



*From the
Chaplain*

KNIGHTS WEIGH IN ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

Health care reform is one of the hottest topics in America. It is at the top of President Obama's priority list, and he came to our own Target Center in downtown Minneapolis on September 12 to promote his health care plan. There are bills before both the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives. Senators and congressional representatives are in a hotly-contested debate about how to best proceed, and while there are many complex medical and economic issues, there is a moral-ethical dimension that is of paramount importance and must not be ignored.

Both the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are voices in this debate. The foundational principle is that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and that every person has innate dignity, and therefore, every person deserves respect and care for the entire span of life from conception until natural death.

Health care is about protecting and preserving life, not ending it. Therefore, any provisions against life must be vigorously opposed, whether it be abortion at the beginning of life; or the rationing or denial of medical procedures based upon disability, infirmity, or advanced age; or euthanasia at the end of life. Moral health care respects and safeguards life at all times.

There are other key moral issues, such as the protection of the right of medical professionals to exercise their conscience and their ability to refuse to participate in procedures that are contrary to their beliefs and destructive of human life; and universal coverage or access for all, particularly the poor



and the immigrant.

The Vatican has stated that the Knights of Columbus have a special role in this debate. The Pope "trusts that, as a respected and articulate voice of the Catholic faithful, the Knights of Columbus will continue to defend that teaching through reasoned argument and responsible participation in civic and political life." We Knights are called to weigh in on health care reform, to do our part to influence public policy, and to insist upon policies and laws that uphold the dignity of life.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

Spaghetti Dinner & Dance

We found a date that the hall is open and "The Miller Brothers" band is able to play some great music once again for the 10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance. Mark your calendars and reserve the night of Saturday, December 5th, 2009 for a fun night of great food and enjoyable live music.

Dinner will consist of Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread accompanied by a Caesar Salad and a glass of wine. Dining will end with a serving of Spumoni Ice Cream.

After dinner we will be entertained and able to dance to the great live music done by 'The Miller Brothers'.

Again there will be drawings for great prizes, with a minimal donation. Proceeds from these donations will be go to ACBC food shelf just in time for Christmas.

The cost of this night out is \$15 per person. This event is NOT limited to Knights. Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the evening with us.

Beverages available at the hall will be beer, pop and any remaining wine from dinner. B.Y.O.B.

RSVP's are being taken, so please call **John Smetana** at **763-422-1152** or send an email to jnlsmetana@q.com and let us know how many are planning to attend.

Hope to hear from you!

Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar, and John Smetana,
Chairs



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy fall! Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year and I wouldn't mind if mild temperatures held until Thanksgiving. As I am writing this, the leaves are just beginning to change in our part of the state. But by the time you are reading this, glorious color should be all around us here in southern Minnesota.

Our fall events are just about upon us; the Haunted House and our float in the two Anoka parades can use the participation of all. It is not too late to sign up to fill a shift or two. The importance of this event for our council and the community is tremendous. Please bring your family and tell your friends that they are invited, too.

I would also like to take some time this month to ask each of you to prayerfully consider getting more involved in our council. We have openings for chairmen on some activities and are looking for some Brother Knights to come forward and accept leadership positions. All of you have talents and gifts and we welcome you to share them. Please don't let a feeling of shyness or the fear of failure hold you back. The large size of our group allows us the benefit of 'strength-in-numbers' and no one is left to 'go-it-alone', but we need to relieve some of those who have committed many years of their time and are now looking to train in new chairs and leaders. The ability to continue many activities and events depends on this new infusion of involvement and energy. If you'd like to do more but don't know where your talents would best be served, please contact any of the other officers or myself. We can talk about our strengths and guide you to be rewarded in more ways than you can imagine at this time. Thank you to everyone for your consideration.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018 1978

Minnesota's favorite son, Hubert Humphrey, died on January 13th. Many of us remember him as more than just the guy the Metrodome was named after.

What a winter of weather discontent! On January 20th a 'Nor'easter' dumped a record 21 inches of snow on Boston and 15-20 on Rhode Island followed on February 7th by 27.5 more on Boston and 50 on northeastern Rhode Island. Meanwhile, a huge blizzard clobbered the Midwest with 1-3 feet of snow in Michigan along with 70 mph winds and over 100mph wind gusts in Ohio.

I have the info on Camp Sally! Three people responded to my request, Buster Talbot, Tom Heltemes and Dick Dols from the Blaine/Coon Rapids Council. I was told that Camp Sally was a 4-H camp located on Martin Lake in northeast Anoka County. Council 2018 sponsored a weekend of camping and provided the counselors once a year for up to 25 disadvantaged young people ranging in age from 6-15. In 1978 the council held a roller skating party as a fundraiser for the weekend.

The council Fish Fry appears this year with Ken Schumacher as chair, which means he chaired that event for 30 years.

There was a 'thank you' to Dale Guimont in the Shield for all his work at many hall improvements. Well I got news for ya! Thirty years later he is still one of our most active members and a fine example for all of us, helping at many events and hall remodels. Dale is one of our Past Grand Knights, holding several positions as an officer both before and after being elected Grand Knight from '78-'79. He is currently serving as one of the trustees for the council. Thanks again, Dale!

In August a couple of big events occurred. Pope Paul VI died on the 6th. Albino Cardinal Luciani was elected as Pope John Paul I on the 26th and died one month later on September 30th. Finally. Karol Cardinal Wojtyla was elected as Pope John Paul II on October 23rd, the first non-Italian in 455 years.

A Pig Roast and Hula Dance event was held on September 23rd. Sounds like a fun time. Unfortunately for me, I wasn't a Knight yet. Monaco Ancheta chaired the event with help from his wife, Rosie, and Mario and Florie Parayno and several others. We have known them all since that time, because we had an exchange student from the Philippines live with us from '78-'79 and Fr. Wittman directed us to Monaco

and Rosie to learn about the Philippine culture.

September also brought the motion to purchase the jukebox which still resides in the council chambers and, to my knowledge, still works. Let's fire it up and I'll dance my way outta' here. (Actually, that would be quite ugly.) I'll see ya' next month, 'cuz my time is up!

Mike Petschl
historian

----- Anoka Halloween Parade

We have submitted our application to the Anoka Halloween Committee this year. I have been in contact with them but I don't expect to hear from them for a few more weeks on being accepted. If you are interested in helping build the float this year or have children, grandchildren, neighborhood kids that would be interested in riding on the float or handing out candy. (Of course, we accept 70 year olds that are kids at heart as well.)

Please contact Ray and Kelly Danzl at 763-754-6303 or

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From the Deputy Grand Knight

My Brother Knights,

I'm sure we would all agree there is nothing quite like helping others. Volunteering your time and your expertise in church, in the community and with your Knights of Columbus council brings a sense of fulfillment that just can't be matched anywhere. I know we have a lot of new members who for one reason or another are shy about volunteering. Believe me, there's no better way to get involved. Volunteers are the backbone of the Knights of Columbus. We need you to get involved.

Directors are the interface between the chairman and the Program Director. At the Knights of Columbus we are currently in need of Volunteers for the following positions: Public Relations Director - oversees getting the word out to the public about our council activities; Youth Activities Director - work with the Youth Activity Chairman to ensure the activities have everything needed to run smoothly; and Church Activities Director - interface between the Knights and St. Stephen's Church.

We also need chairmen for the following existing committees: Senior Brunch, KC Midwinter Party, Steak Fry, Free Throw Contest, Christmas Caroling, and two new committees: Funeral Rosary Committee, and Family Potluck Dinner.

Please feel free to contact myself or any officer for more information. Thank you!

Jeff Crampton, DGK, Anoka 2018
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----- Minnesota Knights of Columbus

Softball Tournament.

The team comprised mainly of Anoka KC members played in the annual Minnesota KC Softball tournament on 8/29-30 in St. Peter. The team finished in 3rd place in the upper bracket this year. The exciting news is that we will be the host city for next year's tournament, August 28-29, 2010. I am working to secure the Coon Rapids Sand Creek complex for the tournament. Stay tuned for upcoming articles as there will be fun for all and some help will be needed from our membership for a dinner event that will bring in money to our council. I look forward to a fun activity next year.

Ray Danzl, PGK
and now MN State Softball Chairperson.



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 6 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day
- Oct. 13 1st Degree Initiation, 7:00PM
Business Meeting to follow
KC Hall
- Oct. 17 November Shield Deadline
- Oct. 31 Halloween

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HAUNTED HOUSE 2009 – OUR 22nd YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HELP! HELP! HELP! We are very much in need of help on the open nights from Oct, 15th - Oct. 31st. Please volunteer if at all possible!

The key dates are as follows. Construction will be the 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th of October. The open dates for the Haunted House will be as follows:



- Oct. 15th, Thursday – 7-9PM
- Oct. 16th, Friday – 7-9PM
- Oct. 17th, Saturday – 7-10PM
- Oct. 22nd, Thursday – 7-9PM
- Oct. 23rd, Friday – 7-10PM
- Oct. 24th, Saturday – 7-10PM
- Oct. 25th, Sunday – 7-9PM
- Oct. 29th, Thursday – 6-9PM
- Oct. 30th, Friday – 6-10PM
- Oct. 31st, Saturday – 6-10PM

Tear down will be on Sunday, November 1st.

The numbers of food items donated to the local ACBC Food Shelf last year was very good. Last year we changed the customer prices and increased the donation credit for food items donated to \$2.00 per person. Ticket prices for 2009 are: age 11 and older - \$8.00 and for children age 10 and younger - \$7.00.

As you all know, this event means a lot to the Council, Anoka Community, ACBC Food Shelf and Coon Rapids High School Drama Club. We are asking all our brother Knights to take an active part in the event – whether your expertise is in construction, staffing or finance and numbers. Please call or e-mail to volunteer your name for the 2009 Haunted House.

Ray Dalzell 763-757-1241; e-mail is: RaymondDDalzell@cs.com
 Steve Beberg 763-286-1439; Rick Landowski 612-508-2891; Mike Johnson

IN MEMORIAM

We have lost three brother knights over the last two months: Bernard Lenz, a member for 66 years; Al Schrupp, a member for 35 years; and Don Paquette, a member for 60 years. Please remember them and their families and friends in your prayers.



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; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Patty Matlon; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mbpetschl@msn.com.