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FOOD SHOULDN'T TASTE SO GOOD!

“Parish Italian Feast” describes exactly what occurred at St. Thomas More’s McCallin Hall on Saturday, October 10, 2009 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The sausage and meatballs were out of this world, the chicken thighs were cooked to perfection with just the right seasoning, and the Italian cookies and ice cream made the meal complete, not to mention all the wine and beer necessary to cleanse the palate. But that doesn’t tell the whole story. What gets left out are all the many days of “blood, sweat and tears” that goes into preparing this tremendous community supper. Brother Fred Ott’s dedication and passion in planning this event is becoming legendary. And as always, Fred likes team work and picks the best to help him get the job done. This year Brother George Piccone took up the spatula and garlic press to assist in the delicate task of adding the right amount of herbs, spices, olive oil and other secret ingredients that were passed down from his dead Italian ancestors – possibly part of the Mafioso. Did you know carrots were in the marinara sauce? Who would have guessed? And as usual, I saw Kelly Dowell, Bobby Rogers, Russ Pitrone, Joe Heasley, Tony Damore, and Ned Golesh, to name a few, helping in the kitchen as well as the exceptional backup of Dan Washburne’s catering team (thanks Jo Lynn and Jose). And again the Ladies Auxiliary led by Alice Allen served the food, and the STM Youth group under Sue Frank’s direction assisted in cleaning up the tables.

To add to the feast, McCallin Hall was decorated with festive green, white, and red balloons while tasteful Italian music played in

the background. The evening was emceed by PGK Bruce Tawson who awarded the door prizes as well as the prizes for the cookie contest. The winner was Sonja McGarrity, wife of our Liturgist and brother Knight, Jeff McGarrity. Since the cookies in the competition didn’t make it past the judges, it was impossible to have an instant replay even if someone threw in the “challenge” towel. And a big hit with the children was the “balloon-sculpting” clown who created masterpieces from little stretchy rubber things.

A lot of time and money was spent to make the night a memorable occasion, and it is without a doubt that this was accomplished. The effect this parish event has on the community will go a long way in creating a sense of belonging and closeness. And, if Fred and George, along with a host of other Brothers and Sisters, are willing and able to do this next year, then the event will be even bigger and better. Ciao!

- Lloyd Taylor



Beauty & the Beast – Which is which? Brothers George Piccone (left) and Fred Ott received an ovation for all their hard work.

Emcee PGK Bruce Tawson (center) pauses for a quick photo with his wife Ellen and Brother Russ Pitrone. Bruce really knows how to dress for these gigs.



Brother George receives a hug and money for his third place finish in the cookie contest. It does help when your wife is one of the judges, because George is the only winner who got a hug!



The seasoned and “highly sought after” cookie tasting experts PGK Tom LaVoy, his wife Michelle (center), and Kristi Piccone taking the last bite of the winning cookie.



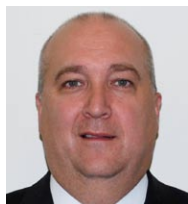
First place winners of the hotly contested cookie contest Sonja and new Brother Knight Jeff McGarrity – a truly Italian family or is that just a vicious rumor.



You couldn’t turn down a cookie and a scoop of ice cream when you were faced with their friendly Italian gestures, or did I misread the signs? Brothers Terry Erbert and Ben Mondragon did a great job dishing it out!



The buffet line was stuffed with all kinds of meats, pastas and sauces that made your eyes water, or was it the garlic?



Brothers and Ladies,

If you're reading this edition of the Centurion a few days later than you usually do, it's most likely because I was late in getting this article written. I missed the deadline because I was fortunate enough to be able get away on vacation with my family to southern Mexico. I just wanted to "get away from everything" for a few days. However as a stranger traveling in a foreign county, I looked for familiar things to comfort me while I explored a new environment. What I quickly realized was that I was in a country that was predominately Catholic. And because our faith is rich with tradition, I had much in common with the Mexican people. Like a small child with his blanket, this common bond of faith put me at ease. That got me thinking about the Knights of Columbus. I recently told someone that once you join the Knights of Columbus, you'll never be a stranger at a St. Thomas More event again. Look around at the next STM event and I'm sure you'll see brother Knights. How nice it is to always see a familiar face, a smile, and to receive a "how are you, brother" welcome. The large parish gets much smaller when you're a Knight. So what does that mean to you? First, as a Knight, do you know someone who feels like a stranger when at Mass? Maybe someone who has mentioned to you that the parish is so large that they don't feel connected? If so, shouldn't you offer them the opportunity to join us? Wouldn't it feel great as we approach Christmas to make someone feel welcomed? Second, are you visible as a Knight? Are you like the lamp that is put on a stand so it gives light to everyone? It might be your smile that a new Knight sees and is comforted by. But that will only be possible if that Knight recognizes

you as a Knight. So, if you've been too busy to attend Knight functions, please consider making time in your schedule to get reconnected.

Our stay in the Mexican resort was very comfortable. Everyone, from the people who cleaned our rooms, to the restaurant wait staff, to the taxi drivers, was courteous and pleasant. It would have been very easy to have spent the whole vacation without a worry or concern. However, any of you who know my wife very well, know she is passionate about helping the less fortunate, and soon she knew many of the details about the daily life of the service workers. How much they worked each week, how much they were paid, where they lived, how they got to and from work, how their children were being educated, etc. It was obvious from her inquiries that there was a very different world outside the confines of the resort. Again, this got me thinking about the Knights of Columbus. Here at St. Thomas More, we are very fortunate. While we certainly have brothers in need, for the most part we are in a very comfortable community. It would be easy to attend Mass every week and leave without too many concerns. However, as brothers we're

called to seek out the less fortunate and offer help. Through our service programs we feed the hungry, cloth the naked and comfort the sick. By being visible in our efforts such as the Tootsie Roll Drive, I hope we set an example for others to follow. So, if you find yourself stuck in a comfort zone, I challenge you to get re-engaged with the council and make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. And please keep bringing ideas of how we can help others to our meetings. We're committed to serving the less fortunate.

A big thanks to all the brothers and ladies who made the Italian Parish Feast and the Tootsie Roll drive such successful events.

Vivat Jesus,
 Doug Grogan
 Grand Knight

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT
NOVEMBER 2009



The monthly meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary was held on October 20th in the Padre. This was a special occasion for our auxiliary as we had Matt and Mindy Dalton as quest speakers. They gave a special

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presentation on the Alexander House and the Covenant of Love Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish. It was a delightful evening and their presentation was well received by our auxiliary members. The Covenant of Love Ministry is so vital to the promotion of faith filled marriages. We all wish Matt and Mindy great success with their endeavor to help build and support strong marriages firmly based on the Catholic faith.

The Bridgeway Shower was held on weekend of October 10th. & 11th. It was very successful and we received many beautiful items for the babies and their new moms. Our parishioners were very generous and gave with much joy knowing that it all goes to a wonderful organization. Thank you to all our auxiliary members who gave so much time and energy to our annual parish event.

The Parish Family Italian Feast on October 10th in McCallin Hall was enjoyed by many parishioners and their families. By all accounts the food was delicious and it was prepared by all those wonder Italian Knights! Great Job!

This year was a challenge for the Ladies Auxiliary as we decorated for the Italian Feast as well as the Bridgeway Shower on the same morning. Thank you to all the ladies who helped decorate and also served the food. It was a delightful evening for the parishioners, knights and the Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary now turns its attention to our annual ditty bag collection. Please gather your toiletries and personal items and place them in the plastic container that is provided in the communication room in the Church Narthex.

Saint Thomas More Stitches Club has sewn 400 ditty bags to place the items in. We need to gather enough items to fill each bag. Please be generous with your gifts as these ditty bags will be distributed to Samaritan House and other organizations in the month of December.

God bless all of you for your support during this very busy time of the year for our Auxiliary. Our next meeting will be held on November 17th in the Padre.

Yours in Christ
Alice Allen
President
303-798-0862

ALEXANDER HOUSE FEATURED AT SOCIAL MEETING

Matt & Cindy Dalton deliver hope for Troubled Marriages

Brother Matt Dalton and his lovely wife, Cindy, brought a message of hope for troubled marriages to the Council's Social Meeting held on October 20. Before a packed house, they talked about their involvement with Alexander House, an organization providing Christian-based coaching for married couples. "The Alexander House seeks to transform marriages through the teachings of John Paul II and the Catholic Church." The Alexander House has successfully coached almost one thousand couples in their marriages. It is open to members of all faiths. "The majority of our coaching is done over the telephone. We have found the coaching to be quite effective, even when we don't meet together in person." Log on to www.thealexanderhouse.org or call 303-840-18781 for more information.



Council members listen attentively to the presentation about Alexander House on October



Matt & Cindy Dalton talk a bout Alexander House at the Council's Social meeting



Happy Thanksgiving To All Knights and their Families Of St. Thomas More Council 10205

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.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
- 3 Council Business Meeting – Rosary – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Room 3; Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 7 4th Degree Memorial Mass – Church of the Risen Christ – 11 a.m.
- 10 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day - Place flags at STM
- 12 Fourth Degree Meeting, STM under Padre – Rosary 7:00 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Council Memorial Mass – STM Church - 1 p.m.; reception afterward in Padre
- 15 Knights' Choir – Rehearsal 7:30 a.m.; Mass 8:30 a.m.
- 16 Metro Chapter Meeting
- 17 Council Social Meeting, Rosary – 7:00 p.m.; Social Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 a.m. at Planned Parenthood – 38th and Pontiac
- 22 Doughnut Sunday, Membership Recruiting Opportunity; McCallin Hall after all Masses
- 24 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day!
- 28 Install “Keep Christ in Christmas” Signs
- 29 Corporate Communion Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. Mass; Breakfast afterward at Country Buffet
- 30 Council Officers' Meeting – 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 under Padre

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 7 Luncheon for Pearl Harbor Veterans
- December 7 Council Children's Christmas Party
- Every Sunday Evening, Holy Hour/ Vocations – STM Church, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.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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A SMALL SACRIFICE TODAY



What is a widow? She's the same woman who was a wife. She used to be a mother, and now she's a dad and a mother. She used to

be a homemaker, and now she's that and a handyman, too. She used to have an income to count on; it was enough money to pay bills with some left over for family treats and, occasionally, a luxury. Now she has to make do with one-third enough money to manage the household. What has she done to deserve all of this? Not a thing. She's really a great person; her only fault was marrying a man who died too soon. And all her money troubles could have been avoided by listening to the life insurance philosophy of “a small sacrifice today to avoid a tremendous sacrifice tomorrow.” Somebody always pays the premiums on life insurance. Either the husband (and father) pay for them while he's alive or his widow and children pay for them later. How much of your income can you set aside today to care for your family tomorrow? Call me today. I want to hear from you.

Vivat Jesus,

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William Woodrow

Michael Rodrigue



FOCUS 11

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

St. Thomas more Catholic Church was flooded by students from area Catholic schools on October 5-7 to participate in focus 11's annual gathering for vocations. The energy was at a high decibel level as the kids were amped up by spiritual music, lively presentations, exhibits and seminars. A unique scavenger hunt challenged the younger kids with questions that tested their attention to the material that was being given to them. Over all, they scored highly on the questionnaires at the end of the day. The attention levels were good as the focus 11 staff kept things moving. It was a huge effort, sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations and supported by the Knights of Columbus and the Serra club.

FOCUS 11 is a two-tier program; one geared for the 11 year olds (sixth-graders) and the other for students in the 11th grade. Students from these grades are selected because studies indicate that many who enter religious life begin to contemplate the idea at these ages. Many religious orders were represented, including sisters of the Precious Blood, Sisters of Loreto and Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

The daily program started with Mass, after which the students were divided up into boy and girl groups; one attending a panel discussion, the other watching a video on vocations. "What helps are events like this, where the kids come and ask questions. They spend time with the Sisters; see that we share our resources, and that we have exactly what we need in order to live." said Sister Vickie Lichtenauer, a sister of Charity of Leavenworth. "The girls are in an accumulation phase in their lives," and she explains to the girls "that by giving up, one comes to rely on God, rather than oneself. "And from Him," she said, "will come blessings that will sustain you."

The testimonies of the priests, which spelled out exactly what is required for men contemplating Holy Orders, was a big help to young men attending. Father Jim Chrisman, Director of the Archdiocese's Office of Priestly Vocations, was direct and to the point in explaining the need for "young men who are "willing to sacrifice and lay down their lives for Christ."

Many came to the event and seeking answers, particularly about what they might have to give up by choosing a religious vocation. The priests and nuns who were on hand to share their personal experiences got to the "nitty gritty." FOCUS 11 provides a perfect forum for our youth to explore their curiosity about vocations to the religious life. (Certain information for this article was taken with permission from the Denver Catholic Register)

- Bruce Tawson (PGK)



Kids were attentive at the FOCUS 11 vocations day at St. Thomas More.



Eleventh Graders move with the music at FOCUS 11.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Brothers,

Whereas the Order of the Knights of Columbus supports the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program which strives to keep the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive, and,

Whereas, Council 10205 is in full support of the Faith and our Order, and,

Whereas the Samaritan House in

Denver is a worthy cause in need of charity,

Be it resolved that Council 10205 wishes disburse upon approval an amount of \$600 from the Operating Account to cover the expense of buying "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and signs to be sold as a fund raiser and will donate all profits from the fund raiser (minus expenses) to the Samaritan House in Denver, CO.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dowell
1st Year Trustee

Doug Grogan
Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER, 2009 COUNCIL 10205

**Benny Martinez
named Knight
of the Month for
September, 2009**

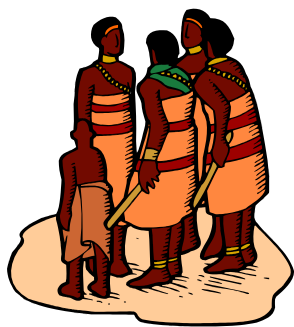


Brother Benny Martinez has been named September Knight of the Month for Council 10205. Brother Benny was instrumental in organizing, promoting and volunteering for the parish's annual "Jericho Jog," an annual 5K run and 1K family walk to benefit St. Thomas More's Jubilee campaign, Phase II.

Benny has also been the Council's Director of Youth activities for the past several years. In his capacity as Youth director, Benny has organized and directed the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contests at the Council, District and State levels. He attends most of the Council's functions and is an enthusiastic representative for the Council in all that he does. For these reasons, we are proud to name Benny Martinez the September Knight of the month for Council 10205.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce Tawson, PGK

ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH LOOK
FOR HELP FROM THE KNIGHTS IN
GETTING TO AFRICA



Brother Knights,

We are helping the St. Thomas More Youth Group earn money to help with their international mission to Kenya, Africa for the Summer of 2010. The future of our Parish lies in the hands of our Youth!

We are selling Raffle Tickets for the following prizes:

1st Prize: Four (4) tickets and (1) parking pass to the Nuggets versus Spurs game on February 11, 2010

2nd Prize: Four (4) tickets and (1) parking pass to the Avalanche versus Red Wings game on March 1, 2010

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held on January 19, 2010.

We need Knights to help sell Raffle Tickets. The following Knights have already signed up to sell tickets: Tim McKenna, Kelly Dowel, Joe Lamb, George Piccone, Fred Ott, Dale Weides, Tom Kaiser and Craig Yaros not to mention Ray O'Shea who has already taken 100 tickets.

Please email me your name and address and I will mail you 25 tickets.

Timmckenna123@comcast.net
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THE TOOTSIE ROLL EXPERIENCE
"Helping People with
Intellectual Disabilities"



Every year, usually in the fall, Councils all around the state send their members out, donned in their yellow aprons, to collect money and hand out the fabled Tootsie Roll. Thousands of dollars are collected and subsequently given to worthy establishments serving the intellectually handicapped, including Special Olympics. Thousands of Tootsie Rolls are given away, sometimes to the dismay of parents with children with braces on their teeth. Once a Tootsie Roll gets tangled up with the rubber bands, who knows what the damages are? Nevertheless, people usually are generous and the Knights always enjoy the banter with the givers. But just where did these Tootsie Rolls come from? And what about those Tootsie Pops?

The Tootsie Roll story began in 1896, when Austrian-born Leo Hirshfeld opened a tiny candy shop in New York City. Taking advantage of his confectioner's background, he hand-crafted a variety of products, including an individually wrapped, oblong, chewy candy that quickly became a customer favorite. Sold at a penny apiece and affectionately named after Hirshfeld's five-year old daughter, Clara, whose nickname was "Tootsie," Tootsie Rolls propelled Hirshfeld's modest corner store into a burgeoning candy enterprise that evolved into a multinational corporation, Tootsie Roll Industries. Then, some genius decided to wrap the chewy substance with a delicious hard candy, and "Walla," the Tootsie Pop was created!

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?

A group of engineering Students from Purdue reported that it's licking machine, modeled after the human

tongue, took an average of 364 licks to get to the center of a tootsie Pop. (Scary, isn't it?) I don't know about you, but I'm chewing it at about 35 licks.

Whatever the case, the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" brings members of the Knights of Columbus out of the woodwork to collect donations for a very worthy cause.

-Bruce Tawson, PGK



DD Bob Sherman gives his "last dollar" to PGK Tawson at Council 10205's Tootsie roll Drive.



"There must be a Tootsie Roll in there somewhere"- DGK Jim Hall gropes a King Soopers grocery cart for a chewy one, with DD Bob Sherman's able unassistance.



Beaming Brothers Bob Sherman (PGK) & Mel Wondra share a "Tootsie Moment" at King Soopers.