



*From the
Chaplain*

KEEP YOUR FLAME UP THIS SUMMER

Council 2018 is caught up with its parish, St. Stephen's, in a **spiritual revival** or a **capital campaign for holiness** called **Turn Up the Flame**. Several weeks ago we celebrated the great feast of **Pentecost**, the momentous occasion when the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit in **tongues as of fire** (Acts 2:3). As we head into summer, it is important to **gain**, not lose, **momentum** with our **Turn Up the Flame** campaign, and keep our **spiritual lives on the front burner**.

Summer is big when it comes to **flames, fire, and heat**. Summertime is prime time for charcoal fires, camp fire, bonfires, wild fires, and fireworks. It is when warm fronts turn into heat waves. This summer hopefully **every KC family** will be **on fire for the Lord**, and have their flames turned up so high that they will **shine brightly before others** (Mt 5:16).

Summertime is **danger time** when it comes to the spiritual life. Sometimes when people go on **vacation** or **travel**, they think it is perfectly acceptable to take a **vacation from God** and the spiritual life. Nothing could be further from the truth. **God never goes on vacation, nor should we**. If it is important to **pray** or **go to Mass** during the winter months, it is all the more important to do so during the summer months. We must **never let the flame of faith go down** during summer vacation season.

Please, **this summer, keep your faith alive and strong**. Never miss a day without praying. Never miss a weekend without attending Mass. Do something special to enhance your spiritual life. Spend quality time with your spouse, children, or parents. Enjoy wholesome, family-oriented vacation activities together. Perform a random act of kindness for a stranger. Share your faith with someone else. Enjoy the great outdoors and appreciate the creative power of God. Relax, rejuvenate, and be a good steward of your physical and mental health. If you have made a spiritual pledge, please



keep it; if you haven't, please do at least one thing to strengthen your spiritual life this summer. We are only four months into our three-year campaign for an increase in personal holiness. Please, **don't let your faith go on the back burner this summer!** During these warm summer months, **Turn Up your Flame!**

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DOME

Advanced notice to all our Brother Knights.

The Knights of Columbus 2018 and the Church of St Stephen are hosting two nights at the Dome this year. On Monday August 18th, 2008 the Mn Twins are hosting the Oakland Athletics. We expect 300 + to fill 6-7 motor coaches & all are welcome. On Monday August 11th, 2008 the Mn Twins are hosting the New York Yankees (Knights and spouses only) with 1-motor coach and I have only 46 tickets for this already sold out game.

Both events are a first come, first serve basis led by our Pastor Fr. Michael Van Sloun. Call Roger Renner at (763) 427-6100 if you are interested in going to either or both games. Notices will be sent out in the mail next month.

The Younger Twin,
Roger E. Renner, F.S.

(Gk's message continued)

meetings and things I needed to sign, that made my life so much easier. Now, the next person I would like to give a special thanks to is Al Kempf. Al was very instrumental in the repairs to the hall. Al not only put in many, many hours in physical labor but he also lined up and organized the rest of the help for each step of construction. Then, after that project, Al continued as the Membership Director and made it possible for us to reach our membership goals and be considered for Star Council. Thanks, Al, so much for your dedication and hard work.

Thanks again to everyone and we will be seeing you at a meeting soon.

Rick Landowski
Grand Knight



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights,

We have now ended another fraternal year and what a year we've had, everything from the roof rafters breaking, to making Star Council for the first time ever. And thru all of this it was my honor to be Council 2018's representative (*Grand Knight*).

As the year went along, I was able to witness first hand how some of the basic principles of the Knights work, like Fraternity and Charity. I've seen how we take care of a brother in need thru the Knights in Need Fund, putting up a wheel chair ramp, the giving of funds to a brother Knight who is sick, just to help out, and getting a bicycle for a new Knight so he can get to work and around town. These are just some examples.

The charity that the Knights give to the church and community is outstanding. With our involvement in the Adopt-a-Student Fund, fish fries, food shelf (*from the Haunted House*), Safe Place for Newborns (*they reported to us of a successful drop off of a baby in our area*), the Tootsie Roll Drive and getting a flag for a new Girl Scout troop, have made a difference in many peoples' lives.

Other things like the repairs to the hall, Knights' Sunday and the hospitality reception at church, show that when there is a need for us to step up and get a job done the membership rises to the occasion.

Being Grand Knight can be a hard and time consuming task. That's why you need good support around you. I believe that is what we have in this council. From the officers and committee chairs anything that needed to be done, was. Then any time I needed to fill a position or had a special project, the membership stepped up and took care of it. Thanks so much! I couldn't have gotten thru this year without all of you.

There are a couple of members I would like to say a special thank you to. First, Roger Renner. Roger is the Financial Secretary of the council and chief paperwork 'go to' guy. Roger, thanks much for keeping in line with all the different paperwork,

(GK's message continued at left)

St. Katharine Drexel Round Table News

A couple of items have come up that give the Anoka Council Knights a chance to help out in supporting our neighboring parish, St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Community, in Ramsey, MN.

The first item is the upcoming "Party in the Park" happening on June 14th in Central Park in Ramsey. It is a day of music, games, food, beverages, and a good time. I am in charge of the beer and wine booth and am looking for help with pouring and serving the beverages. The gate opens at 3:30 PM and the party goes until 11:30 PM on Saturday night. I plan on having shifts going just over 2 hours and need 4 people during each of those times. I will be doing some calling looking for help, but would greatly appreciate you calling or emailing me if you would be interested in helping out. You will get free admission to the event and be able help in a fun area. Brother Knights and their significant others are invited to help out behind the bar. Please give me a call at **763-422-1152** or email me at jnlsmetana@earthlink.net soon. Thank you very, very much.

The second item will be happening near the end of summer. I have been in contact with the chairperson of St. Katharine Drexel's building committee and have been asked if the Anoka Knights could help with some preparation of the church property next to Central Park. There are some scrub pines that need to be cleaned out and a pathway that the City of Ramsey wants the church to put in along their property. This second item is still in the very early stages of planning, but I wanted to let you know that our help would be greatly appreciated. I will have more information on this item next month.

For now, please consider helping with the beer and wine at "Party in the Park". I would definitely appreciate your quick response. John Smetana

Round Table Coordinator

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.

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

RIVERFEST

Riverfest is fast approaching, Saturday, July 12, 2008. We need volunteers to help sell cheese nuggets, corn dogs and pop. The event runs from 9AM-5PM with different shifts. We will again be located in Billy's parking lot, located between Jackson St. and Main. Please join us for camaraderie and fun. Contact chairs John Kinnick at 576-1848 or Roger Renner at 427-6100 for available shifts. Thank you, God bless!

Officer Nominations 2008-2009

Nominations for officers for the 2008-2009 fraternal year are open and will remain open until the vote is taken at the Business Meeting on June 10, 2008. In order to be elected as an officer the individual must be a member in good standing who has been initiated in the first three degrees of the Order. The nominations up to this point are:

- Grand Knight - Jim Masteller
- Deputy Grand Knight - open
- Chancellor - John Kinnick
- Recorder - Gary Kempf
- Treasurer - Jim Lovsted
- Advocate - Phil Harter
- Warden - Brian Hoffman
- Inside Guard - Carl Ellingson
- Outside Guard - Steve Haeska
- 3 Year Trustee - Rick Landowski
- 2 Year Trustee - Pat Riehl
- 1 Year Trustee - Pat Larson

From Our District Deputy

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies,

It has been my pleasure to meet Knights & their families who are carrying out the wishes of our founder, Father Michael McGivney and our heavenly father, our creator. I have seen devotion to ones faith, family and friends, that I believe those of us known as Knights of Columbus are truly on the right path to heaven. Over the last four years, we have seen many changes in our lives, some of them good and others not so good. All of you have been good for me. I would like to thank you for the opportunity of working with you as your District Deputy. I pray that God continues to bless each and every one.

Sincerely, Your Servant
Bob Mathewson, District Deputy #7

Pot of Gold

Gerry Manthey missed out on the \$75 first drawing, so Jim Lovsted won the \$15 second drawing for those in attendance.

Awards Banquet Recap

The awards banquet was held on May 3 at our Hall. We had a new caterer this year and a group for entertainment. The banquet was attended by the State Deputy H. Eugene Hippe, State Membership Director Ken Ford, Insurance Agent Don Kramer and his wife, District Deputy Bob Mathewson and his wife. Fr. Terry Beeson was present. The meal was provided by Eks Marks the Spot Catering. The meal consisted of baked chicken, carved ham, potatoes, green beans, salad and cake. The Lake Country Chorus came in to entertain us for the evening. The Chorus provided proof why they won the small chorus regional award in Fargo two weeks earlier with their wonderful voices filling the hall with beautiful music.

Of course some awards were presented during the evening. We awarded our first "Red, White and Blue" awards to active members of the law enforcement agencies that are members of our council. These awards were given to Bruce Andersohn, Steve Beberg and Jeffrey Beahen. Pat Riehl was awarded the past Grand Knight award. Pat Larson was awarded the Pro-Life award for his work with the Safe Place for Newborns dinner and support of Pro-life programs. Jeff Kiefer was given the Knight of the Month award for May for help with the Bishop reception.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun was award the Knight of the Year award for this support of the Knights. An award that was well deserved.

Joe and Carole Santer were awarded the Family of the Year. They are always there to help with KC events and at St. Stephens.

I want to thank all that were able to attend the event and hope that those that were unable to attend make plans for next year's event. Ray Danzl, chairman

NEW MEMBERS

The First Degree installation on May 13 saw eight new members join the organization. Four of them were from neighboring councils and the Anoka council gained the other four. The four new members are Ken Bright, Linnus Cheruiyot, John Loes, and Joe Otto. We welcome these new Brother Knights to Council 2018. Please congratulate them and invite them to participate in our functions when you see them.

Al Kempf
Membership Director



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 3 Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- June 7 Safe Place for Newborns Dinner
6:00 PM St. Stephens
- June 10 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- June 14 St. Katherine Drexel's
Party in the Park, 3:30-11:30PM
Central Park, Ramsey
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 20-22 St. Stephen's Summerfest
- June 24 Officer Installation, 6PM Dinner;
7PM Mass & installation
St. Timothy's Community Center

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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

USHERS NEEDED

St. Stephen's is in need of ushers for all Mass times. We are especially in need at the 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please call Jan Clare at St. Stephen (712-7458) or email jclare@ststephenchurch.org with your name, telephone number and Mass time you are interested in.

Anoka Recognized at State Convention

The Anoka Council delegates to the state convention in Willmar had a pleasant weekend as Anoka was recognized several times for their accomplishments during the past year. They received first place plaques in three different categories. The KC Sunday at the Church of St. Stephen received this recognition under Council

Activities which is a major award. In more minor areas plaques were received for first place under Vocations and Public Relations. The Vocations recognition was for the support of Seminarians through the RSVP program. The Public Relations recognition was a result of the use of the media and church bulletin to promote activities such as the Haunted House and the Ham and Turkey Bingos as well as our monthly newsletter, the Shield. Honorable Mention, equivalent to second place, was received under Community Activities for the efforts in rebuilding the KC Hall for use by the community in general. An honorable mention was also received under Membership for achieving 152.4% of our quota. Anoka was nosed out by the host council, Willmar, who achieved 157.1%. The council and Grand Knight, Rick Landowski, also received an insert for a plaque and an individual certificate for Rick for meeting the requirements of the Excellence Award under Programs and Membership Activities. This is certainly representative of a successful council year in Anoka!! Congratulations to all that supported the council in one way or another during the past year.