



*From the
Chaplain*

KC FAMILY WEEK IN AUGUST

Each year a week in August is designated as Knights of Columbus Family Week. For 2009 the dates are August 8-16, nine days, not seven.

The family is the foundation and building block of the Body of Christ, the smallest and most fundamental division of the Church, the place where parents pass on the gift of faith to their children, the first and most important place where each person individually and the whole family together practices their faith. There is a wise saying, "Charity begins at home." Similarly it can be said, "Faith begins at home."

We Knights are dedicated members of the Church, and it is our firm commitment to build and support the Church, and if we wish to target our efforts properly, in priority order, our starting point will be at the foundation – the family. It should be our goal to foster the welfare of our families in every sense, especially spiritually.

The best place to look for spiritual inspiration and direction is the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They went to the synagogue every Sabbath and prayed at home multiple times throughout the day. They show us that "the family that prays together stays together." So for starters, every family ought to go to Mass together every weekend and pray together before every meal. There are many other at-home prayer options: the morning offering, bed-time prayers, and the rosary, to name some of the more popular ones.

Another goal for the family is to set aside time to learn and practice the faith together. It begins with teaching the children their prayers and telling Bible stories, and continues with faith



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope that you are finding time for some leisure activities with your families this summer. As I am writing this column in mid-July, I am having a hard time believing that this is the August issue of The Shield. For our Council, it means that we are about to gear up for our Haunted House, which is anticipated by many people throughout the region. This massive project is very important to us for its financial contribution to the Council and our ability to fulfill many of the requests that we receive for charitable donations and special projects. The Haunted House is, definitely, an example of a time when there is something for everyone. Please assist the co-chairs of our Haunted House by responding positively to their requests for workers for this event. There are numerous shifts available for set-up and construction or, perhaps, your talents are more in line with the work needed during the nights that we are open. And last but not least, there is tear down day.

For the busy month of July, can I just say "Wow" to the job done by everyone that helped with the food booth at Riverfest. The weather was terrific and this group, led by John Kinnick and Roger Renner, turned in excellent results for our Council. The deadline for this column is prior to the Anoka County Fair. I am hopeful that we had good weather and many people in the mood to play B-I-N-G-O. The busy month of July also included the annual and now very much anticipated Family Night at the Dome for the Twins game.

We have started the process to request a change to our by-laws and allow an increase in our annual dues. Please read the information that you will receive and prayerfully consider this request. Thanks to everyone for your involvement and dedication. It is so true that we couldn't have done it without you. I'd also like to take a moment to thank our new Deputy Grand Knight, Jeff Crampton, for volunteering for this role and for stepping up to be your
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formation classes and sacramental preparation. There are ample opportunities for families to participate in various ministries and programs sponsored by the church, the school, or the KC's; or work together on a community service project.

Beyond the more obvious spiritual building blocks, much else can be done to strengthen the fabric of the family: meals taken together; household chores cheerfully done together; open, honest, and frequent communication; group shopping trips; and family activities, picnics, vacations, and reunions. Family Week is an annual reminder of the key role that the family plays in the spiritual vitality of the Church and the well-being of society.

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.

(GK's Message continued)

Grand Knight next July. It is not too early for you to think if you'd like to be the next Deputy Grand Knight in 2010. If you have any questions or are interested, please talk to me or any other officer of the Council.

Jim Masteller, Grand Knight

History 2018

1977

Dust off your dress shoes and get the sport coat out of the closet! The annual New Year's Eve Dance was another success. Yeah, I know, that actually took place on December 31st of 1976, but what's a couple of hours? I say 'success', because they donated \$300 from the proceeds.

The Vikes were defeated 32-14 by the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XI on January 9th in Pasadena.

Exactly one month later, Cy and Thelma Dehn celebrated anniversary number XXV. Fast forward to 2009 and that number becomes LVII. Congratulations! That's a lot of years.

Check this out! Snowflakes were actually observed in extreme southern Florida on January 19th and by the time they made it north to Buffalo, New York, on the 30th it was a full blown three day blizzard with 75 mph winds, 25 foot drifts and -50 wind chills.

The Casino Night was still legal back then, but didn't fare as well as the dance, ending up with a small sum in the loss column.

Communion Breakfasts were held about three times a year and "Benchwarmer Bob" Lurtsema was the guest speaker at one of them.

Sporting events included the Free Throw Contest for the young folks and mixed doubles bowling and softball for the adults. (I was going to say 'for the old folks', but I anticipated a loud whine followed by nasty phone calls and emails.) It also appears that this may have been the year that the golf league got fired up.

In May Fr. Charles Brambilla filled in for the Chaplain, Fr. Karl Wittman, who was recovering from eye surgery. Prayers were asked for and worked well as he was back on the job in June.

A lightning strike plunged New York City into darkness on July 13th. Obviously, the lights weren't so bright on Broadway that night!

Gil Fleischhacker steps in to lead the council as Grand Knight. He is another one of our Past Grand Knights who transferred to the Osseo/Maple Grove Council, but we usually see him at our annual Council Fish Fry during Lent. And speaking of that, they planned a fish fry for Columbus Day, but had to cancel it for lack of interest. That's not a problem today! They have record numbers every year.

This is the year "Star Wars" hit the big

screen and among the celebrities who died were Elvis Presley on August 16th, Groucho Marx on August 19th, Bing Crosby on October 14th and Charlie Chaplin on Christmas Day, December 25th.

Let me leave you with my question of the month: what was Camp Sally? There was a lot of discussion concerning funding and I have no clue what it's all about.

That's it! My time is up. See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl
historian

HISTORY BONUS

All sorts of things you may not have known and probably don't care about anyway!

April 30, 1900 - Casey Jones died. (That would be the real Casey Jones; not the local TV celebrity of the '50s and '60s.)

July 15, 1902 - 3M (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing) was founded in Duluth, Minnesota.

September 9, 1902 - Gold is found in Alaska and on September 17, 1902 oil is found in Alaska.

March 22, 1903 - Niagara Falls dried up due to a drought.

August 19, 1903 - Dan Patch sets a record for the mile at 1:59. (That was a horse; not a man.)

December 17, 1903 - Orville and Wilbur Wright made four flights at Kittyhawk, North Carolina. The longest lasted more than a minute and traveled 850 feet.

January 1, 1904 - The canonization of Joan of Arc passed the second stage.

May 4, 1904 - Work began on the Panama Canal.

May 5, 1904 - Cy Young pitched the first perfect game in the major leagues. (I wonder if he's related to Tom or Peter from Council 2018?)

And last, but not least:

September 28, 1904 - A woman was arrested in New York City for smoking a cigarette on 5th Avenue. (Was she arrested for smoking or because she was a woman smoking?) Boy, do I know how to open a can of worms! Save your phone calls!

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 4 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 11 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Aug. 17 Shield Deadline

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FUNDRAISER FOR FREE2B

Free to Be is the local organization that repairs donated cars and gives them to needy individuals and families along with classes in creating a budget to help with future repairs and maintenance.

The fundraiser will be a wine and cheese social event held at the Goose Lake Farm and Winery north of Nowthen on Thursday, September 10th. Cost is \$25/person and includes food, wine sampling and live and silent pie auctions. Wine will also be available for sale.

If you are interested, you can get tickets by calling Free to Be at 763-717-7755 or through the website at www.freetobeinc.org.

Congrats to Larsons

Congratulations to Pat and Deb Larson. They have accepted appointment to the State Council Program Staff as Respect Life Chair Couple. Pat has served as Pro-Life Chairman for the Anoka

Council for several years. During that time he has planned the Safe Place for Newborns Banquet at the Church of St. Stephen several times. He has also coordinated the distribution of Pro-Life funds which the council has received over the last few years. Pat and Deb will be a positive presence on the State Staff.

Riverfest Update

Thank you for all who donated their time and sweat for the Riverfest in downtown Anoka on Saturday July 11, 2009. It was another wonderful year with a record profit again, as well as excellent weather that brought people out to purchase corn dogs, cheese nuggets and canned pop. This continues to be one of the best one day events for income to the council. Special thanks to Jim Masteller, Pat Riehl, Jeff Crampton, Bruce Guggemos, Al Nathe, Rick Fillmore, Rick Landowski, and Ray Dalzell for set-up, food cooking and take down. We look forward to your help and assistance next year.

John Kinnick
Roger Renner
cochairs

CHANGE IN THE BY-LAWS

The following motion was passed at the regular business meeting on July 14, 2009, in accordance with Article IX, section 1, this motion must be approved by two thirds vote of the members present and voting at the next regular business meeting on August 11, 2009.

Motion to change Article I, Section 3 of the by-laws of Anoka Council 2018 **from** - "Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable quarterly in advance at the first regular meeting in January, April, July and October. The annual dues of a member shall be \$20.00,"

to - "Each member shall pay annual dues, the same to be payable in advance of the first regular meeting in January. The annual dues of a member shall be \$25.00,"

Phil Harter
Advocate