



*From the
Chaplain*

KC FAMILY WEEK 2010

This year the annual Knights of Columbus Week of the Family is August 7-15, a nine-day period set aside to highlight the spiritual importance of the family. Every Knight of Columbus is asked to be a “family man” who upholds “family values.”

This special week offers a perfect opportunity to review the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding the family. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* defines a family as “a man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children” (CCC, No. 2202). It goes on to explain, “In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity” (CCC, No. 2203).

The Second Vatican Council called the family the *Ecclesia domestica*, the “house church” (*Lumen Gentium*, No. 11). The family is the foundational unit of the Church: the stronger the spiritual strength of the family, the stronger the Church. The family that prays together stays together. The family is the primary place where the Christian faith is practiced day-by-day, where it is modeled by example, taught by word, and passed from the parents to the children. The parents are “the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children” (CCC, 1656). “The home is the first school of the Christian life. Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life” (CCC, No. 1657).

Many of the secular forces of American society are fiercely hostile to the spiritual vitality of the family: selfishness, individualism, consumerism, greed, immodesty, immorality, impurity, and the excessive use of drugs. Knights of Columbus are called to uphold the spiritual values of the family. Husbands are obliged to love their wives (Eph 5:25,28; Col 3:19). Children are supposed to honor their father



*Grand
Knight’s
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

If the summer of 2010 is going by as fast for you as it is for me, then you are looking back and saying “where is it going”? The traditional half way point, the Fourth of July, has come and gone. For us, as members of Anoka Knights of Columbus, this means that we need to start looking ahead to the busy fall season that we always have here in the Halloween Capitol of the World. The time to prepare for our Haunted House and parade floats will soon be upon us. Please start checking your calendars and making plans to assist and participate as you are able.

I’d also like to take a moment to thank the chairs and volunteers that helped us to have another successful day of selling great food at Riverfest. The day was blessed once again with good weather. Some of our Saturday nights at the Anoka Car Show have not fared as well. We have had several evenings rained out, but there are still some more dates scheduled in the upcoming weeks that can help us to recoup our start up costs and make a contribution to our council funds. Stop by and enjoy our delicious pulled pork sandwiches; a big thank you to those who are donating their valuable summer evenings to this event.

We have been blessed by numerous, generous donations to our defibrillator fund in the last couple months and are moving forward with the purchase and installation of one for our KC Hall. This is an important addition to our hall for the use of our members, if ever needed.

The deadline for this column is prior to our trip down to the new Twins Stadium, but hopefully, we were able to see a win or, considering their recent record, at least a good game.

James Masteller
Grand Knight

and mother (Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16). The entire family should “be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, and humble” (1 Pt 3:8). All are called to virtuous living.

During the month of August, Knights are encouraged to do something to strengthen the spiritual vitality of their family. Go to Mass together. Pray meal prayers or night prayers together. Do faith sharing together. Have a family “holy hour” or “holy day” together. Go on a spiritual trip to a special church or shrine together. Watch a spiritual movie together. Go to a Christian music concert together. Volunteer to assist a neighbor who is elderly, sick, or disabled together. Go on a family picnic or vacation together. Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one (Jn 17:21). Family unity is the goal. Brother Knights are true champions of the value of the family.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember the family and friends of Merle Mevissen in your prayers. Merle was a member for 31 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; Tom O’connell; Patrick O’Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Ralph Smithers; Richard Schanhaar; Michael Lehn; Jeff Kieffer. John Gubernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier.; Bill Ayers.

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 Great Lakes

Shipping and Shipwrecks

This is a subject of great interest to me. One small note here is that most vessels on the Great Lakes are referred to as boats no matter how big they are. My grandfather was an assistant purser on a cruise ship (not a boat, I guess) in the Georgian Bay fleet. We met the ship in Duluth and went onboard to have lunch with him. I was only about ten and had to be on my best behavior and use good manners. The dining room was elegant with fine, china dishes and those darn, fussy, cloth napkins. I was in awe of all the surroundings. It was hard to believe people had enough money to live like that.

We have made many trips to Duluth and along the North Shore and have sat for hours along the shore near Lutsen watching ore boats cross Lake Superior both day and night. This fascination has led me to read a few books about shipwrecks on the Great Lakes. (Notice the term 'shipwrecks'; not 'boatwrecks'.) One story in particular kind of sums up all the calamities that can befall a boat on the Great Lakes, and here it is.

The SS Mataafa appears to have been an accident waiting for a place to happen. In August, 1900, in the first year after launching, she struck a rock in the Straits of Mackinac and had to retire to Chicago for repairs. A week later she ran aground just north of the locks at Sault Ste. Marie. On June 2, 1902, she ran aground on Lake Superior's Knife Island Reef in heavy fog. In November, 1903, she left Duluth fully loaded and towing a barge bound for Lake Erie. Before they reached Two Harbors they were struck by a storm and turned around to go back to Duluth. The crew cut the barge loose several miles out, but struck the North Pier while trying to reenter the harbor. They lost all power and ran hard aground splitting the hull in two with loss of life. The owners actually salvaged the wreckage and put her back in service. On October 13, 1905, she rammed and sank the steamer SS G. Watson French off Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and needed major repairs once again. And then on June 27, 1914, she struck the piers in Superior. (If it weren't for bad luck; she wouldn't have had any luck at all!) In spite of all this, she continued in service hauling various commodities until 1964. Kinda' like a cat with nine lives! She was finally sent to Germany and scrapped in 1965.

There are many more stories, too numerous to relate in limited space, about all the wrecks and loss of life. The most

familiar to most of us, I'm sure, would be the Edmund Fitzgerald on November 10, 1975, with the loss of all hands (Captain McSorley and a crew of 28). There are several books out there about this and many other Great Lakes' stories. Pick one up and give it a read. I'm outta' here, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl
historian

Congratulations

A pat on the back is due our Warden, Brian Hoffman. He was featured in an article in the magazine for RISE where he works as a data entry clerk and, obviously, keeps them well supplied with humor.

Brian has been a proud KC member for 13 years; our Warden for seven years and quite an inspiration to many of us.

Streetcar Followup

Our Grand Knight Jim Masteller, his wife Stephanie and daughter Rebecca took an excursion recently on a fully restored shuttle boat that used to carry people from the streetcar line in Excelsior to the amusement park on Big Island in Lake Minnetonka. Jim is quite a historian himself and has a lot of knowledge about many of the subjects I write about.

There was, also, an article in the Star Tribune on Sunday, July 18th, about a plan to put streetcars back on Nicollet and Central Avenues. Sometimes the old ways of doing things aren't so bad after all!

Humorous Highlight

I don't know jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers

AWARDS BANQUET RECAP

Our 2010 Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening, May 1st, at the Anoka KC Hall. We had 40 attendees. We enjoyed a Mexican theme dinner catered by EKs Marks the Spot. Following dinner, as you can see, we had lots of awards and recognitions.

We recognized 17 New Members. They were: LOUIS H. BEEHLER, GREG J. BERRES, CHRISTOPHER CARR, VIDAL R. CORDOBA, STEVEN M. DUFON, ROBERT C. EDHOLM, THOMAS A. EDHOLM, DAVID B. FERRON, JALMER JANTUNEN, KEVIN H. KRUGER, JOSEPH T. LABONNE, JAMES A. MEYER, TIMOTHY J. NESS, TIMOTHY F. PARKS, MICHAEL R. STUEDEMANN, PAUL L. TACHENY, and ROBERT L. TEACHMAN.

We had the following reactivation/reapplications: CARL E. BECKENBACH, RICHARD P. CICH, MICHAEL A. ST JOHN, and THOMAS H. NELSON.

We had 7 transfers: BRANDON A. DOMAGALL, THOMAS J. GERLACH, JOSEPH G. HILLESHEIM, LEON R. LINDENFELSER, DAVID MINKE, DAVID J. PLANTE and JOHN C. SUEDBECK.

Honorary Members recognized were: RAYMOND D. DALZELL, JEROME N. FENNA, JOHN A. GUY, MICHAEL J. KENNEDY, VERNON B. LIESER, EDWARD J. MELNARIK, STEPHEN MUNSTENTEIGER, JOHN H. OTTENSTROER, MICHAEL J. PETSCHL and JERRY F. RACHEL.

Honorary Life Members recognized were: GILBERT J. BISEK, ROBERT D. FILKINS, JOHN M. GOBERNATZ, DALE W. GUIMONT, ROBERT J. HUNT, J. CRAIG ROUNDS and RODNEY A. WAHLBERG.

25 Years of Service: DAVID M. FIX, TIMOTHY E. JOST, TIMOTHY A. LANG, ALOIS R. NATHE, MICHAEL J. PETSCHL, PATRICK T. RIEHL and JOHN L. DELVECCHIO.

50 Years of Service: JAMES W. ASFALY, JOHN M. GOBERNATZ, FRANCIS A. HORNBY, HARTLEY H. MEDIN, NORMAN ST GERMAIN and DAVID P. WARD.

60 Years of Service: RAYMOND W. PIPENHAGEN and RICHARD L. SCHANHAAR.

65 Years of Service: VICTOR MASTLEY.

Oldest Member – 97 Years: DONALD STEWART.

Most Years of Service – 67 Years: THOMAS F. WARD.

Chaplain Recognition: Fr. Mike Van Sloun.

Respect for Life Recognition: PAT & DEBBIE LARSON.

Knight of the Year: JOHN SMETANA.

Family of the Year: GARY & CATHERINE KEMPF.

District Deputy Recognition: JAMES SCHWALBE.

State Deputy Recognition: RICARDO ACEVEDO.

Field Agent Recognition: JAMES ZIMMER.

Past Treasurer: JIM LOVSTED.

V.I.P. Proposer Club 50+: AL KEMPF.

After the awards presentations, entertainment was provided by the Mariachi America 2000 Band. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Pat Riehl, chairman



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 3 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 7, Car Show Food Booth, 5-8PM
14, 21, 28 Downtown Anoka

Aug. 10 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 15 Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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PROLIFE

Birthright is seeking volunteers for its Coon Rapids office. Birthright is a non-profit, pro-life organization that focuses on helping women in crisis pregnancies. We are in need of volunteers willing to counsel women, as well as companions who assist counselors throughout their shift.

Counselors work one-on-one with clients and may administer pregnancy tests, provide referrals to local agencies, and become a point of contact for the client as she deals with issues surrounding her pregnancy and motherhood. Training is provided for all counselors.

Companions assist the counselor in the office with basic housekeeping tasks and may assist walk-in clients wishing to use our clothing room. In addition, other opportunities are also available.

If interested, call Debi at (763) 754-6768 or Mary at (763) 754-8582

LEADERS NEEDED

The Anoka Council is in need of a new generation of leaders. Over the last few years many of our long term leaders have retired from their positions or have passed away. Our council has been an active participant in service to church, family and community in the Anoka area since 1920. Please help us to continue providing this support. Our First Degree Ceremonial team needs back-up in all positions. Over the years our team has been considered one of the best in the state. There are several openings in the program activities area. It would be good to have two members heading up each of these areas. It is a great opportunity to get familiar with brother knights and also with the various things we do that aren't openly recognized. It would be good to have a membership committee actively involved in recruitment of new members. It takes a coordinated effort by dedicated leadership to keep the Knights of Columbus a strong, viable presence in our community. Contact our Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight for direction as to who to contact in your area of interest. Plan on attending a meeting and make us aware of your interest. Please give this request some serious consideration. Help keep Fr. McGivney's dream alive.