

From the Chaplain

Peace to my Brother Knights and your families.

I'm writing this as our Chaplain is somewhere in Greece and I hope having a wonderful experience leading parishioners as they walk in the footsteps of St. Paul.

I ran across this article on purgatory which I paraphrased somewhat as it was quite lengthy but rather interesting.

Purgatory is something we do not talk a lot about but we celebrate mass in November for the souls of our departed relatives and friends.

An Obstacle to Overcome: Purgatory

Purgatory is where those who die in a state of grace and who have the love of God in their hearts go for purification. In Purgatory, the souls make expiation for unforgiven venial sins or receive punishment due to venial and mortal sins that have already been forgiven in life. These souls are confident that they will have eternal salvation, but they need to be purified from the effects of sin.

The souls in Purgatory can receive help from the living. Because one cannot dictate to God, there is no assurance that one's prayers help an individual soul in purgatory, but the Church believes that the prayers and intentions of the faithful help God to speed the journey of souls through Purgatory. From its earliest history, the Church has commemorated the dead and offered up prayers and Masses for them. The Church also recommends that the living faithful give alms, practice indulgences, and undertake penitential acts on behalf of the dead: "Why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them," writes the great orator St. John Chrysostom in his homily on 1 Corinthians 41:5.

Purgatory is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but belief in its existence has grown due to the doctrines expounded in both the Old and the New Testaments of divine judgment, the forgiveness of sins, the mercy of God, and the temporal punishment due to sin. The Israelites believed that the dead were to be judged according to their works, that their sins made God's judgment a fearsome thing, that people needed God's merciful forgiveness to enter Heaven, and that living brethren needed to pray for God to show the departed his mercy.

The Nature of Purgatory

The nature of Purgatory and its punishment



has been hard to define. Some theologians hold that the temporary deprivation of the beatific vision, the longing for a God so near and yet so far, has to be the primary punishment of Purgatory. Knowledge that the suffering they are enduring could have been prevented if only they had prayed and performed good works during their lifetime probably torments the souls. Some theologians also postulate that there must be a more positive punishment that frees the souls of their sins and brings them closer to God.

The Positive Purpose of Purgatory

Purgatory purifies the soul. Persistent sinful habits and uncontrolled desires can leave deep scars that penetrate into the personality of the sinner. These must be removed before the soul is ready to go to Heaven and experience the overwhelming presence of God.

This is a more positive view of Purgatory than just a place where souls undergo punishment for sins committed during their lifetime. The point is not the punishment itself (the Church does maintain that punishment is received), but the intent of punishment — to transform the soul to a state of wholeness and purity so that it is fit to behold God.

Key to the positive view of Purgatory is the concept of salvation. The souls of Purgatory are confirmed in grace. They have the assurance that they will see God one day. They do not feel anguish or horror; rather, they voluntarily accept their sufferings as a means to an end: the ability to join God. They do endure pain but do not despair. They are already in contact with the Holy Spirit, because they are part of Christ's Mystical Body.

My dear friends in Christ, as members of the Knights of Columbus we are called to help our brothers and sisters in this life and prayer for those... in the next.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Deacon Chuck

Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. We sure have been blessed with great weather so far. I hope you all enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday. It's the time for our families to get together and give thanks for the good things that we have received.

November is the time we remember our brother Knights that have gone before us. We will remember Thomas Radotich, Richard Schanhaar and George Ziegler. Please remember them and pray for their families. You can also join us for the Memorial Mass at the hall where Father Mike will preside. This will take place just prior to our meeting.

Also this month we will hold the 54th annual Turkey Bingo. I hope you can join in the fun by playing bingo or volunteering for this event. We will give away many turkeys including 3- 20 pound turkeys for door prizes at 10:00 p.m. Last year we had a huge turn out so lots of help is always appreciated. You can contact me if you are interested in helping out.

Last month our council held a first degree ceremony where two gentlemen joined our council. Let us give Stephen Hobday and Dale Litke a warm welcome as Brother Knights. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and give them your support. A big thank you goes to our first degree team. They are Al Kempf, Phil Harter, Jim Masteller, Pat Larson, Jeff Kezar and Roger Renner. These men did a fine job again with the degree ceremony. Also, at our meeting we approved the transfer of Jason Holt to our council from Waterloo, Iowa. Please give Jason a warm welcome to our council.

I want to thank all of the people that helped out with the Haunted House and the Halloween Parades. I know a lot of hard work goes into these events. These events help out our council and show the Anoka community of our commitment and dedication to be involved.

We are looking for someone to co-chair the Basketball Free Throw Contest and the Coats for Kids programs. These are great opportunities for our council to work in the community. Please contact me for more information.

Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

History 2018 Inventions V

I'm gonna' give ya' one last round of these things and you can take it from there! I am fortunate that the encephalograph was invented (1929) because the doc used one on me once. Back in 1953, when I was 10, I got conked on the noggin' with a baseball bat on the playing fields of the elementary school I attended. The result was two weeks in the hospital with a fractured skull. While I was there the doctor ordered an encephalograph to check the brain waves. Fortunately, everything was okay and I now have medical proof for my detractors that there really is a brain residing in that space between my ears.

A couple of things that go hand in hand are the microwave oven and Tupperware. The oven was invented in 1945 and the plastic in 1946, making it easy to go from 'fridge or freezer to oven and hot in short order.

Can you remember life before bar codes? They were introduced in 1948 and I know there are plenty of you out there who can go back farther than that. Bar codes paved the way for that ultra-nemesis called credit cards in 1950. Now almost everything has a bar code. They'll probably stamp them on our foreheads pretty soon.

This next one will probably come as startling news to a few of you, but the TV remote has not been around forever. It was originally developed in 1950. I was quite surprised by that because I don't recall having one until sometime in the late 1980s. We always considered changing channels as part of our daily exercise.

And now I'm going to bid you adieu with a real dandy! Believe me folks, I am not making this one up. In 1965 a couple received a patent for, what they thought would be, a less stressful child birth system. When a woman was ready to deliver her baby she would be placed on a turntable that could spin at the rate of 90rpms, producing a force of 7 times gravity. (Got any idea where we're goin' here?) The baby would then be propelled (for lack of any better term) into a strategically placed net, supposedly reducing stress on the mother. If that was actually a viable system, would the mother be able to walk without staggering for three days after? I'm gettin' dizzy just thinking about it so I'm leavin' before I fall off my chair, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

Brother Knights and Families,

My career as your KC representative gives me the opportunity to visit with many people from all walks of life. I always ask if they currently work with a financial planner. When they say "yes," I like to ask a follow up question: "Has your planner ever told you when it's a "good" time to sell your stocks?" Only occasionally do I hear an affirmative to that question. They are typically told one of the following when the markets are going down:

1. Don't get out now! The market always comes back.
2. Let it ride! (Hmmm.... isn't this a gambling term?)
3. Now is the time to buy more!

Now, I'm not against owning stocks, but I do remember when it was a rich man's game, that is until the advent of the 401k. People used to be able to count on the guaranteed income that pensions provide. You can bring this stability back to your portfolio by investing in a Knights of Columbus guaranteed annuity. In fact, if you had placed \$100,000 into a KC annuity on January 1, 2000, it would have grown in value by December 30, 2010, to at least **\$150,000** (plus bonus interest!). By comparison, the S&P 500 would have provided you only \$104,000 during the same period. A Knights of Columbus flexible premium annuity is guaranteed never to lose money and is currently guaranteed to earn at least 3% return annually! Maybe it's time to think about that KC annuity! Call me!

God bless!

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Memorial Mass

On November 8th, we will honor our deceased members, our brothers, who have passed away this past year. Please join us for our annual Memorial Mass at the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. The names of those members are: Thomas Radotich, Richard Schanhaar, and George Ziegler. A light meal will be served after the Mass. Fr. Mike and Deacon Chuck are looking forward to seeing you there.

Spaghetti Dinner & Dance

The 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance will be happening this year on December 3rd. Mark your calendars and reserve that Saturday for a fun night of great food and enjoyable live music. "The Miller Brothers" will again provide the evening of entertainment playing music from the 50's and 60's.

The event will be held at the KC hall with social hour beginning at 6PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 and the band starts playing after dinner.

Dinner will consist of Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread accompanied by a Caesar Salad and a glass of wine. Dining will end with a serving of Spumoni Ice Cream.

The cost of this night out is \$15 per person. This event is NOT limited to Knights. Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the evening with us.

Beverages available at the hall will be beer, pop and any remaining wine from dinner. B.Y.O.B.

RSVP's are being taken, so please call **John Smetana at 763-422-1152** or send an email to jnlsmetana@q.com and let us know how many are planning to attend.

We hope to hear from you!

Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar, and John Smetana,
Chairs



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; Michael Lehn; John Gubernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Jeff Kieffer; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; Mike Petschl.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mickeyp1543@gmail.com.



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
All Saints Day
Holyday of Obligation
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day
- Nov. 8 Memorial Mass, 7PM
Business Meeting to follow
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 18 Turkey Bingo, 6:30-10:30PM
St. Stephen's FCC
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day

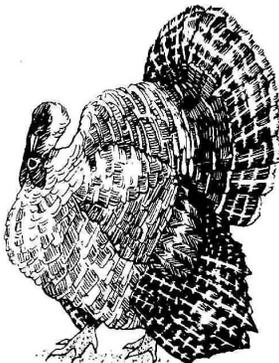
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54th ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

With November upon us that can only mean one thing, Turkey Bingo. The date is Friday, November 18, 2011 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. This year's event will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's Church. We will need many helpers again so please consider working a shift. There will be two shifts. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and the second shift is from 8:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Please tell your friends and co-workers too, or better yet bring them along. You will have a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

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HAPPY



THANKSGIVING!

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