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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers, I would like to share with you a Math lesson. Council 3340 has 249 members on the books. Of those 249, 143 are either, out of state, in a nursing home, house bound, seminarians, clergy, semi-ambulatory, or otherwise unavailable to participate in our local activities. This leaves exactly 106 members to run the council. Of these 106, 17 are first degree knights who, even after repeated phone calls from myself or a member of the retention committee, will not respond to a message. This leaves 89 brothers. I can only hope that after you read this, you will help to increase this number of active Knights.

So, our problem is how to get more brother Knights to participate. Easy!! I ask them, and you, to Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. Every Knight should have 3 items on his person at all times. A membership card identifying him as a Knight and a Catholic, a rosary, as you can never pray too many rosaries, and a form 100. All we ask is you ASK. Ask the man seated next to you in church, the man in line with you at the bank, the man you share bread with at a church dinner, or a neighbor to become a Knight. The worst thing they can say is "No thanks." Be proud of being a Knight and share the joy you feel when participating in a charitable act with the world. Please, Recruit, Recruit, Recruit.

Vivat Jesus,

George Stragand

Recent Activities:

St Mary's Harvest Festival

By now, you have probably read the bulletin and seen the slideshow on St. Mary's website about the Harvest Festival. This was indeed the event of the year at St. Mary's. And the Knights were a big part of all the happenings.

The very next time you see Robert Kruse, give him a big hug and a thank you for making the Harvest Festival the success it became. Robert cooked from Wednesday afternoon till Sunday afternoon. But Robert, while he was the main man, had a bunch of help. In all, 33 Knights helped with the cooking, the bartending, the broadcast of the Bronco game, the Knight's recruiting tent, the Soccer Challenge and the clean-up. The Ladies Auxiliary was also busy with the Cake Walk and Bingo. We have been told that the Harvest Festival could not have happened without the Knights and their Ladies. If this does not show

the Saint Mary's community, that we intend to support our parish.....

Just for your information, we have started planning our participation for next year with just a few improvements. So if you missed this year, expect a call for next year.

Museum Outing

A lovely Fall day, a picnic in the park, an opportunity to further your education, what more could you ask for? That was exactly the combination offered on October 3rd at City Park and the Denver Museum.

We did not have a large turnout but those who did attend say they are looking forward to doing it again. While this event was for the youth, the adults had just as much fun as the kids. We plan on doing this again next year but you don't have to wait that long. We will do it again in November but this time the picnic will include a free visit to the Denver Zoo. See the article below in upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

St. Mary's Parish Breakfasts

The October parish breakfast has been changed from the October 24th to the 31st at the request of the parish, and the Knights have also volunteered to serve breakfast to the participants, presenters & facilitators of the Parish Marriage Renewal Weekend on October 24th. So the regular breakfast crew, and anyone else who is available, is asked to help with breakfast on two Sundays this month. Call Carl Kruse (303 794-6541) for details or to volunteer to help.

Blood Drive

The Knights are again coordinating a blood drive for Bonfils at St. Mary's on Sunday, November 7th from 8:30am-12:30pm in Marian Hall. Reservations are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Please call Brother Bob Johnson at 720-810-0081 or the **Bonfils Appointment Center at 303-363-2300** to schedule your appointment. Help is needed for this event; contact Bob Johnson to volunteer your time.

Denver Zoo Outing

You have just got to see the monkey that goes ballistic when he sees two people kissing. You have just got to see how many of the hidden bronze statues you can find. You have just got to see the polar bears do what polar bears do. There is just so much to see; 700 species of animals and over 4,000 individual critters. It would be a shame to miss out on this FREE trip. We will be going to the zoo and hopefully returning home on Sunday, November 7th. This is all FREE. All you need is a Colorado picture ID and a phone call to Libby Stragand at 304 794-4753 to get a free lunch. We will be eating at the Giraffe Meadows at high noon. Wear good walking shoes or wheelchairs are available for \$4.00. Hope to see you there!

Tootsie Roll Campaign

The Council 3340 Tootsie Roll Drive is finishing up for this year. This is such an important program for the benefit of the developmentally disabled and also a great activity for us Knights. Remaining dates at local stores are as follows:

October 16 – 17: King Soopers, Mineral & Broadway

St Mary's: October 30 - 31

Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts on all the above dates. Contact Campaign Chairman Bob Bailey at 303-952-9712 to volunteer your help.

Baby Shower

The council is having a baby shower! We are collecting items appropriate for a baby shower and will donate them to the Gabriel Project House. Members signed up to provide items such as baby clothing, baby blankets, feeding supplies, etc... These will be gathered at the October 19th business meeting. If you are interested in participating please contact Joe Wuest (303-904-0117 or famwuest@msn.com) to see what items we are still looking for.

Halloween Party

Mark your calendars for this year's Council annual Halloween party. The party will be on Friday, October 29th in the Holy Family cafeteria at St. Mary's. The cafeteria is in the new school building (northwest side of St Mary's). There will be food, music, games, and a best costume contest (for kids and adults). Bring your family (in their costumes) and have a great time with your fellow Knights. Doors open at 6 PM and dinner should be served at 6:30. RSVP to Joe Wuest (303-904-0117 or famwuest@msn.com)

Membership Blitz

At the end of the month, Council 3340 will hold a membership blitz at St. Mary's. This is scheduled to take place at all the masses on 10/30 and 10/31. As new members are essential to our success, I am encouraging all Brothers to reach out to at least one eligible Catholic man and promote our Order. Your promotion can be as easy as conveying what being a member of the Knights of Columbus has meant to you. Why not join the largest fraternal Catholic men's organization in the world -- currently at 1.8 million and climbing.

Think of that one friend, brother, brother-in-law, neighbor or coworker, that you have been considering but never approached. Tell him he will have several weeks to think it over as our membership weekend approaches. Please feel free to give out my name and number, if I can assist in answering any questions. Roger Ryan, Membership Director K of C#3340, 303-795-7030.

p.s. Given that the same weekend will include our Sunday breakfast and our tootsie roll drive at St. Mary's, assistance with any of these activities would be appreciated. If you are unable to help, please make it a point to wear your vest to church to help promote our blitz.

Casino Bus Trip

Our next casino trip to Fortune Valley is Sunday, November 14. The bus trips are a great way to meet and socialize with brother knights and families and fellow parishioners. For \$15.00, participants receive \$10.00 cash, \$2.00 blackjack matchplay, discounts from the gift shop and free drinks while gaming. The council pays for the drivers tip as well. Fortune Valley offers three floors of gaming and three restaurants. The bus departs at 11:00 from the northwest corner of St Mary's parking lot and returns from Fortune Valley at 4:00.

Council Information:

Council 3340 Calendar

- Tuesday Oct 19 **Monthly Program Meeting** Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting to follow at the Hall.
Entertainment after to feature Bunco with gift certificates
as prizes provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.
- Tuesday Oct 19 **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting to follow at the Hall.
- Wednesday Oct 20 **KofC & Friends Bowling** AMF Bowling at Federal & Belleview at 6:30pm
- Oct 22 – 24 **Marriage Renewal Retreat.** The retreat will take place at St. Mary's so you can benefit from the teaching, enjoy the meals AND sleep in your own bed. Contact Deacon Greg Frank to register. Contact Carl Kruse to help with the meals.
- Wednesday Oct 27 **KofC & Friends Bowling** AMF Bowling at Federal & Belleview at 6:30pm
- Friday Oct 29 **Carron Coffee House** Entertainment & Mass at Light of the World at 7:00pm
Contact Greg Katzke to help.
- Friday Oct 29 **Halloween Party – 6 pm** To be held at Holy Family Cafeteria at St Marys.
Contact Joe Wuest to help with the events.
- Sunday Oct 31 **Parish Breakfast** Breakfast prepared & served in Marian Hall 6:00am to 12:00pm
- Oct 30 – 31 **Mentally Handicapped / Tootsie Roll Campaign** Stay after Mass to pass out Tootsie Rolls and collect money to support Special Olympics and our local charities such as Carron Coffee House.
- Oct 30 – 31 **Membership Blitz** Contact Roger Ryan to help
- Monday Nov 1 **All Saints Day** Holy Day of Obligation.

- Tuesday Nov 2 **Monthly Business Meeting** Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting to follow at the Hall.
- Wednesday Nov 3 **KofC & Friends Bowling** AMF Bowling at Federal & Belleview at 6:30pm
- Saturday Nov 6 **Memorial Mass** Mass and Lunch
- Sunday Nov 7 **Blood Drive** Marian Hall, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Sunday Nov 7 **Zoo Field Trip** Free day at the Zoo. Picnic at noon at the Giraffe Meadows - provided by the council.
- Tuesday Nov 9 **Delores Project** Knights will be cooking and serving meals for approximately 70 women in need. Contact Roger Ryan to help.
- Tuesday Nov 9 **Officers' Meeting** St Mary's 7:00pm to 8:30pm – Brownies will be served.
- Wednesday Nov 10 **KofC & Friends Bowling** AMF Bowling at Federal & Belleview at 6:30pm
- Sunday Nov 14 **Bus Trip to Fortune Valley Casino.** \$15.00 gets you a day of friendship and a chance to become a big winner. Contact Barry Connett for details.
- Monday Nov 15 **Metro Meeting** Location to be decided, at 7:00pm
- Tuesday Nov 16 **Monthly Program Meeting** Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting to follow at the Hall. Entertainment after to feature Texas Hold-Em with \$2.00 entry fee with winners taking all.
- Tuesday Nov 16 **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** Rosary at 7:00pm and meeting to follow at the Hall.

Council Vests and T-Shirts

We now have the new Council 3340 blue vests and short sleeved T-shirts with our council's name, 7½" third degree emblem imprinted on the back and 3-inch third degree emblem on the left front. The cost for the two will be \$25 due at the time of delivery of the items. There will be a small additional charge for sizes over extra-large. The vests and T-shirts are now in Council 3340's church office. Contact Jerry Webb at 303-730-2998 to get your vest and shirt.

Ladies Auxiliary News

The LADIES AUXILIARY was involved in many of the Knight's September activities. Some of these were: The Harvest Festival -- we were asked to make 75 cakes. We did not meet that goal....we surpassed it. At last count, there were 88 cakes and they were still coming. Good job ladies :-) We were also involved in the K of C & Friends Bowling each Wednesday night, the museum picnic, plus the casino bus trip, just to mention a few activities. So a BIG THANK YOU to those who participated in any way.

Now more of you ladies need to get involved so you can join in the fun too. Read through this newsletter and see what is of interest to you & be active also. If you want, just call me & ask, "What kind of help do you need this month?" I most likely have some way you can help the LADIES AUXILIARY every month. Some of October's activities are: the Halloween party; the Zoo outing; the Baby Shower; the Tootsie Roll campaign; the Casino bus trip; Wednesday night bowling; the Caron Coffee house; collecting cans and many more. As you can see, these mentioned are not all volunteering, but some are just for fun. And, we all need a little more fun in our lives :-)

Remember, the LADIES AUXILIARY always meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the bar area at the old K of C hall. The Knights are there at that time also. So the Knights & the LADIES start out with saying the Rosary together in the big meeting room. The Rosary starts at 7 p.m. with our respective meetings held immediately after. We usually have treats, door prizes & socializing after the meetings. All LADIES are invited to join our AUXILIARY, regardless of your parish or religion. They just need to have Catholic values. See you at the next meeting.

President of the LADIES AUXILIARY: Libby Stragand

Field Agent Article

Don't wait, act today

When you're family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow; you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 126 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

Jeff Smith, FIC Field Agent

I'm at 303-332-6252 or jeffrey.smith@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Support Vocations

Brother Cal Hargrave has volunteered to take over the collecting of aluminum cans, storm doors, window frames, etc. and using the proceeds for Seminarian support. Mike Mullin has retired from the recycling business. Contact Cal at 303-730-6992 to arrange a drop off of your recyclables or Cal will even pick them up from your home.

Keep Us Advised

Our Council has appointed Cal Hargrave as the Health Service Director. He will be serving our Brother Knights and their families who are shut-in, ailing, or just not active anymore. Cal would like to hear from you. Please call 303-730-6992 and a Brother Knight will check in on you.

Council 3340 Website

Allan Cravalho has volunteered to update Council 3340's website. He has presented preliminary pages at a recent council meeting. The new website is at www.KofC3340.org. Contact Bob Aliano bob_kathya@msn.com to input activities/info.

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