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Grand Knight's Message

Solutions proposed to retain Council's ability to continue charitable giving after Bingo loss

Council 10205, Welcome to Spring!

The series of Lenten Fish Fry's that we are sponsoring every Friday have been a great success thanks to the efforts of Jim Frank and his crews.

Doug Grogan made sure that the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on March 11 attracted a good group. The Council 10205 float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Denver went off without a hitch. Special thanks to Joe Lamb's kids, friends and a



Leprechaun named Jack Donnelly for making the event memorable.

We had a special meeting on March 14 to discuss the loss of our bingo fund raising activity and what we need to do to replace those funds going forward. We summarized the ideas that were brought out in our March 7 Business Meeting and came up with the following list of activities to raise charity funds: 1) Raffle off (4) sets of Broncos tickets, with some special incentives thrown in: should net us about \$6,000. 2) Raffle off sets of Avalanche tickets: should net us about \$2,000. 3) Sponsor a Parish Garage Sale: should net us about \$2000. This replaces the total of \$10,000, the amount budgeted to charity from our bingo account.

The future of the Building Fund was the other main agenda item. Without bingo, we are forced, by the State, to spend the funds in this account by the end of 2006. We are considering several ideas to put this money to good use and to also have a long-lasting exposure of the "Knights of Columbus" name and reputation around St. Thomas More Parish.

April brings another list of events for our Council. The last Fish Fry will take place on April 7. Please plan to participate in one or more of these dinners.

On Palm Sunday we will be collecting the boxes of food for the

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INSURANCE MAVEN Doug Parsons "let's his hair down" while demonstrating his prowess as a drummer during the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. More pictures related to the annual event can be found on Page 3.



APRIL EVENTS

- 2 4th Degree Regional Meeting
- 4 Council business meeting—
Fr. Andrew
- 7 Fish Fry
- 8/9 Palm Sunday—pick up Easter
Food Boxes
- 9 4th Degree meeting
- 16 Rosary-Planned Parenthood
- 18 Council Social Meeting
- 21-24 State Knights Convention

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive raises just over \$5,000

By Jim Frank

We had our Tootsie drive on three different days in 2005, on Sept. 17, Oct 1 and Nov. 5. We raised approximately \$5,027 from eight different stores. We gave 30% (\$1,508) to Colorado Special Olympics, 35% (\$1,760) to Craig Hospital Fiesta Fund and The Bridge Trust.

The Colorado Special Olympics has more than 80 events across the state each year.

The mission of Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO) is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, eight years of age and older.

This support gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics

athletes and the community.

The Bridge Trust is a home for single mentally handicap adult women, run by Sr. Mary Catherine Widger, S.L. and Fr. Freeman.

They currently have eight adult women living there. Each of the women has jobs outside of the home, even if it is only a few hours helping Easter Seal. They have been at 3101 West Hillside Place, Denver, more than 25 years.

The Craig Hospital Head Injury/Santa Fe Fiesta Fund provides a wide range of experiences and activities for patients with head injuries leaving Craig and re-entering their communities.

We encourage all Council members to participate in this important Fundraiser. If you have a favorite organization that helps the mentally challenged, suggest it for a gift at the next Tootsie Roll Drive!

From the Editor's Desk

Experiment planned with our newsletter

Brothers, for the next few months, we will be experimenting with e-mailing the newsletter to Council members. The advantages are many, including lower cost to the Council and faster distribution. We need your feedback.

Be sure to let us know if you do not want the newsletter e-mailed to you. Just notify me at b.tawson@comcast.net, 303-683-2686. Those members without e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter by traditional "snail" mail.

If you are not receiving e-mails from the Council, we do not have your e-mail address, or it is out of date. Please send your address to Robert Agnew at: Robert_J_Agnew@hotmail.com.

Council 10205 website

The Council's website, www.kofc10205.org is up and running again, thanks to Brother Robert Agnew. Each month, the newsletter will be posted on our website, along with the State KofC newsletter, "Knight's Call." Our thanks to Robert for taking care of this for us.

Bruce Tawson

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance a time for fun, honoring Knights



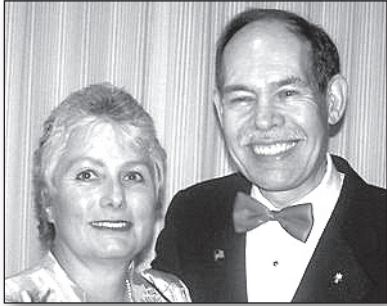
RECOGNITION DESERVED: Dave Randolph, left, is recognized as March Knight of the Month. Center photo: Art Hut receives honors as Knight of the Year. RIGHT: The Christian family is selected as Family of the Year. Congratulations to members of the Church who are generous with their time and talents.

What is the culture of Life? (Part 3 in series)

By Leonard Micek, Pro Life Director

So how do we determine the truth about human life? When we go to the Source of life, the Creator of all life, we find that human beings are unique in that they are made in His image (Gen 1: 27.)

Most would acknowledge that some basic truths about humanity are universal and self-evident as declared by our country's founders when they



Laura and Leonard Micek

asserted that "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..." (Declaration of Independence.)

Furthermore, Pope John Paul II told us "Today the challenge facing America is to find freedom's fulfillment in truth; the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God's image and likeness, the

truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities." ("Living the Gospel of Life", 12.)

Thus "truth" is essential to human dignity and basic to establishing a culture of life. We will consider it further in the next issue.

Five things to do to promote the sanctity of human life:

1. Take part in local projects and pro-Life activities such as rosaries, prayer services, life chains, etc.
2. Speak up with courage and charity in defense of pre-born babies.
3. Obtain and leave pro-life literature wherever you can: public places, inserts in mail, in prepaid business reply envelopes that come in the mail.
4. Get on the mailing list of pro-life organizations; donate to them, volunteer for them. Contact Priests for Life for more information.
5. Use paid advertising, in the Yellow Pages and elsewhere, to spread pro-life information.

Art Hut's Membership Director's Report: Dues need attention

My Brother Knights, Membership is every member's responsibility. We should all be the Stewards of our Council.

Our Donut Sunday recruiting has been a successful venue for Candidates, however not all Parish members attend Donut Sunday (fourth Sunday of the Month). Bring a Candidate to one of our Orientation meetings; it explains a little more about the Knights of Columbus and what we do.

There is a short video, then question and answer periods. This meeting gives the potential Candidate more

knowledge of what the Knights stand for and how we help the disadvantaged. Once the Candidate attends the 1st Degree, we tend to let them decide what they will do. We need to keep them interested and also make every effort to get them to a Major Degree. Once a Knight makes his Major Degree, he's more likely to become involved as he learns more of the drives this Order.

Now I want to discuss the annual Dues. According to the FS Ted Gacek we have many members who haven't paid their Dues of \$30.00. Maybe it's

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

SCHEDULE:

April 1 – Saturday – Catholic Vocations Conference at Queen of Peace Church.

April 3 – Monday – Archdiocesan Respect Life meeting at JP II Center. 7:00 pm

April 15 – Saturday at 7:30 am – Rosary at Planned Parenthood (20th and Vine.) A 7 a.m. Mass is celebrated at St. Ignatius Church (23rd and York.)

April 16 – Sunday – Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, a truly pro-life event!

April 25 – Tuesday – Respect Life Committee Meeting below Padre at 7:00 pm.

May 13 – Saturday at 7:00 am – Pro-life rosary near the St. Thomas More statue

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLORADO STATE CONVENTION-2006

Dates: April 21-24

Location: Beaver Run Resort,

Breckenridge, Colorado

Reservations: 1-800-525-2253

For more information on the state convention, visit the website:
www.kofc-colorado.org

because you've been discouraged that the Council hasn't been communicating with you. That's not the case.

We have telephone trees that intentionally call you to assist. Maybe you haven't received a call. Why not call a member to see what's happening. We assume you've been informed, if we don't hear from you we know nothing. Please answer the Financial Secretary's mailing and submit your Dues payment.

We need YOU!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Guillermo Alvarez*
- James Dodson*
- Peter J. Brennan*
- Tom Anderson*
- Deacon Steve Stemper*
- Ken Hood*
- David T. Boeke*
- Alic R. Johnson*
- Dana Gardner*
- Derek Moser*
- Gary Conroyea*
- Rev. Father Januarius*
- Izzo, O. F. M.*
- John Kleinhenz*
- David Gladu*
- William Ulrickson*



STAR COUNCIL AWARD: Council 10205 was presented the Star Council award for 2004-2005. Past Deputy Grand Knight Jack Donnelly accepted the award on behalf of PGK Bob Sherman. Here, Jack is flanked by State Warden Chuck Page (L); Field Rep, Doug Parsons, District Deputy Fred Whitehurst, and State Deputy Jay Nothstine.

Is your digital camera gathering dust? Want to exercise your writing skills?

The Council has a wide range of activities that give Knights or members of their family the opportunity to help with the production of "The Centurion."

You may not be getting enough use of of your digital camera, or you would like to putting your writing talents to work. We welcome photo volunteers as well as writing

contributions that you feel would be of interest to members of the Council.

Do you know someone who would make an interesting profile? Has a fellow Knight received recognition outside the Council that is noteworthy? New births in the family?

To contribute to *your* newsletter, contact Bruce Tawson at btawson@comcast.net



GRAND KNIGHT: Charity ideas proposed

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Food Drive. The boxes will be delivered on Easter Sunday.

The Rosary will be said in downtown Denver for the unborn Saturday morning, the 15th. See Leonard Micek (303) 694-1008 for details.

The Colorado State Knights of Columbus Convention takes place on April 21-24 in Breckenridge. Your Council will be represented by Grand Knight Tom LaVoy and Financial Secretary Ted Gacek. Previous GK Bruce Tawson and Previous GK Bob Sherman will also be in attendance.

Let's kick off a great Spring. All of us working together can make it happen.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom LaVoy

**Of Little Kids
and
God**



A primary school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

IN MEMORIAM BROTHER BOB STEPHENS 1946-2006



LADIES AUXILIARY HAPPENINGS

There were 12 members present at the March 21 meeting opened with a prayer by Mary Mc Alear.

The King Soopers report netted us \$113,80. We need to sell more coupons to our Brother Knights and friends since we receive only 4% of sales over \$2500. Jeananne Giesege is in charge of sales. Laverne Hut reported card party receipts of \$473.

This will help send several boys to Samaritan Camp and help fund our "Adopt a Seminarian" project.

Laverne wrote up guidelines for our next year's card party, but was unable to make a reservation due to the renovation of the church.

Helene Sherman was told that she would be given a list of Seminarians to select from. Ellen Tawson graciously accepted the project of preparing a gift basket of goodies, donated by our members, for the

State Convention in April.

I had planned to ask for a Nominating Committee for next year's slate of officers, but it wasn't necessary as everyone "stepped up to the plate."

Our guest was Christina Shivrinskiy, daughter of Laura and Leonard Micek, on her missionary trip to Honduras.

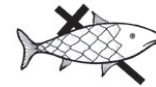
Christina would like to go back for a year but needs funding. Can someone help?

The 50/50 drawing was won by Laura Micek, which sounds "fishy" to me, Christine drew the winning ticket!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A student's answer on a test (unedited for spelling) as corrected by a Nun: In the first Book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

Submitted by Lily Fitzpatrick, President, 10205

Lenten Fish Fry's



Every Friday during Lent
Deep fried fish, baked fish, baked potato, salad, rolls and desert

Adults \$8
Kids \$5.50
4:45— 6:45 p.m.

Plenty of time to attend Stations of the Cross

Insurance Topics

Long-term care insurance needed as life span increases

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided us with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families.

And for our long-term care clients in the United States, a K of C Care policy brings added value. That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.



Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law.

All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements. If you are not currently an LTC policyholder and you would like more information on how you can avail yourself of this benefit, give me a call.

When he's not telling jokes, Doug Parsons is the insurance representative for our Council. He can be reached at 303-229-9173.

