

*From the
Chaplain*



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

For Catholic Christians, December is much more than the "holiday season;" it is the Advent Season leading up to the Christmas Season. When it comes to December, Jesus and Christmas is the reason for the season. It is tragic how our secular American society has done so much to strip away the spiritual significance of Christmas. The politically correct thing for many Americans is to say "Happy Holidays," not "Merry Christmas." Decorations have devolved to Santa's sleigh, winter scenes, wreaths, and arrays of lights; not the Christ child in a manger, the choirs of angels singing "Glory to God in the highest," or the magi offering their gifts.

The Knights of Columbus across America are on an all-out campaign to keep Christ at the center of the Christmas holiday (i.e., holy day). You, as a Knight, or as a friend of a Knight, are asked to do all in your power to preserve and uphold the proper spiritual emphasis of this solemn feast and this sacred season.

Please do whatever you can to keep Christ in Christmas. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut, has a number of specific suggestions. One idea would be to put up a poster, either "Check the List," "Remember, it's CHRISTmas," or "Keep Christ in Christmas." All three are available through Supreme.

There are plenty of other ways to keep Christ in Christmas. Send Christmas cards that emphasize the spiritual aspect of the feast. Use cards with scenes that tell a part of the Christmas story such as the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes or the adoration of the shepherds; or use a Scripture quote such as "A child is born to us" (Is 9:6) or "Peace on earth" (Lk 2:14). Use Christmas postage stamps.

Another way is to decorate with Christian symbols. Put up a Nativity scene in your home, on your property, or at your business. Put a star on top of the Christmas tree because a star appeared when Jesus

was born. Use angels because an angel announced Jesus' birth and choirs of angels sang the first Christmas night. Use lights and candles because Jesus is the Light of the World who was born at midnight to conquer the darkness. Use evergreens which represent God's everlasting love. Use color combinations that emphasize white and gold, the liturgical colors that represent joy and glory.

Also, greet people with "Merry Christmas," not "Happy Holidays." Listen to Christmas music like *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, or *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, or to the classic masterpiece, Handel's *Messiah*. Sing Christmas carols. Offer gifts to family and the needy. Spend time in personal prayer. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to celebrate with a clean heart. And attend Mass on Christmas Eve, Midnight, or Christmas morning. Let us have more than a happy Christmas, let us have a holy Christmas!

Fr. Mike Van Sloun



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; PGK John Johanson; Bob Zelenak.

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

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families and loved ones. A wish goes out to all of you from my family to yours for a Blessed Christmas Season. We've already had our first measurable snowfall and it remains to be seen if it will melt or be here for the duration of our Minnesota winter.

By the time that you are reading this, we will have had our 53rd annual KC Turkey Bingo. Thanks to everyone for the time and effort that you put into this fun night, season after season. It is nice to have events like this that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Thank you also to everyone for the efforts that went into our Memorial Mass that was celebrated in November. This has become a very special time for me to show respect, honor and remembrance to the families of our Brother Knights who have died in the past year. I believe that the families also appreciate the efforts of everyone to celebrate this Mass each year.

As you plan your holiday events, I hope that you will put our annual Tom and Jerry Night on your calendar. This takes place at our general membership meeting in December. Please plan to join us for this evening of fun and fellowship and bring your spouse or significant other. Also please note that on December 6th at 6:30PM there will be defibrillator training for any Anoka KC members that are interested in attending. This will take place at the KC Hall.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks again to everyone for your support and efforts in 2010. I am looking forward to all that we can accomplish together in 2011.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018

Minnesota Odds n' Ends

I have put together a group of significant events that happened here in Minnesota over the course of many years, starting with the formation of Minnesota as a territory in 1849 in which our capital, St. Paul, became a city in 1854 encompassing all of four square miles.

Statehood arrived on May 11, 1858, with the assigned number of 32 on the list. Our first governor was Henry Sibley and the first State Fair was held in 1859. The fair had been going since territorial days, but this was the first official **STATE** fair. An interesting note here is that the fair has been cancelled five times: in 1861 because of the Civil War; in 1862 because of the Dakota Sioux War; in 1893 because The World Columbian Expo was held close by in Chicago; in 1945 due to a fuel shortage during WWII; and in 1946 because of a polio outbreak.

As for icky weather there was a three day blizzard in 1873 that killed 73 people; in 1919 a tornado struck Fergus Falls killing 59; in 1936 the temperature fell below zero for 36 days beginning January 18th and Moorhead tied a record for heat at 114 in the summer; a hockey game was interrupted (not cancelled) at the Duluth Amphitheater in 1939 when the roof collapsed from the weight of the snow (hockey is a tough sport); then there was the Armistice Day Blizzard on November 11, 1940, dumping 16.8 inches in 24 hours with 60mph winds, leaving 49 dead; in 1982 there was 34.3 inches of snow from January 20-22 (was that the Super Bowl Storm?); and the coldest temperature of -60 was recorded at Tower on February 2, 1996.

For disasters there is the Great Grasshopper Plague in 1878, which we discussed in the Anoka history and many communities consumed by fire: St. Paul in 1881; Virginia in 1893; Hinckley and other communities in 1894 (over 400 died in that one); Virginia again in 1900; and Chisholm in 1908.

And here's a real cutie! The parent company for Gold Medal Flour and Betty Crocker, the Washburn Crosby Company, purchased floundering radio station WLAG in 1924 to use for company promotion and WCCO was born. Check out the call letters, could they actually stand for W(ashburn) C(rosby) CO? Hope all of this has stimulated your minds a bit. And with that I'm going to depart before you think I'm out of mine, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

St. Stephen Christmas Tree Decorating Time

The holiday season is upon us again this year. As we all think about putting up lights and trees in our homes, what better time is there than helping to decorate our church. We have been asked to help decorate the church this year again. Those of you that love to put up the Christmas tree and hang lights, this activity is perfect for you. We will be putting up 5-7 trees of varying heights in our church. Nothing gets us in the holiday season mood like putting up the Christmas tree and thoughts of the birth of our Savior. I am listing the times below for the activities this year. If you are able to help, please let me know. You can either email me at Raymond.Danzl@gmail.com or call me at 612-414-0878.

December 7th - The tree of Love needs to be set up. Just one tree so a skeleton crew is great (lots of lights though!). We will start at 6:00 at the church.

December 22nd - The rest of the Christmas forest will be put up at the Church (more lights) and lots of needles. We will start at 6:30 and I hear that the Adult Choir may be practicing that night so it may be a very seasonal moving experience for those that help!

January 9th - After the 6:00 mass, the lumberjacks must return to harvest the forest. Many hands on this logging adventure will help make for short work. Thanks!

Jan Clare and Ray Danzl

Haunted House – Our 23rd Year

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Haunted House this year! As we all know, it takes a lot of time to recruit workers, construct the Haunted House in the Anoka Fair building, staff it for 10 days and then take it all apart and put the materials back in storage.

The results for our 2010 Haunted House were very good: 3,009 customers and 1,897 non-perishable food items donated for the ACBC Food Shelf and Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter. After paying the bills and making a large donation to the Coon Rapids High School for the hundreds of monster hours, the net profit was quite good.

As we plan for our 2011 – 24th year – we are always open for more members to be an active part of the event – calling members to work, building the Haunted House, staffing the Haunted House or helping with the teardown. Please contact one of us (or call Ray Dalzell, 763-757-1241) to add your name to the list.

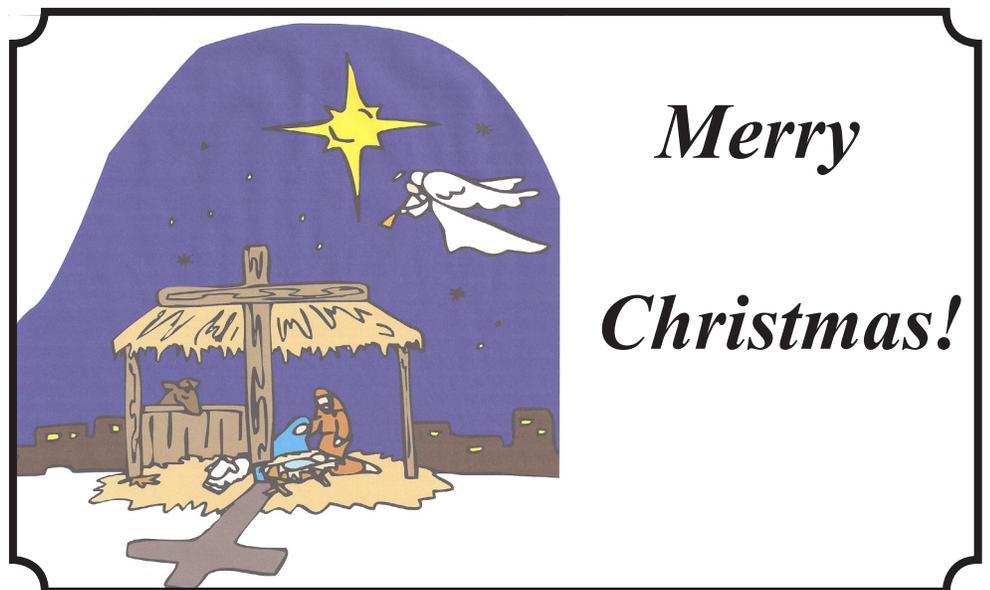
The number of “no show” scheduled workers was quite high this year!!! If you are scheduled for a future Haunted House event and you are not able to be at the Haunted House for your scheduled time, please call Ray Dalzell.

Steve Beberg, Ray Dalzell, Mike Johnson, Rick Landowski, Pat Worcester, Co-chairmen

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As previously reported, the KC hall now has a defibrillator unit. This unit is mounted upstairs next to the entrance to the kitchen. We have scheduled a training session for Monday, December 6th at 6:30 pm at the hall. It is important that several members of our council know how to use the unit. This training session is open to all those who want to attend and is free of charge.

Denny Phenow and Roger Renner





The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 4 Spaghetti Dinner & Dance
6PM, KC Hall
- Dec. 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception
Holyday of Obligation
- Dec. 14 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
Tom & Jerry's to follow
KC Hall
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Holyday of Obligation

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ELECTION 2010

It was great to see the voter turnout in Minnesota and the Nation for the mid-term election. There is still much to be done to right the wrongs created by the Health Care Bill from earlier this year, namely to keep your tax dollars from funding abortion on demand and to protect the rights of conscience of those being forced to provide abortions under provisions of the Bill. Following are Bills in the House that were highlighted by the Supreme Knight's Lifeline bulletin this month that deserve your support.

There are 2 bills pending in Congress that would both apply Hyde Amendment-type restrictions on the use of your tax dollars to provide abortions.

The first is a bipartisan **Protect Life Act** (H.R. 5111) sponsored by Reps Daniels Lipinski (D-Ill) and Joseph Pitts (R-PA), that would apply the Hyde Amendment restrictions on abortion to the new National Health Care program. In addition it would extend to the new Health care program needed conscience clause protections that have long existed in other federal health care programs.

The other bill is **No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act** (H.R. 5939) sponsored by Rep Chris Smith (R-NJ). This bill would establish Hyde Amendment-type restrictions on taxpayer funding of abortions throughout the federal government. This bill would codify the Hyde/Weldon amendment that has ensured that federal agencies, state and local governments that receive federal funds do not discriminate against health care providers because they do not perform or provide abortions. For information on the Hyde Amendment go to Hydeamendment.com

Please contact your Representatives in Congress and urge their support.

Pat and Debi Larson

DUES NOTICE 2011

Dear Brother Knights,

FISCAL YEAR 2011 DUES NOTICES will be mailed to you on the 8th of December 2010. PLEASE look over your invoice for the correct spelling of your name, correct address, zip code, and the amount due. Mailing a second & third notice is expensive to our council and should not be necessary.

REGULAR MEMBERS' dues for 2011 are now **\$25.00.**

HONORARY MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 65 IN 2009] dues for 2011 are **\$10.00.**

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 70 IN 2010] dues for 2011 are **WAIVED.**

If you should have any questions or feel there is a mistake on your billing statement, please contact me: **(763) 427-6100, (763) 286-9355-cell#, or e-mail at rener@ehrenner.com**

Fraternally yours,
Roger E. Renner, F.S.