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 praying the Rosary on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings before Mass.

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.

We now have two ways of joining the Knights, the traditional way of going through the initiation process at our meeting. The traditional way is for members who want the fraternal aspect of camaraderie of friendship with other Knights and the social interaction of working with other Knights. Also there is a new way to join! It is called the e-membership. You can go online and answer a few questions and join. This is for the man who doesn't have time for meetings or helping out at functions, but wants to join a good organization and get insurance for the protection of his family. You can sign up at (KofC.org/JoinUs)