

## From the Chaplain



As you know, February is known for many things but mostly as the month of Love, as reflected in St. Valentine's Day on February 14. Also notable in February this year is that Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

St. Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Ash Wednesday, on the 17<sup>th</sup>. On Valentine's Day we give flowers, cards, chocolate or maybe some small token of our affection.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey with prayer, fasting and alms giving.

On Valentine's Day we show our love for others.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey to show our love for God.

On Valentine's Day we try to show others how much we love them in the gifts we give.

On Ash Wednesday what gifts are we going to give to show how much we love God?

We could pray, fast and give alms!

We could, but why?

Would it be to draw attention to ourselves so that others may notice and think highly of us?

Oh, look what I did to show my love for God!

Or would it be to give **glory** to God? Do we pray, fast and give alms to show our gratitude for the love God has shown us, in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ? Or do we pray, fast and give alms to feel good and look good doing it?

Jesus warns his disciples of self-seeking glory – warns against the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. We all like to get a pat on the back but it shouldn't be **why** we do it. True love is something more than feeling good or looking good doing something that we think God would like. It is a loving **devotion** to God. It is an **attitude** of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a **gift** and **working** of the **Holy Spirit** that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to **please** him in all things (*Isaiah 11:1-2*).



So what's in it for us? What do we get from all this? Let's face reality here, we are a selfish people. We don't do **anything** for nothing. If you were honest with yourself, you would agree. So... **what's** in it for us? Communion with God!

It is in a **relationship** with God that we **find** the fullness of life... happiness... and truth. And God will **renew** us each day and give us **new** hearts of **love** and **compassion**. Today we have an opportunity to renew our relationship with God as we begin our Lenten journey. Every time we go to Mass, we receive a sign of God's forgiveness. A sign of Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us. The most Holy Eucharist.

When we receive the Eucharist, it is an outward sign that we want a deeper relationship with God and that we are on a journey that ends in salvation. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbor? Then seek God **expectantly** in prayer, with **fasting**, and in **generous** giving to those in need. As we begin this journey of love, may our **hearts** be on **fire** with the **Holy Spirit** to give us **strength** and **courage** so that we may grow in **faith... hope... and love...** as we follow in the footsteps... of Jesus.

Your friend in Christ,  
Deacon Chuck

### SHIELD DEADLINE

The deadline for the March issue is being moved up to February 14<sup>th</sup>. It's a short month and the editor is heading south. If you are a procrastinator and miss the deadline, make sure your article can still be used in April.

Television is a medium because anything well done is rare.

Fred Allen

When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick.

George Burns

I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.

Henry Ward Beecher

All right, everyone line up alphabetically according to your height.

Casey Stengel

## Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brother Knights,

Well, we have made it half way through another Minnesota winter. I hope that everyone has been safe and has avoided any slips or falls; it has seemed icier than I remember in the recent past.

If you are looking for something to do on a winter evening, feel free and welcome to attend one of our upcoming meetings. Our general membership meetings are always on the second Tuesday of the month right at our own KC hall. We can warm up a cold winter night with more members in attendance to share their ideas and input.

The deadline for this column is before the date of our Midwinter Breakfast, but I hope that many of you were able to enjoy a delicious breakfast with friends and family before or after Sunday Mass. Hopefully, the weather cooperated for a good turnout. Thanks to the chairs and everyone who volunteered to make this a successful event.

Looking to the future, it isn't too early to start thinking about our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive or Easter Ham Bingo. Both events benefit from lots of participation and volunteers to make these successful for our council.

We continue to have openings in positions of leadership for our council. I know that everyone is feeling pulled in multiple directions during these times. Myself, and the rest of the council, appreciate everything that you all do and have been doing for many years. We would love to have some new people come forward to fill some of these open positions. If you need any help figuring out where your interests would fit our needs, please contact me and I'd be happy to help you figure this out. We have some activities that won't continue if there are not people able to fill these leadership positions.

Jim Masteller  
Grand Knight

## History 2018 1980

As we start a new year the minutes still pertain to some items from the previous year. They apparently held a Christmas Poster Contest. Now I have been of the understanding that the Knights of Columbus are strong advocates of keeping Christ in Christmas, so I am completely baffled as to why so many of our recorders decide to use the word 'Xmas'! It's the only word that ever gets shortened in the minutes. Is that some big time saver?! In this case he is referring to the Xmas Poster Contest not going over too good. Well for cryin' out loud, maybe nobody knew what an Xmas poster was supposed to look like!!! Okay, okay, I'll get off my soapbox!

The Winter Olympics should cool me down. This was the year of the Miracle on Ice for the U.S. men's hockey team and Eric Heiden won five (count 'em) gold medals in speed skating competition.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated in El Salvador and in December, three nuns and a lay missionary were killed there also.

I see Larry Moeller among the new members for 1980. For you with short memories, Larry is the guy who brought up the idea of the council taking over the Haunted House from the Jaycees back in 1987. He was one of the masterminds and played a mean Freddy Krueger for about 18 years before leaving for the sunny confines of southern California.

Mt. St Helens erupted on May 18<sup>th</sup> killing at least eight people and then erupted three more times within 24 hours on October 17<sup>th</sup>. And somewhere in the middle of all that turmoil, Ernie Larsen became the Grand Knight. Now, I'm not claiming there is any connection between Ernie and those other events, but he is quite a mover and a shaker in his own right. He still does a lot of volunteer work and serves on the board of the Anoka County Brotherhood Council.

This appears to be the beginning of Tom and Jerry Night after the December meeting. There is mention of it in the minutes, but no details. That must mean that Cy Dehn and Jim Neilson have been treating us for comin' up on 30 years! Thanks guys!

Here's my kinda' weather fact. A man in Falmouth, Maine, who had been blind and partially deaf since a truck accident in 1971, regained his sight after being struck by lightning. I will state before Fr. Michael/Bennet/John that I do not make these things up.

May I have an explanation please! In an article about an upcoming Steak Fry, Ron Ward says Dave Castle promised to be the entertainment. Come on, I gotta' know what he did!

Let's wrap this mess up with some record high heat: 100 in Iowa in April; 106 in Williston, ND, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>; 117 in Wichita Falls, TX, on June 28<sup>th</sup>; a record warm low of 89 in Kansas City, MO, on July 10<sup>th</sup>; 42 consecutive days of 100 degree heat from June 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dallas, TX, with 18 more in August and four more in September. With that my time is up and I'm leavin' before somebody puts two and two together and connects me with all the hot air. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian



## 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 Zele-nak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Earl Dehn; Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; 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](mailto:mbpetschl@msn.com).

### St. Blaise - February 3rd

The Roman Emperor Licinius had set forth an edict to stop the spread of Christianity, so St. Blaise had gone to hide in a cave and treated many wounded wild animals while there. He was eventually discovered by some soldiers and taken back to be put to death.

On the way they met a poor woman whose pig had been grabbed by a wolf. At the command of St. Blaise the wolf released the pig unhurt. While he was in prison the woman brought him two candles to ease the gloom of his cell. He also miraculously cured a child who was choking on a fishbone and that is why he is called upon by people with throat trouble.

It is said that he was tortured with an iron comb and then beheaded. His emblems are an iron comb and a wax taper.

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# The SHIELD



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Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Feb. 4 Information Session, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Feb. 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Feb. 14 Major Degree, 10AM  
KC Hall  
Valentines Day  
Shield Deadline
- Feb. 15 Presidents Day
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday

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## StKDCC – May Need Your Help for Expansion

The building committee for St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Community presented a plan to the Ramsey Planning Committee

Steve Dufon and Fr. Paul met with the City Planning Commission on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, concerning the application for an interim use permit (IUP). The Commission approved their plans for expansion, and is recommending to the Ramsey City Council that the IUP be granted. The City Council will take this under advisement for their meeting on January 26. If they approve, StKDCC will be granted the IUP and can apply for the necessary building permit to make the expansion a reality. Meanwhile, various members of the building committee are working hard to

facilitate the necessary construction for this expansion.

I am looking for help from brother knights of the Anoka Council with expanding our current parish center. We are in need of people who enjoy destruction, construction, electrical expertise, and those who just simply enjoy helping out. If the City Council approves the IUP, we will begin expansion the beginning of February.

Any questions, or if you want to help, I can be reached by phone at 763-422-1152, or by email at [jnlsmetana@q.com](mailto:jnlsmetana@q.com).

To find out more about what is happening with the building of our new parish, go to [www.stkdcc.org](http://www.stkdcc.org) and click on Building Committee located on the left side of the page.

John Smetana  
Round Table Coordinator

## Antique Coca-Cola Cooler Chances!

The Westinghouse WD-10 Point of Sale Coca-Cola Cooler that has been in use in the hall is being used as a hall fund-raiser. We will be taking \$5 donations to win the cooler until the April 13th general meeting. There are only 100 tickets for this fund-raiser. The cooler is in working condition and would be great for a family room or garage. Current value of the cooler is around \$300 on most price sources. Donations will be taken during all KC meetings until April 13th. If you can't make a meeting, please contact the Hall Manager to make a donation. The hall manager can be contacted at 612-532-2499.

## EMAIL DATABASE

We are in the process of creating an email database to replace our calling committee and keep our members better informed. Please let us know if you have an email address by sending it to Mike Petschl at: [mbpetschl@msn.com](mailto:mbpetschl@msn.com).

We will not share the list with anyone. It is strictly for our own use.