



*From the
Chaplain*

NEW SERVANTS FOR THE CHURCH

As Knights of Columbus, one of our greatest concerns is vocations for the service of the Church. We offer prayers regularly for more priests, deacons, and religious, and this month we rejoice over how our prayers are being answered with individuals associated with our parish community.

Deacon Patrick Barnes was our summer deacon during June, July, and August of 2009. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John C. Nienstedt at the St. Paul Cathedral on Saturday, May 29. Father Patrick Barnes then offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Stephen's the next day, May 30, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and a morning brunch reception followed in the Faith Community Center. God has answered our prayers for a new priest. Congratulations to Father Barnes. May God richly bless his priestly ministry for many years to come.

Our own Teaching Parish seminarian, Anthony J. Urban, was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Paul J. Swain of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, SD, on Thursday, May 27. After a summer internship at a parish in the Sioux Falls diocese, Deacon Urban will return next fall to complete his fourth and last year of studies at the St. Paul Seminary, and spend another year at St. Stephen's to round out his Teaching Parish experience. God has answered our prayers for a new deacon. Congratulations to Deacon Anthony, and may God richly bless him as he continues on the road to priesthood.

Our own parishioner, Susie Matlon, now known by her new name for religious life, Sister Mary Joseph of Jesus, the daughter of our Brother Knight Tom Matlon and his wife Patty, made her first profession of vows as a Carmelite nun at the Carmelite Convent of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Elysburg, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, May 23. First vows are for three years. The final step is a lifetime commitment to God



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

This column is being written on a sunny afternoon after a week of rain. Things are really looking lush and green here in Anoka. The year is progressing quickly and that speed is partly due to all the things that we have going on in our council.

We had a good participation and results with our Mothers Day Corsage sales. Thanks to everyone who worked to put these together and also to sell them after the masses on Mothers Day weekend. The Minnesota State KC Convention was scheduled for May. Hopefully, our delegates had a good time and are bringing us lots of valuable information to improve our council. By the time that you are reading this, we'll hopefully also have had a couple successful nights of selling delicious food at our new booth at the Anoka Car Show. Please sign up for a night or two. We plan to do this all summer and welcome help from everyone.

Also upon us is the end of another school year and, once again, we are honoring a number of our 8th graders with special awards after their graduation mass in early June. Congratulations to these students as they complete their education at St. Stephen's. Anoka Riverfest will be here soon as well and I believe we still have some openings if anyone would like to volunteer a couple hours of their Saturday. Bring your wife and/or kids and help out for a couple hours and then enjoy the craft fair. It appears that our parish trip to see the Minnesota Twins in July has sold out in record time. If there happen to be any tickets left as of this writing, they are very few in number. It seems that everyone wants to go see the new Target Field.

So with all of these things going on, if you don't see something to interest you or that gets you excited about being involved, let me know what is missing and we'll see what else we can add to our list of Council Activities.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

with solemn or perpetual vows. God has answered our prayers for a new religious sister. Congratulations to Sister Mary Joseph of Jesus, and may God bring to completion the good work that God has begun in her.

While we may be blessed with new vocations, many more vocations are needed. As Knights, it is our privilege and duty to support the vocation effort in whatever ways that we can. Prayer is the starting point, as well as monetary gifts to support recruitment and educational expenses, and encouragement to present and future prospects. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Lk 10:2).

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember the family and friends of Gene Gustafson and Ray Pipenhahen in your prayers.



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; 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; Duane Bouley; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz; 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.

History 2018

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

I remember him so well from my younger days. And not because I sat around willingly listening to "The Catholic Hour" on radio or watching "Life is Worth Living" on TV. Remember that blackboard with JMJ at the top? My parents watched his show religiously. It was one of those things that sticks with ya' long enough, until ya' realize you really were missing out on something. That's why I bought a couple of his books and looked more deeply into his life later on in my life. Does any of this make sense to ya'?! Well, I hope so, 'cuz I'm going to fill ya' in on what I was able to find out about this icon from my early days.

He came into this world on May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois, and was the oldest of four boys. His birth name was Peter John Sheen, but 'Peter' was replaced with 'Fulton' during his childhood. 'Fulton' was his mother's family surname.

He attended St. Viator's College in Illinois. He was a rather small person physically, so he refrained from sports, but did join the debate team where he was told by the coach that he was terrible speaker. He came to the realization that it was because he was not being natural. Acting upon that revelation, he became the eloquent speaker who dominated many a debate and emerged as a great educator and champion of our faith. Upon finishing college Fulton came here to attend the St. Paul Seminary, which had been started by our very own Archbishop John Ireland. From there he traveled to Europe and Rome to complete his studies.

In 1926 he was sent to the Catholic University of America where he remained on the faculty for 24 years when he was appointed National Director of the Propagation of the Faith. During that period he became the main speaker on "The Catholic Hour" that aired on NBC radio in 1930 and lasted 22 years. By 1940 he was dabbling in that newfangled media form called 'television' by celebrating the first televised religious service. From 1951-1957 he hosted the "Life is Worth Living" show on ABC and that's the show I remember. Fulton donated his salary from that show to the missions. "Life is Worth Living" was the most popular show on television at that time, even surpassing his friend Milton Berle's "Texaco Comedy Hour" in the ratings.

Fulton J. Sheen was named an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of New York in 1951 and Bishop of Rochester, New York,

in 1966 at the age of 71. He resigned that position in 1969 and was named Archbishop of the Titular See of Newport, Wales. He carried a strong devotion to Mary with him throughout his life, even asking others to pray for him to the Blessed Mother. (Maybe that's where my dad got his strong devotion to Mary.)

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen died on December 9, 1979, at the age of 84. He was laid to rest in the burial vault under the high altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

I hope I've enlightened ya' a bit 'cuz my time is up and I'm headin' outta here! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl
historian

State KC Softball Tournament

Aug 28-29

Our Council is hosting the State Over 30 Softball tournament this year. The tournament will be held in Coon Rapids at Sand Creek park. We will be doing a spaghetti dinner and social hour on Aug 28. I am in need of help at the fields to do maintenance during the day of the tournaments and help with the spaghetti dinner on Aug 28 in the evening. If you are interesting in either of those or participating in the tournament, please contact me at 763-754-6303 or email me at raymond.danzl@gmail.com.

DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

During the last two council meetings we have had a discussion regarding the need for a defibrillator machine for the hall. A heart defibrillator will help restore the natural rhythm of the heart when a person is experiencing arrhythmia or a heart attack. Due to the average age of our membership this is particularly important. Currently we have approximately \$750.00 in our defibrillator fund. The cost for one of these units is \$2,300.00. I believe we should have two of these machines at the hall, one for each level. I'm asking all you guys that own a business to donate \$100.00 or more to this fund. I'm asking the rest of the membership to please consider a contribution. I'm also looking for a few benefactors that could contribute \$500.00 or more to the fund. I'm certain that sooner or later these machines will save one or more lives at our hall. I also believe, since we are renting the hall out to the public, it is our responsibility to have one or more of these units available.

Please consider a contribution to our defibrillator fund. Send your check to Roger Renner. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible. Thank You.

Denny Phenow

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

June 8 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

June 26 Summerfest, St. Stephen's

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Riverfest

Riverfest is fast approaching. It will be held Saturday, July 10, 2010, downtown Anoka near Billy's. We will sell pop, corn dogs and cheese nuggets. We need help setting up, working and taking down. We need approximately six people for set up from 6-9AM, meeting at the KC Hall; four people for the first shift from 9AM-noon; four people from noon-3PM; and six people for take down from 3-6PM.

This is the best one day event for our council. Please support our council and organization. To volunteer contact: John Kinnick at 612-963-8720 or email to John. E.Kinnick@usps.gov; or Roger Renner at 763-427-6100.

Food for Thought

I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member. Groucho Marx

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C. S. Lewis

DRIVERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

For the past 30 years the drivers for the Seniors Busing Program at St. Stephen have been provided by members of Council 2018. However, the future of the program is in jeopardy due to a lack of drivers. We are in dire need of two drivers on Saturdays for the 5PM Mass and two on Sundays for the 9:30AM Mass. The program involves about three hours out of your day, once every six weeks and the authorization for a background check, which is required by the Church of St. Stephen and the Archdiocese. If you wish to volunteer or would like more information, you can contact the program director, Raymond Renner, at 763-286-8806. **PLEASE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ASSISTING US WITH THIS VERY WORTHWHILE, VOLUNTEER MINISTRY!**

2010 Tootsie Roll Drive Follow-up Report

Our council once again participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 23rd, 24th and 25th. This year we had periods of fine weather once again surrounded periods of cold and wet. Next year I will have a talk with our council chaplain to see what can be done about this. Our brave Knights (and children) withstood the conditions and performed admirably.

Many thanks to Brenda DuBay and Patty Matlon for the fine assortment of foods made for the workers. Also, special thanks to Dave Simmons who covered for me at the hall on Saturday so I could attend my daughter's confirmation. We were able to raise \$1,947.00 over the weekend.

These monies will be sent to local institutions involved with working with people having mental handicaps. We look forward to being involved with this event next year. Once again, thank you to all the Knights and their families who participated in this event.

Tom Matlon
chairman