

Our Chaplain, Fr. Mike Van Sloun, had a very busy Advent season and was unable to provide an article this month. His column will return in the February issue.



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

I wish a very "Happy New Year" to you and your families. The winter of 2008-2009 has started off snowier than many in recent memory. Snow lovers are excited, but numerous, long commutes and evenings spent shoveling are not so enjoyable. Take care of yourselves and be safe.

Resolutions at this time of year are often a part of many people's New Years rituals. Please keep your local Knights of Columbus in mind as you make your new commitments for 2009. Here are some ideas for your consideration: come to more meetings this year than last year, volunteer for one more project or event, step up to chair an event or, perhaps, consider a leadership position in our council. We welcome the fresh faces and new energy that you could bring to our council.

A couple of events ended 2008 on a positive note for us. The Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo was a terrific success! Many thanks to the co-chairs and those who volunteered and participated. Our annual Tom and Jerry Night was well attended and, I believe, enjoyed by those who were present. It was nice to see some of your lovely wives; hopefully, more will be able to join us next year.

In the coming year we will be reinstating some things to increase the recognition of those of you and your families who are going above and beyond in your service to our council. Come to our January meeting to learn more. I would like to start having a speaker at our meetings a few times a year. I would like to start inviting any of our members who would like to share with fellow Knights information on a special hobby or interest that you might have or, perhaps, your career has taken you to some unusual and interesting place or situation.

Jim Masteller, Grand Knight

**LOOKING FOR HELP
WITH MID-WINTER
BREAKFAST**

The 'Mid-Winter Breakfast' will be happening in less than 4 weeks on Sunday, January 25th, 2009. The breakfast will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's after each of the 3 morning masses. This event is open to everyone who would enjoy a delicious breakfast that morning.

The menu includes fresh fruit, scrambled eggs and ham, O'Brien potatoes, toasted English muffins along with bread pudding. Beverages served are coffee, milk and orange juice. Prices will be \$3 for children ages 4 to 10 and \$6 for adults. Proceeds from this event will go to St. Stephen's School "Adopt a Student Program".

If you indicated on our Knight's Questionnaire that you would be interested in helping, you can expect a call from me. Better yet, give me a call or send an email. I know some of you have never had the chance to fill out our questionnaire, so if you would like to help with this fun event, please contact me. Anyone helping for one of the shifts will be able to enjoy a delicious breakfast for half price.

We need between 60 and 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, either morning or early afternoon, when we prep the food for Sunday. This we usually get done in 2 to 3 hours. Another 4 to 6 people that day would help greatly.

Other members of your family are invited to help, too. If you would like



*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; Don Kramer; Patty Matlon.

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

In Memoriam

Please remember Ray Pipenhagen and his family in your prayers. Ray's wife, Norma, passed away last month. They had been married for 61 years.

to volunteer during any of these times, please give me a call or send an email. Phone number: 763-422-1152. Email to: jnlsmetana@q.com. Please note this is a new email address. Thank you.

Chairs:
Jeff Kieffer
Phil Lesnar
John Smetana

POT OF GOLD

Past Grand Knight and current Trustee Pat Riehl won the \$150 first drawing, therefore there was no second drawing.

History 2018

While reading a book I received from my grandfather's collection when he passed away, I came across a story about Archbishop John Ireland, the leader of our Archdiocese from 1888 until his death in 1918. The story was about his time as a Civil War chaplain. Bingo! 'Cuz I am an avid reader of Civil War history and, also, about the lives of outstanding individuals.

Most of the information for this story comes from 'The Catholic Pages of American History', published in 1906.

John Ireland was born in Ireland, but came to the United States with his family in 1850 at about the age of 12. They, eventually, made their way to Minnesota and by 1861 he was a young priest here. After the Battle of Manassas, or First Bull Run, in July of that year, he offered his services as a chaplain and in 1862 was assigned to the Fifth Minnesota Regiment, of which the make-up was predominately Catholic. He was very popular with the soldiers, who enjoyed his sermons. But preaching wasn't all he did for them. Sometimes he would accompany them into battle.

At the Battle of Corinth, in Mississippi in October of 1862, members of the famed Texas Brigade had opened a breach in the Union lines, captured some artillery and were moving into the town, where they would eventually be able to attack General Rosecrans' army from the rear. To prevent that from happening, the Fifth Minnesota Regiment was called upon to seal the breach. They gave it everything they had, but before they could complete the task, they began to run low on ammunition. They called for more and gathered what they could from their dead comrades. That's when they saw a clean-shaven, tall, young man in chaplain's garb coming down the line with a heavy box of ammunition on his shoulder. Yup, it was Fr. Ireland and he moved up and down the line in the midst of the battle to keep his boys supplied.

As evening came on and the victory was secured by the Union troops, they began to search for him. Not finding him, they feared the worst; that he had been killed. But, while searching through the wounded, they came upon him in an improvised hospital on the outskirts of town, unhurt and ministering to the wounded and dying.

Now, there are some of you out there who probably think I was an eye witness, but **gimme a break!** I'm not **that** old! The

story was actually related by John Arkins, who was in the battle and became the editor of the Rocky Mountain News after the war.

And that's my tidbit of history for this month. My time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

Some Words of Wisdom

Good judgement comes from experience and, often, experience comes from bad judgement. Rita Mae Brown

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me. Fred Allen

Thank You for your Prayers

As I write this, it is just six and a half weeks after my auto accident. Many of you have been praying for my recovery so I need to give you a report of the results of your prayers.

There is a time of about five hours that I don't remember anything so I'll have to share some things second hand. It appears that I was stopped or going slow for a survey crew on I-694 near the I-35W intersection when I was struck from behind by a van. According to the trooper the vehicle may have been going up to 60 miles per hour when it hit me. The impact broke my seat back and pushed me into another van in front of me. I had a concussion and was taken by ambulance to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of my back, neck, and head injuries along with bruises on my shin, thigh, toe, pelvis, shoulder, arm and head.

At this point in my recovery, I have been able to go out on just five home visit appointments but am doing much better than I was at first. My hope is that with the treatments and therapy I am getting I will be able to increase my activity and soon pick up where I left off. It has really been a lesson in patience for me. I want to do so much more than I can.

My general agent, Dale Robinson, and another agent, Ted Kaminski, have helped me by taking care of some of my most urgent appointments. My wife, Sylvia, has been a great help in taking care of routine office work and phone calls. So, between us all you should feel free to call with any concerns you may have and things will be taken care of.

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I really feel blessed by all of you and want to thank you for your kindness in this time of recovery. Please continue your prayers so I might have a full recovery soon. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and the best year ever in 2009.

God Bless you and your family,
Don Kramer, FIC, CSA, Field Agent

You Are the Best!

You have made my work with the Knights of Columbus a very rewarding experience. I serve seven councils and over 1,400 member families so I don't see all of you as often as I would like. Thank you for the kindness you have extended to me and for allowing me to visit with you in your homes.

After my experience with you, I would never do this for a commercial insurance company. Why? Because you are members of a fraternal organization and share my values and concerns. You are great people to work with. You are the best!

I can honestly say that in my almost seven years I have only met with one person I could call a jerk. (If you are reading this you are not the one.)

Collectively you have purchased hundreds of life insurance policies and millions of dollars worth of Long-Term Care insurance coverage through me. You have allowed me to help you with IRA's, Roth IRA's, SEP's, and annuities. In turn, I have helped you plan for your future by preparing Financial Analysis' and shared information through my website (www.donkramer.com) and almost monthly newsletter articles. I have helped increase your membership and assisted your council in becoming a Star Council.

You have trusted me with confidential information and given me the privilege of being with you in difficult times when delivering death claim checks – sometimes after an expected death and sometimes after tragic events – sometimes even for stillborn babies.

Thank you for being kind and generous with your time and allowing me to work with you. I wish you the best year ever in 2009.

God Bless you and your family,

Don Kramer, FIC, CSA, Field Agent
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DUES NOTICE

Dear Brother Knights,

FISCAL YEAR 2009 DUES NOTICES were mailed to you on 17th of December 2008. Mailing a second & third notice is expensive to our council and should not be necessary.

Please mail in your dues for 2009. If you have misplaced your dues notice, I will be sending out a 2nd dues notice on February 15th, 2009.

If you should have any questions or feel that you have paid your dues for 2009, please contact me: **(763) 427-6100, (763) 286-9355-cell#, or e-mail number at: rerenner@ehrenner.com**

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



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 1 Mary Mother of God
Holyday
New Years Day
- Jan. 6 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Jan. 13 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 25 Mid-winter Breakfast
St. Stephens FCC

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TURKEY BINGO WRAPUP

This year our annual Turkey Bingo was very successful. We had a really good crowd all night. Everyone sure seemed to have a great time. We anticipate one of our most profitable nights in many years. I think it is really important for our members to internally promote our bingos. Whether you work or play bingo, your support is very important to the success of these events.

We want to sincerely thank everybody that helped with Turkey Bingo. Everyone responded when we called for help and we really appreciate it. Thanks should go to Roger and Ray Renner for all their help. As usual, we had a great crew of workers. Special thanks go to Ron and Pat Ward, Ken and Judy Erkens, Ray and Carol Dalzell and Dick and Carol Klaesges. I want to thank the callers and all the guys that worked the tables. The Boy Scouts and their leaders did a great job with the concessions.

The Grand Drawing winners at the end of the night were: Pete Stadick, Susan Brettschneider and Dolores Pinor. All three were awarded 20 plus pound turkeys.

This will be my last time I chair Turkey or Ham Bingo. I can't thank everybody enough

for all the great support I received over many years of chairing these events. Vern Rausch is the new incoming chairperson and I ask you to please give him all your future support. Thanks again everybody!

Denny Phenow, Vern Rausch
Chairs

Pancake Breakfast

Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus Council 9139 is having a breakfast at St. Vincent de Paul on January 4th, from 8-12:30 in the school gym and cafeteria. Cost is: \$6/adult; \$5.50/senior (62+); \$4.50 child (5-12); 5 and under free; \$19/family of four. Some of the proceeds of the breakfast benefit the KC Golf League. Please bring your families and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

January Lecturer's Program

Bob McNaughton will present information about and explain the benefits that can be gained from becoming a member of the Minnesota Catholic Credit Union. This will be good information to get in these times of troubled banks. This presentation will take place after the January business meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Belousek
Lecturer

Do You Know a Membership Prospect??

A major degree membership installation is scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2009, at the Anoka KC Hall. This would be an excellent opportunity for any prospective member to take all three degrees to reach full knighthood in the Third Degree. With that in mind I will be conducting three membership information sessions in January. I will cover a basic history of the Knights, the structure of the organization from Supreme down through the local level, and the activities we conduct at all levels. It is an opportunity for all to discover what we are about. The sessions will begin at 7:30 P.M. at the KC Hall on Thursday, January 22, Tuesday, January 27, and Thursday, January 29. Only one of the three sessions is needed. If you know of a potential candidate call me or just have him show up at the meeting. Current members are also welcome to attend if you would like to know more about the organization. Call me with questions or names of potential members at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf
Membership Director