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Members of the STM Youth Group in Mexico

## Volunteer project in Mexico gives STM teens perspective on poverty

*Editor's Note: Council 10205 provided \$1000 to the STM Youth Group to help finance the trip of charity and learning to Mexico.*

**By Amanda Hicks**

*"We can do no great things, only small things with great love" – Mother Teresa*

Upon viewing the poverty throughout the city of Juarez, Mexico, one of the first reactions among 11 teenagers could be to wonder how we could make a difference in such a large place.

The answer was apparent, though, after five days of working and spending time there—by doing things with great love. These "little" things, when added together by a

group of people united for one purpose, proved that they could truly add to something extraordinary that does in fact make a difference.

Excitement, mingled with a slight amount of early-morning drowsiness, filled the bus as we departed from St. Thomas More early Saturday morning.

After two days of talking with each other, listening to Ava and Newsboys CD's, and playing intense card games in the aisle of the bus, we arrived at the El Paso Airport as a newly bonded group.

As we were taken across the border in the Southern Exposure

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## Grand Knight's Message Super Bowl raffle and Family Communion among top events

Brother Knights,

Thanks for all your hard work in August! The Annual Peach Sale was a success and the Time and Talent Fair put us in touch with many future Brother Knights.

Our Bronco Concession Teams have two games under their belt. Charity and Unity are alive and well in our council. Thanks Be to God.

This month we kick it up a notch. On Sept. 7th we kick off the Super Bowl Raffle with a council mixer.



On Sept 8th and 22nd we will

be hold our annual Tootsie Roll giveaway.

We close the month with an Italian Dinner Night on Sept. 29th. Check the calendar for more details.

Being the "Year of Fraternity", I want to call attention to two special events this month.

I am urging as many Brothers Knights as possible to participate with me.

The first event is the Parade on Saturday Sept 15th honoring the Knights of Columbus.

It is a mile and a half march in downtown Denver and all councils in the metro area will be attending.

It is our chance to visibly show our support for our Church  
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### September Events

- 4 Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Council Mixer, Church Gym 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- 8 Tootsie Roll Blitz Saturday
- 13 4th Degree Meeting, Risen Christ, 7 p.m.
- 15 Right to Life Rosary, 20th & Vine, 7:30 a.m.
- 16 Family Communion Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Mass, STM, Country Buffet
- 17 Metro Meeting
- 18 Priests' Golf Tournament: Noon
- 29 Italian Night

LADIES AUXILIARY



Chancellor Rod Fiore receives Knight of the Month honors from GK Kelly Dowell.



Past Grand Knight Dave Randolph receives a medal recognizing his status as a previous Grand Knight.

The Mission of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is to assist the Knights of Columbus in their programs and activities.

We are a group of Women, mostly spouses of the Knights of Columbus, although not required. We are dedicated to supporting our Church and Community.

Our programs for this fraternal year 2007-2008 are:

1. Bridgeway shower distributing donated (new and barely new) baby items such as furniture, clothes, diapers, toys and etc. This year it's September 29 and 30 after all Masses.
2. Support Donut Sunday one month of the year. This year it's October 28.
3. Construct fill and distribute "Ditty Bags" to the needy during the Christmas holiday season. in the past we've filled over 280 bags each year. We'll fill and distribute on December 5.
4. Support Sacred Heart house. (homeless Women with Children)
5. Support Samaritan House.
6. Support the Carmelite Sisters of Littleton with a monthly donation of food or special needs as requested.
7. AARP Card party in February 2008.
8. Participate in most of the Knights programs as requested, Fall Festival, Fish Frys, St. Patricks day Dinner Dance.
9. One of our fund raisers is selling King Soopers food coupons each month. We encourage all Knights to support our endeavors

We encourage all spouses of the St. Thomas More Knights to come be a part of this organization. Come join us, our meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in the Padre Restaurant, September thru June, starting at 7 p.m.

This year we will have guest speakers at our monthly meetings. Contact president LaVerne Hut, 303-768-8398, for additional information.

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## Building a house in impoverished country holds valuable lessons

van, we realized that we were in not only a different country, but in a seemingly different world.

It was hard to comprehend that there could be so much poverty within clear sight of the tall city buildings of El Paso. One of our first adventures involved driving not down your typical road, but through an aqueduct filled with water.

### MORE ADVENTURE IN STORE

We were silent in the van, taking in everything- the stray dogs in the streets, the barred windows of buildings, the faces of the people that we were passing by.

We stayed at Casa de Esperanza (the house where the volunteers stay) with the kind cooks, the patient volunteers, our fearless youth minister and chaperone, the group of teens from St. Thomas More, and on one day, a very lost and skittish rooster.

That first evening, we walked to the work site where we would be building the house and met Eduardo, his wife, and seven children who would call the new place home.

Each day, we would start working at around six in the morning, which turned out to be a blessing due to the cooler weather and being able to see the beautiful sunrises.

We learned teamwork by making a train of people to move countless cinderblocks up to where the house would be built from the road, and we began to learn how to make the mortar by sifting sand and carefully mixing the contents until

they were transformed into a heavy mud.

### CURIOUS CHILDREN

We struggled learning how to quickly set the blocks perfectly level before the mortar dried, but with the help of our newfound friend and helper, Chui, we soon learned the technique.

We would work until around two in the afternoon, where we would go back to the house to clean up and eat lunch. Afternoons were filled with group trips to the nearby store called the Del Rio, more card games, reading, sleeping, and bonding as a group, preparing for the next day.

As the days progressed, the children would watch us with curiosity and excitement as the piles and walls of cinderblock slowly began to look like a house. The children tried to offer their help in any way possible, helping throw sand to be sifted, gathering gravel for the mortar, and attempting to sweep the house on the last day.

### CINDERBLOCKS AND FRIENDS

As we made the finishing touches to the house on Friday afternoon, we all were excited to see an actual house in place of the concrete slab that we had found on Monday morning.

It was amazing to see what all of the early mornings, cinderblocks, teamwork, prayer, God's assistance, and help from our friends in Juarez could accomplish.

As high school students, society often seems to tell us to live for ourselves- to close our perspective so that we only see

the "importance" of fashion, money, and keeping up with what is considered popular or trendy.

### PRICELESS LESSONS

Through living and working in community, though, we learned the true value of living for Christ, and through living for Him, living for others. During the mission trip to Juarez, Christ opened our eyes to a world where true beauty is found in living to share the light of His love with others.

We learned many priceless lessons throughout the course of our trip. Living in community with each other taught us the value of laughter, working together, and appreciating everyone or the incredibly unique gifts that they have to offer.

Seeing the poverty of Juarez taught us how incredibly blessed we are, along with our obligation to love and help bring justice to all people of the world. Working and living in the city taught us dedication, dependence on God, and living in each moment.

### SOMETHING INCREDIBLE

Participating in Mass and prayer strengthened our relationship with God and showed us that no matter where we are, as Catholics, we are united in Christ.

Upon presenting our housewarming gifts to the family on Friday afternoon, it struck me that through all of our "little" things, from passing cinderblocks along a chain of people to dancing with the children, Christ opened our eyes, hands, and hearts to experience something incredible.



New Members Dan Donovan and Rich DeSalvo joined the Council at August 21 1st Degree ceremonies



The Council's Ladies Auxiliary was well represented at the Time & Talent booth. From left, Helene Sherman, Jan Bateski, Ellen Tawson, and Marge Chardavoyne



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

GARY WOELKER  
 GUILLERMO ALVAREZ  
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 HERRICK LIDSTONE  
 JEAN-NOEL PARAISO  
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 ROBERT BASSLER  
 JOE BORGERDINE  
 JOSEPH GAVEN  
 WILLIAM GERGEN  
 THOMAS ROBINSON

## Major degree coming up this month is good opportunity for newest Knights

Brothers,

The summer is about over, the leaves will be turning, the days are getting shorter, football is in the air, and it's recruitment time!

We had Time and Talent August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. About 30 interest cards were



obtained and 4 Form 100's completed! These guys want to be Knights now! I thank you all for your help in covering the tent;

it was very hot, but as always a good time when brothers are together.

Our "seasoned" PGK, Ray O'Shea, showed up and within about 20 minutes, he handed me 2 ½ Form 100's filled out. The half came when one of them was only half filled in, but Ray got the commitment! This guy is too much! Thanks Ray. I will close at least 25% of the interest cards I received; I know how to close a deal!

We had a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony in August, where 2 new knights joined the Council. I hope to have a big one in September, with at least 8 new Knights making their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. We have a Major

Degree coming up in September. If any of you 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knights, want to go to the next step, now is the time. We have over 100 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights in our council. We need to have them experience the feeling of becoming a Second and Third Degree Knight. Please, if you are friendly with any of our brothers that have not made their Second, Third or Fourth Degrees, let's get them to take the next step.

Brothers, I have received only a few of the survey forms back. As the wise man once said, "If I don't know what's broke, I can't fix it!" Please return the surveys to me as soon as you can. I want to give you a report on your ideas and opinions, but I can't do that with the minimal information submitted thus far. Please get them to me as soon as possible.

One last item. I have started to groom my replacement for the Membership Director position. Mark Kisseck, a new Knight that has made his Third Degree, is chomping at the bit to make a name for himself. He says he will just do it! I will do my best to help Mark along the way, so please be prepared for the new kid on the block, in making our council the best!

*Rod Fiore*

## Grand Knight: Parade needs your support

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and our Order. The second event is the Council Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday Sept 16th.

We will attend the 8:30 Mass together with our families and head to the Country Buffet for breakfast afterwards.

Deacon Bob has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker for this event.

Remember, Brothers, the families that pray together stay together.

Vivat Jesus,

*Kelly Dowell*

## RESOLUTION FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Whereas; Knights of Columbus Council 10205 supports the activities of Boy Scout Troop 770 at St. Thomas More;

And, whereas, John Ennis, a Boy Scout working for his Eagle Scout designation has requested financial aid to support his project;

Be it resolved that Council 10205 provide John Ennis with \$300 to finance the material for his Eagle Scout project

## Q and A with Father A

### *First in a Series*

Growing up, I was intimidated by priests; it must have been something the nuns said.

That all changed when I joined the Knights of Columbus. Another benefit of becoming a Knight, avoiding thousands of dollars for therapy!

Therefore, it was easy for me to call our Pastor, Father Andrew, and make an appointment to interview him. I thought an article describing a typical day in the life of our Pastor would be interesting. For me, it was not only interesting, but enlightening.

I arrived at the parish offices a little early. Father Andrew was ready to go, but a harried parishioner pushed her way to the desk looking for a priest to bless her Rosary. Father took the Rosary in his hands, blessed it and sent her on her way.

He greeted me with a kindly "Hello, Bruce," and motioned me into his office.

I had been in his office before, but I noticed again how organized it was. No clutter, everything neatly arranged. They say the mess on your desk signifies the state of your mind.

**"Between the two universities, I spent eleven years in college. As a result, I am good at Jeopardy!"**

If this is true, Father Andrew has a very organized, even fastidious, mind. Previously, I had found him friendly and outgoing, quick and articulate. Today was no different.

I had his full attention. I turned on my tape recorder and started asking questions. I was about to learn more than I had hoped for. Some of my pre-conceived notions were to be explained away.

To chronicle Father's day in this article would fill the entire newsletter. Therefore, we will run a series of articles for two or three issues. But first, some background.

#### **Q. Father, when and where were you born?**

"I was born in 1957 to Sydney and Marian Kemberling in Tucson, Arizona. My dad was a Pediatrician. Both my parents are deceased. There were ten children."

(Like most of us, Father has a skeleton in his closet. His Brother, Frank, is a fundamentalist protestant minister with his own church in Tucson.)

#### **Q. How do you deal with that?**

"When we get together, we talk a lot about the weather."

#### **Q. When did you become a priest?**

"I was ordained in 1988 with a Masters of Divinity from St. John's University and Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, ([www.bsju.edu](http://www.bsju.edu)). I was ordained for the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City, Colorado."



#### **Q. You were ordained Benedictine? Why?**

"Many who are called to the priesthood are called to minister to others. I was called to the Monastic Order to seek God, a call to holiness."

#### **Q. What was the Art thing all about?**

For Six years before joining the monastery, I was a part-time Catholic School teacher. I was very involved with my Parish. At 21 years of age, I was even on the parish Council! I taught Physical Education at my parish school for four years. I attended the University of Arizona and obtained Bachelors in Fine Arts and Art Education (1979).

While teaching, I earned a Masters in Art and Art Education also at the University of Arizona. I was a certified art teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic school in Tucson for two years. Between the two universities, I spent eleven years in college. As a result, I am good at Jeopardy!"

#### **Q. After Seminary, where did you go?**

"I went right into parish work. My first assignment was at Sacred Heart of Mary's in Boulder. This is a traditional Benedictine parish. I was there from 1988-1990. From there I went briefly to the Abby in Canon City, then to St. Joseph's in Grand Junction. I was back in Boulder from 1992-1998.

At this point, I needed to decide if I was to continue in the monastic life, or become a diocesan priest. I took a six month sabbatical and decided to become a diocesan priest. I was then assigned for a month to Our Lady of Fatima parish, with Father Mel.

In 2000, I came to St. Thomas More as an Administrator. Finally, I went through the process of incardination in order to be released from the Benedictines and given over to the Archbishop of Denver. I became pastor of St. Thomas More in 2002.

*(Centurion Editor Bruce Tawson's interview with Father Andrew will be continued in the next newsletter.)*

## Music, food and fun on tap for kick-off party Sept. 7 at STM for Council's Super Bowl raffle

The major fund-raising event for the Knights this year will be a Super Bowl raffle.

Dave Tsumper, STM Youth Director, will DJ for the kick-off on Sept. 7th, and the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the dessert. Fred Zweifel will obtain meat and cheese trays as well as set up the bar.

GK Kelly Dowell will put out a sign-up sheet for the members to bring a salad or dish. The kick-off party will also serve as a council social, potluck, etc.

Bruce Tawson will be master of ceremonies. Bronco insider and Brother Knight Fred Fleming will entertain and provide door prizes.

The ticket drawing will be January 4, 2008 in the Knights Meeting Room beneath the Padre from 6-9 p.m. This will also be a council social.

Tim McKenna will be handling ticket sales. We will need volunteers to ensure that all 1,000 tickets are sold and that the council will recoup its up-front expenses. Mark your calendar for the kick-off.

### ITALIAN SANDWICH NIGHT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH GYM

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ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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ITALIAN SAUSAGE OR MEATBALL SANDWICH  
HOT DOGS/ 2 SIDE DISHES/DESSERT

COST: ITALIAN SAUSAGE OR MEATBALL  
SANDWICH-\$6.00

Hot dog- \$5.00

All sandwiches include 2 side dishes

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

## Parade, concert in honor of Colorado Knights on Sept. 15

The Colorado Knights are being honored on September 15 by the Trinity Foundation with a parade and concert. We are asking Knights from throughout Colorado to participate.

That day also honors Veterans, POWs, MIAs, law enforcement and firefighters.

The parade begins at 10:00 AM on Colfax Ave. between Welton St. and Court Place. The staging area is south of Colfax and east of Speer Blvd. The preference is for all 4th Degree members to march in regalia. Those 4th Degree members without regalia are asked to march in your tuxedo and social baldric. The parade route is about 1.5 miles.

For those unable to march, we are providing a bus and trailer to follow the marching groups.

Those who are not 4th degree are encouraged to bring your council banners and march behind the 4th degree members. Those wishing to park at Council 539 and be taken to the staging area are asked to be there before 8:00 AM. Further instruction will be provided to the 4th Degree at 9:15 AM (sharp!) by Gene Hill, District Marshal. We are expecting over 200 units in this parade.

On Saturday evening at 7:00 PM, Lee Greenwood will present a patriotic concert at the Paramount Theater, where an award will be presented to the Colorado State Council. Tickets are \$20 each and available through Joseph Tafoya, the Paramount box office or Ticketmaster.

For further information, contact the coordinator for this event, **Joseph Tafoya at (303) 933-9340 or ajtaf@aol.com.**

## Win A Super Bowl Trip!



GRAND  
PRIZE

→ Two Super  
Bowl Tickets  
→ Airfare and  
lodging for  
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*