



# The Centurion



ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10205

*Service to our Church, the Order, the Council and those in need starts with your involvement*

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**DISTRICT 15 CHAMP:** Terrin Hall, flanked by District Deputy Fred Whitehurst and Youth Director Benny Martinez, won the District 15 Free Throw contest for girls 14 years and under. Terrin is the daughter of Jim and Cheryl Hall. District winners move on to State and then National. Fifty-two kids, ages 10-14, participated in the Council's annual free throw contest Jan. 21.



## MARCH EVENTS

- 3 Fish Fry
- 3 Knights' Stations of the Cross
- 4/5 Hand out Dinner Dance flyers—STM
- 7 Council business meeting
- 9 4th Degree meeting
- 10 Fish Fry
- 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 11 St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
- 17 Fish Fry
- 18 Day of Recollection after 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 18 Pro Life Rosary-Planned Parenthood
- 19 Knights' Choir, 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 21 Council Social meeting
- 21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Padre
- 24 Fish Fry
- 25/26 Hand out Easter food boxes

### Grand Knight's Message

## Busy month will require many helpers

This is one of Council 10205's busiest months and we need everyone's help to make it a success.

On March 3, we kick off the series of Fish Fry's that we are sponsoring every Friday through Lent. I am confident that Jim Frank will have enough volunteers to make these fund raisers profitable. These dinners show



our support for the Church, the school and our community.

We need to sell more tickets for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at STM on March 11. There will be an evening of entertainment in the form of a dance band and an Irish dancing troupe

to get everyone in the spirit. Please see Doug Grogan or call him at (303) 771-3623 to support the evening festivities.

Bring your spouses, children and friends to ride on the float or walk in the "Largest St. Patrick's Day Parade West of the Mississippi." Tom LaVoy will again be pulling the float, but the green Durango has been replaced by a white SUV—easier to decorate.

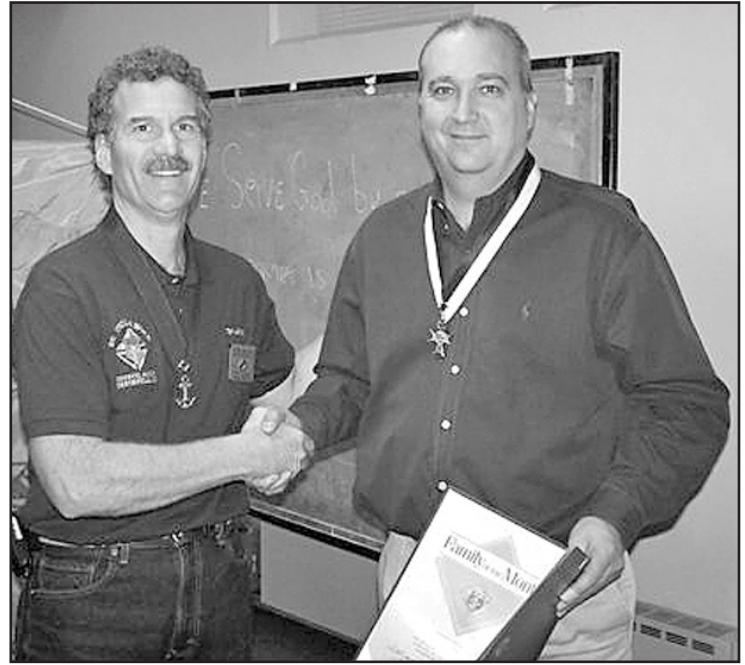
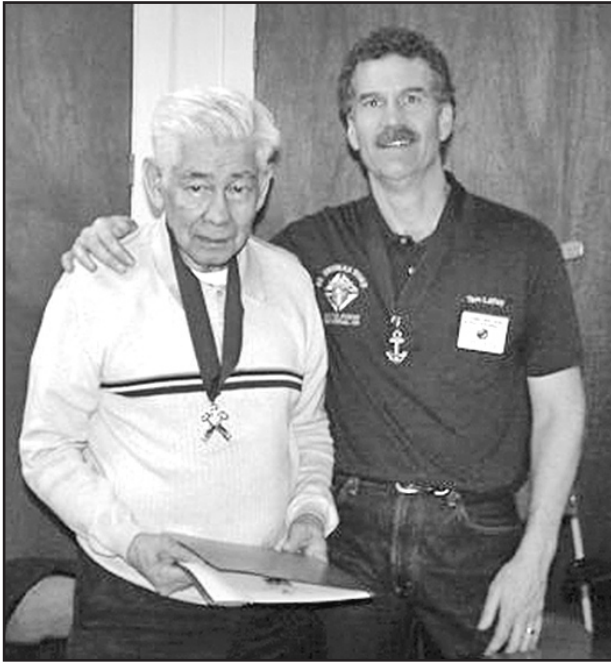
Our Bingo fund raising activity is currently in jeopardy. We have lost the Tuesday night slot because the other Council decided to pull out. Please contact one of the Trustee's or an Officer with any suggestions.

We are looking forward to a great spring. All of us working together can make it happen.

Vivat Jesus,  
Your Humble Grand Knight,

*Tom LaVoy*





**JANUARY AWARDS:** Leonel DaSilva, left, is presented with the Knight of the Month award by Grand Knight Tom LaVoy. Doug Grogan receives congratulations on behalf of his family for Family of the Month honors.

## Council loses major source of funds

Bingo City informed the Council our arrangement would end with the 2/28 game. After many years of successful game sponsorship, the Council has lost its primary funding arrangement for its charitable giving.

Bingo City ended our arrangement after giving us the opportunity to sponsor games every Tuesday night. Unfortunately, we were unable to staff Bingo games every week.

Our Bingo program **funded about \$10,000** for charity every year.

In addition, funds were set aside for a council meeting hall. Discussions are under way to determine ways to replace the funds lost because of this development. (See Bingo Director's Message, Page 6.)

## APRIL EVENTS

- 4 Council business meeting
- 7 Fish Fry
- 8/9 Palm Sunday—pick up Easter Food Boxes
- 13 4th Degree meeting
- 15 Rosary-Planned Parenthood
- 18 Council Social Meeting
- 18 Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 p.m.—Padre

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## The Centurion

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# The Christians selected as March Family of the Month

Council 10205 selected John and Laurie Christian as our Family of the Month for March, 2006.

John and Laurie Christian have three children: Ginney, 11 years old, sixth grade; Alec, 9 years old, fourth grade; and Jack, 6 years old, kindergarten. All three children attend St. Thomas More School.

John Christian is a Faithful member of Council 10205 and serves as the Council's Knights Helping Knights Director. He has served as the Council's Director of Church activities.

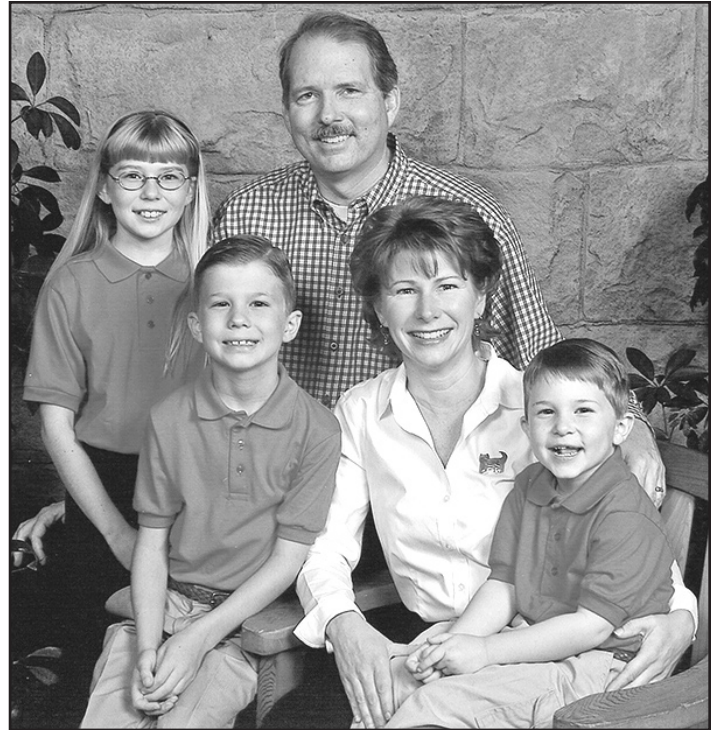
He is a member of the Knights Choir and plays guitar for the choir. John also plays guitar at the weekly children's Mass.

John teaches RCIA at St. Thomas More; serves on the Stewardship Commission; volunteers for adoration in the chapel; is a Lecturer and Eucharistic Minister and volunteers for recess duty at STM school. In the past, he coached the sixth grade basketball team.

Laurie serves on the Parish Council and the Faith Formation Commission (religious education). She serves as Coordinator and database manager for Moms & Tots.

She provides community outreach and assists with the RCIA program. She is in charge of the Car Lines at STM School and is the wedding coordinator for the church.

Laurie is coordinator for the church's scrap book-



ing club. She helps once a month with kindergarten at STM School. Laurie also joins John in the Adoration chapel for one hour per week.

This amazing Catholic couple can be seen at 8:30 am Mass every week, in the front row with their children, providing an indelible example for what a Catholic family is all about.



**NEW KNIGHTS:** Tom Shinnars, left, and Michael Gould joined Council 10205 on Feb 21. Tom is already a member of the Knights Choir and is the Cantor. Michael transferred in from Council 11177, Cape Coral, Fla.

## Of Little Kids and God



A little boy was overheard praying:  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

"I'm having a real good time like I am."

.....  
After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,

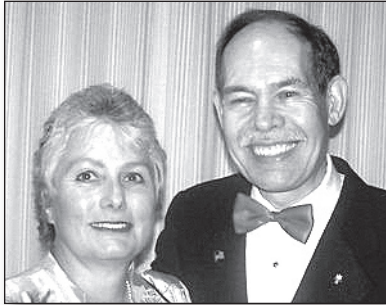
"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

# What is the culture of Life? (Part 2 in series)

By Leonard Micek, Pro Life Director

In the previous issue we began an inquiry into the definition of a "culture of life." Of course, in this context, we are speaking about the life of human beings.

One could argue to be pro-life about other organisms, for we are certainly called as stewards of creation to care for plant and animal life as well. But in the Judeo-Christian understanding of reality, human life has a priority.



Laura and Leonard Micek

It is for this reason that a culture of life must be focused on the human person, not in the current sense of humanism but rather in humanity's relationship to the Creator.

Furthermore it is essential that truth must be the foundation for this culture if it is to reflect our highest aspirations. But what is the truth about human life and how do we ascertain it? We will consider this question in the next issue.

Here are five more ways to promote the sanctity of human life:

1. Pray daily for an end to abortion and for all who do not realize how wrong abortion is.
2. Read to become more informed about life issues: stem cell research, physician-assisted suicide, bioethics, etc.
3. Wear "precious feet" or "precious hands" pins that show the baby's development at 10 weeks after conception. (Available from Heritage House 800-858-3040.)
4. Use checks which carry a pro-life message: Available from Promise checks ([www.promisechecks.com](http://www.promisechecks.com) or 800-977-6647) or Life checks ([www.lifechecks.com](http://www.lifechecks.com) or 888-478-9357.)

## Pro-Life Events Schedule:

**March 10** – Friday – Stations of the Cross at STM, 7:00 pm. Led by Respect Life Committee

**March 18** – Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – Rosary at Planned Parenthood (20<sup>th</sup> and Vine.) A 7:00 a.m. Mass is celebrated at St. Ignatius Church (23<sup>rd</sup> and York.)

**March 28** – Tuesday – Respect Life Committee Meeting below Padre at 7:00 p.m.

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

## 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](http://www.kofc-colorado.org)

## Don't delay in obtaining insurance as part of a critical safety net

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And if your life is as busy as mine, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. I'd like to make a personal plea that you



not make that mistake. Before the summer is over, make an appointment to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus agent. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into

very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late. Call me today.



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Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed. We're proud of that. We're also concerned. Why? Because there are more than 1 million Knights of Columbus members who have no life insurance with us. I suspect that, for many of those 1 million members, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

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



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Joseph Bowden
1	Jose Mondragon
1	Clifford Littlejohn
4	Frank Smith
5	Charles Walsh
5	William Lavin
6	Lindsay Kough
6	Miguel Baldwin
7	Leonard Micek
7	Peter Scatuuro
8	Richard McCrae
8	Bruce Tawson
9	Robert Kraeft
12	Rodney Nowadsky
12	Ed Wernsman
14	Michael Grotta
14	Larry McCarty
23	Joe Caruso
28	Charles Floyd
29	Jim Hall
30	Victor Gladu
31	Bruce Robinson



## Meet The Centurion's new designer

Ed Lopez has been involved with publications ever since he was editor of his high school newspaper in Espanola, N.M., situated roughly between Taos and Santa Fe.

After serving in the Air Force, he went on to get his degree in journalism from the University of New Mexico with minors in Spanish and psychology.

He was selected for a national training program for journalists that took him to four different newspapers in one year, working in Ft. Worth, Texas; Belleville, Ill.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Kansas City, Mo.

Specializing in business journalism, Lopez later worked in Tucson, Ariz., Rochester, N.Y., and Miami, where he covered numerous major corporations for *The Miami Herald*.

Lopez later joined AT&T as a public relations manager, performing duties in media relations, employee communications and community relations in New York City.

Feeling a pull for the Southwest and to be closer to his mother in her final years, Lopez came to Denver to be an editor for *Wireless Week*, based in Highlands Ranch.

Later, Ed was an independent writer and a subcontractor for various public relations agencies in Denver before he went to work for the *Denver Catholic Register*.

"I wanted to give something back to my faith and at the same time stretch as a writer," he explained.

"Some of my journalism friends thought I was nuts," he recalled. "They would say, 'Ed, you were a business writer for The Miami Herald. Why are you writing about priests



and nuns?'"

"I would laugh and say, 'I'm *not* writing about priests and nuns. I'm writing about the human spirit and how it manifests itself.' A writer must embrace challenges and be able to see beyond surface realities."

The small staff at the *Register* got Lopez intricately involved with all phases of newspaper production, sparking a desire to master software programs involving photography, color theory, illustration, web and publication design.

At one time, Lopez produced the newsletter for Council 9349 at St. Frances Cabrini. He transferred to Council 10205 late last year.

Lopez is president of RedShift Communications, which offers a range of services including writing, editing, public relations, speechwriting, corporate and strategic communications.

"The best advice I ever received from a fellow Knight was to become familiar with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, particularly the beginning section with its direct and simple explanation of God's relationship to man. Very profound reading.

"I wish I had heard the advice earlier."

## Calling all kids

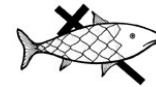
### Children invited to march in St Patrick's Parade

All children, grandchildren and young friends are invited to march behind the Council's float at the St Patrick's Day parade, March 11, 2006.

Paint faces and dress up in your favorite Irish costume. It's a lot of fun and a great way for the family to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Bring your dogs, too, with green ribbons, of course!

For information, call Tom LaVoy, 303-204-1095.

## 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

## LADIES AUXILIARY

At the Feb. 21 meeting, vice president Dolores Rael-Tapia filled in for president Lily Fitzpatrick. There were 8 members present. Jeananne Geisege gave her report on the King Soopers coupons. The group voted to give \$100 in coupons to Samaritan House.

Helene Sherman gave highlights on the State Convention to be held April 21-24. Helene also reported on the successful Snowball dance/dinner/auction, with \$6,500 donated to Right To Life from that event. Also, the Office is considering raising the dues for the Auxiliary.

We received an invitation (and tickets) to the Fashion Show on April 1 at St. Agnes Center-Holy Name Church, 3290 W Milan Ave. in Sheridan. Tickets are \$10 before the event. Our annual Card Party to benefit a seminarian and boys camp in the summer was a happy event for 17 card tables of players. Snack-laden tables and many gift drawings were an additional highlight under the direction of Laverne Hut.

Our Shining Knights in Armor that day were Art Hut and Bill Malone. Our brother Knights were conspicuous by their absence for our fund raiser. We hope that will change in the future.

*Respectfully submitted by Lily Fitzpatrick, president, Council 10205. Lily can be reached at 303-796-7103*

## Bingo Director's Message

Brother Knights,

We held our last Bingo game at Bingo City Tuesday night.

This ended better than a decade of fund raising for Charitable activities and our building account. Now, it is **more important than ever** to get behind our other fund raisers, such as the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you can't go, send a neighbor or friend.

We want to thank all Council workers who volunteered their time for our Bingo program. Without your support, our program would not have been successful.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Bruce Tawson*

## RESOLUTION FOR FATHER GAROFALO

**Whereas**, Council 10205 supports our priests in their ministry and in their time of need;

**And, whereas**, Rev. Bonaventura Garofalo, a member of Council 10205 and stationed southeast of Moscow, Russia, near Mongolia, lost the house he was living in and all his personal belongings, in a disastrous fire;

**Be it resolved** that Council 10205 gift a check in the amount of \$500.00 to him, to be placed in a local bank by his father for access by ATM in Russia.