



# The Centurion



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## TURNOUT FOR JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING UPLIFTING

It was an evening to remember as thirty-four Knights of Council 10205 gathered to talk business at the first meeting of the New Year. Rod Fiore, Grand Knight, led the council in the recitation of the rosary and then called the meeting to order. Except for one, all officers and directors were present including our Chaplain Fr. Paul. As various reports were given by officers and directors, the one of special significance was Leonard Micek's Pro-Life report regarding the incoming Obama administration's focus on the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This legislation if enacted will override any state legislation banning abortion and actually make it unlawful for anyone especially doctors to not provide abortion services to the public. If passed, this legislation will be a set back for Pro-Life supporters, and it is estimated an additional 125,000 abortions will be performed along with the current 1.3 million annually. We as Catholics must do all we can to raise awareness and to write our Congress to vote against this evil scourge that has become an acceptable option to unwanted pregnancy in our country.

After the discussion died down, the next important topic was the distribution of the council's charitable funds. Nine charities were proposed to receive equal shares of the \$7,000 collected last fall during the successful Tootsie Roll campaign assuming the council is given all the proceeds. Normally the State keeps thirty percent unless a special request is made. It was also decided that funds earmarked for seminarians be released right away. Rod asked that the council submit names for recipients of the \$4,000 in the Charity Fund which was budgeted to be disbursed by June 2009.

Dave Randolph proposed a new, more

straightforward, resolution asking knights to voluntarily admonish the radio stations when they hear the song "Only the Good Die Young" by Billy Joel. This popular song recorded over 30 years ago clearly chastises young girls about their Catholic faith and promotes immoral behavior. A vote will be taken at next meeting regarding the resolution.

Art Hut reminded the council about the Sunday evening "Prayers for Vocations" started by former Chaplain Fr. Marc Mallick. As Knights we have a special commitment to the religious and this is a special way as a group to pray for the increase in the religious vocations. Fr. Paul mentioned that attendance was down for the 7:30 p.m. holy hour and encouraged all knights to make a special effort to attend.



PGK Art Hut holds the "Pennies From Heaven" container for collections. Knights are asked to drop their pocket change into the container at the end of every meeting. The money is then given to the Colorado State KofC Charities.

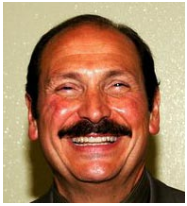


New members Steve Hyatt (left) and John Ark (right) accept certificates from Membership director, Bobby Rogers.

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY, 2009



Brothers,

January has come and gone, and we start the last half of our fraternal year. We face some tough times ahead for the

nation. We have a new president, and we hope that he, along with all us, can make the best out of 2009. While it is true that there are some real challenges for this coming year, this is where the Knights really show their true colors, and they can help pull you through them. We have brothers that are struggling and that need our help now more than ever, and we as a fraternal organization have and will continue to do what ever we can to help. With the daily news of trials and tribulations from homelessness, loss of jobs, and world unrest, we need to put our faith in God, believe that he will get us to the next level, and believe that without him we are lost. I know that it is easy for some to fall

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away from the Lord, but at this time, it is imperative that we do not lose our faith! As we move forward into the Easter Season and spring, we need to remember we are not alone as we do have brothers to help share our load.

We have our fish fry's coming up, and from all the feed back we got last year, I look for these to be a BIG hit. Please if you can help out, let Jim Hall know, and he will assign you to one of the three teams.

Finally, let's all remember that if we put ourselves in the hands of God and ask him to guide us, he will always take us to the right place. And with his help we can make it through the rough roads, and find true peace at the end of our journey.

God bless all of you, and please let me know what I can do to help you all.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rod Fiore

### LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT FEBRUARY 2009

Our first meeting for the New Year occurred on January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Padre. Our focus for the month will be on our Annual Card Party. The card party will be in McCallin Hall on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. All card lovers are encouraged to join in the fun. The Ladies Auxiliary will provide delicious food and door prizes for your enjoyment. We wish to extend a special invitation to the Knights to gather all the card players and join us for the afternoon. If you wish more information, please contact Ellen Tawson at 303-683-2686. This annual event is always an afternoon of enjoyment for all who attend.

The Knights are having their Annual Wives Appreciation Dinner this year at Mama Roma's on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is a special evening for the ladies and we appreciate the Knights for honoring the wives in this special way.

At our last meeting we had a special visit from two Knights, Fred Ott and Jim Hall. They personally requested

the assistance of the Auxiliary to assist with the six Lenten Fish Fries again this year, scheduled to start on February 27<sup>th</sup> thru April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:45 to 7:00 p.m. in Church Gym/McCallin Hall. The Ladies Auxiliary gladly accepted the Knights invitation to help. We extend an open invitation to all the parishioners, church staff and priests at St. Thomas More to join us for a wonderful Lenten meal.

To all the ladies and Knights of Council 10205 I wish to extend to you a Blessed Lenten Season.

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> in the Padre at 7:00 p.m.

Yours in Christ

Alice Allen  
President  
303-798-0862

## Calling All Card Players



The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring its Annual Card Party

**When:** Saturday, February 28, 2009

**Where:** St Thomas More's McCallin Hall.

**Time:** 12-4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5.00/person

**Questions:** Contact Ellen Tawson-303-683-2686

*All proceeds go to Samaritan House.*

*Come join us for an afternoon of bridge, poker or your favorite card games.*



## BROTHER MATT WERNER'S WITNESS TO CONVERSION AND HIS WORK WITH QAMA

The social on January 20, 2009 was well attended and the short business portion ended with the passing of the resolution drawn up by fellow Knight and trustee Dave Randolph. The resolution was to admonish the radio stations for playing the popular song by Billy Joel titled "The Good Die Young." With an almost unanimous approval the resolution will now be reviewed by the State K of C Board at the upcoming April Convention and either shelved or put to discussion and vote. Brother Ray O'Shea along with Russ Pitrone supported the resolution and voiced their displeasure in the anti-Catholic message delivered by this song. Ray thought the resolution would be met with an astounding approval at the State convention. In addition, Jim Hall announced the upcoming Wives Appreciation Dinner at Mama Roma's on January 31, 2009 at 7 p.m. Jim is also looking for team captain volunteers to spearhead the Lenten fish fry dinners starting in late February.

After the brief business session, our Grand Knight Rod Fiore introduced Brother Knight Matt Werner who gave a passionate talk regarding his conversion and commitment to our Blessed Mother through the Queen of Apostles Mission Association (QAMA). The association founded in 1992 with the help of our former pastor Fr. Michael Walsh is focused on the "rebuilding the Catholic Church in Russia, Ukraine and former Soviet Union" and it "spreads the faith through spiritual, financial, and humanitarian assistance." Matt has traveled to Russia and the Ukraine at least 25 times since the mid-90's praying, teaching and living with the orphans and youth of these countries. His knowledge and passion for this ministry is truly inspiring and he is a great role model and mentor for these children whom he has come to know on a personal basis. You can find out more about QAMA at [www.qama.org](http://www.qama.org).

The social ended with pizza and drinks shared with the Ladies Auxiliary and Lloyd Taylor was the winner of the 50/50 raffle taking in \$20 for half

the pot. "Thanks, Bill," for waiting to allow Lloyd to find his winning ticket at the protest of many of the other ticket holders. Sorry, Ladies.

*Brother Matt Werner spoke at the Social Meeting about QAMA and his conversion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*



*Jim Hall makes a plea for the upcoming Wives Appreciation Dinner set for Mama Roma's Saturday January 31 at 7 p.m.*

## ONLY THE NEW FORM 100 WILL BE ACCEPTED

*Please destroy the old green membership forms*

Due to changes in insurance regulations, the New Member Whole Life Insurance Plan, previously offered on the new member application, is no longer available. Because of the regulatory change, all recruiters must begin using the revised Form 100 immediately and destroy all previous versions of Form 100. The old form that needs to be destroyed is the **green membership form**.

The major revision to the new Membership Form is the New Member Annuity Plan offered to a new member and his wife. The Order is offering the New Member Annuity Plan to introduce a member and his wife to our insurance program and to assist in planning financial stability for retirement. The New Member Annuity Plan is available to a new member and his wife between the ages of 18 and 83 for as little as \$100 each.

Everyone can obtain copies of the NEW Form 100's from Bobby Rogers, Rod Fiore or John Allen.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3 Council Business Meeting, Rosary – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Room 3; Meeting –7:30 p.m.
- 6 TMIY, STM Church Gym – 6 a.m.
- 10 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Fourth Degree Meeting, STM under Padre –Rosary 7:00 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 13 TMIY, STM Church Gym – 6:00 a.m.
- 13 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sweet Heart Dance - Sir Knights with Wives; Church of the Risen Christ
- 15 Knights' Choir, STM Church – Rehearsal 7:30 a.m.; Mass 8:30 a.m.
- 16 Metro Chapter Meeting
- 17 Council Social Meeting – Rosary 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3; Social 7:30 p.m. in Padre
- 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Padre
- 20 TMIY, STM Church Gym – 6:00 a.m.
- 21 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 a.m. at Planned Parenthood – 38<sup>th</sup> and Pontiac
- 21 District Free Throw Contest, STM School Gym – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 21 STM Clergy Appreciation Night, McCallin Hall – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Doughnut Sunday, Membership Recruiting Opportunity
- 23 Council Officers' Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 under Padre
- 24 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Ash Wednesday
- 27 TMIY, STM Church Gym – 6:00 a.m.
- 27 Fish Fry, STM Church Gym – 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar 7-8 Catechism and Bibles Sales after all Masses
- Mar 14 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Dinner Dance
- Mar 14 State Free Throw Contest
- Mar 28 Council Retreat, Cabrini Shrine
- Every Friday, Fish Fry, 4:45-7:00pm - Church Gym
- Every Sunday Evening, Holy Hour/Vocations – STM Church, 7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Keep the Council informed of any changes in your address, phone numbers or email by contacting our Financial Secretary John Allen.

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## HONOR GUARD PRESENT AT THE MASS FOR THE UNBORN

January 22<sup>nd</sup> is a day of prayer and penance as Catholics reflect on the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision and celebrate a Mass for the intentions of the Unborn. As part of the evening Mass, the Knights of Columbus' Honor Guard processed in and out with the celebrant Fr. Paul, co-celebrant Fr. Mel and Deacon's Bob Cropp and John Neil. The Knights of Columbus, founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in 1882, has always promoted life from inception to natural death and are proud of the many acts of charity that it supports to assist and protect the rights of every human being, especially the unborn and mentally handicapped.

Representing Assembly 2294 at the 7:30 p.m. Mass were John Allen, Dave Randolph, Russ Pitrone, Wally Armistead, Bruce Tawson, Tim McKenna, Dennis Gilmore, Art Hut, Bob Sherman, Ed Murphy, David Gross and Derek Moser. Thanks to all these gentlemen who represent the Knights of Columbus so honorably.



*Honor Guard stand at attention while clergy and altar servers processed out.*



*Sir Knight John Allen leads out the Honor Guard at the end of Mass.*

## INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT



Greetings Brothers,  
-- **AN ECONOMIC MUST** -- Do you have seat belts in your car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't

you certain that you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy

an automobile that only provided one "belt" –that being for you? But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with the one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father – not the mother. Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance," should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children. Call me today to discuss these needs.

Vivat Jesus,  
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Also check out the state web site [www.coloradokofc.org](http://www.coloradokofc.org)

## SPEAK OUT FOR THE UNBORN

January 22<sup>nd</sup> has become a day of prayer and penance for Catholics and other Pro Life groups as they reflect on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe versus Wade decision by the Supreme Court. This decision overturned the State of Texas court ruling to ban abortion and became a federal ruling that permitted the killing of unborn children. Our new administration and particularly our president are poised to pass legislation referred to as the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) that will change our lives as we know it, and we can ill afford to sit back and allow this to happen.

This legislation has been around since 2004 when Congresswoman Diana DeGette and Senator Hilary Clinton were part of the sponsoring committees introducing this bill. If passed this bill would be more devastating than Roe v Wade decision ever was and would make it impossible for us a nation to reverse the direction of this tragic course. This bill does the following:

- Prevents the medical community from saying "No" to abortion no matter their beliefs or past practices. It means our Catholic hospitals will be forced to provide this legalized killing of the unborn even though it goes against their core beliefs and the God-given right to life.
- Forces the closing of our best Catholic hospitals, which is the goal of some of the promoters of this bill especially

Planned Parenthood. The Catholic Church through the US Councils of Catholic Bishops has warned that they would be forced to close every hospital if this legislation passed denying the poor basic medical service provided by Catholic hospitals.

- Repeals existing federal bans on abortion, such as the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.
- Removes the waiting period and parental notification that exist under current laws.
- Allows federal funds to be used for abortions, which currently is not permitted.
- Permits persons who have been denied the right to abortion to sue the offenders.

It makes me wonder how people twist the truth using words that should mean something positive. "Freedom of Choice" seems like a basic right, and God wanted us to have the right to choose, but choosing with a well informed conscience. Choosing to abort life is a selfish act that only considers the mother's rights and her desire to eliminate the consequence of a choice she already made. Today, abortion has become the birth control of the past and is performed as though there are no consequences. But I believe that God will have the last judgment on these choices, and I pray that we can prevent this bill from ever becoming a reality.

Saint Thomas More Church held three Memorial Masses on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Unborn and our Pastor Father Andrew Kemberling warned during his homily that our government is mixed up. He stated that "government's job is not to award rights; their job is to protect rights." As he stated, "God has given us these rights, not government." Our Church will be passing out postcards for us to sign protesting the passing of this bill to our representatives in Congress and the Senate. Please make your voice heard through this process. Also, you can go online at [www.FightFOCA.com](http://www.FightFOCA.com) and sign a petition sponsored by Americans United for Life (AUL), a national organization that has been fighting Pro Life issues since 1971. As of this writing, they had over 500,000 signatures.

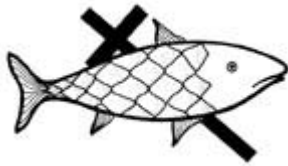
*–Lloyd Taylor*

*The Centurion*

## STRETCH YOUR DOLLAR – BEAT THE RECESSION

### ENJOY A NIGHT OUT AT OUR FISH FRY THE BEST MEAL DEAL IN TOWN.

#### Fish Fry Every Friday during Lent



4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. - STM Church Gym thru Padre  
Begins Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Children 4 yrs and under FREE  
\$8 per Adult, \$5 for Children 5 to 12 yrs  
\$30 per Family - Maximum

#### EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

FOOD INCLUDES BAKED AND FRIED FISH, COLESLAW, POTATO WEDGES, MACARONI & CHEESE,  
ROLLS, DRINKS AND ICE CREAM  
BEER & WINE AVAILABLE

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COLORADO STATE COUNCIL 107TH STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 23 - 26, 2009

##### DOUBLETREE DENVER

January 1, 2009

To: All Elected State Officers, Past State Deputies, Insurance Agents, State Appointed Officers, Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators:

The 107th Annual Colorado State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention is quickly approaching. The 2009 State Convention is scheduled at Doubletree Denver located at 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. *The dates for this convention are Thursday - Sunday, April 23 - 26, 2009.*

Delegates to the convention *must register in three places:* (1) the hotel for a room reservation; (2) The State Secretary (Foster Sauter) for credentials; and (3) The convention Registration Chairman (Jerry Boswell) for meals. Registering with the State Secretary does not mean we have

allocated a meal for you. Registering with the Convention Committee does not mean you have voting privileges during the business meetings.

This year you can register to receive name tags with lanyards and the goody bag with collector's gift for \$10.00, if you will not be able to attend any of the food events.

We are looking forward to another successful convention. We hope all Knights will make a concerted effort to attend some or all of the events. For any questions that you may have in regards to the convention, please contact Convention Chairman Jim Caffrey at: jimcaf@comcast.net / 303-257-7664 (Cell) or Co-Chairman Paul Patricca at: paulpatricca@comcast.net / 303-933-8489 (home).

Yours in charity, unity & fraternity,

James D. Caffrey, PGK, PFN, FDD  
State Warden / State Convention  
Chairman

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Lloyd Taylor	Jim Gosser	
Mark Roberts	Lonnie Martinez	Art Trojan
Michael McCloskey	Joseph Gaven	George Trujillo
Rick Hallett	John Art	Mike Cafilich
Douglas Benevento	Lorne Scofield	Donald Daeke
Deacon Alan Rastrelli	Bill Malone	Thomas Leblanc
Daniel West	William Schwake	Aaron Chick-Jones
Matt Werner	Patrick Clarke	Terry Peltis

#### NEED TO KNOW

##### Where to get KOFC Supplies

The English Company, 1-800-444-5632  
[www.kofcsupplies.com](http://www.kofcsupplies.com)

Lynch & Kelly, Inc., 1-888-548-3890  
[www.lynych&kelly.com](http://www.lynych&kelly.com)

##### Council Shirts & Jackets

Bobby Rogers, 303-773-8130  
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##### KofC websites

##### Council 10205

[www.10205kofc.org](http://www.10205kofc.org)

##### State Council

[www.coloradokofc.org](http://www.coloradokofc.org)

##### Supreme Council

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

##### Fathers for Good

[www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org)

##### Catholics Need to Know

[www.headlinebistro.com](http://www.headlinebistro.com)

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## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

On Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus gathered at the Seton House at 18<sup>th</sup> and Grant to help the Missionaries of Charity sisters (Mother Teresa's order) move all their belongings to their newly finished shelter for single women at West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fox Street. Last October, Knights from various councils through the coordination of the Denver Metro Chapter of the Knights of Columbus gathered to paint the remodeled interior of the building which was former classrooms of St Joseph's Catholic school. Although several days were allocated for the painting, it was completed in one day. But due to extensive additions to the sprinkler system, the new construction didn't receive final approval until the first of the year delaying the move until now. The homeless shelter named "Gift of Mary House" was the result of a meeting last year between Archbishop Chaput and Sister Nirmala Joshi, the superior general of the Missionaries of Charity who succeeded Mother Teresa.

The weather looked as though it might be a factor as it had snowed overnight, but by the grace of God the sunshine was abundant and the sisters' cheerful personalities made the day go quickly. Many women arrived at 8 a.m. to pack bedding, towels and other personal effects as well as to sweep and mop up. At 9 a.m. thirty-six Knights and over thirty friends pitched in by loading the smaller items in personal pickups, SUVs and vans and driving them directly to the new home. It was inspiring to see all the religious statues carefully wrapped with blankets, laid in the back of personal trucks or cars and reverently driven the 22 blocks to their new home. A truck was rented to handle the larger items such as the three refrigerators, an organ, many large shelving units, beds, mattresses, chairs and kitchen items. Lunch was served at noon after being blessed by Sister Judy, and by 1 p.m. most of the heavy work was completed. Some stayed to put up curtains, assemble and make beds, install kitchen cabinets and a host of other needed chores.

The Sisters invited all the helpers to a special commemorative Mass on January 26, 2009 at 6 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at St. Joseph's Church, which is adjacent to the new home. After Mass the Archbishop and congregation processed with the Blessed Sacrament to the new home and a blessing of the tabernacle and the building was performed by the Archbishop. I think everyone was pleased to be a part of the painting and moving project as this new shelter for homeless women is going to be a place of solace and protection for women that need assistance at a crucial time in their lives. Jeb Barry is to be complimented on his direction and attention to detail in getting this project accomplished.

*-Lloyd Taylor*



*Knights of Columbus help Sister Sharon hang many religious pictures throughout the new homeless shelter named "Gift of Mary House."*



*Jeb Barry (center with ball cap) supervises the unloading of the heavy items from rental truck at the Missionaries of Charity's new location on West 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Fox St.*

