



*From the
Chaplain*

THE HIGH ROAD IN TROUBLED TIMES

Every age is beset by its share of troubles, but over the recent years the sea of life has been particularly stormy. Nearly every day we are assaulted with waves of bad news, report after report on bad loans and foreclosures, swindles and insider trading, lay offs and unemployment, bail outs and budget cuts, embezzlement and fraud, lying and cheating, betrayal and cover up, war and terrorism, torture and violence, abuse and neglect.

These troubles occur at every level: around the world, throughout our country, in our state, in our neighborhoods, and sometimes in our own families. Sin is the root cause for many if not all of our worst troubles. It is what happens when vice supplants virtue. The main sins underlying our troubles are pride, greed, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and laziness.

It is a matter of utmost urgency to look for safety and security in troubled times. We Knights believe the place to look is Jesus and his gospel, as well as the Church, its sacraments, and its teachings. Furthermore, it is no time to be depressed or abandon our high ideals. Rather, it is a time to recommit ourselves to honesty and integrity, truth and industriousness, goodness and decency, modesty and purity, respect and politeness, patience and kindness, generosity and cheerfulness, virtue and



holiness.

Life is a constant series of choices. The road of sin and destruction is wide and many choose to travel it (Mt 7:13). Jesus would like us to choose the high road, no matter how many others have chosen the low one. Sometimes we may feel alone because, as Jesus observed, "those who find it are few" (Mt 7:14). Let us never waver from our Christian ideals. May our lights shine brighter and brighter, because our world needs bright lights in troubled times. The high road is the right road: it leads to eternal life.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun



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; Duane Bouley.

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,

Happy New Year to all of you! Yes, believe it or not, it is already time to begin a new year, at least fraternally it is a new year, and I am honored, privileged and excited to be serving once again as your Grand Knight for the next twelve months. Many thanks to everyone – to all the officers and chairs of all of our charity and service projects, as well as to everyone else who gave of their time and talent in so many different ways. Things would not have run so smoothly without everyone who was involved in all of the activities of the council this past year. I would like to ask for the continued support of everyone as we move into this new fraternal year.

I welcome input and ideas from all of you. Please bring your ideas for improvement or change to myself or any of the other officers of our council. This is your council and you are invited to participate in any and all activities and events.

Speaking of those events...July offers opportunities to start the year off right. Our food booth at the upcoming Anoka Riverfest is a great way to be involved in a community event and of course B.I.N.G.O. at the Anoka County Fair needs multiple people for numerous shifts. Please respond positively and enthusiastically to requests for you to volunteer your time, as you are able.

I am looking forward to the upcoming months and the opportunity to continue to work with such a stellar group of men.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

ANOKA RIVERFEST

The date is July 11th and it goes from 9-5 in downtown Anoka. The Council 2018 'Joe's Corn Dogs' booth will be in action once again, so lend a hand when called upon, if at all possible!

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II. Service

Our Supreme Knight and all the members of the Board of Directors are Brother Knights - the decisions they make are made in the best interest of the members and their families.

Our founder, Father Michael McGivney, had a dream to create a Catholic organization to provide for widows and orphans of deceased members. The dream of Father McGivney is foremost in the minds of all those at the helm of the Knights of Columbus. The entire field force is dedicated to assist Knights of Columbus families through professional insurance, retirement and education planning for each member and their family. Father McGivney's dream is our charge.

III. Cost

As a fraternal benefit society we will always strive to give our members a diversified and cost effective portfolio of products.

IV. Fraternal Benefit Society Insurance Dividends

1. Dividends paid in 2005 were \$348 Million
2. Dividends paid in 2006 were \$352 Million
3. Dividends paid in 2007 were \$358 Million

V. Ask any insurance company any of the following questions:

1. What did your company do this year to promote my Catholic values?
2. How many times did your company televise the Holy Father on worldwide television last year?
3. What kind of pro-life campaign does your company have?
4. What has the CEO of your company done to combat human cloning and embryonic stem cell research?
5. Does your company promote and support vocations for priests and religious life?
6. Does your company support Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity annually?
7. Does your company support Mother Angelica's EWTN annually?
8. Does your company make an annual donation to the Holy Father's charities?
9. Does your company guarantee an education at a *Catholic* university to children of Knights of Columbus members who are policemen, firemen or military and who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty?
10. Does your company support World Youth Day every three years?

"The decision to invest in one place rather than another... is always a moral and cultural choice... The decision to invest... is always determined by an attitude of human sympathy and trust in Providence, which reveals the human quality of the person making such decisions." - Pope John Paul the Great, Centesimus Annus

Is there a better price than the Knights? - possibly.

Is there a better value? - *NEVER!*

Darrel Salchert

Knights of Columbus Field Agent

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 tickets 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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NOTES & QUOTES

Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home. Bill Cosby

In youth the days are short and the years are long. In old age the years are short and days long. Pope Paul VI

There is still no cure for the common birthday. John Glenn

Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle. Bob Hope



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 11 Anoka Riverfest, 9AM-5PM
Downtown Anoka
- July 14 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 21-26 Bingo, daily
Anoka County Fairgrounds

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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

History 2018 The WPA

With all the discussion about the president's Stimulus Plan, this seems like a good time to discuss that other great program the WPA or Works Progress Administration. The program was developed during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's term and lasted for eight years, from 1935 – 1943. The main purpose was the same as today, to put unemployed people back to work and stimulate the economy. It was funded by congress to the tune of \$4,880,000,000. That's a lot of bucks by any standards and look what it's costing today! But the program employed 8,500,000 people over those eight years.

There were Federal Writers, Arts and Theatre Projects for unemployed writers, artists and entertainers;

reforestation projects; slum clearance; highways, roads and streets were built; bridges, public buildings, parks and airport landing fields were constructed, repaired or improved. If that steel trap memory of mine is functioning, I believe the Anoka/Champlin bridge is a WPA project, which is why there was so much attention to detail when the new deck was built. The lighting even had to remain the same as the original.

Now then, I decided to look up a little weather history for 1935 also and it turns out that this was about the middle of the Dustbowl Years. There were dust storms in Colorado, Texas, Kansas and Iowa from February through April. On May 1st Minneapolis recorded three inches of snow and on September 2nd (Labor Day) an intense hurricane clobbered the Florida Keys with 200mph winds, a 15 foot tide and 30 foot waves, killing 400 people. People back then probably thought the world was coming to an end. And speaking of ends, I'm going to end this one 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian