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Grand Knight's Message

October

by Joseph Travers, Grand Knight

Brothers!

We lost a brother knight this month. Please keep LEO SCHLEICHER and his wife Anne and the family, especially our brother knights, Paul and Kevin, in your prayers. His funeral Mass, here at St. Mary's Church, attended by all of his ten children and their extended families was most remarkable.

I would like to thank State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan and District Deputy Rodolfo Panizales for installing our new officers on Saturday, September 30th. We had a nice dinner in the meeting room, thanks to the catering of the Village Pizza. It was also very nice to have Father Tim participate in the installation.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Abundant Hope annual dinner at Lake Pearl. This organization promotes Christian pro-life ministry. Thanks to Jim Riley for inviting Kathy and me; we really had a good time. Our council supports this group each Spring with our Baby Shower.

I am happy to announce that John and Cheryl Golden have stepped up to be our Pro Life couple. Also, Deacon Matt Gill has agreed to provide an article in our newsletter; I am really excited about having this new feature from Matt!

Tootsie Roll Drive – Ongoing – This weekend Oct 13-15 at Roche Brothers, also collecting at church. Thanks to Mark Bowditch & volunteers.

Columbus Italian Dinner is Saturday October 14th. Support our fundraising dinner. Dinner at 5pm and presentation of Knight & Family of the year.

Living Rosary – Monday, October 16th at 6:45 pm at church. Participating with 6th and 7th grade students in the Living Rosary, led by Norman Corriveau.

Parish Cleanup - Saturday October 21st – Please come down to the Rectory and the church for a 2 hour cleanup. Trimming, weeding, and painting a fence. Bring your own tools and paint brush. Led by Jan Meir

We will be mailing the **Turkey Raffle** out shortly. Please buy a couple of books of raffle tickets. We use the proceeds to fund many of our charities and we also keep your dues down, very low at \$30 bucks a year.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Travers, GK

CALENDAR

Oct 6-8 — Tootsie roll Drive I

Oct 13-15 — Tootsie Roll Drive II

Oct 16 — Living Rosary, 7:00 pm
St Mary's Church, Norton
with Grade 7 students

Nov 1 — Planning meeting,
After 7:00 pm Mass

Nov 3 — Set up Parish Hall for Bazaar
After bingo, about 9:30 pm

Nov 5 — Parish Bazaar, 8am - 2pm

Nov 19 — Memorial Mass for our
Deceased Knights, 8:00 am
Breakfast at Home Plate

Nov 23 — **Thanksgiving Day**



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Our Annual Living Rosary

This year, our Living Rosary with the Grade 7 students will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 16th. This year, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the six apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to three children in Fatima, Portugal, requesting that we pray the Holy Rosary every day. This is a worthy tribute to Our Blessed

Mother who reminds us of the tremendous love her Son has shown us when He came among us two thousand years ago.

We need at least 7 Knights of Columbus for this Living Rosary: one between each decade of the rosary and 3 others. Let us be shining examples for our Grade 7 students participating in this Living Rosary. Please arrive by 6:50 pm so that we can start on time.

Christopher Columbus and Fake History

by Gerald Korson 9/1/17 Columbia Magazine.

In a speech to the young people of Genoa in May, Pope Francis talked about how a disciple of Christ needs the "virtue of a navigator," and he pointed to the example of Columbus who faced "a great challenge" and showed "courage," a trait he indicated was essential to becoming a "good missionary."

As it did a century ago, the Order is defending Columbus today. When Colorado lawmakers weighed a bill to repeal Columbus Day as a state holiday earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus helped lead the opposition. Recalling the Klan's earlier efforts to oppose Columbus Day, the

KofC noted that the measure was not a progressive step but rather "regressive as it takes us back to what the Klan outlined in the 1920s in order to promote ethnic and religious resentment."

The Knights of Columbus has defended its patron from unfair attacks, urging that he continue to receive official recognition as a man of faith and bravery. Columbus represents the kind of heroic courage and religious faith that inspired the establishment of the United States. Although he surely holds special meaning for Catholics and for Italian Americans, Columbus is a figure all citizens of the New World can celebrate.

For this reason, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said in his annual report this year, "We will continue to defend the truth about Columbus and Columbus Day."

St. Francis of Assisi

by Deacon Matt Gill

There are many striking and moving stories from the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Many know of his embrace of Christ disguised as a leper or of his hearing of God's voice to rebuild

the Church. But there is yet another story which particularly portrays Francis' holiness. Francis' father, Pietro, was very wealthy and Francis took advantage of this by sharing the family's wealth with the poor and the Church. His father became

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furious with his son when he realized he was giving many family possessions away. Pietro put his own son on trial in front of the bishop of Assisi. The bishop told him to return what he had taken from his father. Francis returned what he had taken and also stripped himself of the clothes on his back, returning them to his father and claiming: "Pietro Bernadone is no long my father. From now on, I say 'Our Father who art in Heaven.'"

Now, I like St. Francis very much; but I myself would have returned the clothes I was wearing at a later point. That aside, there is a great lesson to be learned from our saint. Francis, not only loved the poor, he loved *being* poor. He embraced both the poor and a poor life-style because it forced him to place all of his dependence on God. Christ, Himself tells us, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." And so, when we serve the poor, we embrace them as if they were Christ (Mt. 25:40) and we allow ourselves to be reminded of our utter dependence on God. He provides for all of our physical and spiritual needs. And so, during this month of October,

especially during the Tootsie Roll drive, we can, with St. Francis' prayers, grow in love of the poor by serving them as Christ. And we can also grow in poverty ourselves by seeing all that we are and all that we have as gifts from Our Father in heaven.

Installation of Officers

This event took place after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 30th, in St. Mary's Church. Father Tim Reis said the opening prayer, blessed the officers' jewels, and wished us all a very productive and successful year. District Deputy Rodolfo Panizales conducted the installation with Tony Medeiros as acting District Warden. Our State Deputy, Paul O'Sullivan, was present and did the honors of jewelizing the chairpersons.

Front row, left to right: Tom Manley, Jim Riley, Mike Higgins, S.D. Paul O'Sullivan, G.K. Joe Travers, Rich Walter, Ron Orazine

Back row: D.D. Rodolfo Panizales, Tony Medeiros, Tony Ippoliti, Norm Corriveau, Mark Bowditch

