

From the Chaplain



Amazing Grace!

*"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
We will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we'd first begun."*

What a beautiful song. We have finished our Lenten journey and looked to Holy week and Easter for the rising Son. Now we are in the midst of the Easter season, one where we find Jesus appearing to his disciples over and over again.

Wouldn't it just be amazing if Jesus would appear to US during this Easter Season? Talk about Amazing Grace!

The thing is, He is! He is in our friends and neighbors, our co-workers and those we have coffee with in the morning after mass. Christ is all around us but we do not recognize him or choose... not to.

I feel so thankful for the Lenten and Easter season because I know what type of person I am and I trust in God's Amazing Grace to set me free. So that I CAN see. THAT was the hope of Easter for me, to be set free. Free from what was keeping me away from God and walking in the footsteps of my Lord.

I guess you could say that we need to rec-



ognize Jesus before we can recognize his footsteps.

What is truly amazing is that during this journey each year, I learn more and more about myself and just how free I really am and this gives me courage and hope that I can follow in his footsteps that will ultimately, lead me home. How has *your* journey been?

*"Twas grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."*

May God bless you this Easter season and all throughout the year.

Deacon Chuck



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; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz; Dick Klaesges; Robert Nichols.

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

Fair Bingo Update

Our council will not renew our space at the Anoka County Fair this year. I hope that all who have participated in the past will volunteer their services towards some of our newer events and fundraisers. We will review this again next year. Thanks for the memories!

Gary Kempf, Fair Bingo Chairman



Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

We have had a wonderful spring so far. I hope that in the next few weeks, between the time that I am writing this column and when you are reading it, we will continue to have a nice mix of sunshine and rain for all of our gardens and outdoor activities.

We continue to have a lot of activities and events in our council for all ages and for a variety of interests. Were you able to make it to our Ham Bingo? Thank you to the chairs and all those who volunteered their time. This was another successful event and we were also able to make a generous donation to the Boy Scouts who sell the snacks and refreshments at our bingos. The Tootsie Roll Drive is happening at the end of April. Hopefully, everyone will be generous for this worthy cause. We will also have had our annual Awards Banquet by the time that you receive this issue of the Shield. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the Mexican theme.

Don't forget the upcoming Mother's Day corsages that will be available after masses on Mother's Day weekend. These are a great value and all of the mothers, wives and sisters in your family will really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our summer events will look different this year as we end our tenure at the Anoka County Fair, but we are going to have new exciting opportunities as we participate with our food booth for the Anoka Classic Car Show with numerous dates throughout the summer. Sign up to volunteer one night or several and come enjoy the classics. If you've never attended, it is a fun step back in time for the whole family.

It is also almost time for election of officers for our new year that begins in July. It is not too late to get involved before the next installation of officers in June. Please offer up your time and talents to your Brother Knights.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018 Streetcars

Memories of streetcars drifted through my mind the other day. (I thought I would lead with that for those of you who don't think I have a mind.) When I say streetcars I'm not talkin' about hotrods or muscle cars either; I'm talkin' about those electrically motivated people movers of yesteryear. There have to be a few of you who had the chance to ride one.

My memories date back to the late '40s when I was a little kid. (Watch it! That would be the 1940s.) My grandfather lived in South Minneapolis on 40th Avenue near 53rd Street. The car line ran down 42nd Avenue and ended by the Naval Air Station, about where the Crosstown Highway is now. Gramps never had a license and never owned a car. The streetcar was his transportation lifeline. It took him to work in the city and he could pick up anything he needed on the way home.

I was too young to navigate them myself so I only rode with my older brother or an adult, but they left a lifetime impression on me. My recollections are of them jostling side to side on the tracks with a nice breeze flowing through the car on a hot summer day. As I recall, you needed to stay pretty well bundled up in the winter, 'cuz they weren't the warmest contraptions.

With all that in mind, I decided to look into the history of streetcars a little. It seems that is a generic term for the whole conglomerate of various modes of transportation through the years from horse drawn omnibuses, to horse cars, to cable cars, to interurbans, and trolleys. I guess a trolley is closest to what I used to ride.

The first electric streetcar in Minneapolis started service on December 24, 1889; in St. Paul that event was February 22, 1890. Archbishop John Ireland was instrumental in proposing construction of a line from downtown St. Paul to a development around land owned by the Archdiocese and St. Thomas Seminary.

Early attempts for electric cars involved a third rail that caused a lot of problems in wet weather like short circuits, shocks to people and horses, and electrocution of smaller animals such as dogs, cats and chickens. The overhead electric line solved those problems and created others, but most bugs were eventually worked out.

In the beginning, drivers or motormen worked 16 hours a day six days a week. They were given 20 minutes for meals and required to wash the car daily. For all this

they were paid \$35 per month.

It was a real asset for the trolley company to have a cemetery on the line as entire funerals were transported out and back. The casket was even loaded on. Many companies even built their own amusement parks and ran a line out to them. The cars would be overloaded going out to them on weekends. I understand there was one built on Big Island on Lake Minnetonka for that purpose. I only wonder how you got there from the trolley. Could this possibly have been the Excelsior Amusement Park on Lake Minnetonka or were they two different things? Somebody come through for me on that one, will ya'! I haven't got anymore time to check it out 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian



Mothers Day Flower Sales

Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. We will be having a fund raising event to benefit Pro Life organizations, through the sales of flowers at St. Stephen's Church. We will be selling carnation and orchid corsages, as well as African violets before and after all masses on that weekend.

There is a need for brother Knights to help with this event. The carnation corsages need to be assembled by volunteer workers, and that will take place on Friday afternoon, May 7th at 2:00 PM. It will be in St. Stephen's church, in FCC-6. It should take 2 - 3 hours, depending on the number of volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help sell the flowers at all of the church entrances before and after all of the masses. We will have tables set up at all entrances to the church. If you can volunteer to help with this event, please call Joe or Marilyn Adler at 763-323-8313 or Jim or Marie Van Horrick at 763-427-1353. We especially need volunteers to sell flowers at the 11:15 mass.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support Pro Life causes. It also gives the community of St. Stephen's an opportunity to thank all mothers in our families for the love they have given. Please volunteer to help if you can, and watch for the volunteers on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for your support of this event.

Joe & Marilyn Adler
Jim & Marie Van Horrick

A New Event for the Knights!

The Knights of Columbus have been invited by the Anoka Chamber of Commerce to sell food on Saturday evenings this summer at the Anoka Classic Car Show. The KC booth will be selling Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Root Beer Floats Saturday evenings from May 15th until September 25th. We will be working with the newly started council at St. Katharine Drexel for this event.

There are four known weekends during the summer when the event does not happen. Those weekends are May 29th, Memorial Day weekend, June 19th, "Back to the 50's Car Show" weekend at the State Fair Grounds, July 10th, Riverfest weekend in Anoka, and September 4th, Labor Day weekend. That leaves 16 weekends during the summer when the streets of Anoka will be filled with classic cars and people on the streets looking at those cars and eating food.

The final weekend, on September 25th, will be held at the Anoka County Fairgrounds to accommodate all the classic cars that will be there. On most Saturdays vendors are selling food from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. The final show, at the fairgrounds, will be going from 10:00am until dusk. Once again, vendors will be shutting down that day before dusk.

There are 6 chairs in charge of the event. All six will be involved on the 1st weekend getting things set up and finding out how it runs. After that, one chair will be there on Saturday evening helping 3 other volunteers set up, sell, and take down for the evening. Wives, friends, and teenagers are invited to help, too.

Profits will be split between the councils depending on how many hours members of each council would put in during the summer. If one council puts in 70% of the hours, they would receive 70% of the profits.

Please consider helping out some Saturdays this summer as a volunteer. Interested? Contact me.

John Smetana
Classic Car Show Vendor Chair
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A word to the wise isn't necessary; it's the stupid ones that need advice.

Bill Cosby

I love to go to Washington - if only to be near my money.

Bob Hope



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 Awards Banquet, 5:30PM
KC Hall
- May 4 Home Assoc. Meeting, 6:30PM
Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- May 8-9 Mother's Day Flower Sales
After all Masses, St. Stephen's
- May 11 1st degree initiation, 7PM
Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- May 14-16 State Convention
St. Cloud
- May 31 Memorial Day Mass, 8AM
Calvary Cemetery

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"Party in the Park" Beer Tent Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping serve beer and wine for a couple of hours at the 4th annual "Party in the Park" put on by St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Community in Ramsey? I am asking for help from brother knights to assist with this on June 12th, 2010.

This event is held at Central Park in Ramsey. It is a day of live music, games, food, beverages, and a good time. I need 16 people to help with pouring, serving, and making change for the beverages. The gate opens at 3:30 PM and the party goes until 11:30 PM on that Saturday night. There are 4 shifts, each just over 2 hours long. I need 4 people during each of those times. I am hoping to not have to make phone calls. Instead, I would greatly appreciate you calling or emailing me if you are interested in helping. You will be given free admission to the event and be able to help in a fun area. Brother Knights and anyone in his family, or friends, over 21 are invited to help out behind the bar. Please give me a call at **763-422-1152** or email me at jnlsmetana@q.com soon. Thank you very much.

John Smetana

Home Association Meeting

The Annual Anoka Home Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30PM at the KC Hall. The Home Association is the actual owner of the building. Any member of the Anoka Council can become a member of the Association with the purchase of a \$25 share. If interested, plan on attending the meeting at the time stated above. The purchase of shares can be taken care of at that meeting.



Memorial Day Mass

The annual Memorial Day Mass will be held as usual at Calvary Cemetery at 8AM Monday, May 31st. If the weather is bad it will be held in St. Stephen's Church at 9AM. **We can use as much help as possible** to transport the chairs, altar and other equipment. If you can be of assistance be at the KC Hall by 7AM. Any questions, contact Al Nathe at 763-234-2608.

HAM BINGO

The Ham Bingo was very successful this year. We had a good turnout. Everybody had a great time. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped because without all of you this event would not happen. I want to thank the callers, recorders, card counters and all the floor workers for their hard work. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions.

We made approximately \$1,166.00 from the Ham Bingo.

Three bone-in-hams were given out at the end of the night. The winners were Karly Karst, Cookie Novak and Charlene Harter. Congratulations.

THANKS EVERYBODY!

Vern Rausch
 Bingo Coordinator