



*From the
Chaplain*

**THIS JUNE BEGINS THE
YEAR OF THE PRIEST**

On March 16, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI declared a "Year of the Priest" to begin this June 19, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the day the Church sets aside each year to pray for the sanctification of priests. The special year will conclude on June 19, 2010.

This announcement is particularly important to the Knights of Columbus who stand in solidarity with priests and have a special spiritual bond with them. Knights individually and collectively pray for the holiness of priests, assist them in their ministerial duties, offer them personal support, and pray for new vocations to the priesthood. Fourth Degree Honor Guards are a public sign of the commitment of Knights to protect priests from harm.

Priests are indispensable to the sacramental life of the Church. The Mass is *the* way that Catholics come together to pray, and the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." It is the priest who presides at the Mass, proclaims the gospel, preaches the homily, and consecrates the bread and wine that is transformed by the power of God into the Body and Blood of Christ. There is no Mass without a priest. The Church can never be without the Mass. Pope Benedict went so far as to say, "Without priestly ministry, there would be no Eucharist, no mission, and even no church."

It is absolutely essential that priests be exceptionally good and holy men, with Jesus, the High Priest, as the center of their lives. They also ought to be prayerful and devout, distinguished by their virtue, and living examples of the gospel. Pope Benedict is encouraging all priests to strive for "spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends." The Pope is also asking Catholics everywhere to pray with special fervor during the upcoming year for the sanctification of their priests.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun



**Officer Nominations
for 2009-2010**

- Grand Knight.....James Masteller
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Jeff Crampton
- Chancellor.....John Kinnick
- Treasurer.....James Lovsted
- Recorder.....Gary Kempf
- Warden.....Brian Hoffman
- Advocate.....Phil Harter
- Inside Guard.....Carl Ellingson
- Outside Guard.....Steve Haeska
- Trustee 1 year.....Pat Riehl
- Trustee 2 year.....Rick Landowski
- Trustee 3 year.....open

Nominations will remain open until the election at the business meeting on June 9, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep the family and friends of Ray Wesp in your prayers. Ray was an active member of our council for 33 years.



**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.

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,

We are reaching the end of another fraternal year this month. I would venture to speculate that I, as well as the rest of you, am seeing time pass by faster and faster each year. Yet, we all need to find ways to accomplish more with the time we have been given. The upcoming new year for us as Knights of Columbus is a good time for each of us to reflect internally and ask ourselves if we are able to attend one more meeting or volunteer at one more event or function. We are able to leverage our impact in the community by the strength of our numbers. A little more from each of us can go a long way during these times of greater need in our community.

The month of May included our State Convention, our observance of Memorial Day and our annual Awards Dinner. Thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered and attended these events. The area Installation of Officers will be held June 23rd at our KC Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. with a mass and the installation of officers, followed by a light supper.

Please join me in recognition of our Knight of the Month, Bruce Guggemos, for all the work that he does for the church. We are blessed to have so many Brother Knights committing their time, talent and treasure to our community. It is my pleasure to try to recognize those efforts and contributions.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

**History 2018
1976**

The remodelers were at it again, replacing a wood floor with vinyl tiles. The bulk of the work was done by Ken Schumacher and Ray Bernier. When I said Ken was involved with all the tile laying in the hall I wasn't even thinking about vinyl tiles.

'Laverne and Shirley' premiered on ABC in '76, putting a little humor into our weekly routine. The show lasted until 1983.

Here's a couple of unrelated but interesting monetary notes. 1) Ted Turner purchased the Atlanta Braves for \$12 million. Most players make more than that now, don't they? 2) The members of 2018 proposed motions adding up to \$2500 in April. They must have thought there were unlimited funds in the coffers.

A new council was fired up from St. Vincent's, St. Gerard's and St. Alphonsus and our Chaplain, Fr. Guenther, resigned to become the Chaplain of that council, since his home parish was St. Gerard's. Fr. Wittman became our Chaplain once again.

If you want earth shaking news, I got it! Earthquakes struck in China and Guatemala killing 242,000 people in China and 23,000 in Guatemala. Both were in the 8.0 range.

Gil Dullinger steps in to lead the Council and becomes a recycled Grand Knight, as he is a Past Grand Knight of Perham, Minnesota, Council #1773. This is also the year that Ralph Smithers becomes the Pro-Life Director, a position he held for over 20 years.

Want to know something about Alaska? (Well, too bad, you're going to get it anyway!) On August 26th a weak tornado touched down near Kiana, Alaska, about 29 miles north of the Arctic Circle. I guess there's nowhere to hide from those things. Then in November, MacLeod Harbor, Alaska reported a precipitation total of 70.99 inches for the month; a state record for any month of the year. Doesn't say if that was in the form of rain, snow, or things in between.

As I depart from you for another month, I will leave you with this extra, little bit of knowledge for 1976: Jimmy Carter was elected President of the United States and Fidel Castro was elected President of Cuba. I don't know if any of that matters to you or not, but that's all I've got, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

2009 Fair Bingo Sign-ups

As one of our major fundraisers during the year, we will be requesting the help of many to work the shifts required at the Anoka County Fair. This is a fun event that includes the opportunity to eat Fair food! We also provide passes to get into the fairgrounds. I am hoping that I can reduce the number of phone calls made by having shifts filled through email. If you can, please email me at kempffamily@msn.com to reserve your spot on a shift (first come first served!). You can also call me at 763-785-2206, if you do not have email. The shifts all require 10 people (includes 2 alternates). Indicate if you would like to be a caller. The shifts are:

- Monday, July 20th – 6PM- KC Hall
- Set up
- Tuesday, July 21st - 6–10PM
- Wednesday, July 22nd - 6-10PM
- Thursday, July 23rd – 6-10PM
- Friday, July 24th- 6-10PM
- Saturday, July 25th- 12-3:30PM
- Saturday, July 25th- 3:30-7PM
- Saturday, July 25th- 7-10PM
- Sunday, July 26th – 12-3:30PM
- Sunday, July 26th - 3:30-7PM
- Sunday, July 26th- 7-9:30PM
(includes tear down)

Your help and responses will be greatly appreciated. Spouses and older children are more than welcome to help out with this fundraiser! I will make phone calls in June and July to fill the remaining shifts. Thanks!

Gary Kempf
Fair Bingo Chairman

WORDS OF WISDOM

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

Galileo Galilei

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The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 19-21 Summerfest, St. Stephen
- June 23 Installation of Officers, 6:00PM
KC Hall

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Tootsie Roll

2009 Tootsie Roll Drive Follow-up Report

Our council once again participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 24th, 25th and 26th. This year we had periods of fine weather surrounded by periods of cold and wet. Next year I will have a talk with our council Chaplain to see what can be done about this. Our brave Knights (and children) withstood the conditions and performed admirably.

Many thanks to Brenda DuBay and Patty Matlon for the fine assortment of foods made for the workers. We were able to raise \$2,205.66 over the weekend.

These monies will be sent to local institutions involved with working with people having mental handicaps. We look forward to being involved with this event next year. Once again, thank you to all the Knights and their families who participated in this event.

Tom Matlon
chair



FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus held its spring exemplification at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park on April 18, 2009. Among those joining the Fourth Degree was Fr. Terry Beeson, formerly of St. Stephen's. Fr. Dave Gallus, a Crosier priest formerly at St. Stephen's, was entered into the Fourth Degree Hall of Fame for all of his good works.

WANTED Officers for Anoka Council 2018

Are you thinking that you are not an officer candidate? I thought that fact in 1988. Then I was asked to be an Outside Guard and I accepted. Over the next 21 years, I went on to being an officer or director in the Council and an officer in the Nicollet Assembly 4th degree. Any Brother Knight can be one if he just puts his mind to it.

Remember, you're only what you want to be. Step forward and take a position in the future; you'll surprise yourself and be proud of it. I know I am. Thank you!

Dick Klaesges, Past Grand Knight



FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DOME

The ANOKA KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS and THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN are hosting a FAMILY NIGHT AT THE DOME for a parish wide event.

You are invited to join our Pastor, Fr. Mike Van Sloun, on MONDAY July 27th cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they battle the Chicago White Sox. You can get more information and ticket reservation forms for this event from the Parish office after mass or by contacting Roger Renner. Motor coach, Game Ticket, and beverages are only \$25.00. This event is always a sell out and payment is required to guarantee your reservation for this event. All are welcome to Turn Up the Flame.

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