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FUN AT FALL FEST: Beautiful songstress Mary Rose entertained as part of the Cliff Spratt band. **RIGHT:** Brother Knights sing "Take Me out to the Ballgame" to prime the crowd for the Rockies' historic run to the World Series.

November ushers in many projects to advance the Council's goals

Brother Knights,

The Fall Season has set in and Thanksgiving is around the corner. It is a time for family, a time for us to reflect and give thanks to our Father in Heaven for all the Blessings we have received this year.

This month we will participate in projects that assist and honor others. November 7th we will work with Habitat for Humanity on the house sponsored by the Parish.



On November 8th, as a part of our pledge of "Solidarity with our Priests," we support the Southwest Denver Clergy Appreciation Dinner at Christ on the Mountain Church.

Nov 12th we observe Veterans Day. This is a special day to honor our Veterans and those men and women who selflessly fight for our Freedom and those who have fallen in service to our Country.

We conclude the month by putting up the "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs around the Parish. A visible reminder to us all of what the REAL meaning of Christmas is about: The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We closed out October with our annual Membership Blitz drive. We netted two signed Form 100's and 9 interest cards. Thanks to all of you who assisted with the Doughnut Sunday. Special thanks to Art and LaVerne Hut for their leadership and dedication to the cause.

Our Bronco concession crews have 4 more games. Thanks to
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November Events

- 1 All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
- 7 Council Meeting 7:30
- 9 4th Degree Meeting held at Risen Christ Church
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Metro Meeting
- 18 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 am
- Planned Parenthood 20th/Vine
- 20 Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. (First Degree)
- 21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs in place
- 27 Council Officers Meeting, under Padre, 7 p.m.

Editor's Corner

WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY?

I don't pretend to know. Many Christians use this phrase to guide their decisions, which isn't a bad idea. But to determine what the Lord "thinks" must meet the test within.

Once in awhile, I ask myself, why do I belong to the Knights of Columbus? At the time I joined, I did not submit the question to the test within. I joined because my best friend at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Rancho, Cordova, California, asked me to join. He is now the Warden for the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus and will one day become State Deputy.

My journey to St. John Vianney was happenstance. On a business trip there, I called every Catholic Church in the area, looking for a Mass schedule. The only "live" person to answer the phone was the pastor at St. John's, Father Martin Maroney. He was barely understandable with his rich Irish brogue. It cost me \$60.00 cab fare to go to Sunday Mass.

This parish was not large, maybe 7-800 families, including immigrant Russians, Asians and Hispanics. No one could understand Father Martin's homilies! But we had community. My wife and I joined the Mr. & Mrs. Club and the choir. I joined the Knights of Columbus. We knew everybody. Within 6 months of moving there and joining the parish, we had more close friends than we had anywhere else. It was one of those rare times in life.

Recently, I came to realize that we have community right here at St. Thomas More. I understand STM is the largest parish west of the Mississippi. Yet, with so many people, it can be difficult to have community. On a recent Sunday, my wife and I joined friends for breakfast after Mass. We talked a lot about our church, its issues and our faith. Afterwards, I realized how much I appreciated our friends and the chance to discuss things I normally don't get a chance to talk about. Our friends at breakfast were people we met because of the Knights of Columbus. If it wasn't for the Knights, we possibly would never have met them. Now, we have friends that are close and caring. We have a lot in common; and, we have a community.

I think Jesus would say, "I have given you friends and community in the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy!"

Bruce Tawson

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Bridgeway Shower was a huge success. I want to Thank the Knights of Columbus and all the Ladies that assisted with the Baby Shower.

A special thanks to Jim Frank, who made sure we had the STM truck for the deliveries,

Finally, thanks to the St. Thomas More Parishioners who always make this a successful event.

We collected and delivered two vans full of much needed items--clothes, cribs, strollers, toys and all kinds of items to fill most baby needs.

The staff at Bridgeway was amazed and appreciative of our efforts and generosity.

We have a new member joining our Auxiliary. Welcome to Barbara Oliverio, we're happy you made the decision to join us!

Our November 20th meeting will be in the Padre restaurant.

We will join the Knights for the Rosary at 7 p.m. and start our meeting immediately

following the Rosary. Our guest speaker is Deacon Gary Rogge.

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Fall Fest an occasion for fun and fellowship



Action needed on Super Bowl Tickets

The council needs to pick up the pace on the mechanics of its Super Bowl ticket raffle. For persons who receive a printed version of the Centurion newsletter, a raffle ticket was included. Please buy, sell or return the ticket to Tim McKenna at the following address: 7096 S. Elm Court, Centennial, CO 80122. Other Knights are strongly urged to sell your tickets and submit money from ticket sales as soon as possible.



Grand Knight: Consider exploring the 'That Man is You' ministry

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each one of you who are toughing it out to see to it that we meet our commitment. Your dedication is truly appreciated. So far we have raised \$3,300 for our efforts all of which will be put towards our charities.

The Council Mentor Program, under the guidance of our Retention Committee Chairman Rod Fiore, is almost up and running. Twelve mentors have been chosen and are beginning the groundwork for a solid sustainable program. Each council member can expect a short call from a mentor this month. Your feedback is valuable and will help us to cre-

ate ideas for change that will drive the Council forward. My hat goes off to the Retention Committee and the Mentors. God Bless you for all for stepping up to the challenge.

In closing, I am going to leave you with a brief commercial for a valuable men's ministry taking the parish by storm. The "That Man Is You" Ministry is thriving on Friday mornings. It is a group of Catholic men gathered to learn about The Fruits of Men's Leadership and The Vision of Man Fully Alive.

It is a time to share our faith and spirituality and learn what God's plan

is for us as men. I encourage you to attend and check it out if you have not done so already. It is an excellent educational program.

As Knights, we can take that education and put it to good use fulfilling our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Education is only valuable if put to use and that is what the Knights are all about: Catholic Gentlemen putting faith into action for our God and Country!

Vivat Jesus,

Kelly Dowell



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JAMES TARAZOFF
 JIM DAVIDSON
 MATHEW HILL
 ART HUT
 FRANK RAUSCH
 TOM LAVOY
 GEORGE RATTERMAN
 MICHAEL LAWLER
 JIM VEZINA
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 CHARLES LECKWAY
 MIGUEL MORALES
 WILLIAM WOODROW

What qualities does it take to be a Knight?

Brothers,

Ok, it is November, the Rockies lost in the World Series, and we have to still look at finishing up our annual October Membership Blitz!

I have to apologize, I have not been doing enough to help you all with recruitment efforts, but I know that you all are always looking for a few good new Knights. I have been working on



a revamped Mentor Program, with a committee of Knights that want to see it succeed.

The goal is to keep a new Knight and get

him involved. So far, we are going in the right direction.

Regarding the Membership Blitz, I feel that if we really put our minds and hearts into it, we can recruit new Knights that want to be Knights. We are looking for Catholic men that will bring energy and ideas to the council

We have a good number of you that are always recruiting, but I want you to really think about that person who you believe will join. Ask yourself, "Will he be a good, active member of council 10205"? Will he join because he really wants to, or because I am his friend and I have more or less pushed him into it?

Well, I am here to tell you, if you have to push him, we really don't want him. It is not that he is not a good person, or that his not a good Catholic, or a kind hearted soul, but he will not get really involved with the council. (I am speaking from experience).

That is not what we want. If a man decides to become a Knight of Columbus, it should be because he feels a need to serve others. If you need to push him to do that, it defeats the true purpose of our Order. We have a strong council base, and it needs to get even stronger.

We get that strength by recruiting the type of men that see a need to serve; like to belong to a group of men who all have a common goal; who feel a true spiritual connection toward others; and want to belong to a fraternity of men who all feel the same way.

Brothers, lets do our best to recruit that type of man. If you see that it is something you need help with, let me know. Or for that matter, any member of our Council will be glad to assist you.

I will continue to help with membership, but if you have a desire to get more involved by moving through the chairs of the council, please let me know.

Vivat Jesus

Rod

Council resolutions for Nov. 20 vote

Whereas, Council 10205 is in complete support of its parish and pastor, and, whereas, the Council has funds in its Charity Account as a result of its Bingo program; and, whereas, in accordance with Colorado state Bingo regulations, those funds must be dispersed to charity; Be it resolved that Council 10205 wishes to gift an amount of \$10,000 to the St. Thomas More Jubilee Campaign to be paid out immediately after 11/27/07.

Whereas, Council 10205 has accumulated funds in its Charity Account as a result of its Bingo program; and, whereas, according to the State of Colorado Bingo regulations, the funds raised under our Bingo License must be distributed to a charity; and, whereas, Sacred Heart Parish of Denver is an extremely poor parish and in need of financial assistance; Be it resolved, therefore, that Council 10205 wishes to gift an amount of \$10,000 to Sacred Heart Parish from its Charity Account/ Bingo funds to be paid out immediately after 11/27/07.

Whereas, St. Collumbkillles parish in Blaine, Kansas is in need of a new roof for its church; And, whereas, the cost is estimated to be \$90,000 and at this time the parish has raised about half that amount; And, whereas, a request for financial; assistance has been made by its pastor, Father Arul Carasala, to Council 10205 through former parishioner, and PGK Ray O'Shea Be it resolved that Council 10205 donate \$5000.00 to the parish from its Bingo Building fund.

Q & A with Father A

(Last in a series about an interview with our Pastor, Father Andrew. This article discusses Father's vocation to the priesthood)

Q What do you like about being a priest?

A. I have to admit, when I was with Father Mel over at Our Lady of Fatima, I wasn't in charge of anything. I was a Parochial Vicar. I just did Pastoral stuff. I didn't do any administrative stuff. All I had to do was be myself. You don't have to be something you're not. What a great job! They hire you to be you. All you have to do is be yourself.

That's kinda cool; that's refreshing. You can genuinely be yourself; this is all you have to do to be a priest. You develop yourself as well as you can. Pray well; study hard; keep being faithful; and share that experience with those people you administer to. That's what I do; I share my experience, strength and hope with everybody. And that's what I do.

Q. Why do you think you became a priest?

A. You know, it's interesting. When you read books about the priesthood, you will see that inadvertently, consciously or unconsciously, men were working out of a model of what the priesthood meant for them.

When I say "model" I mean some preconception of what a priest is. As a result, there are different models of the priesthood. One model that people see regularly and respond to is the ministerial model. 'I see a need and I can fulfill that need. Therefore I will be doing the work of God.' That's a very common model. It wasn't my model. Not mine at all. I was called to monastic life.

Monastic life is different. It's a call to holiness. And it really is a personal call to seeking God. So your concern is to find God, to know God better.

That's not the same thing as ministering. I was called to seek God. I'm interested in God. I want to know who God is. If it means I have to run a parish and do all I have to do to know who God is, then I will do that.

Ministry for me has become important, but it is my way of finding God. It's a different model of priesthood, but when I do



Father Andrew tests his own skills during one of the annual Free Throw competitions sponsored by the Knights

that, I discover God. I find Jesus in the people I'm encountering. And that's what I'm after. I'm trying to find God. It's not that He's that hard to find, but that's what we did in the Monastery.

So seeking God is still very much a part of my spirituality. Having been a Benedictine, I have kind of a sanctification model of priesthood. There are other models of priesthood, like the social justice model, but that's not what called me.

Editor's note—I want to thank Father Andrew for giving of his precious time and permission for this series of articles. Please keep Father Andrew and all our priests in your daily prayers.

—Bruce Tawson, editor.



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 Grand Knight Kelly Dowell at kgdowell@aol.com or call at 303-807-3153. We may also be able to provide assistance with such things as rides or help with household chores.

Help Denver Rescue Mission children

The holiday season can be a difficult time for those families who are either homeless or have fallen on hard economic times.

But it is also an occasion when we can demonstrate the compassion of our Catholic faith.

To benefit the children of Denver Rescue Mission, the council requests that you bring either candy canes or small stuffed animals to the Nov. 20 meeting for later distribution. Thanks for your generosity.

Mentor program gains momentum

What is a mentor? Webster's definition is an instructor!

Ok, so do we have any mentors at Knights of Columbus council 10205? I think we have men that can do the job, but just don't have the tools or direction to do it. We have an idea of the importance of mentoring, but we really don't have an idea of how to go about it. That is going to change.

The new Mentor Committee, of which there are 13 members, is working on a program with some direction, purpose and the tools to make the Mentor Program work. We are committed to that end. We have been meeting now for a few weeks.

We have come up with what we feel are the necessary components to be able to instruct our

new Knights, as well as the older seasoned Knights, on the ways of council 10205.

We will launch our Mentor contact program on the 1st of November. We will be contacting every Knight in the council, not just new members. We will be getting a handle on their feelings about the council and their role with the council. We will be asking where they want to go from here.

Our goal is to find the ways we can improve Council 10205, so that all the Knights in our council are getting the most out of being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Look for more information coming soon about a special event in January.

Rod Fiore/Chancellor

Deacon Steve, Knight of the Month, powers new, exciting ministry

It is with great appreciation that I announce that Deacon Steve Stemper has been selected as the September 2007 "Knight of the Month" for Council 10205.

Deacon Steve has been nominated in admiration and appreciation for his dedicated and exceptional work both with the parish of Saint Thomas More (STM), and for his recent involvement with approximately 20 other men in the conception and implementation of the highly successful "That Man Is You! (TMIY)" Men's leadership meeting.

TMIY occurs every Friday morning for 13 weeks starting in September at the STM Church Gym, beginning at 6:20 a.m. for one hour. To date, there are over 350 men signed up and/or involved in some degree with the program.

TMIY combines the teachings of the church and the wisdom of the saints with the best research from modern science in an interactive, multimedia format. TMIY puts this vision within the grasp of every man!

Deacon Steve is presently a Knight of the 1st degree. He joined the Knights approximately four years ago. Deacon Steve has shown exemplary dedication in the performance of his duties, and by example has helped to motivate the Knights and STM communities.

Your spirituality, leadership, and overall achievements are appreciated by us all. Continue to provide the family oriented example that you do Deacon Steve, well done!

Kelly Dowell, Grand Knight.

Joe Lamb Family named state council's July Family of the Month

The Colorado State Council Family of the Month for July, 2007 is the Joe Lamb Family of St. Thomas More Council 10205.

Joe and his wife, Shari, were married on 27 January, 1990 in Phoenix Arizona.

He joined the Knights in 1994. He is an independent businessman as well as a computer hardware manufacturer's representative.

Joe has been the Family Director for his council, responsible for coordinating and conducting some of the most well attended council events each

year, including the summer family picnic and the Santa Claus Council Christmas Party.

Joe and Shari have always been able and willing volunteers for many council service programs, including the Mentally Handicapped Campaign, Fish Fries and the St Patrick's and Oktoberfest dinner dances.

Additionally, Shari is involved in the parish women's prayer group. She is also a substitute teacher at St. Thomas More School.

(Reprinted from the November issue of Knight's Call)

Win A Super Bowl Trip!



GRAND PRIZE

- Two Super Bowl Tickets
- Airfare and room for a four-night stay

SUPER BOWL XLII

University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, Arizona
Feb 8, 2008

RAFFLE TICKETS \$25

Ticket Drawing Jan. 4, 2008 at St. Thomas More Church,
8035 S. Quebec, Centennial
6-9 p.m., Downstairs at Knights Meeting Room

To purchase tickets contact
Tim McKenna at 303-850-9174

Ticket proceeds will go to the charity fund of Knights of Columbus Council 10205, St. Thomas More