



*From the  
Chaplain*

**THE EASTER SEASON:  
A LONG AND JOYFUL  
CELEBRATION**

This year the entire month of May belongs to the Easter Season, and it is a festive event of a different sort. Normally we celebrate an event for one day, whether it is a birthday or a wedding anniversary, Memorial Day or Labor Day. The happy day frequently includes the gathering of family and friends, steak and lobster or hamburgers and brats, veggie trays and snack foods, cake and ice cream, decorations and singing. But when the day is over, the party is over.

It is not so with Easter. Easter goes on for fifty days, not one. It is a festival of weeks: seven weeks of seven days, forty nine days plus one, fifty altogether, extending from Easter to Pentecost. You might ask: "Why celebrate Easter for so long?" Because it is the central mystery of our faith, and for a feast so grand and glorious, one day simply is not enough.

Easter celebrates the glorious final conclusion to the Paschal Mystery. It begins with Jesus suffering and death, and then for fifty days celebrates his resurrection, ascension, and final glorification in heaven; the victory of his cross and his triumph over sin and death; how Jesus has taken away the sins of the world, destroyed death, restored life, opened the gates of heaven, and given us the promise of eternal life. It takes more than one day to celebrate so much.

We should pay attention to the signs and symbols of our continuing celebration. We sing Alleluias. The Easter Candle which represents the risen Christ is placed prominently in the sanctuary. The colors are white



and gold. A sprinkling rite is part of every Sunday Mass to remind us of the new life we receive in Baptism. Infant baptisms are celebrated within Mass whenever possible. First Communions are intentionally scheduled during this time. The mood is particularly upbeat and joyful, positive and cheerful. During this Easter season, may the joy of the risen Christ fill your hearts, and may we carry this joy to everyone we meet. Fr. Mike Van Sloun

**HAM BINGO**

Our Ham Bingo was very successful this year. We had a very good turnout. Everybody had a great time. I want to thank the callers, recorders, card counters and all the floor workers for their hard work. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped because without all of you this event would not happen. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions. I want to especially thank Roger Renner for his assistance. We made approximately \$1,300.00 from the Ham Bingo.

Three names were drawn for bone-in-hams at the end of the night and the winners were William Rausch, Dawson Radloff and Jon Geldert. **THANKS EVERYBODY!**

Vern Rausch, Bingo 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; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Patty Matlon; Ray Wesp.

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,

I hope that all of you had a blessed and happy Easter with both your biological and faith families. Now that the chance of winter weather has passed, please come to a meeting with your brother Knights and get involved in some of our activities. We would welcome you and your families to come as participants and/or volunteers to anything that interests you. We are able to increase the benefits to the community when our involvement increases.

The young and the not so young seemed to all be having a good time at our Ham B.I.N.G.O. and I must say that my family enjoyed the ham that was won by my wife. Thanks to those who chaired and also everyone who worked to make the evening run so smoothly. The Tootsie Roll Drive has not happened as of the writing of this column, but I am hopeful that the weather will cooperate to help us have another successful event this year.

The calendar for the month of May is quickly filling up. Our annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a promise of good food, fine fellowship and fun entertainment in addition to recognizing accomplishments over the past year. The state convention is in St. Cloud this year on May 15-17. We are sharing hospitality this year with District 51.

A look ahead to June includes our food booth at Riverfest and also the installation of officers for next year being hosted at our own KC Hall. If anyone has any questions or interest regarding any upcoming or past events, I welcome you to contact me either after a meeting, by phone at my number or via email through our stunning new website. Jim Masteller, Grand Knight

## FIELD AGENT ARTICLE

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Are you feeling alone in the economic storm we are in? Does the economy have you feeling stressed out? Are names like AIG, Bernie Madoff, Fannie May, Morgan Stanley Wachovia and a host of others "comforting" to you? Are you tired of minus signs appearing in your earnings statement? When has Fr. McGivney failed us?

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### Mother's Day Flower Sales

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. We will be having a fund raising event to benefit Pro Life organizations, through the sales of flowers at St. Stephen's Church. We will be selling carnation and orchid corsages before and after all masses on that weekend.

There is a need for brother Knights to help with this event. The carnation corsages need to be assembled by volunteer workers, and that will take place on Friday afternoon, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. It will be in St. Stephen's church, in FCC-10. It should take 2 – 3 hours, depending on the number of volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help sell the flowers at all of the church entrances before and after all of the masses. We will have tables set up at all entrances to the church. If you can volunteer to help with this event, please call Joe or Marilyn Adler at 763-323-8313 or Jim or Marie Van Horrick at 763-427-1353. We especially need volunteers to sell flowers at the 11:15 mass.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support Pro Life causes. It also gives the community of St. Stephen's an opportunity to thank all mothers in our families for the love they have given. Please volunteer to help if you can, and watch for the volunteers on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for your support of this event.

Joe & Marilyn Adler

Jim & Marie Van Horrick

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### Memorial Day Mass

The Memorial Day Mass will be held at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9AM. Al Nathe has chaired this event for 11 years without rain, but if it should rain, the Mass will be held at St. Stephen's at 9:30AM. Any knights available to help can meet at the KC Hall at 7AM. Questions can be directed to Al Nathe at 763-234-2608.

## FISH FRY FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to everyone who supported the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Fish Fry for Charity. We were able to turn over a generous donation to the Anoka Council to add to the Charity Fund. This fund will be used to provide support for various requests received from local organizations and individuals. It also helps fund continuing charities such as support for seminarians, priests and religious, and students through the Student Loan program as well as others. Those that came received a tasty all-you-can-eat fish dinner in return for their support. We served 220 people. This number includes the workers and several people that received a free meal for donating some fish to the cause.

We would like to thank those that helped by providing fish and also a big thanks to those that brought treats for the dessert counter. We couldn't do it without the crew of 22 workers that made everything run so smoothly. The majority of them have been working together on this event for many years. Thanks to everyone! The whole crew worked very efficiently and seemed to enjoy being part of it. The biggest thanks goes to those of you who supported the fund raiser by your presence.

Al Kempf, chairman

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### St. Katharine Drexel Round Table News

Once again, the Anoka KC's have a chance to help out in supporting our neighboring parish, St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Community, in Ramsey, MN.

The members of the parish are putting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Party in the Park" on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in Central Park in Ramsey. It is a day of live music, games, food, beverages, and a good time. I am in charge of the beer and wine booth and am looking for help from our membership with pouring, serving, and making change for the beverages. The gate opens at 3:30 PM and the party goes until 11:30 PM on Saturday night. I will have 4 shifts going, each just over 2 hours long. I will need 4 people during each of those times. I plan to call, looking for help, but would greatly appreciate you calling or emailing me if you are interested in helping. You will be given free admission to the event and help in a fun area. Brother Knights and any family members over 21 are invited to help out behind the bar. Please give me a call at **763-422-1152** or email me at [jnlsmetana@q.com](mailto:jnlsmetana@q.com) soon. Thank you very much.

John Smetana

Round Table Coordinator



# The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 2 Awards Banquet, 6:30PM  
KC Hall
- May 5 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- May 9-10 Mother's Day Corsage Sales  
St. Stephen's
- May 12 First Degree, 7:00PM  
Business Meeting, to follow  
KC Hall
- May 25 Memorial Day Mass, 9:00AM  
Calvary Cemetary

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### BUS DRIVERS FOR SENIORS

**The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few candidates to be so honored as to drive our Senior Bus for the second half of 2009. The Saturday 5:00pm and the Sunday 9:30 am Mass times, are in need of additional 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 call 763-286-8806-Cell**

**Raymond Renner, PGK**  
**28 year Director/driver**

### History 2018

This month I'm gonna' lay a few of Mom's axioms on ya' in honor of Mother's Day! I'm sure you've heard most of them and probably used a few yourself, but here goes.

- Wait 'til your father gets home!** Around our house that was a threat that kept you on edge all day, but nothing really developed.
- The Lord helps those who help themselves!** Usually tossed my way when I was whining about needing some unnecessary help with something.
- Come and get it before we throw it to the rest of the hogs!** Served the same purpose as a dinner bell.
- Pick up after yourself; I'm not your maid!** With five kids and a one bedroom house, there wasn't much room to leave stuff laying around.
- He doesn't have the sense God gave the angle worms!** The shorter version nowadays is 'bonehead', 'knothead', 'birdbrain' or some other similar term.
- If I had a nickel for every time you told me that, I'd be rich!** Back in those days a nickel was worth something.
- If you're too sick to go to school, you're too sick to go outside after school!** It was the price we paid for sick leave and usually meant she didn't really think we were sick.
- If you think I'm falling for that you've got another thought coming!** Mom's way of saying I was full of baloney. Probably said it to herself when I claimed to be sick. (See above.)
- If you don't like it here go live somewhere else!** Where was the compassion when I felt the need to whine?!
- This last one is one of my favorites. **God gave you two hands (or feet); use them!** I even used that on our kids when they wanted me to drive them to the ice rink a block up the street. Anyhow, I'm gonna' take Mom's advice and use my two hands to type in my exit, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian