



Guadalupe Chapter



March 17, 2014

Meeting Minutes SPECIAL CHAPTER GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Diocese of Colorado Springs

Guest Speaker

Brother Tony Rugis, from Council 582 (Holy Trinity) was the guest speaker. He reported that his council has become concerned about the declining enrollment in Catholic Schools and have decided to award a \$400-\$500 scholarship to support a 6th or 7th grade student attending one of the Catholic Schools in the Colorado Springs area. The plan is to have students compete for the award by participating in the essay contest and to make the presentation to the winner during the Children's mass in January. Brother Tony encouraged other councils to participate so that more scholarships can be awarded. Councils interested in participating in this effort should contact Tony Rugis at 306-0812 or via e-mail at rugione@aol.com.

<u>Meeting Location:</u> Council #14806 St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral Colorado Springs, CO	
<u>Meeting Opened:</u> 7:00 PM President Walt Parsons	
<u>Opening Prayer Offered:</u> by District Deputies	
<u>Reading of Minutes:</u> Approved as read	
<u>Chapter Officer Roll</u>	
President Walt Parsons	✓
Vice-President Bob Knapp	✓
Treasurer Frank Evans	✓
Secretary Jim Mead	✓
DD# 3 Ray Gentilini	
DD# 8 Mike Conlin	
DD# 9 John Lynn	
DD# 13 Kevin Stipak	✓
DD# 23 Jake Jakubowski	✓
DD# 26 Bob Green	
DD# 30 Bryan Hartwig	
DD# 34 Jim Mead	✓
DD# 35 Jerry Mosbrucker	
DD# 39 Steven Tavernaro	
<u>Clergy/Religious</u>	
<u>State Officers</u> Chuck Page, State Deputy	
<u>Fourth Degree</u> Duane Kronos, District Marshal	
<u>Chapter Financials</u> Total Assets \$3,930.45	
<u>Next Meeting</u> May 19, 2014	
<u>Next Meeting Location</u> St. Paul's Council #11634	



President's Report

Walt Parsons requested all councils who have not paid Chapter dues to do so as soon as possible. The Squires will have their convention at the same time as the State Convention. Councils who are interested in establishing a Squires Circle are invited to observe the Squires convention during the State Convention free time to learn more about the Squires.

Treasurer Report

Frank Evans reported that the Chapter has \$3,930.45 in assets with zero liabilities, payables or receivables. (See attached for more details).

Old Business

Bob Knapp read a report that provided an update on the VA Cemetery Site provided by SK Vic Fernandez. (See attached report).

Jim Mead reported that the Sign-up for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil has three remaining slots. The Chapter has done an outstanding job meeting our commitment to support the effort. Councils were encouraged the fill the remaining slots.

Jim Mead passed out the 4th Degree Exemplification Registration letter and requested that councils promote the 4th Degree in their council meetings. Form 4s need to be presented to the Assemblies and voted on prior to the May 18th Exemplification. Due dates for Assemblies 96 and 88 are April 16th and 22nd respectively.

Walt Parsons reminded the councils that they could donate to the "Bless this City Program". Checks can be made out to BLESS THE CITY and mailed to 555 Cougar Bluff Point, Suite #101, Colorado Springs, CO, 80906. All gifts will be acknowledged with a receipt (tax deductible). For more information visit www.blessthecity.com.

Walt Parsons reminded us that the convention registration information and forms can be found on the State website. The preferred method to register is electronically. The website link is: <http://www.coloradokofc.org/forms.php>

It was reported that as a result of our last Chapter meeting, a follow up meeting with Fr. Alfredo Garcia of Holy Apostles was made and several options to meet his needs in caring for his mother were offered. At this time there is no further action required.

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<u>Council Roll</u>	
<i>District 3</i>	Total
Council 4636	1
Council 4699	3
Council 11634	2
Council 12718	1
Council 13099	2
<i>District 8</i>	
Council 2099	0
Council 3252	0
Council 5768	0
<i>District 9</i>	
Council 1498	0
Council 7880	0
Council 8909	0
Council 10937	0
Council 11918	0
<i>District 13</i>	
Council 582	2
Council 7520	1
Council 9993	2
Council 14338	3
<i>District 23</i>	
Council 1296	0
Council 7752	0
<i>District 26</i>	
Council 11514	0
Council 11730	0
Council 12335	0
Council 14785	2
<i>District 30</i>	
Council 681	0
<i>District 34</i>	
Council 625	1
Council 12228	2
Council 13981	1
Council 14806	5
<i>District 35</i>	
Council 3247	0
<i>District 39</i>	
Council 8200	0
Council 14436	0
Council 14715	1
Council 15269	1

New Business

DD Jake Jakubowski led the Chapter Officer nominations for the Fraternal Year 2014-2015. The following were nominated: President – Walt Parsons, Vice President – Bob Knapp, Treasurer – Frank Evans, Secretary – Jim Mead. The nominations were closed and will be reopened at our May Chapter meeting followed by elections of officers.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed to donate \$300 for State Convention Hospitality Rooms in support of Chuck Page (State Deputy), Jay Doherty (State Treasurer) and Chris Foley (State Advocate).

Ceremonials Chapter Chair Report

SK Tom Berens reported for DD Bob Green that there will be a Stand Alone 3rd Degree held on March 31st at St. Patrick's, hosted by Council 9993. If councils want to sponsor a 2nd or 3rd degree, they should contact Bob Green. He will make sure there are no conflicts within the Chapter and degree teams are available. The best nights are Mondays, except when there is a Chapter meeting. This will minimize conflicts with other council or assembly meetings within the area. If the degree team is available, we will coordinate with Roger Muller to insure there are no conflicts with State activities and that at least one State Officer is available.

District Marshal's Report – SK Duane Krones reported that at the biannual 4th Degree meeting three SKs were nominated by the delegates for District Master to replace Claude Trujillo when his term ends. They were: Roger Muller, Bob Buljun, and Dave Adams. The next 4th Degree Exemplification is March 30th in Arvada. The Chapter's exemplification is May 18th at Holy Family KofC Hall in Security. The Master is looking for 70 candidates. We had a good turn out at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There were 20 SK's in regalia along with State Deputy Chuck Page, and State Advocate Chris Foley. We provided 5 SK's in the Honor Guard for the Ordination of Bishop Berg in Pueblo on Feb 27th. The Ordination was very impressive.

District Deputies Report

District 3 – Council delegates have been sent in for the convention. All reports have been submitted.

District 13 – DD Kevin Stipak reported that all councils are doing well. The district has just received the icon.

District 23 – DD Jake Jakubowski reported that officer training was excellent and very highly received.

District 26 – No report.

District 34 – DD Jim Mead reported that councils are highly encouraged to support the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund so we can encourage seminarians to enter the ranks of the Military Chaplains.

District 39 – The AF Academy Council 8200 is still in need of a Financial Secretary.

Council Reports - Councils presented a report of upcoming events. (See attached).

Insurance Representative – Field Agent Joe Byrnes reported that Supreme is very close to naming a replacement for Doug Parsons. The replacement should be announced in the next couple of months. Joe made us aware of a new brochure entitled “Why You Should Become a Knight” which is an excellent tool for recruiting. There is another brochure entitled “Charitable Giving, is it the Right Thing for You?”. Contact your insurance agent if you are interested in getting the brochures.

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State Officers Report

State Deputy Chuck Page thanked the Chapter for making the convention hospitality room donation. Chuck encouraged the councils to come to the convention so that they can talk to and network with people of other councils to gain new ideas. He also encouraged those councils who have not completed and submitted their audits, to do so as soon as possible. If a council does not submit their audit, they are no longer bonded. The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities also needs to be turned in. The Order needs this report to continue to retain its 501(c)3 non profit status. Chuck reminded us that we need to grow so that we can increase our charitable activities in the community which in turn attracts more men to join our Order.

Closing

The next meeting will be on May 19, 2014 hosted by Council #11634 at St. Paul's Catholic Church. The District Deputies offered the closing prayers and Chapter President Walt Parsons adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Next Chapter Meeting – May 19, 2014

Council Reports

Council 582 – Holy Trinity

March 18 Help Ladies Guild with Fish Dinner
March 21 Help Ladies Guild with Soup and Bread Supper
March 23 Coffee & Donuts Holy Trinity
March 27 Knights Social Meeting
March 28 Help Ladies Guild with Soup and Bread Supper
March 30 Coffee & Donuts Holy Trinity
March 30 40 Days for Life
April 4 Help Ladies Guild with Fish Dinner
April 10 Monthly Council Business Meeting
April 11 Help Ladies Guild with Soup and Bread Supper
April 13 Pancake Breakfast Holy Trinity
April 18 Help Ladies Guild with Soup and Bread Supper

Council 4699 – Divine Redeemer

March 9 Blood drive, Council Breakfast. 9:00 am -10:30am.
March 15 St. Patrick's day parade. 10:15am.
March 15 Order wide Church Drive D/R. 6:00 pm
March 16 Order wide Church Drive D/R. 9:00am & 12:00 noon.
March 19 Council Social D/R. 6:30 pm.
March 26 Assembly 0088 meeting D/R. 7:30pm.
March 30 Founder's day weekend Corporate Communion. ?.
March 31 Officers meeting Citadel. 6:30pm.
April 2 Business meeting D/R. 7:00pm.
April 23 Assembly 0088 meeting D/R. 7:30pm.
April 24-27 State Convention . Keystone Co.
May 5 Officers meeting Citadel, start of future officers. 6:30pm
May 7 Business meeting start of future officers. 7:00pm D/R.
May 10 Council knights to cook, Spaghetti Dinner ,appreciate Mothers Day May 11th.
May 18 4TH Degree Security Co. 8;00am- 8:00pm.

Council 9993 – St. Patrick

Mar 16 Recruiting at weekend Masses
Mar 21 Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross
Mar 22 Host state Officers Meeting and Audi
Mar 23 Recruiting Open House, St. Patrick , 3:45PM, Open House
Mar 26 Meeting/1st Degree/Social 6:30 PM
Mar 30 Corporate Communion
Mar 31 3rd Degree
Apr 9 Business Meeting
Apr 11 Fish Fry
Traffic Control for High Attendance Easter Masses Easter Weekend
Apr 23 Social meeting with Auxiliary

Council 10937 – Pax Christi Parish

March 23 Pancake breakfast - New Date
March 25 Parish Reconciliation
March 28 Lenten Fish Fry #1
March 29 Major Degree – Joan of Arc, Arvada
March 30 Lady Knights Donuts - New Date
April 10 Council Meeting and 1st Degree
April 12 40 Cans of Lent - Throughout Lent sign up for 40 cans of food contribution to be collect April 12.
May 10 Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner

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Council 11514 – St. Peter

Mar 19 Council Social Meeting / 7:00 PM / Parish Hall
Mar 14 Fish Fry / 6:00 PM / Parish Hall
Mar 20 Council Officers Meeting / 6:00 PM / Parish Hall
Mar 21 Fish Fry / 6:00 PM / Parish Hall
Mar 28 Fish Fry / 6:00 PM / Parish Hall
Apr 2 Council Business Meeting / 7:00 PM / Parish Hall
Apr 4 Fish Fry / 6:00 PM / Parish Hall
Apr 6 Community Mass / 8:00 AM / Church

Council 11634 – St. Paul's

April 1 Council Business Meeting, St Paul 7 PM
April 3 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1 PM
April 4 Lenten Fish Dinner # 5, St Paul 5:00-6:45 PM
April 10 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1 PM
April 13 Monthly Breakfast St Paul CC, 8-10:30 AM
April 17 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1 PM
April 23-27 Attend State Convention
May 1 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1 PM
May 6 Council Business Meeting, St Paul 7 PM
May 8 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1 PM
May 11 Monthly Breakfast at St Paul CC, 8 - 10:30 AM
May 15 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM -1 PM
May 19 Host Chapter Meeting, St Paul 5 -9 PM
May 20 Monthly Mass and Family Dinner, St Paul 6 PM
May 22 Volunteer at Marian House Soup Kitchen 7 AM-1PM

Council 12228 – Mount Saint Francis

15 Mar Corp Communion / St Pat's Dinner 630 pm
20 March First Degree 7pm / Officer's meeting 8pm
21 March Parish Fish Dinner # 3 5-630pm // Stations 7pm
23 March 12 - 6 PM 40 Days Life Vigil Planned Parenthood
28 March Parish Fish Dinner # 4 5-630pm // Stations 7pm
3 Apr Council Meeting
4 April Parish Fish Dinner # 5 5-630pm // Stations 7pm
11 April Parish Fish Dinner #6 5-630pm // Stations 7pm
17 Apr Holy Thursday Adoration St Francis Hall
20 April Easter
24 - 27 April KofC 2014 State Convention At Keystone Resort & Convention
TBD Spring Pilgrimage to San Luis, CO (Planning Bus trip with other Councils)
10 June Skysox Baseball with Men's Club / BBQ before game
TBD August Parish Picnic // Mobile Pregnancy Center Display

Council 14338 – Holy Apostles

Mar 22-23 KofC Breakfast/Ministry Fair / 6:30 PM/8:30 AM / Holy Apostles Church Parish Hall
Mar 31 Apr Director Meeting / 7PM / Holy Apostles Church
Apr 2 Apr Business Meeting / 7PM / Holy Apostles Church
Apr 4 Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross / 6PM / Holy Apostles Church
Apr 20 Easter Dinner / 11 AM / Holy Apostles Church Parish Hall
May 2 Marian Hour of Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration / 6 PM / Holy Apostles Church Mary's House
May 5 May Director Meeting / 7PM / Holy Apostles Church
May 7 May Business Meeting / 7PM / Holy Apostles Church
May 18 KofC Breakfast / 8:30 AM / Holy Apostles Church
May 21 May Social Meeting / 7PM / Holy Apostles Church

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Council 14715 – Our Lady Queen of Peace

Mar 14 Stations of the Cross, 1800-1900, Peterson Chapel
Mar 15 Welcome Weekend, 1700-1830, Chapel Annex
Mar 16 Monthly Birthday Wishes, 1030-1200, Chapel Annex
Mar 18 Social Meeting, 1900-2030, Chapel Annex
Mar 21 Stations of the Cross, 1800-1900, Peterson Chapel
Mar 28 Stations of the Cross, 1800-1900, Peterson Chapel
Apr 1 Business meeting, 1900-2030, Chapel Annex
Apr 4 Stations of the Cross, 1800-1900, Peterson Chapel
Apr 11 Stations of the Cross, 1800-1900, Peterson Chapel
Apr 15 Social Meeting, 1900-2030, Chapel Annex
Apr 17-20 Easter Services, Peterson Chapel
May 6 Business Meeting, 1900-2030, Chapel Annex
May 10 First Communion Service, 1600-1700, Peterson Chapel
May 17 Welcome Weekend, 1700-1830, Chapel Annex
May 18 Monthly Birthday Wishes, 1030-1200, Chapel Annex
May 20 Social Meeting, 1900-2030, Chapel Annex

Council 14785 - St. Benedict's

Mar 9 Pancake Breakfast – St. Michael-Calhan
Mar 14 Meatless Dinner @ St. Michael's after Stations of the Cross
Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade-Downtown Colorado Springs
Mar 28 K of C led Stations of the Cross @ St. Michael's-Calhan
Mar 30 40 Days for Life @ Planned Parenthood 2pm – 4pm
Apr 6 Monthly K of C led parish Rosary for Pro-life
Apr 27 Corporate Communion @ St. Benedict's-Falcon
May 4 Monthly K of C led parish Rosary for Pro-Life
May 18 Pancake Breakfast – St. Benedict's-Falcon

Council 15269 – Ft. Carson

May 3 1st Degree
TBA Pancake Breakfast

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**Knights of Columbus
Colorado Springs Diocese
Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapter
FY 2013-14**

As of: 3/16/14

Assets

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$2,056.03
Cash in Bank - Savings	<u>\$1,774.42</u>
Cash in Bank - Total	\$3,830.45
Other Assets/Receivables	<u>\$0.00</u>

Total Assets **\$3,830.45**

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities/Payables	\$0.00
Net Assets	<u>\$3,830.45</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$3,830.45**

<u>REVENUE</u>	<i>7/1/13 to</i> <u>3/16/14</u>	<i>7/1/12 to</i> <u>6/30/13</u>
Dues - Councils	\$750.00	\$500.00
Clergy Appreciation Dinner	\$0.00	\$2,144.00
Parade Support - Councils	\$25.00	\$325.00
Degree Ceremonies - Councils	\$35.00	\$0.00
Herald Ad - Councils	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1.20	\$2.77
Miscellaneous	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$811.20</u>	<u>\$2,971.77</u>

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<i>7/1/13 to</i> <u>3/16/14</u>	<i>7/1/12 to</i> <u>6/30/13</u>
Clergy Appreciation Dinner	\$0.00	\$1,883.96
Parade Entry Fees	\$100.00	\$525.00
Ads - Herald, Convention, etc.	\$100.00	\$100.00
Administrative	\$72.00	\$70.00
State Convention Candidate Support	\$0.00	\$380.00
Support Life Activities	\$0.00	\$200.00
Degree Ceremonies	\$105.00	\$0.00
Charitable Support	\$100.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$79.42</u>	<u>\$61.04</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$556.42</u>	<u>\$3,220.00</u>

FYTD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) **\$254.78** **-\$248.23**

Event-specific Revenue & Expense

<u>Clergy Appreciation Dinner</u>		
Revenue	\$0.00	\$2,144.00
Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,883.96</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0.00	\$260.04

<u>Parade Entry Fees</u>		
Revenue	\$25.00	\$325.00
Expense	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$525.00</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$75.00	-\$200.00

<u>Ads - Herald, Convention, etc.</u>		
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expense	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$100.00	-\$100.00

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Chapter Dues Payments - 2013-14

<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Council Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	4636	Holy Family Council	3	Security
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	4699	Divine Redeemer Council	3	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	11634	St. Paul Council	3	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	12718	Our Lady of Guadalupe Council	3	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	13099	St. Joseph the Worker Council	3	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	2099	Stratton Council	8	Stratton
\$50.00		\$50.00	3252	Immaculate Heart of Mary Council	8	Cheyenne Wells
\$50.00		\$50.00	5768	Burlington Council	8	Burlington
\$50.00		\$50.00	1498	St Mark Highlands Ranch Council	9	Highlands Ranch
\$50.00		\$50.00	7880	Ave Maria Council	9	Parker
\$50.00		\$50.00	8909	St. Francis Assisi Council	9	Castle Rock
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	10937	Rev. Robert F. Houlihan S.J. Council	9	Littleton
\$50.00		\$50.00	11918	Our Lady of the Visitation Council	9	Elizabeth
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0582	Colorado Springs Council	13	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	7520	Corpus Christi Council	13	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	9993	St. Patrick Council	13	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	14338	Holy Apostles Council	13	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	1296	Joseph T. McDonough Council	23	Salida
\$50.00		\$50.00	7752	Buena Vista Council	23	Buena Vista
\$50.00		\$50.00	11514	St. Peter Council	26	Monument
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	11730	Our Lady of the Pines Council	26	Black Forest
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	12335	St. Gabriel & St. John Vianney Council	26	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	14785	St. Benedict Council	26	Falcon
\$50.00		\$50.00	0681	Leadville Council	30	Leadville
\$50.00		\$50.00	0625	Teller County Council	34	Divide
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	12228	Mt. St. Francis Council	34	Colorado Springs
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	13981	Tri-Community Council	34	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	14806	St. Mary's Cathedral Council	34	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	3247	Mother Cabrini Council	35	
\$50.00		\$50.00	8200	Our Lady of the Skies Council	39	USAF Academy
\$50.00		\$50.00	14436	St. Michael the Archangel Council	39	USAF Academy
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	14715	Our Lady Queen of Peace (PAFB)	39	Colorado Springs
\$50.00		\$50.00	15269	Fr. H. Timothy Vakoc Council	39	Fort Carson
\$1,650.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	33	TOTALS		

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3rd Degree Medallions

<u>Number</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Council Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>
2	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	4699	Divine Redeemer Council	3	Colorado Springs
2	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	11634	St. Paul Council	3	Colorado Springs
1	\$5.00		\$5.00	14338	Holy Apostles Council	13	Colorado Springs
3	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	11514	St. Peter Council	26	Monument
1	\$5.00		\$5.00	12335	St. Gabriel & St. John Vianney Council	26	Colorado Springs
1	\$5.00		\$5.00	14785	St. Benedict Council	26	Falcon
2	\$10.00		\$10.00	0625	Teller County Council	34	Divide
1	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	12228	Mt. St. Francis Council	34	Colorado Springs
1	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	13981	Tri-Community Council	34	Colorado Springs
5	\$25.00		\$25.00	14436	St. Michael the Archangel Council	39	USAF Academy
3	\$15.00		\$15.00	15269	Fr. H. Timothy Vakoc Council	39	Fort Carson
22	\$110.00	\$45.00	\$65.00		TOTALS		

As of: 3/16/14

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PURCHASES CEMETERY SITE

Last month's Cemetery Report in this newsletter noted that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was performing due diligence to assure that their preferred site for our National Veterans Cemetery was clear of any ownership issues before they closed on the property. On January 21st 2014 the VA completed the purchase of the 374 acre site in Colorado Springs for a new national cemetery to provide a final resting place and lasting tribute to the men and women of southern Colorado who have sacrificed to protect our nation. The site, known as Rolling Hills is located approximately one mile east of Marksheffle Road, between Bradley Road and Drennan Road. It is approximately three miles southeast of the south end of the Colorado Springs Airport's north-south runway. The site has excellent views of Pikes Peak

The site is currently undeveloped, and is used as agricultural/grazing land. It has a state tax assessed value of \$6.68 per acre. However, the VA is required to pay fair market value based on the highest and best use of the property (as residential, mixed with neighborhood commercial use). The fair market value was therefore established as \$12,000 per acre for a total cost of \$4.49 million. A professional appraisal was conducted by an independent state-licensed Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI), and the methodology and the findings of the appraisal were confirmed by a review appraisal.

This new National Veterans Cemetery will serve an estimated population of 95,000 Veterans and family members which are not currently served by an open national, state, or tribal Veterans Cemetery.

Before a groundbreaking can proceed, the VA must approve three separate contracts:

- A Master Plan of the new cemetery, including roads, utilities, building and other structure sites and the entry gate.
- Architectural Plans for the structures to be built, including the administrative building, visitor center, columbarium, maintenance and storage facilities, and committal shelters.
- Select and contract for a construction company to build the Cemetery

The cemetery will be constructed in several phases. The initial phase of construction will include the cemetery structures, and sufficient acreage to accommodate approximately ten years of initial burial capacity of casket gravesites, cremation sites, and columbarium niches. Each ensuing phase will accommodate another ten years of burial capacity.

The cemetery naming is a VA responsibility, and the Cemetery Committee has proposed to the VA that it be named the "Pikes Peak National Veterans Cemetery".

The Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs is expected to name a Director for this much-needed National Veterans Cemetery sometime over the next few months, and the Cemetery Committee is anticipating working with the new Director and assisting him/her with volunteer assistance as needed.

ITS ALL FOR THE VETERANS!