



*From the  
Chaplain*

## THE GOOD OLE' SUMMERTIME

School's out. Trips are in. Lawn chairs. Fireworks. Parades. The crack of the bat. The cabin. The lake. Water skiing. Brats. Sipping a cool one. Summer is here and the living is easy!

Summertime is vacation time, and the weeks before and after July 4<sup>th</sup> are the biggest vacation weeks of the entire year. The summer ritual is to pile into the car and head off to the cabin, the resort, the campground, or grandma's house; to ease off, to take a breather from the regular work routine, to kick back and take a well-deserved and long-overdue break from the daily grind. Summertime is relax time.

Summer mode is well and good, but it poses spiritual danger. We may be on vacation from work or school, but we are never on vacation from being disciples of Jesus. We may be able to get away from the office, but we must never get away from Christian living. We may be temporarily relieved of our daily duties, but we are never relieved of our duty to do good for others.

The spiritual danger of vacation time is to relax our spiritual lives: to pray less, to go to Mass less, to practice less spiritual discipline, and to do less for others.

Summertime is no time to ease up on virtue and holiness, personal prayer and communal worship. Jesus wants us to love God and neighbor each and every day, at work or at



play, at home or on the road. Jesus' basic gospel imperative, "to turn away from sin and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15), applies ever bit as much during the summer as any other time of the year. We may be able to go on vacation, but there is no such thing as vacation from the Christian life.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

### *In Memoriam*

Please remember Bruce and Sue Olson and their family in your prayers on the unexpected death of their daughter Kara; the family and friends of Duane Bouley, a member for 48 years, who died shortly after the Shield went to press in May; and the family and friends of Earl Dehn, a member for 51 years.



### *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; Jeff Kieffer. John Gobernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier.

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



*Grand  
Knight's  
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy New Year to all of you! Yes, another year has already passed and believe it or not it is time to begin a new year, at least fraternally it is a new year. I am honored, privileged and excited to be serving once again as your Grand Knight for the next twelve months. The final year, I promise. I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for the help and support that they have given over the last year. My thanks go out to all the other officers and chairs of all of our charity and service projects, as well as to everyone else who has given of their time and talent in so many different ways. Our council and events would not run as smoothly as they do without your leadership and contributions. I would like to ask for the continued support of everyone as we move into this new fraternal year.

I welcome input and ideas from all of you. Please bring your ideas for improvement and/or change to myself or any of the other officers of our council. This is your council and you are invited to participate in any and all activities and events.

Speaking of those events...July offers opportunities to start the year off right. Our food booth at the upcoming Anoka Riverfest is a great way to be involved in a community event and we continue to welcome your assistance with our new venture of the food booth at the Anoka Downtown Car Show on most Saturday nights of the summer. Please respond positively and enthusiastically to requests for you to volunteer your time, to the degree that you are able.

I am looking forward to the upcoming months and the opportunity to continue to serve with all of my Brother Knights.

Jim Masteller  
Grand Knight

## History 2018 Trains

This month we'll look into another mode of transportation. I was introduced to trains by my paternal grandfather, who spent his career as an assistant general passenger agent for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. (Yeah, this is the same guy who introduced me to streetcars and cruise ships.) And my parents' property butted up to the Sioux Line tracks in Plymouth. I saw and heard many freight trains as I grew up. I don't think I was the only kid to tape a good sized nail to the track and retrieve it after the train went by. You could make a great home made knife out of them. One time my brother and I and a friend of his picked a spot in the gravel pit near the tracks and threw rocks at the cars when the train went past. They actually stopped the train and chased us. Must have been running way ahead of schedule. (Oops, maybe I'm telling more than I need to. I could ruin my squeaky clean image! I only hope Fr. Mike doesn't read this stuff.)

However, looking only for the history of trains in America, I found the first railroad charter was issued to John Stevens of Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1815. By 1825 he had built a steam wagon that he ran on a circular track in his yard. The first steam locomotive tried in America was an English-built beast that was twice as heavy as expected and too heavy for the tracks. It was considered impractical.

Two American built steam engines took to the rails in 1830: the 'Tom Thumb' weighed less than a ton and hauled 36 passengers and a crew of six for 13 miles at the speed of 18mph; the 'Best Friend of Charleston' was the first train to make a scheduled run, doing so on Christmas Day. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had a coal-fired, steam locomotive by 1832 that weighed in at 6.5 tons and hauled 50 tons for 40 miles at a speed of 12-15mph at a round trip cost of \$16. The other option was to use 42 horses at a cost of \$33 for the same trip.

By 1840 there was 3,000 miles of track and that was tripled by 1850. Trains were very instrumental in the movement of men and supplies during the Civil War. President Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act in 1862 and in 1869 the Central Pacific heading east from Sacramento and the Union Pacific heading west from Omaha met at Promontory, Utah, for the driving of the Golden Spike.

From a local perspective there was the empire builder, James J. Hill. He acquired

a small failing railroad, the St. Paul and Pacific in 1837 and transformed it into the Great Northern, which had much to do with making Minneapolis into the milling center for the country. He hauled lumber from Minnesota and Wisconsin as well as wheat from North Dakota. Sending out spur lines all along the way, he moved into the coal fields of Montana by 1887 and reached all the way to Seattle by 1893. In 1894 he took control of the rival Northern Pacific with help from J. P. Morgan.

Electric engines came on the scene in 1895 and diesel in 1925. The last steam engine was built in 1949. The Milwaukee Road changed the last of its engines to diesel in 1973. Europe and Japan are now developing high speed trains like the Mag-Lev (short for magnetic levitation).

By 1916 the railroads ruled American transportation and by 1945 they carried more passengers and freight than at any time in their history. But, way back in 1913, the greed of the railroad barons led to the creation of unions and tough governmental regulations. All that along with the arrival of Henry Ford and the automobile meant a new day was dawning for railroads. So, after 1945 things started to go down hill for them and they have become a shell of what they once were. Today we are seeing a resurgence, with things like the light rail and the North Star here, as well as commuter lines in many cities, but they have a long way to go to get back to the level of their heyday.

As you can see, I have saved this long one for a month when we have plenty of room, but I have still overstayed my welcome. So, I'm outta' here, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month. Mike Petschl, historian

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### Our Lady of Guadalupe Tour

The Epiphany KC Ladies Auxiliary has invited members of the Anoka Council to join them on a tour to the Our Lady of Quadelupe Shrine in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The date is Sunday, October 3, 2010. Cost is \$45 per person which includes round trip bus fare leaving Epiphany at 8:00 AM and snacks and beverages on the bus. It also includes Mass at the Shrine at 1:00 PM. If interested contact Nancy Mathewson at 763-754-2892 or funifox@aol.com. Registration and payment are due by September 20.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3, 17, Booth at the Car Show  
24, 31 Downtown Anoka, 5-8PM

July 4 Independence Day  
July 5 Holiday observed

July 6 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall

July 10 Riverfest, 9AM-3PM  
Downtown Anoka

July 13 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall

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## Welcome New Members

At the May 1st installation ceremonies at Epiphany two new members were installed into the Anoka Council. They were **Josef Riecken** and **Eric Larson**. They both received the lessons of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree. On May 11 **Mike Rishavy** joined us as a member in the 1st Degree. Congratulations to these new members. Also joining us as transfers from other councils in recent months were **Brandon Domagall**, **John Suedbeck**, and **Allan Fink**. Welcome to all of these additions to our council membership.

Al Kempf,  
membership chairman

## Defibrillator Fund Update

Brother Denny Phenow wrote an article in the June Shield requesting our membership to financial support the defibrillator fund. This heart defibrillator is to be located in our hall. It will be used to help restore the natural rhythm of the heart when a person is experiencing arrhythmia or a heart attack.

Our council supported these defibrillators for the Church of St Stephen and also for the School. We were able to support the cost of one of these machines with \$475.66 left in the fund in 2008. Since then, we have added \$1,150.00 through the generosity of many of our members and widows in the past few months. We currently have \$1,625.66 towards our goal of \$2,300.00.

If you are interested in donating to this fund, please make your checks out to the Anoka KofC and in the memo line designate "Defibrillator Fund". These are designated funds and are 100% tax deductible as a charitable donation. Fraternaly submitted,  
**Roger E. Renner, F.S.**

## The Humor of Archbishop Sheen

This story was related by Archbishop Sheen in his autobiography. He once was in Philadelphia to give a lecture at the Town Hall. Having lost his way, he asked a group of young boys for directions. They gave him the proper directions and asked why he was going there. When he informed them he was going there to give a lecture they asked what the lecture was about. He told them he was going to talk about heaven and how to get there and asked if they would like to attend and find out, to which they replied: "You don't even know the way to the Town Hall"!

In another episode, a man who was drunk got on the subway, flopped down beside him and opened up a newspaper, which the Archbishop didn't think he could even see. After a bit the man asked: "How does a man get diabetes?" Archbishop Sheen responded rather quickly with: "Oh, by getting drunk and paying no attention to his wife and children". Then, feeling a bit sorry for his hasty remark, he asked the man why he wanted to know and the man replied: I was just reading that the Pope had diabetes."