



*From the
Chaplain*

KNIGHTS SUPPORT THE POPE

Pope Benedict XVI made a historic pastoral visit to the United States April 15-20, and the Knights of Columbus were actively involved in a number of wonderful ways.

In order to provide easy access to reliable information about the Pope's visit, the Knights, in partnership with EWTN, the Catholic cable network, jointly launched a new Web site, www.papaltrip.com to provide the Pope's itinerary as well as updates on the Pope's activities.

The Knights were official agents of welcome and tribute at a number of Papal venues. The Fourth Degree provided an Honor Guard for the Pope on the South Lawn of the White House on April 16. Thirty Knights dressed in full regalia stood in formation to salute Pope Benedict. The Fourth Degree also provided Honor Guards at the Papal Masses at Nationals and Yankee stadiums, as well as at the Pope's departure from Kennedy Airport.

The Knights provided the Pope's chair for his meeting with interfaith leaders at the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington on April 17. The high-backed, gold-trimmed chair was first used by Pope John Paul II during the Mass at the Aqueduct Raceway during his visit to the United States in 1995, a Mass that was co-sponsored by the Knights and the Diocese of Brooklyn. The chair, which is permanently housed in the papal gallery of the KC Museum in New Haven, CT, was moved to Washington for the meeting, and then returned to the museum.

The Knights have erected a bronze plaque at Yankee Stadium to commemorate the Pope's visit. The plaque is large, 39 1/2 inches tall and 27 inches wide, and located in Monument Park where other plaques, also supplied by the Knights, commemorate previous Papal visits. The plaque is inscribed: "In commemoration of the Solemn Pontifical Mass marking the bicentennial of the Archdiocese of New York



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings brother Knights,

I missed you last month with an article. With every thing that has been going on I just lost track of the days. Before I knew it the deadline came and went. I will try to make up for it this month by being extra windy with this month's article. (ha,ha!)

This adventure of being Grand Knight is coming near to the end. It has been a real treat to serve this past fraternal year. As I wrote in my first article there were only three goals that I would like to accomplish, *increase membership, increase participation in activities and meet more of the members*. With great efforts of many people I'm proud to report that all of these goals were met. Thanks to everyone that participated in this accomplishment. If you did not have the opportunity to participate there is still time to do so.

Our council has done such a great job at bringing in new members that we have a good chance of being a star council this year. This award has never been given to our council. The requirements for this award are to meet the membership and insurance goals set by the State Council and have all necessary paperwork into the state by the deadline. All but one of these was met; our insurance goal. So, if you have any interest in any insurance program at all, this is the time to make your inquiries and help us make star council.

Now I'm going to leave you. The editor probably needs the room

Grand Knight,
Rick Landowski

HOME ASSOCIATION MEETING

Since there will be a First Degree Ceremony prior to the May 13 Membership Meeting I would like to schedule a Home Association Meeting for May 6, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. This would be just before the May Planning Meeting. If this is a problem for any of the officers please contact me at 763-421-0116 or e-mail at alandkathy@usfamily.net. This will be considered our annual meeting.

Al Kempf, AHA President

offered by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, April 20, 2008, here in Yankee Stadium. Gift of the Knights of Columbus."

Pope Benedict mentioned Fr. Michael J. McGivney in his homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, April 19, noting "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

The Knights of Columbus have a long tradition of loyalty to the Pope, and Knights did much to support Pope Benedict's visit to the United States. Let us continue to pray for our Holy Father that God will keep him strong and faithful to his mission to proclaim Jesus Christ, our hope

Fr. Mike Van Sloun.



**Prayer
List**

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Brian Hoffman; Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Merle Mevissen; Terry Phillips; Ray Pipenhagen; Tom O'connell; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Al Schrupp; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; John Boege.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mbpetschl@msn.com.

From the Maxims of St. Ignatius

The more alert a man is to the defects of others, the more negligent he is in observing his own.

If, as is human, faults occur in others, let them be a mirror in which you can see what defects you should correct in yourself.

History 2018 Still Remembering Fr. Henry Boerboom

This month I'm going to deliver some of those stories I promised you, although my limited space only allows me to scratch the surface!

If you ask someone about Fr. Boerboom, the first thought that comes to mind is 'Bridge'. Everyone I talked to remembers him as an avid Bridge player (note that I did not say 'average'; he was anything but 'average' at a Bridge table) and his feats are legendary. He wouldn't hesitate to take you to task for making a bad play. Bill Bauer mentioned that Father seemed to enjoy playing against him. That was probably because they were both so proficient at the game and he loved the challenge. Steve Seman was his partner much of the time, because he could stand the 'heat'. Steve and Lou said he would attend any meeting, if he knew there would be three other Bridge players in attendance and the first thing he did at the card table was remove his collar.

Now, after reviewing his bridge playing tactics, you might think he took life too seriously. That was not the case. He possessed a fine sense of humor. Steve and Lou treated me to a couple of humorous anecdotes about him and Tom Ward added a couple more.

Back in those days the members held one of those social events where a gent bids on a lady's basket of food and enjoys supper with her. Well, Lou had prepared her fried chicken and all the fixins', but Steve wasn't the only one aware of it. Fr. Boerboom knew what was in that basket and outbid Steve for it and then laughed about it. Steve still had supper, but he had to bid on another basket of unknown contents.

According to Tom, he had a real knack of knowing who was in his confessional, even if you tried to disguise your voice. Since St. Vincent's was a small parish at that time, Fr. Boerboom would finish his duties there quite quickly at Christmas and Easter and head north to St. Stephen's to help out. If you unwittingly ended up in his confessional and he knew who it was, you'd come out low and head for cover, because he had a booming voice and everybody else in the church probably heard your confession as well.

Here's another cute story from Tom! It seems that one of his parishioners had lost his wife so he hired a housekeeper. After some time, Fr. Boerboom went to his place of business and informed him that people

around town were talking and he needed to get rid of that housekeeper. The gentleman informed Fr. Boerboom that he would get rid of his housekeeper when Father got rid of his. End of discussion, I guess!

And then there was the time Steve and a couple of other members drove to Ghent to visit Fr. Boerboom after his retirement. Upon their arrival, there were two young boys on ponies at the corner near his house and Steve quickly informed him that at least he didn't live in a one horse town, for which he received a swift kick in the seat of the pants. And with that I will depart before someone aims one at my backside. See ya' next month! Mike Petschl, historian

2008 Fair Bingo Sign-ups

As one of our major fundraisers during the year, we will be requesting the help of many to work the shifts required at the Anoka County Fair. This is a fun event that includes the opportunity to eat Fair food! We also provide passes to get into the fairgrounds. I am hoping that I can reduce the number of phone calls made by having shifts filled through email. If you can, please email me at kempffamily@msn.com to reserve your spot on a shift (first come first served!). You can also call me at 763-785-2206, if you do not have email. The shifts all require 10 people (includes 2 alternates). Indicate if you would like to be a caller. The shifts are:

- Monday, July 21st- 6:00 p.m. - KC Hall-setup.
- Tuesday, July 22nd- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23rd- 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 24th- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 25th- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 26th- 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 26th- 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 26th- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 27th- 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 27th- 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 27th- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (includes tear down)

Your help and responses will be greatly appreciated. Spouses and older children are more than welcome to help out with this fundraiser! I will make phone calls in June and July to fill the remaining shifts. Thanks!
Gary Kempf, Fair Bingo Chairman

POT OF GOLD

Hartley Medin, one of our long time members at the age of 80 with 48 years as a Knight, missed out on the \$60 first drawing, but David Hudoba collected \$15 in the second drawing, for those in attendance at the meeting.

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3 Awards Banquet, 5:30 PM
KC Hall
- May 6 Home Assoc. Meeting, 6:30 PM
Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- May 10 Minnesota Fishing Opener
- May 11 Mother's Day/Pentecost Sunday
- May 13 First Degree, 7:00 PM
Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- May 26 Memorial Day Mass, 9:00 AM
Calvary Cemetary

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Mother's Day Flower Sales

Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day. We will be having a fund raising event to benefit Pro Life organizations, through the sales of flowers at St. Stephen's Church. We will be selling carnation and orchid corsages before and after all masses on that weekend.

There is a need for brother Knights to help with this event. The carnation corsages need to be assembled by volunteer workers, and that will take place on Friday afternoon, May 9th at 2:00 PM. It will be in St. Stephen's church, in FCC-1. It should take 2 – 3 hours, depending on the number of volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help sell the flowers at all of the church entrances before and after all of the masses. We will have tables set up at all entrances to the church. If you can volunteer to help with this event, please call Joe or Marilyn Adler at 763-323-8313 or Jim or Marie Van Horrick at 763-427-1353. We especially need volunteers to sell flowers at the 11:15 mass.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support Pro Life causes. It also gives the community of St. Stephen's an opportunity to thank all mothers in our

families for the love they have given. Please volunteer to help if you can, and watch for the volunteers on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for your support of this event.

Joe & Marilyn Adler
Jim & Marie Van Horrick

A Couple More From Yogi

- 1) If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer.
- 2) I never said most of the things I said.

Have You Heard the Radio Ads for the Knights of Columbus?

You probably know about Relevant Radio (1330 AM) the Catholic radio station in the Twin Cities. If you have listened to the station lately you've probably heard commercials about the Knights of Columbus. The radio spots are designed to recruit new members for the Knights of Columbus.

My fellow agents and I have paid for having this promotion of the Knights of Columbus aired on the station. Our hope is that by advertising on Relevant Radio we will bring more awareness to Catholic families about the many important works the Knights of Columbus councils perform in the Twin Cities metro area. Since Relevant

Radio is 100% Catholic programming, we believe this is an ideal way to reach potential new members.

This is a terrific time to step up our recruiting efforts before we all get so busy this spring and summer. Talk to your family, friends and fellow Catholics and tell them about the Knights of Columbus. By doing so, you can take advantage of the awareness that our Relevant Radio advertising campaign is creating about the Knights of Columbus.

As part of our partnership with Relevant Radio, we are also co-sponsoring a Senior Lifestyles Expo at the Underwater Adventure at the Mall of America on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 from 9 AM to noon. Let me know if you need a free pass and I will get you as many as you need.

In the Twin Cities metro area, Relevant Radio can be found at 1330 on your AM dial. You can also visit their website at www.relevantradio.com. From there you can navigate to the local station WLOL that serves the Twin Cities. And, don't forget, tune in – and recruit!

Don Kramer, KC Insurance Agent