



*From the
Chaplain*

APRIL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April stands at the forefront of the liturgical calendar. The most solemn feast days of the entire year, the Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, are during this month. They come after the conclusion of the Season of Lent, the first portion of the month, and before the Easter Season, the final portion of the month.

As Lent draws to a close, please consider several suggestions. First, review the intentions or resolutions that you made at the beginning of Lent. If you are being faithful to them, carry on to the finish. If one or more has fallen by the wayside, resume them for the home stretch. Second, set aside at least five or ten minutes each day for private prayer. Take a moment to slow down, be quiet, and not only speak to God, but attentively listen and allow God to speak to you. Third, approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a great blessing to be cleansed and healed by God's gift of absolution, pardon, and peace, and to be ready to celebrate our holiest feast days in the state of grace.

As we approach the Triduum, please mark April 9, 10, 11, and 12 on your calendars. These days celebrate the most profound events and mysteries of our faith: Holy Thursday – the Last Supper, the Institution of the Eucharist, and the footwashing as a ritual that represents our call to humble loving service; Good Friday – the passion and death of Jesus and the veneration of the Cross; and Easter – the greatest of all feasts, the Resurrection and the Easter sacraments. Holy Thursday and Good Friday services are at 7:30 p.m., and the Easter Vigil is at 8:00 p.m. There is a full schedule of Masses on Easter Sunday morning with a special early Mass at dawn at 6:30 a.m.

It has always struck me as odd that Holy Thursday and Good Friday are not Holy Days of Obligation. The supreme importance of these days beckons us to go to church to celebrate these solemn events in devout communal liturgical prayer with

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our brothers and sisters in faith. Let us all, brother Knights, with our families, be one with the universal Church in worship during these three solemn days and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Mike Van Sloun

SHIELD DEADLINE

After discussing some problems with our Grand Knight Jim Masteller, we have decided to move the deadline up to the 17th of each month. It usually takes at least a week to get the copies back from the printer and I need time to label them and prepare for mailing. After that we are at the mercy of the post office and sometimes it takes about a week to get them into the hands of the members. Hopefully, this adjustment will prevent anything from being old news when the Shield arrives.

Mike Petschl, editor

In Memoriam

Past Grand Knight Ken Schumacher passed away on Saturday, February 21st, at the age of 72, from complications following a stroke. Ken was a very active member for 54 years as a Knight. He had been the chair or cochair of the Council Fish Fry from the start. If you attend this year, say a prayer for Ken and his family before digging in. And please keep his family and his many friends in your daily prayers as well.



*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; Patty Matlon; Ray Wesp.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy Easter to all brother Knights and their families. I am having the pleasure of writing this column on a day that is certainly feeling like spring. Neighbors that we haven't seen all winter are out and about and I think the neighborhood children have all grown two sizes. I'd really like to invite anyone that has been away for the winter or not able to come to a meeting in a while to please join us this month and get involved in some of the fun and worthwhile activities that we have planned.

Speaking of those upcoming events, we have quite a few coming up. There is the Tootsie Roll Drive and our booth at Riverfest. Both of these could really use many volunteers to help make them even more successful than they have been in the past.

By the time you are reading this we have completed another year of Fr. Mike's Fish Fries and our own at the KC Hall. We also have, hopefully, had a successful night of fun playing B.I.N.G.O. to win an Easter ham. Thanks to everyone who had a part in these activities.

Please join me in recognition of the March Knight of the Month – Delmar Schmelzer. He has dedicated many hours to our local parish of St. Stephen in many, many capacities. Please also join me in congratulating our Family of the Quarter, Ray and Kelly Danzl, for all their work to restart and maintain our website and, of course, for all of their work with the important job of managing our KC Hall for all the events for the Knights and our community that are held there.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

Congratulations 50 Year Members

The following members have attained 50 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus in April: **Carroll Abbott and Cy Dehn April 1st; Bill Kasper, Earl Dehn and Gerald Bauer April 14th.** Thanks for all those years of service!

HISTORY 2018 1975

This month we return to the annals of Council 2018 and it's quite a timely return. Ken Schumacher was the Grand Knight and, if you read the Shield, you may have noticed the article concerning Ken's death. This was the year he was deeply involved with the construction of the basement and the club room. Because of his hard work and that of many other brother Knights we have an excellent home today!

A note in January says the Father/Daughter Communion Breakfast was cancelled because of a storm. I assume that happened in December. They held another in February.

There are so many familiar names among the new members now that it would be like printing a roster, so we will dispense with that.

From the 'I have questions' category comes this little beauty from April 9th: 'motion to appropriate \$50 for a non-intoxicating liquor license'. What the blazes is non-intoxicating liquor? Is it liquor without alcohol or was that the term for the old 3.2 license? (If so, I knew a lot of people who could get intoxicated on 3.2 beer.) I'm sure someone will come forward to enlighten me on this one!

Gordy Dusterhoft steps into the spotlight as Grand Knight in July and he and his wife, Mary, increase the size of their family from 4-5 with the birth of a son in August.

Before I take my leave this month I want to share this excellent motivator from the April 1975 Shield. Take note procrastinators!



Above, we have supplied you with your own personal "ROUND TUIT". Cut it out and keep it. Guard it with your life. Never lose it. And make certain you don't let anyone take it away from you. The "TUIT" is quite difficult to procure, especially the round ones. But now, through this special arrangement, you can have your very own "ROUND TUIT". Now that all members are the owners of the "ROUND TUIT", many council problems should be solved and the outlook for the Knights of Columbus in our area should be most prosperous.

For you see, many members have said, "I would like to attend a council meeting, but I can't seem to get a ROUND TUIT". Still others have said, "I know I should be more involved in council activities and functions, but I never seem to get a ROUND TUIT". Some have even said, "I've been wanting

to support my council by sponsoring a member, but I've been so busy that I haven't gotten a ROUND TUIT".

However, all that is now passed. You have no excuses! And great things will definitely be in store for the Knights of Columbus this year because after all, there's nothing "TUIT" but to "DUIT".

That's it for me cuz' my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

Council 2018 Awards Banquet 2009

On Saturday night May 2 we will be having our Annual Awards Banquet at the Hall. We will begin at 5:30 P.M. with Social Hour and conclude around 9 P.M. after dinner, the Awards presentation and entertainment by Johnny Pineapple and his Waikiki Wildcat Show. Come join your brother Knights and celebrate another great year of Service to our Church and our Neighbor. You should have received a Flyer mid March. Please RSVP to me, Pat Larson Trustee by 4/25. Phone is 763-754-6768. Address is 2845 128th Ave N.W. Coon Rapids, Mn. 55448. Cost is \$15 per person, \$30 per couple.

URGENT

Seniors' Bus Drivers needed

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few candidates to be so honored as to drive our eleven passenger Senior Bus for 2009. The Saturday 5:00pm and the Sunday 9:30am Mass times are in need of replacement drivers. Training is available and a Minnesota Class "D" auto license is all that is required. Driving Commitment is every 5 weeks and substitution among the other drivers is common. Please contact Raymond T. Renner for this worthy project and for more details c a 11763 - 286 - 8806 - C e l l
Raymond Renner, PGK
28 year Director/driver

HAM BINGO

Our annual Ham Bingo is Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. It will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's Church. I hope to see you there.

Vern Rausch, H: 763-422-1128
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**A BLESSED EASTER
TO ALL**

Do You Know a Membership Prospect??

A first degree membership installation is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 2009. This would be an excellent opportunity for any prospective member to take the first step to full knighthood. With that in mind I will be conducting three membership information sessions in April and May. 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 all about. The sessions will begin at 7:30 P.M. at the KC Hall on Tuesday, April 28, Thursday, April 30, and Thursday, May 7. 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. 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

COUNCIL 2018 CHARITY FISH FRY

Even though St. Stephen's Parish is hosting fish fries coordinated by the Knights of Columbus during Lent we will continue our Council 2018 Fish Fry for charity as we have in the past. This is the one held at the KC Hall. Members and friends are invited to enjoy deep fried and baked fish with the proceeds this year going to a charity to be determined by the council. This year's fish fry will be held on April 3, a week before Good Friday as always, at the KC Hall. In the meantime, please support the fish fries at St. Stephen's Church.

The menu, in addition to the fish, consists of baked potato, garden salad, mixed vegetables, buns, coffee, and goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth. All of this for a donation of \$6.00 a person. Pop and beer will be available and you can B.Y.O.B. Socializing starts at 6:30 PM and serving starts at 7:00 and goes until everyone has had enough to eat. Stay and enjoy socializing and games in the clubroom after dinner. Make sure you sign in at the table by the door when you arrive.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY so that we have some idea as to how many people to prepare for. Please make your reservation NOW. Come and enjoy some "mighty fine" food at a reasonable price and have a great time with fellow knights and their friends. Al Kempf, chairman
763-421-0116



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 3 Council Fish Fry; 6:30PM
KC Hall
- April 4 Ham Bingo; 6:30PM
St. Stephen's FCC
- April 7 Planning Meeting; 7:30PM
KC Hall

- April 9 Holy Thursday
- April 10 Good Friday
- April 12 Easter Sunday

- April 14 Business Meeting; 7:30PM
KC Hall

- April 24-26 Tootsie Roll Drive

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1st Degree Team

Men who wish to become members of the Knights of Columbus begin by participation in the Exemplification of the 1st Degree. On February 15th, 24 candidates successfully completed the 1st Degree exemplification ceremony at the Anoka KC Hall. A special 1st Degree Team made up of Anoka Council #2018 members conducted this exemplification.

Anoka Council #2018 is seeking brother Knights who would be willing to serve on this 1st Degree Team. Usually, a 1st Degree Exemplification is conducted at our KC Hall 3-4 times a year, so the time commitment is relatively small. The role of the 1st Degree Team is extremely important because it is the first experience candidates have with the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in becoming a 1st Degree Team member, feel welcome to call me. I would be happy to field your questions. There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification held before the May 12th general meeting. This would be an opportunity for you to observe what this commitment would involve.

John Boege 763-421-3418

Welcome to our New Members

The Anoka Council gained four new members at the February 15 Major Degree. Joining us with full membership in the First, Second, and Third Degree were Benjamin Hansen, Victor (Marty) Donato, Scott Peterson, and Anthony Koebensky. Previously having joined us in the First Degree three others became full members in the Second and Third Degree. They are Zach Blankenheim, Augustine George, and John Loes. At this time the paperwork for a transfer for Greg Clemens, a Fourth Degree member, is in process. Please welcome them to our council.

Al Kempf
Membership Chairman



Tootsie Roll Drive 2009

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 24th, 25th and 26th of April, our council will again participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Monies raised in this event are given to local organizations that work with children who are mentally retarded. Phone calls will be

made asking for your participation. Please consider giving some of your time for this event. Family members are welcomed. With the advent of technology, if you know the hours or Mass you want to work at, please email me at matlonfam@yahoo.com or call me at 763 427-0478. This will save time making calls and putting together the schedules. We look forward to making this another successful event.

Thomas Matlon
Co-chair

Anoka Home Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Anoka Home Association is planned for Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 P.M. at the Anoka KC Hall. All members of Council 2018 are invited to attend. Voting rights however are reserved to shareholders only. You can become a shareholder by contacting Roger Renner at 763-427-6100. Shares are \$25.00 each. Simply stated the Home Association owns the KC Hall building since KC Councils cannot own buildings. Every council member is invited to buy a share and take part in the Home Association business. All are welcome!! Al Kempf, President

Anoka Home Association