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## A MAN NAMED RAY

By Tony Damore

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 was a balmy spring night as 65 Knights, their spouses and friends streamed into the Padre for a special celebration. They were celebrating all the past Grand Knights who have helped make St. Thomas More Council 10205 the great Council that it is today.

For 45 minutes, the attendees renewed old acquaintances and friendships, told stories, and reminisced about those who had moved out of state or passed on to their eternal reward. Afterwards, the present Grand Knight Kelly Dowell welcomed everyone to the celebration, which had been organized by Tim McKenna. Kelly then introduced Rod Fiore, the Council's Chancellor, who invited all to partake of the buffet dinner prepared by Dan Washburn and his crew.

Despite the appetizers, everyone seemed to bring to the buffet a healthy appetite for the baked salmon and chicken breasts. A peaceful calm ensued as attendees returned to their tables and partook of the delicious food.

After dinner, the guest speaker, Jerry O'Connor, the Vice Supreme Master for the 4th Degree, was introduced by Rod Fiore. He reminisced about "giving birth" to the book of meditations, "Knights to Christ," during his tenure as State Deputy. He got involved in publishing the book because he felt that men had a void in their lives; namely, a void of spirituality. He went on to praise the Ladies Auxiliary as "The Right Arm" of every Council; and without which, many councils would find it extremely difficult to function. He encouraged Knights to get their 4th Degree, the patriotic arm of the Knights. When Knights wear their regalia, not only do Catholics recognize them as Catholics and are proud to see them, but non-

Catholics as well are impressed by the pageantry of this arm of the Knights of Columbus.

After a standing ovation, Rod again took the floor, and before presenting the awards, he acknowledged that Sir Knight Joe Borgerding and wife Mildred were celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary. The award presented to each Past Grand Knight was a hand-crafted religious statuette, noted for its intricate detail, by sculptor Timothy Schmaltz. Each Past Grand Knight, after a brief personal introduction by Rod, went up to the dais and picked the statuette of his choice, often asking and getting assistance from his spouse.

The Ladies Auxiliary was recognized and honored for all the charitable work that they do and the assistance they provide to Council 10205. LaVerne Hut, the current president, and Alice Allen, the incoming president, were singled out and presented bouquets for their outstanding contributions. Kelly held the final bouquet as he shared his journey to Christ. From an unemployed non-Catholic, searching for something in his life, he converted to Catholicism and joined the Knights becoming the Grand Knight, all within six years. He was quite honest in attributing his whole spiritual walk to one person, and that one person being his wife, Susan, to whom he presented the last bouquet. There was not a dry eye in the assemblage, as they gave Kelly and Susan a standing ovation.

Finally, a man named Ray... Ray O'Shea, to be exact, was asked to give a brief history of Council 10205. In his impish Irish manner, he almost paralleled the original founding of the Knights in New Haven, Connecticut.



15 Past Grand Knights were honored at a special Past Grand Knights Party sponsored by Council 10205 on May 3rd.



**GRAND  
KNIGHT'S  
REPORT  
JUNE, 2008**

Brother Knights,

The end of the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year is upon us. It came very quickly for me. My goal for the council this past year was "Fraternity". The purpose of the goal was to bring the Council closer together as a fraternal family and embark on a new path for our future. Did we meet the goal?

Together we brought a deeper sense of spirituality to the Council. We held our first Council Retreat during Lent so we as brothers could share in our faith together. It went so well, we decided to plan two more retreats for next year (fall and spring). We committed to having our Quarterly Family Corporate Communion Breakfasts and made

it happen. Our Deacons assisted us with enlightening talks which helped us to appreciate our faith. Thanks to your suggestions, we changed the format of the Social Meetings in the last half of the year and brought in spiritual and motivational talks to energize us as Knights and Catholics.

Our programs, although not all successful financially, were fun and appreciated by our members and the parish alike. The Fish Fries were a huge hit this year thanks to Fred Ott and his team. Our first Italian Sausage Sandwich Night was a bit under attended, but the food was incredible. Look for this event to take off next year. Our major fund raiser was the Super Bowl ticket raffle. We grossed around \$18,000 to support our charities. Sales were lower than expected but its all for a good cause. Including our Tootsie Roll Drive and money from our building fund, we donated over \$40,000 to worthwhile causes this year!

As for membership, we brought in 14 new Catholic Gentlemen into our Order. Rod Fiore did a great job juggling membership along with his duties as Chancellor. Under Rod, the mentor team also created a New

Member Handbook which is full of information about the Knights of Columbus and our Council. Each member received a copy. Next year Rod has asked me to hold some educational sessions to teach our brothers more about our Order and the Council.

In closing, I have a few groups of people I need to give thanks to:

First I want to thank my loving wife Sue and our family. I would not have been able to dedicate myself and my time to being the Grand Knight without their loving support and understanding.

Next I want to thank all the Council Officers and Directors on my team. You are the glue that kept the Council on track.

To Laverne Hut and the Ladies Auxiliary, we could not have done any of it without your support. Thanks for all you do.

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of the Past Grand Knights and the Trustees who lent me there ear and mentored when I needed it.

Vivat Jesus,  
Kelly Dowell

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# BRONCO TICKET RAFFLE KICK OFF PARTY A BLAST

Scores of Knights and their families enjoy a once in a lifetime tour of Dove Valley and “inside” stories from Sir Knight and Bronco aficionado, Fred Fleming. Brother Fred hosted the event, as the Council launched its annual fund raiser for charity, the Bronco ticket raffle

**I WANT YOU!**



**TO SELL BRONCO RAFFLE TICKETS**

**Four prizes: Each prize-2 game tickets; a parking pass and 2 pre-game on field passes.**

**Prizes**

1. Sept. 14, 2008-San Diego Chargers
2. Oct. 12, 2008-Jacksonville Jaguars
3. Nov. 23, 2008-Oakland Raiders
4. Dec 7, 2008- Kansas City Chiefs

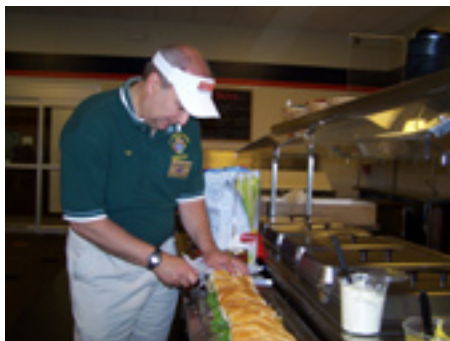
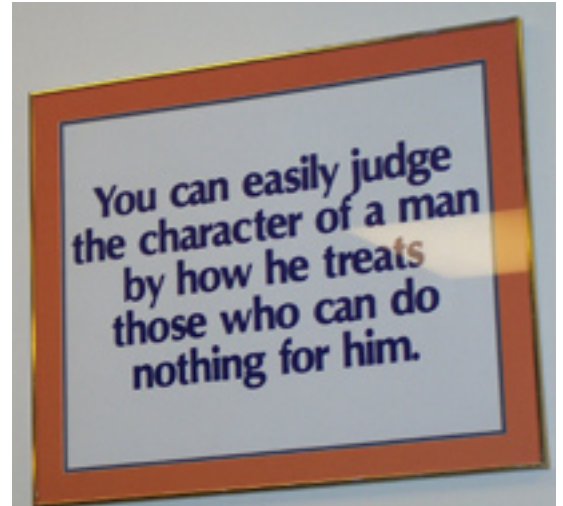
**Drawing: Sept. 5, 2008, 7:00pm; St. Thomas More Catholic Church (Need not be present to win)**

**Price: \$10.00 per raffle ticket**

**All proceeds go to Council 10205 Charities**

**Every Council member is asked to sell 10 tickets. A special prize to the Knight selling the most!**

**Contact: Tim Mckenna, 303-850-9174; timmckenna123@comcast.net**



*DGK Doug Grogan slices the sub for the party.*



*Fred Fleming provided numerous Bronco Paraphernalia as door prizes for the lucky Knights that attended.*



*One of the boys draws a ticket for one of the many special door prizes provided by Fred Fleming.*



*The Sherman's enjoy a bit of a repast in the Bronco's cafeteria-Dove Valley.*



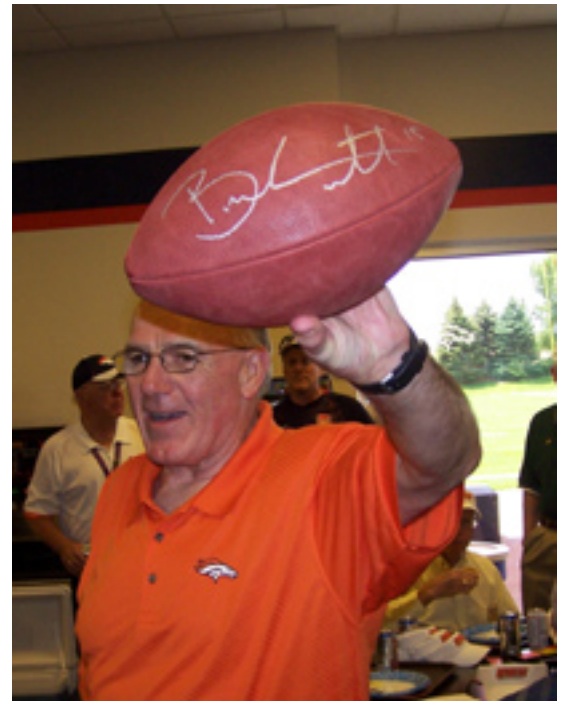
*The Knights kids really had a great time!*



*Joe Borgerdine was the lucky winner of a Bronco football.*



*Even the ladies had a great time. Here shown- Alice Allen Laverne Hut and Ellen Tawson.*



*Knights and their families in the locker room. Is it great to be a member or what?*



*A visit to the locker room brought ooh's and ah's as Knights got a close look at hallowed territory.*



*Visitors got to see the Super Bowl trophies.*

Trying to overcome many stumbling blocks to establish a Knights of Columbus Council, it was not until Father Walsh became Pastor in 1987 that they were able to go forward. In 1988, they began organizational meetings after gathering about 50 potential members. The Grand Knight's post was not yet filled, and Knight Ed Murphy asked those present if anyone had ever served as Grand Knight. There happened to be two men that had served, Robert Carpenter and Ray O'Shea. Ed Murphy suggested that one of the two men volunteer for the office. Carpenter said he would be Deputy if Ray would assume the Grand Knight's position. That's the way it went down.

At the final formation meeting, they still did not have a name for the new Council, which had the number 10205. When asking for suggestions, one of the new members suggested "St. Thomas More Council." Since there were no other suggestions, it was adopted. The member who suggested it was himself named Thomas Moore, and his son, also a member of the new Council was Thomas Moore Jr. Needless to say, the Moore family thought the new name for the council was outstanding.

Getting Father Walsh involved as a Chaplain was another story. He declined until Ray reminded him that a year earlier Father had asked Ray to set up and open the Cloister Cove, which proved successful from its inception. Father thought a moment, and with a smile said, "O.K., I'll be your Chaplain."

The first Council meeting was held in December 1989, and the Ladies Auxiliary was instituted in 1992. Both have been getting bigger and stronger ever since, and the best is yet to come. Remember, it all started with a stubborn, impish Irishman, who would not take "No" for an answer ... a man named Ray.

**COUNCIL PICNIC  
JUNE 14TH, 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
DEKOEVEN PARK, SHELTER C**

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR/  
MENTOR COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Brothers,

Well this will be my last article as both Membership Director, and Chairman of the Mentor Committee. Now that I have the opportunity to be your Grand Knight, I am handing over the reins to both of these positions.

Your new Membership Director is Bobby Rogers. He is a long time Knight here at 10205, and I know he will do a great job. I have been working with Bobby to get our ranks even larger than they are, and I know he will be a Brother Knight that you can count on. His number is 303-773-8130, so if you have any question about membership or you have an interested potential Knight, please give Bobby a call and he will take good care of them.

As for the Mentor Committee position, I am turning that over to your new Chancellor Emidio Parziale. Emidio is another long time Knight here at 10205 and he brings a great enthusiasm to the position of Mentor Committee Director. Emidio is already working on the next phase of the Mentor Committee, and I look forward to some new and exciting happenings with that committee.

It has been a real pleasure serving in these two directorships, and working with all of the great Knights we have here at 10205. I will do my best in my new position to give you all continued leadership and help.

Vivat Jesus.  
Rod Fiore

**FATHER WALSH WOULD  
LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Sir Knight and founding Chaplain of Council 10205, Father Michael J. Walsh has retired to Ireland (go figure!). He would very much like to hear from his friends at Council 10205. You may write him at:

Fr. Michael Walsh  
Lyrattin  
Ballinamult  
Clonmel  
County Waterford, Ireland

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT  
JUNE 2008**



Since my last report we have some wonderful things happen with the Ladies Auxiliary.

The State Ladies Auxiliary started a scholarship fund for families of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary throughout the state. We submitted Kathleen Crowley the granddaughter of Marge Chardavoyne, and she won a \$1,000.00 scholarship. We are very proud of her as Kathleen works very hard for St Thomas More RCIA program. She is a graduate this year from Heritage High School. Kathleen plans on going to ACC this fall. We wish her the best of luck in her future.

The Past Grand Knights Dinner was a wonderful evening. I was honored to recognize Our Past Presidents with seven in attendance. We also honored are Chartered members. It was a good time for all.

The Auxiliary is working on donations to several charities brought to the meeting by our members. We will be voting on them at our next meeting. This is very exciting for us as we are here to support our church and community. We plan to attend the Knights Bronco Raffle Kickoff, on May 31st at Dove Valley, as well as the Council picnic on June 14th. Our next meeting will be June 17, 2008, following the rosary with the Knights.

Yours in Christ,  
LaVerne Hut, President  
303-768-8398

**KOFC STATE COUNCIL  
ROLLS OUT NEW WEBSITE**

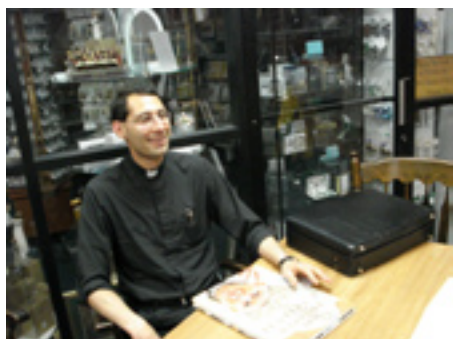
The Colorado State Council recently introduced an updated and flashy new website, [www.kofc-colorado.org](http://www.kofc-colorado.org). The new website is loaded with great information about the Knights in Colorado. There are also links to interesting information, including the perpetual Memorial, where the names of all enrolled members can be found. Log on today and check it out!

## GOOD BYE, FATHER MARC AND “OLD MAN RIVER”

Every now and then a priest comes along that gets your attention. Then he's gone. Such is the case with Fr. Marc Mallick, our Chaplain.

When he first arrived, his spirituality was a little over the top, or so thought some parishioners. He sang more parts of the Mass than the other priests, more in Latin, too. His sermons were longer and more passionate. He became Father Mel's hero.

I first heard him speak at the annual Vocations Walk at Mother Cabrini Shrine two years ago. Here was this young priest, new to us at St. Thomas More, already doing “road engagements.” But his message was simple- “pray for vocations.” He convinced us that above all else, prayer would make the difference when it came to Vocations to the priesthood. He encouraged us to return to our parishes and initiate Holy Hours for Vocations. And, to back up his word, he started a Holy Hour at St. Thomas More every Sunday night from 7:30 pm to 8:30pm. He claimed that each one of us praying for vocations was like a small candle of light, growing in numbers to a giant flame that God could not miss in our petitions for priests. The devotions included a Rosary, hymns, quiet meditation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a brief homily. Soon, a small but devoted core of people attended every Sunday night.



Fr. Marc at a recent Council Social meeting. “I prefer the business meetings” Can you believe he said that?

Then came the startling news that Father was being transferred to Boulder. Now this priest, whose spirituality at first made him seem unapproachable; and whose personality and energy were very down to earth, was leaving us! We barely got to know him.

Bob Sherman had hounded Father to become our Chaplain since the day he arrived at St. Thomas More. But once he agreed, he had complete buy-in. Most of our chaplains that have come and gone have been Chaplain in name only. Not Fr. Marc. He wore his 1st Degree pin on his sweater; he came to our meetings and he gave us our first spiritual retreat. Like everything else he does, he gave us his full attention.

Few people realize Fr. Marc's talent for music, especially singing. He has a great bass voice that was very noticeable at Mass. He even has a musical CD out called “Holy Smoke, its Father Marc.” I'm sure it will soon be available in the Cloister Cove --and probably on iTunes! His favorite song?--“Old Man River.”

After the Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, June 1, his faithful little band of followers gave him a reception in the Padre. Gifts were given, cake was eaten, speeches were made; a few ladies shed some tears. Then Father gave us his gift. We all adjourned to the church gym, where Father sang a wonderful rendition of “Old Man River.” It brought tears to my eyes. God Bless you, Father, and thank you for sharing your beautiful spirituality and yourself with us for this brief time. We will miss you! ---Bruce Tawson, PGK; PFN.

### GOT E-MAIL?

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## CALENDAR JUNE 2008

- 3 Council Business Meeting - Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm
- 6 Dedication of 10 Commandments Statue after 9:00am Mass
- 7 Council Officers/Directors Training with Roger Muller – 8:30am - STM
- 8 Council Officer's Installation – 2:00pm Church Gym
- 12 Fourth Degree Meeting – STM-Rosary, 7:00pm; meeting, 7:30pm
- 14 Council Picnic, DeKoevend Park, Shelter C; 11:00am to 3:00pm
- 16 Metro Chapter Meeting
- 17 Council Social Meeting - Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm in Padre (Guest Speaker – George Shoemaker)
- 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00pm under Padre
- 21 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30am, Planned Parenthood 17th and Vine
- 22 Doughnut Sunday, Membership Recruiting Opportunity
- 22 St. Thomas More Feast Day
- 24 Council Officers/Directors Meeting, 7:30pm, Knights Room
- 27-29 State Mid-year Meeting Alamosa, CO
- 29 4th Degree Installations, – 2:00pm – STM Church Gym

### LOOKING AHEAD

- June 7 Major Degrees, Council 4479, Conifer, CO. 303-697-9792
  - June 13 TMIY, guest Speaker, STM Church Gym
  - June 14 Vocations Walk, Cabrini Shrine, 10:00am
  - Sept. 20 Council Retreat, Cabrini Shrine; 8:30am-2:30pm
- Every Sunday evening, 7:30pm-8:30pm,  
Holy Hour/Vocations-STM Church

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Len Mazzi	John Allen
Steve Moore	James Vallejos
Edward Vieira	Thomas Klausner
Dirk Malsch	Joseph Lamb
Keith Lyons	Eli Kramer
Bill Donovan	Anthony Giardullo
Doug Zundel	Frank Vidmar
Rod Fiore	Benny Martinez
John Fitzgerald	John Collom
James Crowley	Stephen Burack
Robert Agnew	Anthony Borzymowski
Mauricio Bermudez	Fr. John Paul Leyba
Wally Armistead (PGK)	

