



# The Centurion



ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10205

FOUNDED IN 1989, RAYMOND F. O'SHEA, FOUNDING GRAND KNIGHT

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*In Service to One, In Service to All*

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## RETREAT AT CABRINI FOCUSES ON ADVENT

Saturday, October 3, 2009 was a great day to step away from the ordinary and seek the extraordinary. Taking time to re-evaluate your life goals and reconnect with your Creator and Savior is what life is all about, isn't it? By taking the time to pray, meditate and discuss the issues that might be blocking our way to a better understanding of what the Lord is calling us to do is time well spent in my book.

Seventeen men and a pious priest gathered at 8 am at the Mother Cabrini Shrine retreat house and shared a quick cup of coffee and juice. Don Brooks, Council Director of Church, welcomed everyone and asked each attendee to introduce themselves. Many of the men were Knights from St. Thomas More, but there were a few that came as guests. Our Council Chaplain Father Paul Montez asked the Knights to consider donating money to the "very poor" Pueblo diocese for their CCD program. They need \$1,280 for books. After introductions, Don and PGK Kelly Dowell read a prayer dedicated to those Knights that were not able to attend and especially for any fallen Knight.

Father Paul began the retreat by saying that his discussions would center on how the Lord came to us in human form (incarnate) through the nativity, how he comes to us now in our own life and what are we doing to prepare for him in the Second Coming. Father reminded us that Advent means "waiting." Many people were waiting for Christ's coming including Elizabeth and Zachariah, Simeon and Anna, and Mary and Joseph. And Christ came in ordinary circumstances; in a silent and humble entry in a small town. Father read from Luke's infancy narrative and

then discussed the importance of life. He reminded us that we do not know the day or the hour in which Jesus will come. Father is very passionate about empowering the laity to stand up for today's issues. He stated that Pope John Paul II called our society a "culture of death" and that only the Vatican, Ireland and a few Muslim countries voted against a global acceptance of abortion. Father stated that the laity is the mouth, hands and feet of the church and we need to fight for our Christian values or they will be lost.

Father discussed the need to make time for God by sacrificing it elsewhere in our lives. We will have to reduce the number of hours we watch TV, play video games, participate in sports, etc. It is ironic that we spend the least amount of time on the most important things such as the time we spend at Church or in prayer to our Creator and Savior. Father Paul asked that we make it a daily routine of spending a set time in prayer with the Lord. He recommended that we find a place where we cannot be interrupted, whether it is in the Adoration chapel or at home. But stick to it. Father Paul stated that the way we prepare for Christ is through prayer, penance, and acts of charity, with acts of charity more important than penance. "Those who love more will be forgiven more."

After Father's talk, we proceeded to the rustic but beautiful chapel where Mass was celebrated by Father Paul and assisted by the oldest altar server in the council, Russ Pitrone. Our Lector was Steve Hyatt. After Mass, we adjourned to the lunchroom where a hot and tasty meal was served including cake and cookies. (Good

thing this was not a Lenten retreat!) After lunch, a rosary was recited and then we broke out into small groups to discuss several questions; namely, What are we offering to Jesus? How do we embrace Christ's sacrifice for us? And, How is Advent going to be different this year? After completing the small group discussions, we reassembled and said a parting prayer lead by Steve Hyatt. Kelly Dowell reminded everyone that the next council retreat will be in Lent.

- Lloyd Taylor



*After celebrating Mass with Father Paul the attendees pose for a quick photo in the beautiful chapel at Mother Cabrini Shrine.*

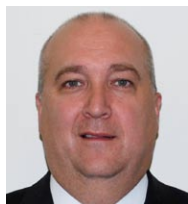


*Father Paul emphasizes the readings for the Mass.*



*One of the many small group discussions held during the afternoon session. Don Brooks (second from right) is our Council Church Director and responsible for the retreat.*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE  
OCTOBER, 2009**



Brothers,

As the last days of September approach, we see the summer season end and the autumn season begin. Naturally with the change come changes in our daily routines. The kids are back in school, the vacations are over and things just seem to get back into a routine. And if you're like me, the cool wet weather we've just had served as a reminder to plan ahead for what's to come. So on that note, now is an excellent time to sit down and review what the council is planning and to make the commitment to participate.

October is membership blitz month. I ask each of you to look around and see if there is someone you know who is just waiting to be asked to join. I firmly believe that like all of us, there are men in our parish who hear the call to serve others and are looking for the opportunity to do so. Or, they are coming to mass and feel like a stranger among the large group and are looking for a way to get to know the men in the parish. Or maybe they are just looking for the opportunity to associate with good Catholic gentlemen who will help mentor them in their spiritual journey. Whatever the reason, they're just waiting for an invitation to join. So, my challenge to each of you is to personally ask one person to join in the month of October. Don't forget that we have great tool for you to use in your recruiting efforts, the council website. It can be found at [www.council10205.org](http://www.council10205.org).

The best recruiting tool we have is being visible in our works to serve others. October offers probably the best opportunity for this in the entire year, the Tootsie Roll Drive. The whole community gets to witness our unselfish acts to collect money for the

mentally handicapped. Please don't miss this opportunity to serve the less fortunate and promote the good works of the council. I personally guarantee that you'll feel great after serving. Another opportunity to be visible in October is to attend the 2nd Annual Parish Italian Feast. This event is designed to support the parish and have some fun. Come out and share in the fraternity of a fun filled evening.

A special thanks to all who helped with the recent priest golf tournament. Once again, the Knights team, lead by PGK Wally Armistead, made sure the event was a big success, and the parish personally asked me to thank all of the Knights for their generosity.

Please see the calendar for other upcoming events, and as always, continue to pray for those in our Council, Parish and Community who are ill or in need of employment.

In Service to One, in Service to All

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Grogan  
Grand Knight

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT  
OCTOBER 2009**



Our first meeting for the year was on September 15th in Mcallin Hall. The meeting was well attended by our members.

The Ladies Auxiliary provides the opportunity for wives, mothers, unmarried daughters, unmarried sisters and widows of Knights of Columbus members to come together in fellowship with the primary goal of providing organized assistance to the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 10205. The Auxiliary is also open to Associate Members. In order to be an Associate Member the woman must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Our purpose is based upon faith, friendship and service to others.

The officers of the Auxiliary are looking forward to a wonderful, productive, fun filled year; we will gladly assist the Knights in any way to help them continue their charitable contributions to our parish and to our community.

**COUNCIL 10205 – CONTACTS**

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Chancellor.....	Joe Lamb.....	303-740-7897
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Treasurer.....	Rich McRae.....	303-779-5369
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Church Director.....	Don Brooks.....	303-954-0091
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Council Director.....	John Ark.....	720-482-7795
Family Director.....	Michael Bovee.....	303-471-2424
Membership Director.....	Bobby Rogers.....	303-773-8130
Youth Director.....	Benny Martinez.....	303-470-3471
Pro Life Couple.....	Laura & Leonard Micek.....	303-694-1008
District Deputy.....	Bob Sherman.....	303-791-7394
President, Ladies' Auxiliary.....	Alice Allen.....	303-798-0862
Chaplain.....	Fr. Paul Montez.....	303-770-1155
Insurance Agent.....	Patrick Feldman.....	303-915-2776

The Auxiliary will sponsor our annual events and continue assisting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The Bridgeway Shower will be held on October 10th and 11th. The plans are all in place and we hope to gather bundles of baby items for these precious little ones.

The ladies will be decorating and serving the food for the parish Italian Feast on October 10th. Please put this day on your calendar as it will be a wonderful evening for all the members of the parish to enjoy.

Finally a BIG "Thank You" goes to Kelly Dowell for establishing our NEW website link under the NEW Knights of Columbus Council 10205 webpage, ([www.council10205.org/Auxilliary.html](http://www.council10205.org/Auxilliary.html)). Our Ladies Auxiliary page has been updated – please check it out.

Please remember to buy your King Soopers Gift Cards from Jean Ann Giesige and Diane Damore. Both ladies are available at our monthly meeting (third Tuesday of each month/ Council 10205 Social Meeting) to order the Gift Cards. We would like to increase our participants in this endeavor. If you have questions or wish to place an order by phone you can reach Jean Ann Giesige at 303-470-0061 or Diane Damore at 303-355-8100. These Gift Cards make great gifts for Birthdays and special occasions including Christmas which is just around the corner.

Our next meeting will be October 20th, 7:00 p.m. in the Padre.

Yours in Christ  
Alice Allen  
President  
303-798-0862

## COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU! EDITOR OF "THE CENTURION" STEPPING ASIDE



A little over a year ago I volunteered to assist the former editor of *The Centurion*, PGK Bruce Tawson, in any manner possible. Initially, Bruce asked me to takeover the monthly Birthday list and Calendar of Events. Subsequently he asked me to submit a story to see if I could spell and put words to a page that made sense. After a little counseling and Writing 101 suggestions, Bruce approved of my writing and photography skills. Then, a few months later, the bottom fell out of the situation. Bruce was asked to take over the prestigious and honorable position as editor of the State newsletter *Knights' Call* and, by default, I became the editor of our council newsletter.

I really do not have the background for journalism nor am I a great story teller. But I accepted the challenge as editor and grew into the role. I must admit that the decision to help was the best thing I did. It allowed me to participate more fully in the council and kept me connected to all the brother knights and events that our council promotes. It is a great honor to serve as your editor.

But my life has made a dramatic change in that I have found employment - "Praise the Lord." My new position takes me on the road almost every week and does not allow me the necessary time to do an acceptable job as the editor. Therefore, I am looking for a replacement and pray that someone will hear the "Call" as I did. You will not regret that decision. And I will stay on staff to assist in taking photos and writing stories when possible. I can also take over my former job of creating the monthly birthday list and Calendar of Events. Please call Bruce Tawson or me (303-470-1952) to answer any questions or to submit your name for the position.

- Lloyd Taylor

## BOBBY ROGERS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING RECRUITING EFFORTS



GK Doug Grogan presents Membership Director Bobby Rogers with a VIP Club "Five" Award for his Outstanding Recruiting Efforts which was signed by Supreme's Carl Anderson and Council 10205's Grand Knight.

## 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](mailto: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.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3 Council Fall Retreat - Mother Cabrini Shrine 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 3 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend
- 5-7 FOCUS 11, STM Narthex
- 6 Council Business Meeting – Rosary – 7:00 p.m. Meeting Room 3; Meeting –7:30 p.m.
- 8 Fourth Degree Meeting, STM under Padre –Rosary 7:00 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Parish Family Italian Feast – STM McCallin Hall 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 10 Service Project
- 13 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend
- 17 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 a.m. at Planned Parenthood – 38th and Pontiac
- 18 Knights' Choir – Rehearsal 7:30 a.m.; Mass 8:30 a.m.
- 19 Metro Chapter Meeting
- 20 Council Social Meeting, Rosary – 7:00 p.m.; Social Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Doughnut Sunday, Membership Recruiting Opportunity
- 26 Council Officers' Meeting – 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 under Padre
- 27 Knights' Choir Practice – STM Music Room 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend

## LOOKING AHEAD

- November 7 Assembly Memorial Mass
- November 14 Council Memorial Mass
- November 22 Corporate Communion Breakfast
- November 28 Install “Keep Christ in Christmas” Signs
- 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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Email: [jalensprint19@earthlink.net](mailto:jalensprint19@earthlink.net)

Mail: 8230 S. Gaylord Ct.,  
Centennial, CO 80122

## A NEW WORLD OF PROTECTIONS



Many of you have asked about *The Discoverer* – one of the latest additions to the Order's portfolio. *The Discoverer* is a new

plan of insurance offered to you and your family. In a nutshell, it is the most modern method of protecting your life – a custom designed package of life insurance at low rates. You decide how much coverage you want. You decide on the amount of your premium. We will match the two, and *The Discoverer* will do the rest by blending whole life and term insurance just for you. Another thing, *The Discoverer* can also be considered “money back term”. I would like to tell you about *The Discoverer*, and how you how it can serve your needs. Call me today for an appointment.

Vivat Jesus,

Patrick Feldman (Field Agent)

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Cell: 303-915-2776

E-mail: [Patrick.Feldman@KofC.org](mailto:Patrick.Feldman@KofC.org)

Also check out the state web site [WWW.coloradokofc.org](http://WWW.coloradokofc.org)

## NEED TO KNOW

### Where to get KOFC Supplies

The English Company, 1-800-444-5632  
[www.kofcsupplies.com](http://www.kofcsupplies.com)

Lynch & Kelly, Inc., 1-888-548-3890  
[www.lynch&kelly.com](http://www.lynch&kelly.com)

### Council Shirts & Jackets

Bobby Rogers  
303-773-8130

[bobbyrogers@robertjrogers.com](mailto:bobbyrogers@robertjrogers.com)

### Badges

Tim McKenna (PGK)  
303-850-9174

[timmckenna123@comcast.net](mailto:timmckenna123@comcast.net)

### KOFC WEBSITES

#### Council 10205

[www.council10205.org](http://www.council10205.org)

#### State Council

[www.coloradokofc.org](http://www.coloradokofc.org)

#### Supreme Council

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

#### Fathers for Good

[www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org)

#### Catholics Need to Know

[www.headlinebistro.com](http://www.headlinebistro.com)

### OTHER CONTACTS

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Tom Shinnars  
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

William Anthes

Joe Kropf

John Lawler

Jim Murphy

Jim Broski

Rev. Andrew Bodnar

Don Allen

David Smyth

Fr. Matthew Bonaventura

Kenneth Davidson

Michael Leikam

Gregory Koneval

Merlin Johnson

Emidio Parziale

John Carr

Jim Frank

George Fairbanks



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE  
RECEIVES HIGHEST RATINGS**



(NEW HAVEN, CT) — Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

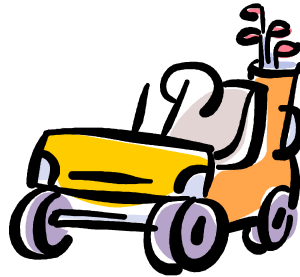
This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson declared that renewal of the Order's top ratings is especially significant in the current economic environment. "Our history of careful management and our conservative investment practices made all the difference when last year's severe downturn punished virtually every financial services company. The wisdom of that approach is now affirmed by the decision by A.M Best and Standard & Poor's to reaffirm their highest ratings for us. Our mission, to provide financial security for our members and their families with top-quality insurance products, remains our number one priority."

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$71 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance

Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity, and provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives worldwide.

**KNIGHTS HELP SPONSOR PRIESTS'  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



On September 15th, Council 10205 from St Thomas More Parish sponsored the Fourth Annual Priests' Golf Tournament for the priests of the Diocese at South Suburban Golf Course. Father Andrew, Pastor of St Thomas More, organized the tournament as an effort to bring the priests together for fellowship and improving communication among the priests from Greeley, Broomfield, and all over the Metro area.

Council 10205 paid for the priests' green fees, golf carts, practice range balls, and provided lunch for 17 priests. Father Andrew used his considerable skills in matching the talents while pairing the golfers so that the pace of play would be brisk and all golfers would have a chance at the amazing array of prizes that the Knights of Columbus and parishioners donated. The prizes that remained after the golf awards were used as door prizes for the dinner that Father Andrew hosted for those diocesan priests that could not make the golf outing but did attend the dinner in the Padre restaurant.

Considerable planning went into the preparations for the tournament.

PGK Wally Armistead chaired the committee and PGK Joe McAleer and Rich McRae helped as members. The biggest challenge for the committee was not getting prizes (which did look bleak a few weeks before the event) but keeping the Golf Pro informed of who was playing. Many of the priests never know if they will be able to make the tournament until the day of the event so this caused some anxious moments.

Each year Father Andrew praises the work of the Knights and each year the tournament has increased in size and prize money. Next year the Knights' budget will have to be increased since both green fees and the number of priests will raise the expenses.

- *Wally Armistead*

**RESOLUTION FOR \$450.00  
TO PAY FOR THE PRIEST LUNCHES AT  
THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Whereas, Council 10205 is in complete support of it's Parish and Pastor, and, whereas, the Council has agreed to sponsor the greens fees and lunches for the 2009 Annual Priests' Golf Tourney, and whereas, the greens fees were approved in the 2009/2010 budget and the Council Program Director was notified that we cannot bring in box lunches to the course this year, and, whereas, South Suburban Golf Course is going to charge us \$450.00 to provide lunches for our Priests which was not approved in the Council budget, Be it resolved that Council 10205 wishes to disburse an amount of \$450.00 to cover this unexpected expense to make this event a success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Dowell  
1st Year Trustee

Doug Grogan  
GK STM Council 10205



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
JULY, 2009  
COUNCIL 10205**

**Don Brooks named Knight of the Month for July, 2009**

Don is a retired school teacher, still teaches the faith, attends Marriage Encounter, graduated Biblical School and still attends Bible Conferences. He and his wife, Carol, are tremendously active in their faith. He is a former Submariner and attends daily Mass.

Don was selected for the Council's Knight of the Month for the following reasons:

- † Voluntarily took his Majors and 4th Degree to gain more knowledge of the Order and to be more involved.
- † Worked the Fish Fry's this year and really enjoyed them. He is always willing to help with other activities.
- † Volunteered to be the Council's Church Director to help bring a higher sense of spirituality.
- † Volunteered for other Ministries at STM, in addition to the Knights.

Don exemplifies what it means to be a Catholic Gentleman and is very active in his continued faith formation.



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
COUNCIL 10205  
AUGUST, 2009**

**Lloyd Taylor named Knight of the Month for August, 2009**

Lloyd has recently become employed as a business development manager for an international company that services the metals and minerals industry. Lloyd is an usher and his wife, MaDonna, is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Thomas More Parish. They have raised five children and are proud grandparents to 10 children.

Lloyd was selected for the Council's Knight of the Month for the following reasons:

- † Voluntarily took over the editor's position of the Council's newsletter "The Centurion" after assisting the editor for several months. The newsletter is issued every month.
- † Worked the Council's Fish Fry's the past two years assisting in making the beer batter and frying the fish. The Council's fish fry has seen huge growth in the last two years serving between 300 – 600 parishioners per week during Lent.
- † Provided management for the Annual Peach Sales this year. He tracked all inventory and recorded all sales as well as served as main contact for customer pickup for phone orders.
- † Volunteers for many of the other Council events as well as the Parish's Habitat for Humanity project.

Lloyd exemplifies what it means to be a Catholic Gentleman and is very active in his continued faith formation.

**PGK TIM MCKENNA TAKES A DIVE!**



Tim claimed that the jump was scarier than he thought, but once he jumped and focused on the scenery below, he was awestruck. "We jumped at 12,000 feet and freefall to 5,000 and then the chute opens and then it is just beautiful - the best scenery in America." Tim did not say whether skydiving was going to be an annual event, but he did claim that he did it for the "Old Guys" of the Council. Who's next?

- Lloyd Taylor



*Welcome to 8 new Brother Knights, who took their 1st Degrees October 20, 2009!*

*Back row, (l-r): Frank Indiano, Mike Rodriguez, DD Bob Sherman, Patrick Corpuz, and Bob Engel; front row, (l-r): Tadd Wilson, Ryan Kane, Joe Heasley, and Ed Smith*



**PURCHASE KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS**

**From Knights of Columbus  
Ladies Auxiliary And Help  
support their Charitable Work**

**For more information Contact**

**Jean Ann Giesige at 303-470-0061**

**Or**

**Diane Damore at 303-355-8100**



**“Benvenuto”**

**PARISH, FAMILY ITALIAN FEAST**  
**YOU ARE ALL INVITED...**

**Wear your jeans and join us for a Taste of Italy!**

**The Fare Includes:**

**Italian Salad and Fresh Bread**  
**Italian Meatballs, Chicken and Sausages**  
**Pasta with 2 kinds of Italian Sauces**  
**Pizzelles, Gelato and Drinks**

**Entertainment for everyone:**

**Listen to the songs of Italy while you dine.**

**ITALIAN COOKIE CONTEST**

**Enter to win! - Bake and bring your favorite Italian Cookies**

**Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**PRIZE DRAWING, BALLOONS**  
**AND COLORING FOR THE KIDS!!!!**

**Bring your family and friends:**

**Where: St Thomas More Church, McCallin Hall**

**When: Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, Serving between 5:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Cost: Adults --\$10.00 per person**

**Children 5 -12 yrs - \$5.00 per person**

**Children under 5 – Free**

**Families (2-Adults, 2 or more Children) - \$30.00**

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

**“CAIO BELLA”**