



*From the
Chaplain*

**“What I say to you, I say to all:
‘Watch!’”**

Think about what it feels like when you expect a friend to come over whom you haven't seen for some time, and that person delays? Or how excited you get because you are anticipating some important event, and you get up in the morning with that thought on your mind, hardly sleeping at all?

The First Sunday of Advent, Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household, brings this point home. Wealthy landowners often left their estates in the hands of their trusty servants and stewards. Dutiful servants would eagerly anticipate their master's return by keeping the house and estate in good order.

Jesus doesn't tell us whether or not the servants were ready for the unexpected return of their master. But the watchful servants, no doubt, looked forward to the day when their master returned because they knew their master would be pleased and would reward them for their vigilance and hard work.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God will surely reward those who wait: “No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him.” (Isaiah 64:4).

Jesus entrusts us with his gifts and grace and he expects us to be ready and prepared for his coming. Our call is not only to believe, but to watch; not only to love, but to watch; not only to obey, but to watch!

The kind of watching our Lord has in mind is not a passive “wait and see what happens” approach to life. Jesus calls us to be vigilant in action and to be vigilant in prayer so that his father's “kingdom may come” and his “will be

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done on earth as it is in heaven”. We are not only to watch **for** Christ, but to watch **with** Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready.

The season of Advent is a time when our minds and hearts are full of anticipation for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will – continually seeking him; we watch for his word – to guide and strengthen us on our journey; and we watch for his coming – for our Lord will **come...** in glory! **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Deacon Chuck

MERRY



CHRISTMAS

(GK's message continued.)

This is a special outreach to the families of our members as they go through a difficult time.

On a final note, I hope everyone is able to attend our December business meeting where we will have an opportunity for some extra fellowship with our annual Tom and Jerry Night.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

IN MEMORIAM

Four members have died since our last edition of the Shield. Please pray for them and their friends and families as well: Harold White, Don Hostedtler, Richard Nathe and Don Hassler.



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas to you and your families as we begin one of the busiest and most joyful months of the year. I find that the preparations are many and the time goes so fast. Well ok, my wife's preparations are many, but the time does go fast and I am there to assist and participate in my family's Christmas preparations and traditions in many ways! As members of the Knights of Columbus we are entrusted with placing the highest value on family and life at all stages.

One way that we are seeing this from the national level of the KCs is through the new Culture of Life Fund that you will see as an optional line item on your annual dues form that you will receive in the mail this month. Every local council is being assessed \$3 for each active member; this includes Life and Honorary Life members. When our council became aware of this, we did not have enough time to pursue a change in our by-laws in order to cover this assessment. Thus, there is the line item that you will see on your dues renewal slip along with the usual optional items for your consideration of a donation as well.

Thank you to everyone, especially our co-chairs, who worked to make the Haunted House such a success this year. The contributions that we are able to make to the community throughout the year, because of the efforts of everyone involved, are not taken for granted. Once again, thank you to all for your participation. At the time of the writing of this column, we have not yet held our Turkey Bingo, but I hope that some of you were able to win a turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for this fun evening that I am sure was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you, also, to everyone who participated in the planning and implementation of our Memorial Mass for our deceased brothers that was held in November.

(GK's message continued at left.)

History 2018 1974

Not much happened early on in the year, most appeared to be annual events. So, we will start with a weather shot: From about 1PM on April 3rd until 1AM on April 4th, 148 tornadoes erupted from Alabama to Michigan killing 315 people and injuring another 5300. Two twisters went across northern Alabama with the second striking rescue vehicles responding to the first. (If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all.)

Here's a little financial note to put into your 'history revisited' ditty bag: Worldwide inflation knocked the Dow Jones down to 570.01, reducing it to half of the high of two years prior. Sound familiar!

At least our members were making some good decisions. They nominated Past Grand Knight Jim Neilson to the State Charities Commission. I never did find out if he was elected or not, but Jim was an excellent choice with his legal background and knowledge of everyday affairs.

The new Grand Knight stepped up to the plate in more ways than one. Ken Schumacher (ever heard of him?) was elected to lead the council and he was the organizer for the second softball team from 2018. But, while Ken stepped up our president stepped down. Richard Nixon resigned, becoming the first president to do so.

It looks like the old mixed doubles bowling league took off in '74. We joined around 1990 and I think the last ball was thrown around 1998 due to a lack of bowlers and wear and tear on the ones we did have.

Help time! A note from September minutes: 'Bus bought by Champlin Police Dept. - KCs.' Translation please! From the 'just when you think you've heard it all' department comes this note from the minutes of November: 'to appropriate up to \$50 for 'Keep Christ in xmas.' Isn't something missing there?! The recorder must have been in a BIG hurry!

Ya' know, as I review photos in the past Shields, I have noticed that a lot of our members, whom I have gotten to know over the years, tried to disguise themselves as younger back then, but I got 'em. As my mom always used to say 'you can't fool an old fool' and that's where I come in. But, that's where I'll get out too, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl
historian

DUES NOTICE 2009

Dear Brother Knights,

FISCAL YEAR 2009 DUES NOTICES will be mailed to you on 17 December 2008. PLEASE look over your invoice for the correct spelling of your name, correct address, zip code, and the amount due. Mailing a second & third notice is expensive to our council and should not be necessary.

REGULAR MEMBERS' dues for 2009 are still only **\$20.00**.

HONORARY MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 65 IN 2008] dues for 2009 are **\$10.00**.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 70 IN 2008] dues for 2009 are **WAIVED**.

If you should have any questions or feel there is a mistake on your billing statement, please contact me: **(763) 427-6100, (763) 286-9355-cell#, or e-mail at: rerenner@ehrenner.com**

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
ROGER E. RENNER, F.S.

HAUNTED HOUSE 2008

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Haunted House this year – by building the Haunted House, by staffing it during the 8 nights that we were open, or by helping with the teardown on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Teardown was in record time this year – we finished before noon.

With the increased discount of \$2.00 (in 2007) for donation of a non-perishable food item for the local ACBC Food Shelf – we had a very large amount of food items again this year – **2004 items – a record amount**.

Customer activity was quite good again. We had only one low volume night and several large nights.

A thank you also goes out to Karla Haij (Coon Rapids Drama Teacher) and the Coon Rapids Theatre Department monsters.

Here are the key dates for our 22nd year – the fall of 2009:

Haul out – Oct. 2.

Construction – Oct. 3, 4, 10 & 11.

Open House dates (10 nights) – Oct. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 & 31.

Teardown – Sunday Nov. 1.

THANKS AGAIN FOR EVERYONE THAT HELPED US!

Steve Beberg, Ray Dalzell, Mike Johnson, Rick Landowski, Pat Worcester

Round Table Corner

The cleanup of property for St. Katharine Drexel on Saturday, September 27th, 2008, went smoothly thanks to all the help we had taking trees down and chipping for the pathway along the front of the property. We had over 25 people there that day helping out. Half of those people were knights from our council, and the other half were not yet knights, but members of the new parish.

We were able to take down many trees. More than we were able to get chipped up on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon 8 of us from St. Katharine Drexel, went back out to the sight and finished getting all the trees chipped and spread on the pathway. All the work that was accomplished that weekend was acknowledged at mass and greatly appreciated by Fr. Paul.

Special thanks to Northdale Construction, Rick Aberle Construction, and E.H. Renner for donating equipment that was used to make that day as successful as it was, completing all that we were able to get done.

Thank you everyone, for your help.

John Smetana

Round Table Coordinator

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH MID-WINTER BREAKFAST

The 'Mid-Winter Breakfast' will be happening after all morning Masses on Sunday, January 25th. That should be about 7 weeks after you receive this 'Shield'. This gives you plenty of notice to reserve that date on your calendar to help with one of our 3 shifts. The event takes place at St. Stephen's in the FCC.

We need between 60 to 70 volunteers that day, so please consider helping. The shift times available are: 8:00 to 10:00, 9:30 to 11:30, and 11:00 to 1:30. Another possibility to help is on Saturday, the 24th, when we prep the food for Sunday. Another 4 to 6 people that day would help greatly. Other members of your family are invited to help, too. If you would like to volunteer during any of these times, please give me, John Smetana, a call or send an email. My phone number is: 763-422-1152. E-mail to: jnlsmetana@earthlink.net. Thank you.

Pot of Gold Update

In the \$150 drawing in October, Al Ressler missed his chance, so the second drawing was held for \$15 and that winner was Brian Hoffman.

In November the \$15 drawing was the only one held. That winner was Denny Phenow.



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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec. 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
Tom & Jerry Night to follow
KC Hall
- Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Wrap-Up

On Saturday, October 4th, the 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dance was held at the KC Hall for our members and their friends. Attendance was a little lower than other years, with about 65 people attending. All who were there enjoyed socializing, eating a delicious meal and hearing great live music by 'The Miller Brothers'.

This year's event raised \$710.00 for the Anoka County Brotherhood Council food shelf. This would not have been possible if not for the great help of Suzanne Richards, the wife of brother knight David Richards, who contacted many businesses in our community who contributed gifts for prizes. Thank you, Suzanne!

Thanks, also, to everyone who attended. We plan to do this next year, on the first Saturday in October. Put it on your 2009 calendar as soon as you get one!

**Chairs: Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar,
John Smetana**



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..

Christmas Tree Set-up



Gretchen Foht, the Environment and Art Coordinator at St. Stephen, is requesting our assistance again this year with the Christmas tree set-up. If you have helped in the past, you know it takes a lot of bodies. If you haven't, how about helping this year, so some of our older bodies don't have to work so hard. **I'm trying to tell ya' we need a lot of help!** The trees will be set up **Tuesday, December 16th, at 6:30PM.** Bring your gloves, saws, extension cords, wrenches and anything else you think we might need. **But most important, bring yourself!**