



*From the
Chaplain*

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is known as the “Month of the Rosary” because of the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary which is celebrated each year on October 7. During October the universal Church features Mary’s dual role as the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church and encourages devotional and intercessory prayer to and through her. The Hail Mary is the most common Marian prayer, while the Rosary is the most-used Marian devotion.

According to Tim S. Hickey, a columnist for *Columbia*, the monthly Knights of Columbus magazine, “Marian devotion is as essential to Knighthood as are fidelity to our principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism” (*Columbia*, September, 2007, 2). We Knights have a deep and abiding love and respect for the Blessed Mother. It is intrinsic to being a Knight; it is who we are.

In order to foster Marian devotion among Knights, beginning in the summer of 1977, a special KC rosary was given to every new member. Tim S. Hickey reports that “it is estimated that more than 3.6 million rosaries with the K of C emblem as the centerpiece have been distributed since then.” This is a huge number of rosaries. Let us hope that our brother Knights are using them. Better yet, let us, the members of Council 2018, serve as good role models by using our own rosaries. It is important that we be men of prayer, and the Rosary is a wonderful prayer.

The Rosary is not about the worship of Mary: worship is reserved to God alone. Instead, we venerate Mary. We pay her tribute for the important role she played in her son Jesus’ life. Her whole purpose was to lead us to Christ, and she put it eloquently at the Cana wedding feast when she said, “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries are intended to help us ponder the events of Jesus’ life and become worthy



of the eternal life he promises.

Instead of waiting to make a New Year’s resolution, please consider making an October resolution regarding the use of your Rosary. It is perfectly acceptable to begin small. An example of “small” would be to find your Rosary and say one decade on October 7. A slightly larger resolution might be to say one decade once a week, or one decade each day. Or, you might aim higher and say a full Rosary every Sunday, or every time that you take a longer trip in the car, or once a day. Maybe you could invite someone else, possibly a family member or a Brother Knight, to pray the Rosary with you. If you are already using your Rosary regularly, wonderful! Keep it up! Please consider the Rosary and allow the Blessed Mother help lead you to her son Jesus.
Fr. Mike Van Sloun

REMINDER

The ‘500’ Card Club resumes play for the year on Sunday, October 19th, at 7PM and continues on the 1st and 3rd Sundays until April 5th. If you want more info, contact Al Kempf at 763-421-0116.

POT OF GOLD

Jonathan Bottema missed out on \$135 in the first drawing, but Past State Deputy and current Advocate Phil Harter had the winning ticket for the \$15 second drawing.



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; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn.

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

Grand Knight’s Message



Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy fall! Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year and I wouldn’t mind if it lingered up until Thanksgiving. As I am writing this, the leaves have not yet started to change in our part of the state. By the time you are reading this, our Creator’s paintbrush should have had a chance to give us quite a colorful display for all to savor and enjoy.

As members of the Anoka KCs you are also hopefully getting in the mood and geared up for our Haunted House. Construction time is upon us and our first weekend is right around the corner. It is not too late to sign up to fill a shift or two. If you are new to the Knights or are looking for a new activity to give your time and talent to, this one is ideal. Take part and I think that you will see young and old alike enjoying themselves and having a few thrills and chills besides. The importance of this event for our council and the community is tremendous. There is also the opportunity to be involved with our parade float in the two Anoka parades.

Along with this service project, social opportunities like our 500 club are also starting a new season. I know that they are always looking for and welcoming new players. It has been quite a while since I have played, but I am looking forward to the chance to sharpen my skills and have some fun enjoying an evening with my brother Knights.

Speaking of fun and enjoyment and not to mention delicious, as you are reading this, our spaghetti dinner has probably already passed and I trust all in attendance will have had an enjoyable evening of dining, dancing and camaraderie.

One last note, in case it has not been noticed, the position of Deputy Grand Knight is open. I’d like to invite anyone who may be interested in this position to please give me a call or speak with myself or one of the other officers at a meeting.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018 1972

This month we will get back to some council history again. The only problem is that the recorders for 1972 were very thorough in their duties and I couldn't find any strange entries to jump on and ask for clarification. Those guys are taking the fun out of my research!

It's been a long time since the 1971 article, so I'll attempt to refresh your memories a little. Jim Vogel will still be the Grand Knight through June. Jim and Alice moved to Little Falls a few years ago but he has retained his membership with our council. We see them whenever we go to a function at the Franciscan Sisters' residence up there. They volunteer a good amount of time with the Franciscans.

Phil Pinewski received quite an honor when he was given the St. George Medal on January 6th by the Archdiocese. That is the highest Catholic award given for working with the Scouting program. Phil has been a member of 2018 for 53 years and a long time Eucharistic Minister at St. Stephen's.

Here's something to get you thinking about winter! Summit, Montana, received 77.5 inches of snow from a single storm in January setting a state record. (That's not too hard to believe.) Now that you've absorbed that one, here's one to make you think spring is just around the corner. In May a major ice jam caused the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers in Alaska to flow as one and inundated the towns of Oscarville and Napaskiak.

This was the year President Richard Nixon made his historic visit to China and some of his cronies made an historic visit to the Democratic National Headquarters in the middle of the night creating the Watergate Scandal, which eventually forced Nixon to resign.

The council was holding elections rather than resignations, however, and Gene Hanley was elected to the position of Grand Knight. This was also the time they decided to flip flop the monthly meetings and hold the officer's meeting on the 1st Tuesday and the business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday. Good thinkin' guys!

There is one little fun note here. They decided to get rid of the parade float and give it to Walt Schumacher to dismantle and salvage useable parts. My questions are 'what can you do with those parts' and 'does Walt have to store them for the rest of his life'? I'm sure he will inform me of both answers.

The Vietnam War was still going on and the U.S. resumed the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong in North Vietnam, creating quite a stir in congress.

Speaking of bombs, here's a beauty attached to a weather item. A man was struck by lightning near Waldport, Oregon, on September 24th (here's the kicker) while carrying 35 pieces of dynamite. No report of the final result. And with that I will go quietly into the night, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

What do you want in Retirement?

Certainly one of the most difficult topics for a couple to address is their expectations about retirement. There are questions of when and where to retire. With increased life expectancies, one of the biggest questions that underlie all this is how will they maintain their spending power for 25 or 35 years.

Other than having children, retirement is probably the most significant change most people will ever experience. Like any major change, it produces a range of emotions, including anxiety, fear and disillusionment. Maybe that's why some just keep on working and have no plans to retire.

In relation to retirement, no matter what your age now, if you went ahead five years, what would have to be happening for you to feel that you succeeded? Are your aspirations grounded in reality?

Couples need to understand that the type of lifestyle they can logically expect to maintain in retirement is based on how they are living now and the amount of money they are spending today versus saving for their retirement. Do you and your spouse agree on how you use your money?

In working with people when I do a Financial Analysis I find that most people underestimate how much they ought to be saving, miscalculate how soon they can stop working and envision an unrealistic retirement lifestyle. What many people expect of retirement is often off course.

There is another side to all this retirement planning. Scientists have joined poets in declaring that money really won't buy you happiness. Research shows your net worth – along with other "circumstantial" factors like your job or where you live – accounts for just 10% of your overall well-being. According to professor of psychology Sonja Lyubomirsky, author of *The How of Happiness*, people in general have a genetic propensity toward feeling good that determines about half of their happiness. Another 40% is influenced by how you spend your time.

Why? You quickly get used to money and

things. Activities, on the other hand, are endlessly variable, which means you don't get tired of them. So stop any undue worry over the size of your retirement account balance and go do something like learn a new skill, for example learn to play a musical instrument or focus on helping your family or your neighbor. Happiness is not something to acquire and save up, it's something you pursue.

Maybe the answer is in how you live that will determine your satisfaction in retirement and not how much money you have available to spend. Maybe you can live on less than you thought was needed in retirement. Yes, you can think about something besides money – you can think about what really brings you satisfaction and pursue that. Sure money is necessary, but it isn't the only thing you have to think about for retirement. Plan to live a life to supply you the money you need to have the fulfillment you want and make them golden years.

God Bless you and your family,
Don Kramer, FIC, CSA, Field Agent
763-566-0401

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FALL CLASSIC November 7-9, 2008

This year marks the 16th year that the Minnesota Knights have been involved with the Fall Special Olympics Bowling Classic. The Knights of Columbus are now the Title Sponsor of this event. The majority of the funding comes from the Spring Tootsie Roll give-away fund raiser. Councils throughout the state contribute to this fund.

The bowling will take place at two venues again this year. Southtown Bowl in Bloomington will be the site for all three days and Drkula's Lanes in Inver Grove Heights will be used Saturday and Sunday. We will need a full complement of volunteers at each of the two sites. Over 2000 athletes and coaches are expected to participate in this year's event. Volunteers will be needed throughout the weekend.

If you are interested and available to volunteer during that time please contact Robert Hazelton at 651-690-1938 or via e-mail at: lindabobstpaul@msn.com. Another contact would be our District Deputy, Jim Schwalbe, at 763-757-3330. He is responsible to help fill the volunteer spots for one of the shifts. Al Kempf

Fall Classic Awards Co-Chair



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 4 Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12 Haunted House Const.
Anoka Cty. Fair Grounds
- Oct. 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 13 Columbus Day
- Oct. 14 1st Degree Initiation, 7:00 PM
Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 18, 25 Halloween Parades
Downtown Anoka
- Oct. 17 - 31 Haunted House dates

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Anoka Halloween Parade

For the third year, the Anoka KCs are planning on putting a float into the Anoka parades. We build the float the Saturday before the "Light up the Night" parade. This year that is October 11. We will be gathering at Ray Danzl's home to build the float. Please call if you are interested in helping at 763-754-6303.

The parade dates are October 18 and 25, everyone is welcome to ride on the float your children or if you are a kid at heart and love to dress up for Halloween, please give me a call so I can include you and your family in the float. We will be handing out discount coupons for the Haunted house and candy during the parades. Ray Danzl
Chairman

Television Request

Our TV at the hall is digitally challenged and quite old, so a converter box may not be the best answer. We are hoping one of our members may have a digital ready TV that is not being used and would be willing to donate it. We need one with a fairly large screen because it is used in a group setting. If you can help us out, please contact GK Jim Masteller at 763-427-8078.

HAUNTED HOUSE 2008 **OUR 21st YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The key dates for 2008 are as follows.
Construction will be Oct. 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th.

The open dates will be as follows:

- Oct. 17th Friday 7-9 PM
- Oct. 18th Saturday 7-9 PM
- Oct. 23rd Thursday 7-9 PM
- Oct. 24th Friday 7-10 PM
- Oct. 25th Saturday 7-10 PM
- Oct. 26th Sunday 6-9 PM
- Oct. 30th Thursday 6-9 PM
- Oct. 31st Friday 6-10 PM

Tear down will be on Saturday, the 1st of November.

We like to increase the numbers of food items donated to the local ACBC Food Shelf, so last year we changed the customer price to \$8.00 for age 12 and older and \$7.00 for age 11 and younger. With the increase in the customer price we also increased the donation credit for food items donated to \$2.00 per person.

As you all know, this event means a lot to the Council, Anoka Community, ACBC Food Shelf, and Coon Rapids High School Drama Club. We are asking for all of our brother Knights to take an active part in the event – whether your expertise is in construction, staffing, or finance and numbers.

Please contact Ray Dalzell to volunteer your name for the 2008 Haunted House.

- Ray Dalzell (763-757-1241), e-mail is RaymondDDalzell@cs.com
- Steve Beberg 763-286-1439
- Rick Landowski 612-508-2891
- Mike Johnson

