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COUNCIL RETREAT – A WINTER WONDERLAND

The stage was set by the Holy Spirit for the Council's Lenten Retreat on February 20th at the peaceful Mother Cabrini Shrine west of Denver. He provided a lovely blanket of snow, covering the Shrine and neighboring grounds which, to many, promised us a Holy Day of prayer, sharing and fellowship. We were not disappointed.

Retreat Directors Don Brooks and Kelly Dowell used Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscovering the Catholic Faith" as a basis for the day's reflection. Key to the discussion is that "we are here to play the part God has designed for us; surrendering our will to God's design." Kelly discussed the "7 Pillars" of faith in detail.

Fr. Marlon Rodrigues, himself a member of the Council, gave us a message on forgiveness. "Jesus is the example. Remember, on His Cross He said, 'forgive them for they know not what they do.'" Father Marlon went on to say that if we can't forgive, we probably don't know what is behind it. We have to put ourselves in the other person's shoes." Later, Father celebrated Mass in the beautiful Cabrini Chapel. A delicious lunch was served by the Shrine immediately after Mass. During the day, two small group breakout sessions were held to discuss questions relating to the day's topics. PGK Bruce Tawson led a meditation on the Seven Dolors of the Blessed Mother.

The retreat was interactive and informal. Instead of sackcloth and ashes, there was mirth and laughter as Brother Knights traded "shots" throughout the day. At the end, the group expressed its wish to have more Brother Knights attend our retreat, which turns out to be not only a deep spiritual experience, but a great time of Fraternity. Our

thanks to Brothers Don Brooks and Kelly Dowell for organizing the retreat and to Father Marlon for his eloquent participation.

- Bruce Tawson



Father Marlon Rodrigues celebrates Mass at the Council Retreat.



Brother Knights gather for Mass at the Council Retreat, Feb. 20th.



Chow time at the retreat.



Breakout sessions in comfy comfy chairs at the Council retreat.



Quote of the day: "if I'm judged in heaven, I'm happy because I'm there!"-- Russ Pitrone



Brothers Kelly Dowell (PGK) and Don Brooks organized the awesome council retreat at Mr. Cabrini Shrine.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE
MARCH, 2010**



Brothers and Ladies,

Wow! What a great time to be the Grand Knight at St. Thomas More. I can't tell you how many people have gone out of there way to thank me for all the wonderful work the Ladies and Knights are doing in the parish. Everywhere you look, it seems like the Knights of Columbus are making a difference. Please accept my big "Thank You" from all those who appreciate what you're doing.

I hope each of you is taking advantage of the Lenten season to make room in your hearts to allow God's work to be done. Remember what Jesus said, "You are like the light of the whole world, no one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl. Instead it is put on a lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house in the same way, your light must shine before people so they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven." If you're looking for the opportunity to do more, please check out the upcoming activities on the Council's calendar. We have a variety of events and surely one will fit your interest and schedule.

While July seems a long ways away, it will be here before you know it and that means we'll be starting a new fraternal year with new officers and directors. So, now is your chance to step up and bring your leadership talent to the Council. I think I speak for all the current officers and directors when I tell you what a privilege it has been to serve the Council. I guarantee you get much more out of it than you put in it. So, if you hear the call to serve, please contact Bruce Tawson and let him know what you're interested in. If you have questions about what's involved, don't hesitate to call me or any of the officers and we'll be glad to share with you our experiences.

March is our membership blitz month, so please be ready to share your

thoughts on what it means to you to be a Knight if asked by a potential new member. Your good works are shining through, so don't be surprised when others are attracted to join in. Let's not miss the opportunity to offer someone "the experience of a lifetime" that we enjoy. If you know of someone who is interested in joining but don't feel comfortable making the call, pass the name along to our Membership Director, Bobby Rogers, and he'll make sure the person is contacted.

Thanks again and keep up the good work.

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Vivat Jesus

Doug Grogan
Grand Knight

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT
MARCH 2010**



Our business meeting occurred on February 16, 2010 in the Padre. It was encouraging to see so many ladies in attendance. Marge was very busy collecting dues for the year. The focus of the meeting was centered on the annual card party to be held on February 27th in McCallin Hall. Ellen Tawson

was the Chairperson and Co-Chairs were Marge Chardavoyne and Mary LaPorte. The event was well attended by both ladies and gentlemen. The food was delicious and people enjoyed a day of cards and socializing. All the food was donated by the Ladies Auxiliary, and the funds from the event all go to various charities.

The Knights of Columbus first and second Fish Fries were held on February 19th and 26th from 4:45 – 6:45pm The Knights were busy cooking, organizing and running food to the floor line. The Ladies Auxiliary served the parishioners. We served 450 people on the 19th and 490 people at the second Fish Fry. They were both very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. We encourage all parishioners to attend our Friday Fish Fries to be held the next 4 weeks of Lent. Come out and meet some new friends and enjoy some great food and socializing.

Our focus now for the balance of the month will be finalizing plans for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance to be held on March 13th. The Ladies Auxiliary will be decorating for this event.

This year during the Fish Fry Dinners and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner / Dance the Ladies Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for a framed Needle

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Point Picture of the Sacred Heart that was hand sewn by a relative of Elena Sluder. Please stop by our table and buy a ticket. The drawing will be held on Friday March 26th.

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be on March 16th in the Padre at 7:00pm

Yours in Christ

Alice Allen
President
303-798-0862

FEBRUARY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH STEVE HYATT



Brother Steve Hyatt has been named the February Knight of the Month for Council 10205.

Brother Steve is a relatively new Knight to the Council, but he has totally embraced the Order's Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. He has been active behind the scenes at all our events. He is assisting with Membership recruitment. He participated in the planning of our Lenten Fish Fry's and is the Fraternity Team Captain.

Steve participated in our Annual Retreat at Mother Cabrini Shrine and attends the weekly sessions of "That Man is you," as well as the Sunday Night Vocations Holy hour. Steve is a team player and was selected for the level of his enthusiasm and participation in our Council even though he is a new Knight. We look forward to his involvement and leadership in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Tawson, PGK

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Whereas, abortion is one of the greatest destroyers of Human life, and

Whereas, the choice of abortion by women with unplanned pregnancies is often made from an uninformed perspective and with a lack of knowledge about alternatives, and

Whereas, a woman who has an opportunity to see her preborn baby is much more likely to make a life-affirming decision, as surveys have shown that 90% of women considering abortion choose to have their baby after viewing a sonogram of their child, and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council joins with State councils on a 50-50 basis to pay for ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers,

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Council #10205 commits to raising the equivalent of at least three dollars (\$3) per member to be used in the matching fund of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative to purchase at least one ultrasound machine for a qualified crisis pregnancy center in the state of Colorado in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Micek
Council Pro-Life Director



SEIZE LIFE!

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10b

Rocky Mountain Catholic Men's Conference

The 2010 conference will take place 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 20 at Holy Apostles Church in Colorado Springs.

Speakers: Steve Bollman, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Bill & Billy Moyer, Dr. Tim Gray, and Curtis, Martin. Music will be provided by Denver's Shaun Garrison and Sean Dalton.

Costs:

Pre-registration: \$35 for men 18 years and older

Registration at Conference: \$50

College students: \$25

High school students: Free with a father's or guardian's registration

Clergy and seminarians: Free but need to register for the meal count

Register now at:
www.RockyMountainCatholicMensConference.com

Do Brother Knights or their families need our assistance?



Sickness and other afflictions of human life can cause stress, despair and diminished faith. Our faith calls us to an active prayer life that we can extend to our fellow Brothers. If you know of someone who is sick or in distress and could use our payers, please send an email to Council Director Don Brooks at donaldwilfred@msn.com or phone: (303) 954-0091. We may also be able to provide assistance with such things as rides or help with household chores.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Council Business Meeting, Rosary – 7:00 pm
Meeting Room 3; Meeting –7:30 pm
- 5 Lenten Fish Fry, STM Church Gym, 4:45 pm
to 6:45 pm
- 7 Catechism and Bibles Sales after all Masses
- 9 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room
6:30 pm
- 11 Fourth Degree Dine-Around, Mimi's Café –
6:00 pm
- 12 Lenten Fish Fry, STM Church Gym, 4:45 pm
to 6:45 pm
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown Denver –
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Family Celebration, STM
McCallin Hall, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- 14 Knights' Choir, STM Church – Rehearsal
7:30 am; Mass 8:30 am
- 15 Metro Chapter Meeting
- 16 Council Social Meeting – Rosary 7:00 pm in
Meeting Room 3; Social 7:30 pm in Padre
- 16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 pm in Padre
- 17 Happy St Patrick's Day
- 19 Lenten Fish Fry, STM Church Gym, 4:45 pm
to 6:45 pm
- 20 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 am at Planned
Parenthood – 38th and Pontiac
- 20 Rocky Mountain Men's Conference, Holy
Apostles Parish in Colo Springs, CO
- 20 State Free Throw Contest, Air Force Academy
- 20-21 Distribute Easter Food Boxes Before all Masses
- 25 Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, Feast of
the Annunciation
- 26 Fish Fry, STM Church Gym – 4:45 pm to
6:30 pm
- 27-28 Collect Easter Food Boxes at all Masses
- 28 Donut Sunday, McCallin Hall after all
Sunday Masses – Recruiting Opportunity
- 29 Council Officers' Meeting, McCallin Hall –
7:30pm
- 29 Founder's Day – 128 year Anniversary for the
K of C

LOOKING AHEAD

- Apr 4 Easter Sunday
- Apr 15-18 108th CO State Council Convention,
Crown Plaza, Colo Springs
- Apr 16 Essay Contest Kickoff
- Every Sunday Evening, Holy Hour/Vocations –
STM Church, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



It's a simple fact that when you're young and healthy, your rates for coverage will be lower than when you're older and your health might not be as good. And even if you're in excellent health, there's no way to predict exactly when your death will occur.

It's unavoidable that your family will suffer emotionally when you die. However, financial hardship is something that you can prevent. Owning enough life insurance ensures that your family will always have enough money, come what may. As your K of C agent, I can help you determine how much "enough" for your own family is. I can also discuss with you the merits of each kind of life insurance.

It has become fashionable to focus almost exclusively on planning for a prosperous retirement. Yet even in this age of improved health and longevity, some families must still endure the premature loss of a breadwinner. The fact is, none of us can be assured that retirement will happen until we actually get there. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well. Call me today!

Vivat Jesus,

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Bowden	Peter Scaturro	Larry P. McCarty
Jose Mondragon	Michael Leary	Clifford Polgreen
Clifford Littlejohn	Rich McRae	Joe Caruso
Bruce Trull	Bruce Tawson (PGK)	Mark Kissack
Tom Shinnors	Daniel Saitz	Brad Dusto
Frank Smith	Robert Kraeft	Jim Hall
Charles Walsh Jr.	Rod Nowadsky	Victor Gladu
Miguel Baldwin	Ed Wernsman	Bruce Robinson
Leonard Micek	Michael Grota	

NEED TO KNOW

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Lynch & Kelly, Inc., 1-888-548-3890
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www.coloradokofc.org

Supreme Council

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**TEAM FRATERNITY
"FISHERS OF MEN"**

Over 400 parishioners turned out for the second Lenten Fish Fry on February 26 at St. Thomas More's church gym. With one Fish Fry behind us, the evening went smoothly. Team Fraternity, led by Team Captain Steve Hyatt, worked the crowd greeting people while handing out complimentary and tasty grilled shrimp. While the line was at times long, the average wait to get served food was only 10-12 minutes. Our thanks to the kitchen staff and the Ladies Auxiliary servers for making that happen. The kids were busy at the crafts table, "manned" by Brother Cheryl Hall, and the 50-50 rolled. Parishioners cheerfully gabbed away while enjoying their delicious fish dinners. Many Knights and their families were on hand enjoying the evening. Soft Christian music soothed the atmosphere, thanks to DGK Jim Hall's I-Phone connected to the sound system.

Our Lenten Fish Fry's are becoming a mainstay social evening for St. Thomas More parishioners. Much credit goes to our team captains and their hard-working teams. The kitchen crew headed up by Brother Fred Ott is outstanding. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts, the Challenge girls and all who make the Fish Fry's so awesome. And thanks to Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Hall, the guiding force behind the event!

- Article & Photos by Bruce Tawson, PGK



It doesn't get any better than this!--George Piccone emerges from the kitchen.



Art & Laverne Hut at the table with Daughter, Marci and Son-in-law, Greg Milieus. Greg is a new member to the Council and recent convert.



Team Fraternity gathers for prayer before the Feb. 26 Fish Fry



The Ladies Auxiliary were a great help serving food at the Feb 26 Fish Fry, as they are at all Fish Fry's. We really appreciate their help!



MC Bruce Tawson and Danny Shinnars handle the 50-50 drawing. Danny is the son of Tom Shinnars, the Knights' Choir Director



Sir Knight, Sal Villano, recruited new members from table to table.



John Allen cooking fish at the Fish Fry. It gets pretty hot back there!

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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Email: jallensprint19@earthlink.net

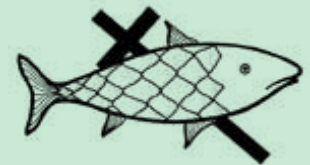
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during Lent**



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STM Church Gym**

**Begins Friday February 19th
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**Children 4 yrs and under
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**\$8 per Adult, \$5 for Children 5
to 12 yrs**

\$30 per Family - Maximum

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SOUTHEAST DEANERY PRAYS FOR LIFE

Members of the Southeast Deanery* gathered at St. Thomas More on Saturday morning, February 6, to travel by bus to the new Planned Parenthood Clinic at 38th & Pontiac. We attended 7:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by Father Marlon, and then enjoyed coffee and doughnuts provided by the parish.

Bob Sherman and I drove to the abortion center in Bob's car. When we arrived, Bob drove around the Planned Parenthood facility to show me how much property they have and the size of the building. I was amazed. The abortion palace, a modern-looking five or six story 56,000 sq. ft. building, sits in approximately one full city block of property formerly owned by United Airlines. It became clear how much money the abortion industry represents, about \$335 million annually from our taxes alone! However, Bob noted that insurance companies pay for abortions—a little discussed fact in the Pro Life movement, as far as I know.

We drove to a spot across the street from the “palace of murder” where our Pro Life contingent from the Deanery was gathered. Several Knights from Council 10205 were present as well as Knights from other Councils. Estimates of the group put the size about 200 people. As we were arriving, I saw that the fences surrounding the building were shrouded with gray tarps, a fitting scene for such demonic place! People were standing on stepladders speaking loudly to women entering the building. Their words pleaded clemency for the unborn children they were carrying. Others stood at the gate entrance, again pleading with the women perhaps driving their unborn babies to their fate. I wondered how many infant souls were dispatched to heaven that day.

Several priests were on hand. I noticed the Council's Pro Life Director, Leonard Micek, speaking to each priest, apparently giving instructions. Then, Leonard stepped up to a portable microphone and opened the morning's session with a few instructions for us.

He had handed out pamphlets with hymns and Rosary prayers for us to use. Then he began the morning by leading us in the first hymn. Each decade of the Joyful Mysteries was led by a different priest from the Deanery. We sang different verses from the hymns before each decade. Sometimes the hymns were sung beautifully in Spanish. While we sang and prayed, a Police car from the Denver Police Department cruised by us to make sure we behaved. All the time, women in cars were entering and leaving the building of death. I wondered how many heard our prayers and singing. We prayed for them and the babies that would never know their mothers. It is estimated that 8800 abortions are done each year by Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood.

It has been said that we have lost the battle over abortion. Certainly, with the changes in Washington, D.C., the road has been made more difficult. But witnessing our fellow Catholics praying together right at the heart of the sad reality gives us hope that, a) we are doing the right thing and, b) we are pleasing our Blessed Mother and her Son. ---Bruce Tawson, PGK

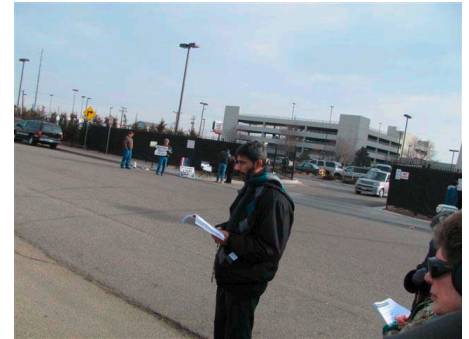
* The Southeast Deanery includes St. Thomas More, Church of the Risen Christ, Most Precious Blood, Our Lady Of Lourdes, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Louis and St. Francis DeSales Catholic Churches.



An estimated 200 Catholics gathered to say the Rosary at Planned Parenthood, while the Denver Police cruise the area.



Pro Lifers plead with women entering the Planned Parenthood abortion center.



Father Marlon leads the group in praying the Rosary.



Pro Life Director, Leonard Micek leads the group singing hymns at Planned Parenthood Feb 6th.



PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995

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St. Thomas More Parish
St. Patrick's Day Family Celebration
Saturday, March 13th, 2010



Traditional Irish Meal:
Irish Stew, Corned Beef & Cabbage
Red Potatoes, Veggies, Soda Bread
Dessert and Drinks

Entertainment for the whole family:

Celtic Steps Irish Dance School will perform a rarely seen
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When: ***Event goes from 6:00 to 10:00 PM (food service from 6:00 to 8:00 PM)***

Cost: ***Family Rate..... \$30.00***
Individual Pricing: Adults..... \$15.00 per person
Children 5 -15 yrs..... \$ 5.00 per person
Children under 5 yrs..... Free

(Purchase tickets at the door.)

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