



*From the  
Chaplain*

## PROMOTING DECENCY IN THE MEDIA

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT, is a powerful voice that advocates for better programming and warns against the dangers of bad programming. The following article appeared in the August, 2010, issue of *Knighline*.

“The majority of homes in America have access to hundreds of television channels, offering sports, drama, action and suspense twenty-four hours a day. The recent expansion of satellite radio has enabled unregulated radio waves to sway their listeners without any restrictions, guidelines or limitations. The Internet is available for us to share, learn, experience, influence and be influenced by those around us.

The technological advances that enhance our quality of life are the same devices that are used by immoral sources to spread pornography, violence, and indecency to all of the audiences that have access to them. This in turn gives predators, pedophiles and the depraved access to our children, our families and our lives. In the same ways that the corrupt have turned the science of chemistry into chemical weapons, the technology of today is being used as a weapon to corrupt our minds and actions.

The Knights of Columbus has stood against pornography, violence and indecency in the media for decades.

Recently, the Order renewed its support for one of the leaders in this fight, Morality in the Media, Inc., with a \$50,000 donation. Morality



*Grand  
Knight's  
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights,

I am writing this right before the last official weekend of summer. It is starting to get down to the wire for completing my summer and fall projects. I guess that I am going to be leaving ‘seed’ for next year. I should think of it as something to look forward to I suppose.

I am not sure how other KC councils structure their schedules, but for 2018 the month of October ranks pretty high for the number of opportunities to get out and do something with your fellow knights. So, are you looking for something to do this month? You are? Then, by golly, have I got a deal for you! Keep reading for multiple opportunities and activities.

We have numerous dates for the Haunted House when it is open for Halloween scares, as well as some dates for set up and the tear down day as well. Our chairs for the parade would welcome your assistance, creativity and participation. We are signed up for both the Night and Grand Day parades.

We also have a special Knights of Columbus weekend coming up October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after all the masses at St. Stephen's. This is a fantastic chance to welcome any men that you know that may be interested in joining the KCs to come and find out what we are all about.

We also are looking for volunteers to work at a food booth at some upcoming flea markets that are going to be held at our KC Hall this winter. This will be a fun opportunity to generate some funds for our council.

Last but not least, most of our council leadership positions are filled, but there are still some openings. We also have some members who have been holding positions for a long time and they would like to train in their successors. Please prayerfully consider one of these opportunities. Thanks for all you do for our council and community. What you do makes a difference.

Jim Masteller  
Grand Knight

in the Media was founded in 1962 to alert and inform citizens and public officials about the destructive effects of pornography and obscenity.

The Organization sponsors a clearinghouse of legal information on obscenity cases and materials for prosecutors and interested attorneys. It sponsors an annual White Ribbon Against Pornography Week (October 31 to November 7) as a way to express concern about the flood of pornography inundating our communities.” For more information, their web site is [www.moralityinmedia.org](http://www.moralityinmedia.org).

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

### IN MEMORIAM

Brothers Nicholas and Richard Meyer have died. Nick, who passed away on August 14th, was a 53 year member and the father of Trustee Jim Meyer. Dick passed away on September 13th and was a member for 61 years. Please remember their families and friends 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; 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 Gobernatz; 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](mailto:mbpetschl@msn.com).

## Halloween Parades

We will be putting a float in the Halloween parades again this year. The "Light up the Night" parade will be on October 23rd at 7:00 and the Grand Day Parade will be on October 30th at Noon. We will be looking for folks to help with the building of the "haunted float" again this year. The build dates will be the weekend before the night parade. If individuals have time to help, please call me at 763-754-6303 or e-mail me at raymond.danzl@gmail.com.

If you are interested in dressing up and riding on the float or help hand out candy and Haunted House Coupons, please let me know as well at 763-754-6303. Everyone is welcome to help, the only qualification is that you have some kind of costume to wear.

Ray Danzl, chairman

## State Softball Tournament

### Wrap Up

Anoka hosted the Minnesota State Softball Tournament on August 28-29 at Sand Creek Park in Coon Rapids. It was a beautiful weekend for softball. The tournament had 12 teams in it and the Anoka team finished in 4th place. Fr. Mike presided over a Mass at the fields on Sunday afternoon. The State Deputy, Ricardo Avecedo, spent the afternoon on Sunday at the fields and watched as Rosemount won the lower bracket and Albertville/St. Michael won the upper bracket. Fr. Mike was presented with a 2010 State Knights of Columbus Pin from our State Deputy after the mass. We will be hosting this tournament again next year. I want to thank the council members that helped with the event, especially: Dave Richards, Gary Kempf, Ivan Winship, Al Kempf, and my family.

The concessions at the softball fields were run by St. Katherine Drexel's council as a way to help the council raise some funds for them. The initial report was that they raised approximately \$800 for their council over the two days.

On Saturday night, the council had a spaghetti dinner that was open to the council and all the tournament families. Our council raised approximated \$440 for the council with 77 individuals coming to the event.

I look forward to next year's tournament. If you are interested in helping on this, please contact me at raymond.danzl@gmail.com

## KC Weekend Update

As stated in the September Shield on the weekend of October 9th and 10th the Knights will be displaying our activities to parishioners at the Church of St. Stephen. There are a few changes to the September article. We will not be hosting a normal Hospitality Sunday. We will be providing cookies, coffee, and juice. Only cookies and coffee will be offered after the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. We will not be using all of the FCC conference rooms, only five. We will still be helping with clean up and preparation of the rooms for evening activities after the Spanish Mass. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the cookies and drinks as well as the displays. Please refer to the September Shield for details or call Al Kempf at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf

Membership Chairman

### Why Christopher Columbus?

Recently during an admissions committee interview I was asked by a potential member why Christopher Columbus was chosen to be our patron. After doing some research I came up with the following response. Once I had put it together I felt I should share this with brother knights as just an interesting bit of information.

The founder and first officers of the fledgling organization chose the name "Knights of Columbus" because they felt that, as a Catholic group, it should relate to Christopher Columbus, the Catholic discoverer of America. This would emphasize that it was Catholics who discovered, explored, and colonized the North American continent.

As Father McGivney installed the officers of Council No. 1 he may have sensed in the spirit of the gathering that unique blend of loyalties so implicit in the foundation of the Knights of Columbus: loyalty to their church, to each other, and to America, mediated by the Columbian theme, pride in the Catholic heritage of America. Indeed, this first generation of the Order viewed the discovery of America as a Catholic event, just as Anglo-Saxon Protestants viewed the landing at Plymouth Rock as a Puritan event. The Knights of Columbus were implicitly celebrating the landing of the "Santa Maria", the Catholic counterpart to the Protestants' "Mayflower" and a ship which had arrived 128 years earlier.

An 1878 editorial in the "Connecticut Catholic" illustrated the devotion to Columbus among a portion of the American-Catholic community: "As American Catholics we do not know of anyone who more deserves our grateful remembrance than the great and noble man, the pious, zealous, faithful Catholic, the enterprising navigator, and the large hearted and generous sailor: Christopher Columbus."

By adopting Columbus as their patron, the small group of New Haven Irish-American Catholics displayed their pride in America's Catholic heritage. The name Columbus evoked the aura of Catholicity and affirmed the discovery of America as a Catholic event.

In this day and age when the media scrutinizes everything that has been written in our history books, especially those of religious beliefs, it might be a good question: "Why the Knights of COLUMBUS?" We must remember that in the 1882's there was no 20/20 or Night Line that raised doubts about our heroes. Heroes were passed on from generation to generation by word of mouth with no doubts about their authenticity. Columbus was an authentic hero in the time that the Knights of Columbus were born regardless of the bad press he has received in recent years.

References: 'These Men Called Knights' Version 6/98

'Faith and Fraternalism: The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982'  
By Christopher Kauffman

Al Kempf, Anoka Council 2018

The above article appeared in its entirety in the December, 1999, issue of the Shield. After hearing some comments about Christopher Columbus as the patron of the Knights recently I felt it was a good time to reprint the background of his selection as our namesake.

This article was again printed in the Shield in November, 2005. It appeared in the State Council's publication, The Knightly News, in December of 2005 after the State Public Relations Chairman saw it in a copy of Anoka's Shield.

Al Kempf



# The SHIELD



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Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 5 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- Oct. 9-10 Membership Drive  
St. Stephen's, after all Masses
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day
- Oct. 12 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
  
- Oct. 14-31 Haunted House
  
- Oct. 23 Light up the Night Parade, 7PM  
Downtown Anoka
- Oct. 30 Grand Day Parade, 12PM  
Downtown Anoka
- Oct. 31 Halloween

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## New Member Information Sessions

With hopes that the KC weekend generates some interest by St. Stephen's parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus Brotherhood there will be information sessions conducted to explain the works of the order. This will prepare them for induction into our order at a **First Degree Installation** scheduled for **Saturday, November 20 at 10:30 AM**. The information sessions will be conducted at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 2421 Fourth Avenue North in Anoka. The time is 7:30 PM and there will be three choices as far as the date is concerned. The dates are Thursday October 28, Thursday November 4, and Tuesday November 16. Any questions or names of potential candidates can be referred to Al Kempf at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf  
 Membership Chairman

## HAUNTED HOUSE 2010 – OUR 23<sup>rd</sup> YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Please call or e-mail to volunteer your name for the 2010 Haunted House. We ask all volunteers to please mark your calendar and show up for your assigned shift.**

The key dates for 2010 are as follows: construction will be the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. The open dates for the Haunted House will be as follows:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7-9PM
- October 15<sup>th</sup> Friday 7-9PM
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7-10PM
- October 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7-9PM
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday 7-10PM
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 7-10PM
- October 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7-9PM
- October 29<sup>th</sup> Friday 6-10PM
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6-10PM

Tear down will be on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10AM.

The number of food items donated to the local ACBC Food Shelf last year was very good. (When we changed the customer prices and increased the donation credit for food items donated to \$2.00 per person.) Ticket Prices for 2010 are: age 11 and older - \$9.00 and for children age 10 and younger - \$7.00. The \$2.00 donation credit for food items applies to this year's event also.

As you all know, this event means a lot to the Council, Anoka Community, ACBC Food Shelf and Coon Rapids High School Drama Club. We are asking for all of our brother Knights to take an active part in the event – whether your expertise is in construction, staffing or finance and numbers.

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