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*October is Pro Life Month. Please pray for the end of abortion.*



PGK Dave Randolph and GK Kelly Dowell accept 2006 Service Award plaque from DD Bob Sherman.

## Busy and successful September made possible by dedicated Knights

Brother Knights,

September was a very busy month. Together we accomplished a lot! Our Super Bowl Raffle kick-off was a huge success. Many thanks go out to Fred Fleming, Bruce Tawson Art Hut, and Wally Armistead for making it a reality.

Our Tootsie Roll Drive has netted just over \$4,200 for handicap charities so far, just one more day to go for a great cause. The Bronco concession teams have been working extremely hard and have 3 more games under their belt. The first Quarterly Corporate Communion Breakfast was well attended and spirit filled. Special thanks go to Russ Pitrone for organizing it and to Deacon Bob Cropp for sharing his love for the faith with us.



This month our Council sponsors the Parish Doughnut Sunday on the 28th. It will be our October Membership Blitz Drive as well. I would like to have as many Knights as possible working and attending the event.

We need to lend our support for the newly appointed Membership Director Mark Kissack. He has big Italian shoes to fill! Rod Fiore has been appointed as Chairman of the Retention Committee and will now focus his efforts on helping us achieve the "Year of Fraternity." Thanks for stepping up to the challenge Rod!

Our big fund raising event for this month is the Parish Fall Fest and Dinner Dance. It will be an evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship. Don't forget to buy your tickets! Sue and I look forward to seeing you there.

Vivat Jesus,  
Brother Kelly

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## October Events

- 2 Council Meeting, 7:30
- 7 Bronco Concession – Team 3 – 10:00 AM
- 11 4th Degree Meeting – St Thomas More
- 13 Fall Festival and Dinner Dance
- 15 Metro Meeting
- 16 Council Meeting, 7:30
- 16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM in Padre
- 20 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 a.m
- Planned Parenthood
- 21 Council Memorial Mass, Church Gym 2:00- 4:00pm
- 21 Bronco Concession – Team 1 - 2:00 PM
- 27 Officers & Wives Dining Out – Local Restaurant
- 28 Doughnut Sunday – Knights Assist Welcome Committee
- 29 Bronco Concession – Team 2 – 2:30 PM

Editor's Corner

LADIES AUXILIARY

CHARITABLE GIVING IS THE BOTTOM LINE FOR KNIGHTS

There are over 14,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in Colorado and 1.7 million members worldwide.

Last year, these members raised and donated over \$148 million to charity, on an international basis. They logged more than 68 million volunteer hours. There were 693,800 members who gave blood. Members also made 6 million visits to the sick and bereaved. The Knights of Columbus gave more than \$10 million to victims of the Katrina and Rita hurricanes. After 9-11, the Knights of Columbus was the first organization to give cash (\$1.5 million) to 419 relatives of firefighters, police and other emergency personnel. More than \$3500 was distributed to each relative for emergency needs shortly thereafter. More than 40 members of he Knights of Columbus died on September 11th.

In the past decade, the Knights of Columbus donated nearly \$1.25 billion to charity and provided in excess of 593 million hours of volunteer service.

This record speaks for itself.

Bruce Tawson

The Ladies Auxiliary met on September 18, 2007. Our meeting started by saying the Rosary with the Knights at 7:00 pm in their meeting room below the Padre Restaurant.

We plan on continuing saying the Rosary at 7:00 pm with the Knights in the future.

Eighteen Ladies were in attendance, four new members. Congratulations

Ladies, it was nice to see so many interested in our programs.

We discussed our planned activities for September which are our annual Bridgeway Shower September 29th & 30th.

We'll collect Baby items after all Masses on those dates.

We will be assisting the Knights with the Italian Sandwich night as well as the Fall Fest on October 13. Our guest speaker was Christina Micek, she spoke on her year of Missionary in Honduras. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights contributed to her Missionary work.

We enjoyed Pizza and drinks with the Knights for their Social evening.

Our next meeting will be October 16 starting with the Rosary at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Father Michael Suchnicki, Chaplain of Samaritan House. Come and join us.

LaVerne Hut, President 303-768-8398

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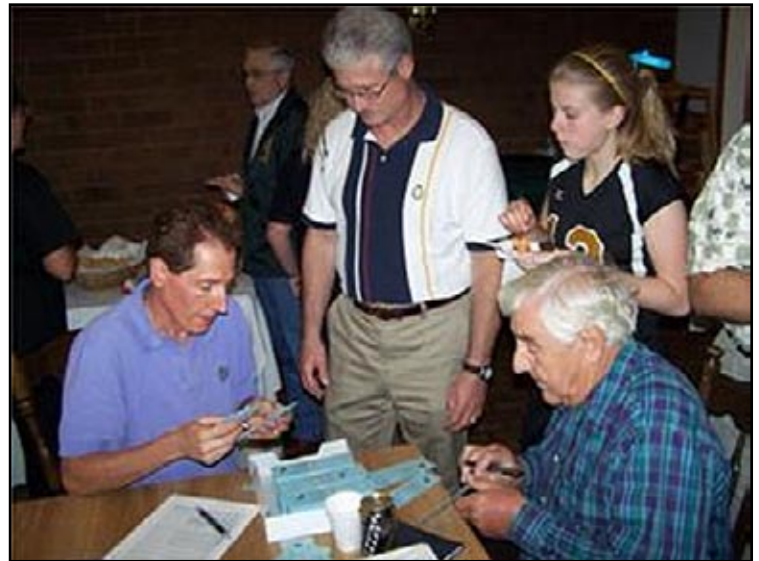
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### Council members collect \$4,783 from annual Tootsie Roll drive



Council members collected \$4,783 handing out Tootsie Rolls at area stores during September. So far, three charities have been recommended to receive funds: Cottonwood, the Bridge trust and Coffee House

### Super Bowl tickets sale kick-off attracts an enthusiastic crowd





## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

WILLIAM ANTHES

FR. MATHEW

BONAVENTURA

JOHN LAWLER

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BOB LUCKNER, JR.

JOE KROPF

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## Learn more about the Mentor Program

Brothers,

Well, you thought you were rid of me, but no way. I have been asked to head up the Mentor Program! Yes the same one that for years we all have talked about, looked at, thought about, wondered about, tried to implement, etc., etc.

I am here to tell you I want to get it



off the ground with a bang! We all try our best to recruit new members, and we do a pretty good job of

it. But then like magic, they vanish into thin air. We wonder why Jim or Bob, or Mat just does not come to meetings- you know he made his 1st degree 6 months ago! The answer is, "has any one asked him why?" Has his sponsor called him up to see how he was doing, or to see if they can ride to the next meeting together? Has the Membership Director checked with him after someone said, "Where is he?"

I will bet good money, and a few hundred Hail Mary's, that the answer is no! No one has checked on him. Why, do we not care for the new members, like we would care for any new or rookie indi-

vidual? We look after a new puppy, a new kitten, a new car, so why not a new Knight! We all have the same concern and we need to pay more attention to it.

Well, I am going to start helping you all with that. I am going to put together a simple program, called the "Mentoring Program", and I will spell it out for you. It will be simple, easy to understand, and down right fun.

When we bring in 10 or 12 new Knights in to the Council within a 6 or 7 month period, and we never see them again after their 1st degree, we ask where they are. Up to now, we have ignored the problem. Well it's time for that to change!

In the next issue of the Centurion, look for the easy step-by-step process on how to mentor a New 1st Degree Knight! You may also be getting a call from me. If you have recently sponsored a new Knight, or if one of the new Knight does not have a sponsor, I will ask you to help him out. I know the caliber of men we have in our Council so I can't imagine we would have any issues in helping out a new Knight.

I know you all will just love it.

Vivat Jesus

Rod



**KofC Choir Director, Tom Shinnars, receives the Knight of the Month Award for August from GK Kelly Dowell.**

## Q & A with Father A

### *Second in a Series*

Last month, we explored Father Andrew's journey to St. Thomas More. This month we continue the informative interview with our Pastor.

**Q. What is a typical day for you like, starting with your mornings?**

A. "First of all, let me explain that I wear many different hats. The priests here at St. Thomas More are Parochial Vicars and devote most of their time to Sacramental work. I am a Pastor and most of my work is administrative. I am a boss, an employer. There are over one hundred fifty employees, including the schools, ministries and the church. I am their ultimate boss; I have the final say in their hiring, firing and wages. However, I am not the boss of our Parochial Vicars. Their boss is the same as mine, the Archbishop. I don't give them permission to preach, the Archbishop does. I am entrusted with the stewardship of all the resources available to them. For example, I can ask them to preach on a particular theme. If they refuse, I find someone that will. I am 'boss' to our workers, but I am 'Pastor' to our priests. It is more of a 'political' position in that regard. Another hat I wear is Dean of the Southeast Deanery. I am the representative of the Archbishop in this Deanery. That's what the initials 'V.F' stand for behind my name. Most my Sacramental work is done on weekends. Most weekdays are devoted to administrative work."

**Q. What is a typical day?**

A. "Monday is my day off. I don't say Mass at STM. If I do, I get trapped and lose the day. Instead, I have three or four people I can call and say Mass at their house. I have breakfast, say Mass. Afterwards, I golf or go to the movies. I am a big fan of the movies. I see about 20 movies a year."

**Q. What kind of Movies do you see?**

A. "The last movie I saw was Bourne Ultimatum. I like Science fiction movies the best."

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

A. "Besides Movies, I like golf. I golf anywhere I'm asked to go. I'm about an 18 handicap. I'm also a huge Rockies fan. (Here Father quoted numerous statistics about the Colorado Rockies, including the schedule of upcoming games. I'm going to see the Rockies play the Cubs tonight.)"

**Q. What about the rest of the week?**

A. "Tuesdays and Wednesdays are pretty much alike. I say either the 6:30am or 9:00am Mass, eat breakfast and say my morning prayers. I am in my office at 8:00am. Between 8-9 am, I review correspondence and work at my desk. At about 10:00 am, I begin individual meetings with my staff. There are nine different department heads that I meet with regularly. I spend a lot of time everyday working with money. For example, internal controls require that I approve all expenditures over \$5000.00. With a budget of over \$8.7 million, daily stewardship of funds is required. I meet regularly with Mila Glodava, who is in charge of our Stewardship Program. We are mentors to many people on stewardship, which requires quite a bit of time. Mila is also in charge of our Jubilee Vision program. We meet daily for construction and fund raising updates. The hour between 8 & 9 is filled with 'stuff' from my staff."

From 10-11am, I take appointments from parishioners who are seeking spiritual direction and ask for me. Or, I may meet with someone from one of our ministries, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Knights of Columbus, etc. Since I am a 'mentor priest,' sometimes I meet or talk to other priests seeking mentoring on some issue or another.

The rest of the day can be filled with other issues. For example, with a school of six hundred and sixty students, Mr. Mott and I are often in daily contact. I make it a practice to interview each prospective teacher and ask 5 questions about their Catholicity, so that everyone knows how to teach about the Catholic faith.

During the day, Liturgical questions are often kicked back to me. Sometimes these are technical questions about marriage or annulments. As Dean of the Southeast Deanery, it is my job to disseminate information to the seven parishes in the Deanery.

On Thursdays, I have confessions in the evening. I also meet with The Pastoral Council and finance committees that evening, taking dinner during the Pastoral Council meeting. The rest of the day is pretty much the same as Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fridays, especially during the summer, may or may not be light. But everyday, I take about two hours for lunch and a nap. I also take that time everyday to do my noonday prayers and read the Bible.

On Saturdays, I do more Sacramental work. Sometimes I have a Baptism or wedding and normally, Confessions. I do my grocery shopping and then see a Spiritual Director and I go to Confession on a regular basis.

On Sundays, I take time to write. This is the only quiet time I have to write the Pastor's letter and other articles or letters I may have to do. I say Mass in the morning and then on Sunday afternoons, I may get some time off. For example, this Sunday, I will be at the Rockies 1:05pm game. I also say a number of prayers, including the Rosary in preparing my homily for Mass.

**Q. Where do you get your ideas for your homilies?**

A. From the Holy Spirit, after I pray.

**Q. How do you prepare your homilies?**

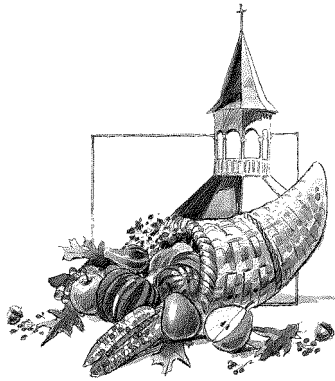
A. After confession and prayer, I get an idea. Then I research the idea in the readings. My style is one of teaching. I don't write out my homilies. My format is usually the same; I have a story, sort of a hook, then I go to the readings, explaining its moral application, how you might use it, then I it's "what can we take with us" and wrap it up. It's the same structure every week."

*(To be continued. In the next and final article, we will explore Father Andrew's vocation to the priesthood)*



"I'm a huge Rockies fan."

# Celebrate Fall Fest October 13



**STM Church Gym, 6 p.m. ~ 10 p.m.**

**Refreshments 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm., Dance 8~10 pm**

Tickets: Adults \$20, Children 10 and under, \$12

*Choice of New York Steak or German Dinner*

*Dancing to the music of Cliff Spratt*

Tickets at Parish Office, Cloister Cove  
or Kelly Dowell, 303-807-3153

# Italian Sausage Night a time for fun and hearty appetites

Photos by Jim Hall



## Win A Super Bowl Trip!



**GRAND PRIZE**

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

**SUPER BOWL XLII**

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Glendale, Arizona  
Feb 8, 2008

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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*