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From the Grand Knight:

The October homilies focused on Stewardship were sure powerful this year. The whole notion of an 'Attitude of Gratitude' has taken on a new and deeper meaning for me.

I am more aware of all the gifts I've received – and I feel a keen sense of responsibility to take good care of all that has been entrusted into my care - and to share my blessings with others.

Working through all the parts of tithing takes a bit of time and plenty of thoughtful prayer. If you have struggled in the past with how to share your gift of time with others you might consider getting more involved with the Knights. There are numerous activities and short term projects that you can get involved in for only a few hours at a time – but the payoff to those you are helping is huge.

Engaging with and helping those in need sharpens your recognition of all that you have. It helps make you more aware of and thankful for what God has given you.

What could be better at this time of year?

Vivat Jesus!
Tom

From the Lecturer:

November is the month when one thinks about thanks. Thanksgiving Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and yet my experience as a priest has been that many people flock to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. They don't go to fulfill some rule; they aren't in church in reaction to some moralistic "ought". Rather something inside us tells

us that, if this is the day when our nation stops, and reflects, and says Thank You for the blessings that abound in our life, then naturally the first One to thank is God. Without that prayer of thanks, there's something empty and even absurd about Thanksgiving Day. And the best place to offer the Thank You is the Holy Eucharist because *it is* Thanksgiving.

Fr. Peter Cameron, O.P.

Congratulations to our new 2nd & 3rd Degree Knights:

On October 13, Father Steven Voss, Patrick Daugherty, Rudy Sanchez, Rich Boespflug and Charlie Sheridan all advanced to 3rd Degree Knights. Congratulations on moving forward in your fraternal journey.

2nd & 3rd Degrees:

Major degree exemplifications are scheduled in Greeley (11-11), Colorado Springs (02-16-08) and Loveland (03-29-08). If you are interested in continuing your fraternal journey, contact Tom Lyons for details.

Thank you for your hard work :

October was a busy month with lots going on:

We had a successful Tootsie Roll promotion on the 6th and 7th, raising \$897 to help those with Intellectual Disabilities. Thanks to Randy Weinert, Jerry Flammang, Bill LaGrange, Steve Feldman, Joe and Storm Sutherland, Tom Dedin Sr , Tom Dedin Jr, Tom McCarthy and Price Hatcher for their help.

On October 7, Alex and Gina Guelein, Marge Feldman, Ginny Trumpolt, Jim Hackl, Jerry Castaneda, Charlie Sheridan and Greg Collette helped sort and transport the clothing donated for the Indian Clothing Drive to the storage truck. Then on the 29th and 30th, Randy Weinert and Tom Dedin Sr helped move the clothing from the storage truck to the transport truck so the clothing could arrive at the reservation on time.

On 10-27, Tom Dedin Sr, Rich Boespflug and Jerry Flammang served breakfast for the Make A Difference Day volunteers.

On 10-28 Joe Sutherland, Troy Hayes and Marty Martinez moved the homeless from Spirit of Christ to their new location near Nativity of Our Lord.

Coming Events and Opportunities to Serve:
November 10, starting at 8:00 am we will do our Highway Cleanup along Wadsworth from 80th to 92nd. This project takes about 2 hours if we have 5-6 men to work each side of the street. If we have rain or snow the cleanup will be cancelled. Call Tom Dedin Sr at 303-421-9711 for more details.

November 17, we will once again deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the needy in the northwest part of the city. Deliveries will begin around noon. If you are able to help that afternoon contact David Dudden 303-940-6992, Tom Lyons 303-423-4015 or Tom Dedin Sr 303-421-9711.

December 7, will be our annual Council Christmas Party. This is a fun evening for all the families in the Council – including children and grandchildren. Please come.

December 15, deliver Christmas Food Baskets. This year we will be asked to deliver to 150 families – that is twice the usual number. We need everyone to help to make this project a success. If you can help at all, even for a short time, contact David Dudden 303-940-6992, Tom Lyons 303-423-4015 or Tom Dedin Sr 303-421-9711.

The week of **December 16**, we've been asked to help decorate the Church for Christmas. This will involve a bit more responsibility this year than in the past – and any amount of help will be

appreciated. More details will be in the December newsletter.

Knight & Family of the Month:

Jerry Flammang is recognized as our Knight of the Month for October. Jerry has been a Knight since the mid-60's, is a Charter Member of our Council and served as a Trustee when we were first formed. Jerry is a steady and reliable worker at all of our weekend activities, both after Saturday evening Mass and then again on Sunday morning. He works on nearly all of our projects and serves on the Touch Committee as well. He also knows how to make a great cup of coffee from the SOC pots – not an easy thing to do!

The Dennis Velasquez and Michael Glaesel families are both recognized as our October Family of the Month. Dennis and Michael's family have been huge help at the Lenten Fish Fry dinners and Pancake breakfasts for the past several years. The great thing about these families is the way they just come to work, pitch in and help at whatever needs doing and all with a smile for everyone.

Congratulations Jerry, Dennis and Michael!

If you have a nomination in mind for either the Knight or Family of the Month just give the name to any Officer.

Glad Knight/Sad Knight Drawing:

Each month there is a cash drawing at our Business meeting – you win only if you are there! The award is \$25 and if you are not there (Sad Knight) then the money rolls over to the next meeting, The September Sad Knight is James Jonas (again!). The pot for the November 8 meeting is \$200.

For the Good of the Order:

Prayers at our October meeting were said for Herb Fahey, Gene Meis, Jessica Johnson, Tom Dedin Jr., Steve Feldman, Kim Hesprich, Margarete Pacheco, Marge Hunt, Bob Burleys son John, Connie Mullen and all special intentions.

Help us reduce expenses:

We are looking to improve communications and reduce mailing expenses. If you want to get the newsletter by email please let me know at tomlyons7of9@msn.com.

There are a number of name badges that have lost track of their Knights. If you are missing your name badge call Tom at 303-423-4015 so we can arrange a time for you and your badge to get back together.

New things to think about:

In February this year Tim Vettel and I went to New Orleans to help rebuild in St Bernard's parish. The group that went together is trying to get another group to go again this February to work with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes. If you are interested please give me a call 303-423-4015.

We are looking for a couple to head up our Council Right to Life efforts. The Knights of Columbus have many different programs that we can tap into with a little effort. If you and your wife are interested in putting together a Right to Life project please call me 303-423-4015.

I occasionally get calls from the SOC Office asking if we have a Knight with a truck and some time to help someone move that has a true need. I'd like to create a call list of those Knights who would be willing to be contacted in these situations. If you are able and willing please let me know 303-423-4015.

If you'd like to make a contribution to this newsletter please let me know. I'd be happy to share the space with my Brother Knights!

From our Field Agent:

Greetings Brothers,

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Vivat Jesus, Patrick Feldman (Field Agent)

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Ladies Auxiliary: Thank-you to all who helped with our summer garage sale. Our net proceeds were awarded at our October meeting: \$200 to the SOC Migrant committee and \$400 to Cairos Outside of Colorado.

Please start collecting boxes for the Thanksgiving food baskets. Leave boxes in the Spirit Center alcove next to the old sacristy, starting 11/5.

All Ladies are welcome to help distribute the Thanksgiving food baskets.

Next meeting - Tuesday, 11-27, St. Anne's Room, 7pm; all ladies welcome.

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