturer:** Ralph Roy - Roy read an excerpt from Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover the Saints*. Our own lives are filled with powerful moments but most of them come disguised as ordinary moments. We must discipline ourselves to be present in these moments.

**Good of the Order:** Please let us know of those needing prayers  
• Jim Befort, Johnny Padilla, John Luna, Joe Duran

**Knight of the Month:** None

**Family of the Month:** Tom and Jill Walls

**Closing Prayer:** GK Douglas Blondin

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN and Adjournment at 7:45pm.**



### HOLY CROSS CHURCH – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Grand Knight Doug Blondin accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Clark Musser (Grand Knight of Holy Cross Council #16084) for Council 7502's sponsorship of a station for the outdoor Stations of the Cross project at Holy Cross church.

While all stations have been sponsored, those interested can still support the project by sponsoring a brick.

More information can be found at <https://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/holycross/> or contact Clark at 720-771-5205 or [clarkmusser69@gmail.com](mailto:clarkmusser69@gmail.com)

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH – LYNN AND SIA RAY



The September 2024 family of the month is the family of Lynn and Sia Ray.

Lynn was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 18, 1952. He was the second of seven children in a family with deep Catholic roots. Lynn attended Catholic schools from preschool through high school. He earned a degree in Elementary Education in 1975 from Arizona State University. In the AFROTC program Lynn was honored as a Distinguished Graduate and went to pilot training school in Columbus AFB, MS. Lynn was on active duty 1976-1986 at which time he entered the reserves.

In May 1977 Lynn married Judy Locher with whom he had four children and 10 grandchildren. In 2004, after 28 years of marriage, Lynn filed for divorce at

the advice of his pastor. Lynn was devastated.

Sia was born in Dearborn, Michigan and grew up in the Greek Orthodox church. Her father was a chiropractor and was a civic leader. Her mother was a homemaker and was involved in community activities. In her early twenties she moved to Arizona, was married in 1981, and had two boys, Merrick and Collin. The marriage did not work out nor did a brief second marriage. She spent several years alone before seeking a companion on eHarmony.

Lynn spent 4 years after his divorce before seeking a new partner. He was attracted by Sia's entry that the person she admired most was Mother Theresa. They were married in the Church in 2012. Then in 2014, Sia's boys moved to Colorado. Merrick married Katy in 2015 and now has an 18month-old baby named Grayson – the reason Sia and Lynn moved to Colorado.

Lynn has been active with the Church as an EM, lector, and religious educator. He was heavily involved in the Boy Scouts, youth and church programs. Lynn and Sia have been selected for several backup roles in the movie, The CHOSEN.

They say IHM was a good fit for them. Sia goes to daily mass and adoration. They joined the Active Seniors which led to the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary. They did a lot of ministry work in Arizona so they welcomed being a part of a group that serves.

More details on Lynn and Sia are available at <https://kofc7502.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/08/KofC-Family-2024-09.pdf>



### Who's the Seminarian ...

By Grand Knight Douglas Blondin

(answer on page 8)

This is the next "test" in our seminarian series. The picture to the left is of a priest or deacon during his time in the seminary. He was either 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)

## FOURTH DEGREE COLOR CORPS AT JOHN PAUL II

The Fourth Degree Color Corps travels to IHM, Holy Cross, and St. John Paul II each month for a Mass. There was an excellent turnout for the 10am August 25, 2024 Mass at JP II. The Color Corps then attended the JP II Ministry Fare after Mass. Fr. James Spahn greeted each Sir Knight and gave the Color Corps a nice shout out in his closing announcements.



## Faithful Navigator Report - Bethlehem Assembly 1966 - August 2024

Thank you for your interest in the Fourth Degree Patriotic Assembly. As the Summer is winding down, we hope that you have had a great summer and look forward to the Fall offerings upcoming. The Fall is a fun time to be outside and enjoy our Colorado happenings.

We have two events in September and October that I want to mention:

1. One is the "In God We Trust" program that was started in 2019 by Deacons who were also veterans. They teamed up with the Knights of Columbus to reach out to veterans who had fallen away from the Church and their faith, and were hoping to draw them back to the fold of the Church. A mass celebrated by Fr James Spahn is celebrated with music by the U.S. Air /Force Academy Choir with a guest speaker. The event culminates with a complimentary lunch for all present provided by the Knights of Columbus.

The event will be held on Saturday September 21st, 2024 starting at 11:00 am at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, 756 Telluride St, Aurora, CO. Please support the effort and join us on September 21st.

Volunteer help will be greatly appreciated with set up, tear down, etc. If you would be willing to help, please contact me by phone at 303 638 6223 or email at [p.maykofc7502@gmail.com](mailto:p.maykofc7502@gmail.com). I will be happy to forward your information to the set-up committee. Thank you.

2. Secondly, the Fourth Degree Knights host a Dinner and play at the Candlelight Playhouse in Johnstown, CO. This Holiday celebration is for Fourth Degree Knights, spouses, family, and friends. The feature is; "Always...Patsy Cline". We have reservations for 60 people, the cost is \$81.00 which includes a Service fee & gratuity on included items. Please advise if you want to sit with someone. Accommodations range from 2, 4, or 6 people per table. Dress is dark suit & tie for men, ladies optional. Our group contact is Mike Chevarria phone 303-809-6142 email: [chevycompliance@yahoo.com](mailto:chevycompliance@yahoo.com)

May God Bless you in all that you do!

SK Paul May

Faithful Navigator



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## LADIES AUXILIARY by Dianne Heimann, President

The Ladies Auxiliary last met on Thursday July 13, 2024. We had twenty-two members present. We take the month of August off, so we had no meeting in August.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Most children and grandchildren have returned to school. I can now get back to a semi-normal daily routine.

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies are asked to help the Knights with the Annual Deacon's Dinner at IHM. IHM hosted this event last year and the Deacon's and their wives had a wonderful time!



The Knights have moved their BINGO sessions to Bingo Oasis at 10657 Melody Dr. (in Northglenn) on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. The Ladies support the Knights with this fundraiser by providing two Ladies for each session who serve as cashiers. If any ladies are interested and can help, please contact Kathy Sergeeff at 303-902-7883.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday Sept 12, 2024.

Thank you,  
Dianne Heimann

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

Did you recognize IHM parochial vicar Father Andrew Kemberling? He was born on June 21, 1957 in Tucson, Arizona. The picture is from his time as a seminarian at St John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. Father Andrew was ordained on June 11, 1988, at St Michael's parish in Canon City, Colorado by then Bishop Arthur Tafoya of Pueblo. He said his first mass later in June at his home parish - St Joseph in Tucson, AZ. Father Andrew joined the order of Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City. In Colorado the Benedictine monks date back to 1886. The Gothic Revival monastery in Canon City was built in 1924.

Father Andrew's first assignment was as a parochial vicar under Abbot Edward Vollmer at Sacred Heart of Mary parish in Boulder. Over the years, Father Andrew would serve at Our Lady of Fatima in Lakewood, St Francis de Sales in Denver, St Francis Xavier in Pueblo and St Joseph in Grand Junction. In 2000, he was appointed administrator of St Thomas More in Centennial. Thinking that the monastery was not on a sustainable path, Father Andrew made the decision to be incardinated as an archdiocese priest in 2002. He subsequently served as pastor at St Thomas More from 2002 through 2014. (The monastery would close in 2005. The site is now The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey - using vineyards the monks had planted in 2000 in a final attempt to keep the Abbey going.)

Father Andrew was appointed pastor of St Vincent de Paul in Denver in 2014. Due to health issues, he left in November 2019 to become parochial vicar at St Francis Cabrini in Littleton. In June 2020, Father Andrew came to IHM as a parochial vicar. Father's family has a history of cooks and some recipes have been bought by national restaurant chains. In the past, Father Andrew enjoyed playing golf with priests. Due to health issues, he now enjoys the comradery of his brother priests at a monthly poker game.



## PALISADE PEACH SALES



A Squire grabs a box of peaches for a customer

We had another successful year selling Palisade Peaches. On Saturday, August 10th, we distributed 464 boxes.

The net result was a donation of over \$4,100 to the Knights of Columbus Ultra-sound project.

Thanks to all who sold, distributed, and bought these delicious peaches.

Words: Doug Blondin  
Photos: Al Quintana



Line of cars picking up their peaches

### Knights Birthdays

09/01 Clarence Connelly  
 09/01 Kevin Ripplinger  
 09/01 Henry Vera  
 09/02 John Elfering  
 09/05 Daniel Jurgensmeyer  
 09/07 Jim Martinko  
 09/08 Manual Ortivez  
 09/10 Leo Amend  
 09/10 Aaron Rivera  
 09/10 Nicholas Wojciak  
 09/11 Carl Montoya  
 09/11 Charles Schaul  
 09/12 Bryan McClure  
 09/13 Paul Kaiser  
 09/13 Ronald Morales  
 09/14 Rev. Nisar Barkat  
 09/15 Christopher Novak  
 09/19 Steven Luensmann  
 09/20 Larry Hartman  
 09/21 Kenneth Asay  
 09/21 Michael Green  
 09/21 Joseph Konrad  
 09/22 Rev. James Revello  
 09/24 Thomas Hermsillo  
 09/24 Vernon Masters  
 09/25 James Chevarria  
 09/26 Br. Matthew Leyba  
 09/26 Jeffrey Luce

### Ladies Birthdays

09/01 Paulina Day  
 09/02 Rhonda Moberg  
 09/04 Jean Troy  
 09/06 Margaret Archer  
 09/06 Loraine Martin  
 09/06 Claire Mlotkowski  
 09/10 Christine Balderston  
 09/10 Jan Conklin  
 09/14 Amy Swisher  
 09/16 Jean Lahman  
 09/20 Melanni Medrano  
 09/21 Karen Gaines  
 09/24 Ida Appelhans  
 09/24 Sia Ray  
 09/26 Lena Roy  
 09/27 Christine Entrekin  
 09/28 Rose Romero  
 09/29 Naamara Mushabe  
 09/30 Rene Dill

### Anniversaries

09/02 46 Michael and Shelly Holt  
 09/04 31 Jose and Juanita Sousa  
 09/05 60 Lynn and Sue Albi  
 09/05 32 Carlos and Anita Venegas  
 09/06 55 Edward and Marilyn Getsch  
 09/07 61 Jerome and Carol Starling  
 09/09 35 Greg and Dianne Heimann  
 09/11 59 Albert and Sandra M Quintana  
 09/12 15 Don and Jennifer Emenim  
 09/12 15 John and Sobrina Kiely  
 09/14 28 Michael and Stephanie Roy  
 09/15 40 Steve and Mary Beth Applehans  
 09/15 Dan and Julie Locricchio  
 09/15 35 Joseph and Karen Anne Vance  
 09/16 35 Dcn. Richard and Michelle Milinazzo  
 09/17 3 Leondro and Deborah Archuleta  
 09/17 19 Aaron and Christine Herrera  
 09/19 54 David and Clara Dudak  
 09/23 46 Gilbert and Luisa Gallegos  
 09/26 43 Dale and Susan Anton  
 09/30 29 Abie and Cristin Duarte  
 09/30 24 Timothy and Trostel

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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 Wednesday and Thursday 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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