



*From the
Chaplain*

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The second half of this week, April 5, 6, and 7, is the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three most solemn days of the liturgical year, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

The Triduum is a single feast, the Paschal Mystery, celebrated over three days, and they are the three holiest days of the entire liturgical year. It is ironic, however, that feasts like the Assumption on August 15, All Saints Day on November 1, and the Immaculate Conception on December 8, are holy days of obligation while the three days of the Triduum are not. There is no Church law that requires attendance for the Triduum, but good laws only make compulsory what should be done anyway.

For example, God gave the Third Commandment, "Keep holy the Sabbath day" (Ex 20:8), which serves as the basis for the Sunday Mass obligation. We should want to go to Mass every Sunday. It is only right to give thanks for the many blessings that we receive over the course of the week, and if we do not nourish our faith regularly, minimally at least once a week, with God's holy Word and Holy Communion, it is likely that we will become spiritually malnourished and weaker in our faith. If there was no law, a devout disciple of Jesus would want to go to Mass every Sunday anyway because it is the right thing to do, but because so many are lax with their faith and fail to do what should be presumed, a law was established to make mandatory what Christians should eagerly and gladly do on their own.

If there were ever three days that Christians should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Triduum. These days rank at the head of the liturgical calendar. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of



our faith, and they ought to be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The Jews have three high holy days, three pilgrimage feasts, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, and those who lived outside of Jerusalem made pilgrimage to the Temple to celebrate these solemn occasions. The three days of the Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we ought to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honor how the Lord Jesus laid down his life for us, his friends, for our salvation.

Please make it a top priority to go to church to celebrate the Triduum this year. Reserve the time. Rearrange your schedule if necessary. Take some personal time off from work. Suspend errands or jobs around the house. Drop everything. Plan to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. These days may be optional, but none are more important. Enter into the mystery. 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; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Beth Zelenak (daughter-in-law of Bob); Ralph Smithers; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Jeff Kieffer; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing.

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



*Grand Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights:

I would like to wish all of you and your families a blessed Easter. Easter is the most important feast day for Catholics. The joy of Easter should continue throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season that follows. We need to take time to renew our faith and enjoy this time.

Stations of the Cross and Ham Bingo events were held in March. Thanks to all of the volunteers. On April 10th our council will hold a First Degree ceremony prior to the general meeting. I hope to see you there to give our new members support.

Some of our upcoming events and activities are the Tootsie Roll Drive and Mother's Day Corsages. We have purchased new light fixtures for the hall chambers and now need to have them installed. Please consider helping out. Your help is always appreciated.

The MN KC State Convention will be held in Rochester this year on May 18, 19 and 20. We have room for another Knight to be a delegate. If you are interested in attending please let me know or come to the April general meeting.

Last month I stated the incorrect date for the training session for officers that the State Council is offering. The correct date is May 2nd at Epiphany. There is still time to sign up for this event. This training session will assist the current and potential new officers with more information about being an officer in the council.

We are in need of more officers in our council. The open positions are Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Trustee. Also the programs that are open are Church, Community and Youth Activities Director. These positions will give you an opportunity to learn about our council's activities. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in these activities. Peace!

Vern Rausch, Grand Knight

History 2018 1900

Let's look at some historical events beginning with the dawn of the 20th century. For you baseball fans there was the creation of the American League in February by six cities. Can you name them? I'll give you the answer at the bottom. I guessed 2 ½, which makes for a mind numbing story, so I'll withhold that explanation.

Ground was broken for the New York subway system in March, but I don't know when that was completed. I'm sure there's someone out there with the answer!

Hawaii became an official territory of the U.S. of A. at the end of April. Spencer Tracy was born on the 5th, for you movie afficianados, and Casey Jones, the high-ballin' train engineer, died in a train wreck on the 30th while trying to save his passengers.

How many of you ever heard about the Boxer Rebellion in China, during your school days? It was a major uprising where the rebels focused on killing missionaries and foreigners. I heard about it, but it wasn't looked at as part of our curriculum and I always wondered why it was called the Boxer Rebellion. (If you're so pea-pickin' smart and already know, just keep reading 'cuz I'm going to tell you again!) (It had nothing to do with underwear either!) Actually, the rebels spent a good portion of their spare time boxing and thus the name. Now, some of you may think I made that up, but I assure you that no historian worth his salt would ever conjure up falsehoods to lead his readers astray.

On July 4th Louis Armstrong made his way into the world and became one fine entertainer several years later.

A presidential election was held on November 6th with William McKinley being re-elected over William Jennings Bryan, whom he also defeated four years earlier. The vice-president was Theodore Roosevelt.

The following info comes from the 'full circle' file. Do you realize that they used to watch moving pictures on a private 4 inch screen by hand cranking a personal viewing machine? Well, guess what?! They still watch movies on a personal 4 inch screen of the most recent, newfangled gadget to hit the market. The only difference is that the new devices have touch screens.

I guess that means it's time to go, 'cuz you can get dizzy if you go in circles too long. So, I'll see ya' next month, 'cuz my time is up!

Mike Petschl, historian

(Oh yeah, those six cities: Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Chicago and St. Louis.)



News From

Nicollet Assembly

and the 4th Degree

So do you know where "One Lourdes Place" is, here in the Twin Cities? For all you Twin City natives who have lived here for a lifetime, if you really don't know, you could use mapquest.com. Fourth Degree gives you an opportunity to travel outside your comfort zone, and see the architecture, beauty, and history of the parishes in the Archdiocese. This church, for purposes of this article, will remain unnamed, as a challenge to your curiosity. It is the oldest continuously used church structure in Minneapolis, first constructed by the First Universalist Society in 1854, later purchased by the Catholic French Canadian community, and now in use for services for 130 years.

There are several Fourth Degree Assemblies in the Twin Cities area, all of who exemplify the degree of "Patriotism", as we don our tuxedos and regalia, in public display of faith, for a variety of worthy events. We do honor guards at churches, ballgames, community celebrations, and the service anniversaries of our ordained priests, to honor their vocations. You can be one of us....

Nicollet Assembly will host a 4th Degree Information Night on Monday, March 19th, for all interested Candidates and their wives. Call or email me for time and location. Don't wait!! Speak to one of us.....today!

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE

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Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

Mark Twain

I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either.

Jack Benny

A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.

C. S. Lewis

KC Golf League



The Anoka Council joins with brother knights from the Osseo and Maple Grove councils in a golf league that meets at Daytona Golf Club in Dayton. The league play takes place on Wednesdays from late April to late August. Six tee times are reserved with the first starting at 4:08. There are opportunities available for both regular and substitute golfers. If you are interested, call League Secretary, Dick Montroy, at 612-419-0419 or 763-425-5734. This is a fun league with a wide range of talent.

Tootsie Roll Drive 2012



On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 27th, 28th & 29th of April, our council will again participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Monies raised in this event are given to local organizations that work with children with disabilities. Phone calls will be made asking for your participation. Please consider giving some of your time for this event. Family members are welcomed. With the advent of technology, if you know the hours or Mass you want to work at, please email me at matlonfam@yahoo.com or call me at 763 427-0478. This will save time making calls and putting together the schedules. We look forward to making this another successful event.

Thomas Matlon
chairman



The **SHIELD**



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

April 8 Easter Sunday

April 10 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

April 27-29 Tootsie Roll Drive

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Home Association Meeting

The annual Anoka Home Association meeting will be held on May 8th at 6:30 PM at the KC Hall. This is prior to the membership meeting at 7:30 PM. The Home Association is the actual owner of the building. Any member of the Anoka Council can become a member of the Association with the purchase of a \$25.00 share. If interested plan on attending the meeting at the time stated above. The purchase of shares can be taken care of at the meeting. Any member of the council can attend the meeting but you need to be an Association member to vote on any issues.

Al Kempf, AHA President

Christ Is Risen



***A Blessed Easter
To All***

April First Degree

On April 10th there will be a First Degree exemplification as part of the regular membership meeting at the Anoka KC Hall. The ceremonial will begin at 7:00PM. It would be fitting that members come early to welcome any new members into the council. Any existing First Degree members as well as any new members joining in the First Degree in April will have an opportunity to become knighted as full members in the Second and Third Degree in May at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids. The date for that exemplification is May 12th. Questions regarding either of these degrees can be directed to me at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman