Fellow Parishioners of St. Barbara’s

You are probably reading this insert as you are preparing for Mass or as you are reclining in your favorite chair. You are probably wondering what the Knights of Columbus do or what purpose they have in the Parish or World. Maybe you think they only cook pancakes?? Well we do more than that!! Besides breakfast’s we host the Lenten soup suppers, we put on the harvest dinner, the pony races, Mother’s day breakfast, first communion breakfast, (by now you are thinking our mission is to cook?) We also help Father Phil whenever he asked, we have helped with projects in the Church, Carroll hall, and rectory, we clean yards in the spring of the year. We landscaped around the rectory, and in front of the Church, we helped with the Guadalupe procession, we have helped with Habitat for Humanity houses, we started the all night adoration before elections, so the Holy Spirit will guide everyone to vote morally, we sponsor a scholarship program for college bound students, we sponsor young kids to attend the right to life conference and march in Cheyenne, and we helped buy an ultrasound machine for the Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center in Powell and Cody. And most recently we started the 5th Sunday Rosary program, where we pray the rosary before Mass and hand out finger rosaries for anyone needing one.

A little history, the Knights was founded on the principle of helping Families in time of need. The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael McGivney. In those days, many times fathers died young, leaving grieving widows alone with no income to support their children. This was the case with Father McGivney, his father passed away and he went back home from the Seminary to help support his mother. Eventually returning to the Seminary and becoming a Parish Priest. With his background he started the Knights with the intent to start an insurance program that was affordable to families and to help them in time of untimely death like he himself experienced with his father.

I invite you to consider joining the Knights; it is a good organization that does good in the Parish and World, for Priest and the Pope. Also think about your family or future family, do you have a way to take care of them in case of an unfortunate death. Any questions, we are having a Q and A session in back of Church tonight, today (if you are reading this on Sunday), and after next weekend Masses on Saturday night and Sunday Masses. Please consider joining for your family, Parish, and yourself. Any questions you can call Brian 272-7779, or Paul 272-4529. Thank you.