

From the Chaplain



November in the Church year starts off with a challenge. A challenge to each Knight as to how we live and what we live for.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you

and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward will be great in heaven.”
(Mt 5:1-12a)

What is the good life which God intends for us? Is it not... our desire and longing for true *happiness*? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation – to live a life of the beatitudes. The word *beatitude* literally means “happiness” or “blessedness”.

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God



has placed in every heart. Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. God offers us the greatest good possible – abundant life in Jesus Christ and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God.

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world.

As Knights we strive to live the beatitudes each day and through faith in the promises Jesus made, we can rejoice and be glad, for our reward will be great in heaven.

Deacon Chuck Waugh



Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brother Knights,

It is still early in November but I'd like to take a moment to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. As we reflect at this time of year on what we are thankful for, I would like to put all my brother Knights close behind my family on the list of what I am thankful for. As we go through our busy lives it is good to take some time to think about all that we have been given amidst all the hardships that so many are facing right now. It is also a good time to think about all those that we can help with our many events and service projects.

And for events and service projects you don't have to look much further than our annual Haunted House for one of our most important. As I am writing this column, we have just completed our first couple of nights of being open for business. I am praying that the weather will cooperate and give us some good nights for the community to enjoy the frights and thrills that we have to offer. The transformation of the pole barn looks great and is an excellent effort once again by all the chairs and hard working volunteers. The Anoka parades have also happened by the time that you are reading this and I hope you had a chance to enjoy them and perhaps participate in our float. Thanks to everyone for the time put into this as well.

Now that the Haunted House is completed for another year we move right on to some of our late fall events. Coming up in November we have our annual Memorial Mass and Turkey B-I-N-G-O. And now that the date for the Spaghetti Dinner has been set for December, get your tickets reserved and plan to attend and enjoy a delicious meal, with good music and conversation. Remember friends and family that are not KC members are welcome to join us as well.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018 Remembrances of Fall

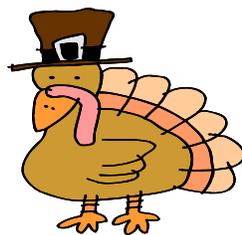
This month I'm going back in time to my former life as a child. (To those who say 'how can you go back to something you never left', I will only say 'that is a nasty rumor'!) C'mon, let's put half the nonsense aside and share some youthful memories of fall.

Halloween is gone for this year, but I can remember when it was a safe and fun night. We could go out for Tricks or Treats alone and not be in danger of tainted treats or being snatched off the street. And who can ever forget the smell of burning leaves on a cool autumn day? Nothing will bring back memories faster than that! Try doing that today and you'll receive a visit from a police officer to add to your memories.

What the dickens would fall be without football? Get home from school, change clothes (sometimes), and get out the door for a neighborhood football game. Oops! There was Mom with a reminder that I had yard work to do first. Yeah, those pesky leaves needed to be raked. 'But Mom' I would plead, 'the guys are gonna' have a game!' (As if she cared!) To which she informed me that the work had to be done if I wanted to go to the high school game on Friday. 'Ah, Mom!' (See, I've had a lot of years to perfect my whining and it still doesn't work.) When we did get a football game in, I probably didn't change clothes and lost half the buttons off a good shirt 'cuz it functioned like a tear-away jersey.

Enough of silly games! Who remembers when we burned coal for home heating? Wasn't that nice clean stuff to deal with? My maternal grandfather delivered coal for a living. He worked for the Hartzell Coal Company in south Minneapolis and was injured quite badly when a retaining wall collapsed and he was buried under a pile of coal. He had a broken leg and internal injuries from that incident. Alright, back to where I was! We had a storage room in the basement that we called 'a coal bin'. The window could be removed and a chute run in from the truck. The driver than shoveled the coal into the basement. There was always some black dust involved with this routine. Over the years that old, coal burning furnace was converted to a wood burner and finally to fuel oil, but it was never replaced. However, the editor will probably replace me if I don't get outta' here, so I will leave willingly 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian



TURKEY

BINGO

Our 52nd annual Turkey Bingo is coming up. The date is Friday, November 20, 2009 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. This year's event will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's Church. We are in need of help, so please consider working a shift. There will be two shifts. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 and the second shift is from 8:15 to 10:15. I would encourage you to attend this event with your family for a night of fun and excitement. Please tell your friends and co-workers too, or better yet bring them along. You will have a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

Vern Rausch, Coordinator

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Christmas Tree Set up at St. Stephens

We have been asked by the church to help set up the Christmas trees in the church again this year. The set up is on Monday evening, Dec 14th 6:30 pm - until we are done. In the past it has been a fun 90 minutes to set up multiple trees around the church. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ray Danzl at 763-754-6303 or e-mail him at Raymond.Danzl@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Don Stewart's wife, Bea, died on October 7th. They were married for 76 years.

Terry Phillips passed away on October 12th. He was a knight for 52 years and a long time member of our calling committee.

Please remember both of them and their families and friends in your prayers.

MEMORIAL MASS

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10th, at 7PM at the KC Hall for our annual Memorial Mass to honor our deceased members from this past year. The names of those members are: Merlin Blais, Al Schrupp, Terry Phillips, Don Paquette, Tom Ball, Dave Kopecky, Ken Schumacher, Ray Wesp, Bernard Lenz, Harold White, Don Hostetler, Bob Bauer, Richard Nathe, and Don Hassler.

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The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1 All Saints
- Nov. 2 All Souls
- Nov. 3 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Nov.10 Memorial Mass, 7PM
Business Meeting to follow
KC Hall
- Nov. 20 Turkey Bingo, 6:30-10:00PM
St. Stephen's FCC
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

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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

Welcome to New Members

At our October installation eleven new members took the first step to full Knighthood in the Knights of Columbus. They were introduced to the first of our founding principles, Charity. New members in the First Degree are Thomas Edholm, Jalmer Jantunen, Paul Tacheny, Tim Ness, Mike Stuedemann, Robert Teachman, Robert Edholm, Gregg Berres, Jim Meyer, Louie Beehler, and Vidal Cordoba. Hopefully they will find some interest in one of our many activities and become participants. New members often provide new ideas for new activities as well as old activities. Congratulations to all of them!! If you know of a potential candidate for membership in the Knights please contact Al Kempf, Membership Chairman, at 763-421-0116.



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Merle Mevissen; Ray Pipenhagen; Tom O'connell; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zeleznak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Patty Matlon; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz.

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