

From the Chaplain



Knights of Columbus and Family,

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

The entire month of February falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for all Christian families to emulation.

Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity, for it typically begins in one Liturgical Season (Ordinary Time), ends in another (Lent), and contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)!

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, may be carried in procession this day, as will the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In addition, the faithful may receive in February another of the four major public sacramental's that the Church confers during the liturgical year: the blessing of throats in honor of *St. Blaise* (February 3).

We begin the month with Jesus telling his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" and we end with Jesus counseling his disciples, "No man can serve two masters."

As Knights of Columbus, Jesus calls us to be "The salt of the earth" for our brothers and sisters in Christ. And as Knights we truly cannot serve two masters. May our quest this February be to reunite our families with the Holy Family and strive to serve one master, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon Chuck



St. Ansgar

St. Ansgar is one of those unheralded saints; probably because his feast day is February 3rd, the same as St. Blaise. He was born in 801 and his mother died while he was a young boy. Because of that, he was raised in an abbey where he progressed well in his studies. It is believed that he had many visions in his lifetime, one very influential one from his childhood being of his mother in the presence of St. Mary.

His adult life was spent as a missionary and a bishop. He was a missionary in both Denmark and Sweden and then in 831 Pope Gregory IV appointed him Bishop of Hamburg. This was an archbishopric formed from the sees of Bremen and Verden. He died in 865 at the age of 63.

He is the patron saint of Denmark with statues in Hamburg and Copenhagen. There is even a crater on the moon named after him, Ansgarius, and a town in northern Iowa, St. Ansgar, situated 26 miles east of I-35 and 21 miles south of Minnesota I-90.



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; John Gubernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier.; Bill Ayers; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl

Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brother Knights,

Have you had enough snow yet? The ol' snowblower is getting a real workout this year, but, I must say, it is hanging in there like a trooper. I hope that everyone has been safe and has avoided any slips or falls. Those of you who have not headed south for the winter are invited to attend a General Membership meeting during these long winter nights. They are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month and we would love to see you there.

The deadline for this column is before the date of our Mid-Winter Breakfast, but I hope that many of you were able to enjoy a hot breakfast with friends and family before or after Sunday Mass. Hopefully, the weather cooperated for a good turnout. Thanks to the chairs and everyone who volunteered to make this a successful, delicious event.

Looking to the future, it isn't too early to start thinking about our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive or Easter Ham Bingo. Both events benefit from lots of participation and volunteers to make them successful for our council and community.

When you sent in your dues payment did you also return the survey to express what you are interested in for activities and events? If not, please take the time to do so. If you already have returned this info, then thank you for taking the time to do that.

Jim Masteller
Grand Knight

History 2018 Automobiles

We've already worked over those planes and trains and even ships (or boats, if you prefer), so let's take a look at the automobile. My how things have changed in about 125 years! (And, for those with the big question, no, I have only been around for a wee bit over half that time.)

We've heard all the stories about how these things evolved from horse drawn carriages to horseless carriages and how Henry Ford developed the assembly line to mass produce the Model T. There's a huge difference between those first motorized vehicles and the ones we drive today and, of course, the highways and byways of today are light years ahead of those first cow paths too.

Now, we could go way back to the beginning, but I am not allowed that much space, so I'm just going to deal with stuff from my lifetime. Some of you can go back farther I'm sure, but, since I'm just a kid, my first recollection was of my dad's '38 Chevy that he drove from the late 40s into the 50s. From the end of WWII until then he had no car and hitchhiked to work every day. (That's a lost art that would probably get you killed in today's society.) But, back to that old '38! Dad once slid into a curb in Minneapolis in the winter and bent something in the front end. Since you didn't have to deal with freeways and high speeds, he was able to keep driving it until he could get it fixed.

Which brings up another point; remember when the average, backyard mechanic could make repairs and tune ups? How much of that can you do today beyond changing oil? Remember the days when you could change starters, water pumps, belts, batteries and even tear the engine apart and it made sense? I wanted to change the water pump on a Chevy Cavalier in the 80s, but I needed a special tool that was going to cost as much as having the job done and it would have only been usable for that task. I don't even change the oil myself today.

How many of you can remember your first set of wheels?! Mine was a '54 Chevy 210 4 door that my mom and dad bought so I had transportation to Benilde High School. The first one I bought was a '62 Chevrolet Impala, 2 door hard top, Super Sport 409. (Sounds impressive, huh?) I only kept it 6 months 'cuz it used as much oil as gas. They told me I had to drive it harder to seat the chrome rings and I didn't want all the tickets that would involve, so bye-bye 409.

Several of our present members have restored cars. I was able to see the restored Ford that John Patchen used to have and the collection that PGK Henry Brom had until his later years. It included some Packard Touring cars and a Cord. One of our PGKs, Walt Schumacher, was a successful drag racer for years and I'm sure there's a whole bunch of members that I'm not aware of who are also involved with antique and collector cars. With all the baby boomers floatin' around out there those "back to the 50s" car shows are always well attended. I guess a lot of us like to check out those restored beauties (cars, that is!) and reminisce about the 'good old days'. I sure hope this has stirred up a whole lot of fond automobile memories for you, 'cuz that's where I'm going to leave you, 'in the 'good old days'. My time is up! See ya' next month

Mike Petschl, historian

February Lecturer's Program Scuba Diving

(Note: PGK Pat Larson will host the presentation after the business meeting. Pat and his wife, Debi, are the current Pro-life Chair Couple for the Minnesota State Council. Program details follow.)

Debi and I have been Scuba Diving for 10 years, having gotten our Recreational Diver Certification in Honduras on our 25th wedding Anniversary. We each have about 100 dives, diving in the Caribbean, Playa de Carmen, and Cozumel. Have not figured out why people dive Superior, no Margaritas on the North Shore! I will be bringing a couple of videos from a recent dive in Cozumel, May of this year, as well of the first dives in Honduras, Shark diving and Dolphin dives. I will bring the equipment we use and the purpose of each. Program will probably run 1/2 hour.

Pat Larson

Mark Twain once said 'get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please', so I will do that now.

In 1923 a spanking machine for criminals was invented in Canada. Seems like reasonable punishment to me.

Willis Carrier invented the air conditioner in 1902. No report of the cost for one of those babies!

Here's a good one! Roller skates were invented by a Dutchman in the early 1700s, because he wanted to ice skate in the summer.

And my favorite: when was beer invented? Before recorded time. I love it!

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 1 Planning Meeting, 7:30pm
KC Hall
- Feb. 8 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Feb. 14 Presidents Day
- Feb. 27 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree
KC Hall

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Do You Know a Membership Prospect??

A major degree membership installation is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2011, at the Anoka KC Hall. This would be an excellent opportunity for any prospective member to take all three degrees to reach full knighthood in the Third Degree. With that in mind I will be conducting three membership information sessions in February. I will cover a basic history of the Knights, the structure of the organization from Supreme down through the local level, and the activities we conduct at all levels. It is an opportunity for all to discover what we are about. The sessions will begin at 7:30 P.M. at the KC Hall on Thursday, February 10, Tuesday, February 15, and Thursday, February 17. Only one of the three sessions is needed. If you know of a potential candidate call me or just have him show up at the meeting. Current members are also welcome to attend if you would like to know more about the organization. Call me with questions or names of potential members at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf, Membership Director

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2011

HR 2

The HR2 Bill in the House, currently slated to be voted on January 12, will undoubtedly be passed, much because of the Republican Majority in the House. As we have seen and stated before the Church has a major problem with the Health Care Act passed last year as it does not protect the Life of the Unborn, allows payment for on demand Abortions (with your tax dollars), throws up roadblocks for health service for the elderly and does not adequately address health care for the immigrants in this country.

The thought process, or political rhetoric, of the day is that the Bill is superficial and will never pass the Senate, possibly not even make it to the floor of the Senate for debate. We urge you to take the time to contact your Senators, Franken and Klobuchar, to let them know how you feel.

In light of the recent tragedy in Tucson, we urge you to keep your message simple and to the point. Maybe no one has ever asked them for their independent logic for supporting an Act that takes the life of an unborn child. Sometimes less rhetoric is better.

We have also learned that due to the recent mail incidents in Washington this week, letters mailed to the Senators Washington Offices are taking longer to get to them due to screening. Your letters, sent to their local offices, will get to them more quickly. Below are links that can get you to local offices nearest you:

Senator Franken franken.senate.gov

Senator Klobuchar klobuchar.senate.gov

There you should be able to not only find their office closest to you, but also address the concerns on the Obama Health Care law on their web-site.

Don't forget to also enlist the help of your Representatives in the House to Lobby the Senate in support of their HR 2, they can be found by the same above format (name).house.gov

Are we making a difference? We cannot afford not to try and make a difference, can we?

Pat and Debi Larson