



KNIGHT's News

Council 1214 Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

I continue to be humbled by the works of our Council. Due to the work of many Knights the fish fry, during Lent, was a huge success. I heard many from the Parish comment that they wish we did more of these. On top of the good will from the Parish was the amazing output of treasure for the Culture of Life initiative. We had hoped that we could make at least \$1000, but we under estimated the power of the Holy Spirit. We're over \$3000! The 1st Degree on the 27th of April was also a great success with 11 new Knights joining, six in our Council. This 1st Degree exemplified unity with all four Fort Collins Councils represented. There were two multi-generational Knights, Brother Ray Velasquez's grandson, Alexander Trionfera, and Past 8220 GK Johnny Valdez's son David! It's very nice to see that continuity. The other five new Knights in Council 1214 include: already active Jerry Baysingar, Joseph Bennis, Jeremy Rhoads, Kenneth Urdiales, and John Webster. We continue to be busy at the Abbey with many projects, and the Sisters remember us in their prayers for our efforts. Prayers don't get much more powerful than that! Speaking of powerful prayers, Brother Bob Wood has been recovering from a string of medical adventures. Thanks to all the Knights who have prayed, called, and visited. We need to continue our prayers, and help in any way needed. The Knight's State Convention was well attended at the state level, and from our council. Two Brother Knights attended their first convention, David Pinedo and Duane Rothers. Both participated in the business meetings and voting. Some numbers from the convention: Colorado now has 144 councils, a new 39th district is being formed, and our membership numbers are around 16,000. Internationally our membership has grown to 1.8 million, and \$80 billion of insurance. The supreme convention is coming to Denver in August, and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available - contact me or go to the convention website, www.2011coloradokofc.org, for details.

Keep up the good works in Christ's name!

Remembering those who paid for our freedom.



Michael Roberts

Grand Knight, Council 1214

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fort Collins
Council 1214

Recurring Events

Columbus Club & Council Planning meetings: First Wed of each month, 6:30PM; all members welcome.

Regular Meetings, 2nd & 4th Wed each month w/7PM Rosary and meeting at 7:30PM

1st Degree Exemplification listed below in black:

Wed. July 27th is our next 1st Degree

w/Scrutiny at 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

Abbey of Walburga leave KofC Hall @8AM	21 May
No 5th Sunday BINGO Glanz's 60th Wedding Anniversary Party	29 May
Memorial Day (0845-Edora, 1030-Grandview 1330-Roselawn events)	30 May
Work Day at the KofC Hall @ 8 AM - ?	4 June
PGK Picnic-all welcome @ Giefers 2331 ECR 62 Starts -3PM, \$15/couple	25 June
Technology Mtg @ 6:30 PM, location TBD	29 June

HAVE HIGH SPEED INTERNET? SEE BELOW!

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Knights in Action Pics



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Council 1214 Elected Officers

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Warden: Bob Chapman

Treasurer: Tom Hirn

Recorder: Duane Rothers

Advocate: David Pinedo

Inside Guard: Frank Guzman
Outside Guard: Rick Sipin

Trustee 3rd Yr:
John Glanz

Trustee 2nd Yr:
Dan O'Brien

Trustee 1st Yr:
Dan Schroeder



Top L: David Pinedo, Frank Guzman, Duane Rothers, and our GK Michael Roberts representing Council 1214 at the State Convention.

Top R: Three of our six newest Knights: Brother(s) Joseph Bennis, Jerry Baysingar, and Kenneth Urdiales from left to right.

Finally our youngest new Knight is Brother Alexander Trionfera, the grandson of our Past Faithful Navigator and PGK Ray Velasquez —>

To see photos of the BINGO teams go to:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/kofc1214 and click on the photos icon.

RAFFLE - Nissan Silvia

PLEASE PICK UP A TICKET TODAY and your generous donation that will help non profits could have you driving away in this beautiful car on August 14, 2011!! Tickets \$50 each or \$100 for 3. Purchase online via PayPal www.nissancharityraffle.blogspot.com or send check to Knights of Columbus 1214. Need not be present to win. For more pictures and info on the car visit www.facebook.com/silviaraffle.



Knight of the Month

Mar 11 **Jon Fairchild**

Apr 11 **Frank Guzman**



Council 1214 Directors

Directors are responsible to see that Council 1214 activities are assigned and carried out.

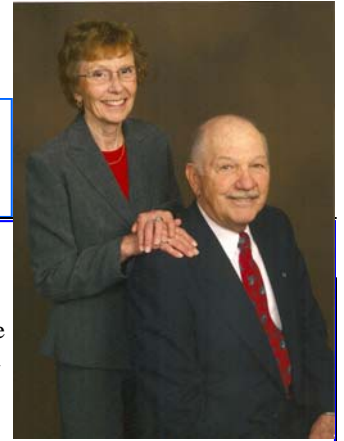
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| Bingo Director | Michael Roberts |
| Council Director | Duane Rothers |
| Church Director | Greg Reynolds |
| Community Director | Wayne Carroll |
| Family Director | Bob Murphy |
| Youth Director | Zach Kintzley |
| Culture of Life Family | Dan & Linda O'Brien |

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Get to Know your Brother Knight

I, Bernard Giefer, was born on a farm near Wellington, Kansas (KS), on Oct 1, 1935. I am of German descent; all of my Great Grandparents are from Germany. They all settled in the Wichita, KS area. My Father, Bernard Peter Giefer, married my Mother, Agnes Horsch on Oct 22, 1929. I and most of my siblings were born during the depression of the 1930's, however, there is very little I remember about it. That being said, I never did feel like we were deprived of anything. I was the fourth child in a family of six sisters and a brother. My brother died two years ago. My sisters and my brother's widow all reside mostly in the Wichita, KS area. My brother took over the farm when Dad retired. My parents have 49 grandchildren. My education started in a one room country school. I was only there in the 1st grade. One teacher taught all grades. At that time there were six students, four of them were Giefers. The following year St. Anthony's Parish in Wellington, KS, opened a Catholic School, so I attended it from the 2nd through 8th grade. It was taught entirely by St. Joseph Nuns. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Anthony's. After St. Anthony's I attended Wellington H.S. and graduated in 1953. I credit my parents and the St. Joseph Nuns for instilling in me the importance of being active in the Catholic faith. I enjoyed serving Mass. Father O'Brien of St. Lawrence's Parish in Rochester, NY, asked me to be his first Lector in 1966 and I have been one since, up until a few years ago. I became a Eucharistic Minister shortly after and continue to be one. By the way, St. Lawrence was also Bill Merkel's parish in Rochester before he moved to Colorado. When our children were teenagers, Kathy and I taught CCD. We were on the liturgy committee at St. Joseph's in the 1980's and during that period I was the trainer for the altar servers. I spent two years after H.S. helping my Dad on the farm since my brother had been drafted into the U.S. Army and spent two years in combat in Korea. After he returned, it was my turn, so I volunteered for the draft, and was placed into the U.S. Navy. I was assigned to an early warning squadron operating out of Hawaii. I was a radar operator on board a Super Constellation Aircraft that was the same type aircraft used to fly into hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean. One of my most memorable flights was such a flight; into the eye of a Pacific typhoon near the Philippine Islands. The roughness of the flight was unbelievable and it was hard to believe that an aircraft could take it. While in the Navy I was fortunate to visit many of the islands between Hawaii and Japan. After my discharge, I immediately entered Wichita University. I attended it for two and a half years; got married and then transferred to Kansas State University from where I graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. I begin work after school with Mobil Oil in Augusta, KS. After one year I decided to work for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY. We spent 19 years in Rochester and transferred to Colorado in 1982 where I worked for 16 years; a total of 35 years with Eastman Kodak. Most of my career was spent in the quality control of Ektacolor print paper. During the 1970's I was in charge of the testing of Kodak's new instant camera system; which was a very enjoyable time. I retired from Kodak on Dec 31, 1997. Our retirement years have been filled with time spent traveling mostly to see our children and grandchildren. For the past 13 years I have volunteered to do income tax returns for low income and elderly people through the program known as VITA. This helps to fill my days for four months every year. Summertime is normally filled with gardening, irrigating our acreage, and maintaining our home. In Rochester we lived in a typical suburb, however, being a farm boy at heart we had always wanted to live in the country. When we moved to Colorado, we purchased a vacant piece of land near Wellington. We had our present house built and moved into it in Oct 1982.

I married Kathryn Jean Wempe on Dec 28, 1959 at Holy Cross Church in Hutchinson, KS. I met her through my sister Jane; they were classmates at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Wichita. She graduated in 1957 as a Registered Nurse, and worked at hospitals in the locations that we lived. Her most significant job was as a kidney dialysis nurse in Ft Collins in the 1980's and 90's. We have six children; three boys and three girls. In order, Bernie lives in Wakeeney, KS; Melissa in Commerce City, CO; Michelle in Topeka, KS; Maria in Centennial, CO; Todd in Germany; and Brett just moved to Charleston, SC. We have 19 grandchildren, nine boys and ten girls. We enjoy spending time with them and try to attend all of their birthdays, baptisms, confirmations, etc. We are proud that all of our children have at least a Bachelor Degree or more. Even more than that, we are thankful and happy that they and their families continue to be active in the Catholic Church. I have always enjoyed participating in sports as well as watching them either on TV or in person. When we lived in Rochester, NY, I was in a golf, bowling, and softball league. I learned to ski on the icy slopes of NY. Colorado skiing is so much better and so much more enjoyable compared to 'back East' skiing. I am a brown belt in Karate. We have been season ticket holders to CSU football and basketball games since our time in Ft Collins. After we moved to Colorado, my sporting activities were mostly replaced by spending time improving and maintaining our home place. However, I still play golf and ski occasionally. In small Midwestern towns like Wellington, KS, almost all men join the Knights of Columbus. So it was not 'if' I join, but 'when'. My Dad, uncles, cousins, and my brother were Knights. My sons and sons-in-law have all joined the Knights. I joined the Knights of Columbus in 1962 when I lived in Augusta, KS. It was a new Council, so I am a charter member of that Council; I was also appointed Financial Secretary (FS) of the Council. However, when we moved to Rochester I did not continue with the Knights since the Knights were not very visible in Rochester. I rejoined in 1986 after moving to Colorado. That year the FS Rich Drees became ill and could not continue as FS. Jim Kasal was the Grand Knight and asked for candidates for the position. I volunteered and won the position and I have been honored to be the FS of Council 1214 for the past 24 years. My Dad was FS of his Council for as long as I remember. Maybe I am emulating him since I thought he was such a great Dad and person. In addition to the duties of FS, I was on the first degree team for many years. I have been on a Bingo team since I joined Council 1214 serving as a Bingo Manager. While we were at Bingo Planet, I was the Bingo Manager for two out of eight sessions each month and worked most of the Monday mornings when I was not the manager. I often think of all the good Knights/friends that I have known in Council 1214. To name a few that have passed on: Vic Gilsdorf, Larry Saracino, Cecil Stockdill, Bill Heiney, John Maloney, Bill Merkel, Bernie Sheahan, Wayne Daugaard, Fred Benton, Bob Powers, Earl Callahan, Gerry Hengler, Ernie Rogers, Art Cheney, Harold Owen, John Durkin, Gene Reed, and the list goes on. To all the Grand Knights that I have served under and all the other Knights that I have come to know, I really enjoy being associated with you as a member of the Knights. I encourage all new members and all members that are not active to become active so that they can get as much enjoyment and satisfaction, as I have received, from being a member of the Knights of Columbus!



Do you want a Council 1214 denim vest?
Contact Chuck Washington at 226-5493.

Also note: Mention that you are a Council 1214 member
and become eligible for wholesale costs at Interstate
Batteries in Old Town at 484-1307.



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Fort Collins Council 1214

May/June 2011

Sunday Evening Bingo Teams

Games Managers: Mark Coleman	Michael Roberts	Dan Schroeder	Carl Przekurat
Callers: Jerry Ross	Ric Hattman	J. Doug Wree	Roberto Armendariz
Callers:		Ken Ohlheiser	
Cashiers: Joe Campanella		Dan O'Brien	Bill Gargan
Cash Register: Michael Sanchez	Matthias Klaer	Ron Hoff	Kevin Sandoval
Specials Table: Jon McDonnell	Tom Speshock	Glen Geilenkirchen	Bill Irvin
Pickles1: Derrick Weigel	Michael Blaskowski		Bob Cheatom
Pickles2: Grant Kaster	David Vigil	Bob Chapman	Lynn Wendt
Floor Worker1: Chuck Hehn	Carl Przekurat	Ray Velasquez	Francisco Flores
Floor Worker2: Frank Guzman	Jim Kelley	Bill Gargan	Andy Rankin
Floor Worker3:	Jack Griffin	Casey Bradshaw	Leo Bayer

Thursday Evening Bingo Teams

Games Managers: Jon Fairchild	Duane Rothers	Bernie Giefer	Tom Hirn
Callers: Paul Brachle	Matthia Klaer	Robert Wood	David Pinedo
Cashier: Duane Rothers	Bill Craig	Gordie Bauhs	Irv Lieser
Cash Register: Tom Selken	Carlos Madriz	Michael Sanchez	
Specials Table: Joe Goebel	John Glanz	John Glanz	John Glanz
Pickles1: David Fredlake	David Pinedo	Mike Whittington	Nick Offerman
Pickles 2: Robert Weaver	Jim Herning	Norm Kelly	Ron Segul
Floor Worker1: John Glanz	Marc Roley	Frank Guzman	Chuck Washington
Floor Worker2: Ken Carr	Ken Payne	John Young	Jacob Nazeck
Floor Worker3:	Wayne Carroll	Bob Carrera	

We're on the Web
www.kofc1214.org

Upcoming Calendar

May/June 2011

REMINDER

- 40 Days for Life campaign consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach was a huge success during Lent. Visit the website at: www.40daysforlife.com for more details. The 15 April Fish Fry helped raise \$3,280 to kick off the Knights' Culture of Life initiative.
- 21 May @ 8 AM, depart from Hall for tree removal at the Abbey of St. Walburga, in Virginia Dale, CO. See Brother Wayne Carroll for more details. The more the merrier!
- 29 May - No BINGO, 60th Wedding Anniversary party for John & JoAnn Glanz at the Hall.
- 30 May - Memorial Day events: Edora Park @8:45 AM, Grandview Cemetery @10:30 AM, and Roselawn Cemetery @1:30 PM. Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The 4th Degree will be there
- 4 Jun @ 8 AM Work day at Council 1214, enjoy some fraternal camaraderie
- 4 Jun Northern Colorado Walk for Life, 8:30 Registration, 9 AM walk, park behind the Macy's at Centerra in Loveland. Go to www.NorthernColoradowalkforlife.com for more details..
- 25 Jun @ 3 PM, the annual Picnic open to all Knights at the Giefer Ranch at 2331 ECR 62 in Wellington to honor our Past Grand Knights and widows. Fun, fraternity & ribs with all the fixins \$15 per couple—Free to our honored widows. RSVP by e-mail to our Grand Knight at Mikersgm@gmail.com
- Let's pitch-in to do our part, buy merchant cards! Contact the Grand Knight with any enlightening info, Please contact our Grand Knight Brother Michael Roberts @ 430-5176 if you have any suggestions or inputs. Let us remember in prayer those Knights & their family members that have been affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and that MS research will avoid direct conflict with embryonic stem cell protocols.

Special note from our Hall Manager Brother Jerry Ross: Any Knight that has a master key to the Hall that has not been used in the past three months should call (970) 416-1612 to return it for newer members who are active.

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