



*From the
Chaplain*

MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Every year the month of May begins with the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph was a good and holy man, an excellent example and model for Knights of Columbus who strive to be good and holy men.

Joseph was a carpenter (Mt 13:55), or better translated, a skilled craftsman, tradesman, or builder. He usually is represented by carpenter's tools: a square, a hammer and nails, a saw or axe, a planer, or a workbench. It is believed that he spent many hours in his workshop making tables and chairs, window and door frames, doors, beams and planks for roofs, and wooden yokes fitted or tailor-made to fix specific oxen.

St. Joseph may also have been a stone mason, a sort of brick layer or construction worker, since stone and rock were the most commonly-used construction materials of his time. His other symbols ought to be a pick, chisel, or trowel. His home in Nazareth was located a few miles from Sepphoris, a nearby Roman city where there was great demand for skilled laborers on government and commercial buildings.

St. Joseph's May 1st feast features him as a worker or laborer. A job and the ability to work is a blessing; unemployment is a curse and laziness is a vice. St. Joseph's good example teaches Knights, all men, and all workers, how to labor in the Lord's vineyard.

St. Joseph was hard-working and industrious; Knights should be hard-working and industrious. St. Joseph was honest and trustworthy, and he conducted his affairs with integrity; Knights should be honest and trustworthy, and



conduct their affairs with integrity. St. Joseph delivered quality products for his customers; Knights should deliver excellent outcomes for their customers or employers. In the final analysis, St. Joseph did the best work he could with his God-given talents and abilities, and he was pleasing to God; Knights should do the best work they can with their God-given talents and abilities, and thereby please God.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Knight Stan Knoll passed away in April. Stan was 91 years old and had been a member for 63 years, having joined April 10, 1949. Please keep his family 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; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Ralph Smithers; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing; Michael Abbott.

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:

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms.

I would like to introduce the new members that joined our council in April. Welcome George Kusterman and Stephen Rothstein. At our April meeting we approved the transfers of Curtiss Miller and Nick Johnson to our council. Please help me extend a warm welcome to these fine gentlemen.

On March 31st the Ultrasound fundraiser event was held. It was a huge success. We exceeded our goal of \$12,000. Our council supported this important event. Cornerstone Women's Center of St. Michael will be the recipient of the ultrasound machine. This event was a good example of great things we can do if we all pitch in.

I want to extend a big thank you to the men who installed the new lighting in the hall chambers. Wow, what a difference it made. Great job Gentlemen! With the extra donations that we collected for the chamber lighting, we are now looking to replace the rest of the lighting in the upstairs part of the hall. There will be more information about this in the coming months.

Upcoming events in May are the Mother's Day Corsages and the Memorial Day Mass. Please consider helping out. Your help is always appreciated.

June is fast approaching and we will be holding our officer elections for next year. We are in need of more officers in our council. The open positions are Deputy Grand Knight, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Trustee. Also, we have a couple of our current officers not returning, so new men are needed. We also have programs director positions that are open. These director positions do not require a lot of your time. 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 any of these positions.

Peace,

Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

History 2018

Tom Ward

Tom is a fellow historian with a lot more knowledge of the Anoka area than I can muster. At the age of 88 he still writes a history column for the Anoka Union, serves on the board at the History Center and volunteers for veterans, driving them to VA appointments. I sat down with him recently to find out some of his personal history and, afterwards, he guided me around town to see the house he was born in and the location of Council 2018 when he joined. The house is the red one across School Street from St. Stephen's. When he joined the Knights at the age of 18, the council was leasing space above the Frish Department store about the middle of 1st Street across from City Hall.

Tom was born in that red house in 1924 and has lived in Anoka for all but five of his 88 years. The family moved from Anoka to Fargo from 1931-1936 where his father was able to find work during the depression. Upon returning to Anoka he attended St. Ann's Catholic School, which sat where St. Stephen's School is today. The lumber for the school came from logs floated down the Rum River to the sawmills in Anoka. All nice and local! (Store that info for later use.) He didn't do well in his elementary years and was held back twice, so his mom put him into the Anoka public system in the 8th grade. That turned his academic life around. He made the honor roll and eventually the National Honor Society becoming the all school president in 1943.

By 1943 WWII was in full swing, he was 18, a junior in high school and eligible for the draft, so he enlisted in the Cadet Corps. He was sent south for training as a navigator on B-17s. Before they finished training they started replacing the B-17s with B-29s, so they had to have further training. By the time they finished training the war was over.

During WWII the military training counted as credits for high school. He garnered enough credits to graduate with his class of 1944, but the high school mishandled things and gave him his diploma in 1945 for the class of 1944. Tom's the only guy to graduate with two different classes.

After that he spent two years at St. Thomas and then went to work selling cars for Main Motors. In 1948 he met the local phy-ed teacher. They married in 1949 and had six children, three boys and three girls. He left Main Motors in 1957 and started his own Chrysler-Plymouth dealership on Main and Ferry. After a while Chrysler forced him to close that one and consolidate with Coon Rapids Chrysler-Plymouth. In 1981 he sold that back to Chrysler and returned to Main Motors where he remained until 2001 when he entered the stocks and bonds market.

This is where you use that stored info about the lumber. St. Ann's School was torn down in 1950 to be replaced by St. Stephen's School. The lumber was recycled for other construction projects around town with some of it even going

back across the Rum River to Ferry Street to build a house in 1950 that Tom purchased in 1981. Now that's what I call eco-friendly!

And with that, I will leave you before I get recycled, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

Did Your Long Term Care Insurance Premiums Rise?

If you read the major papers, you probably read a recent article about a certain long term care insurance company dramatically raising their rates on their policyholders. The reasons for this increase are threefold: 1) insurance companies did not charge enough premiums to begin with, 2) many companies assumed upwards of 50% of policyholders would eventually cancel their policies, and 3) people are living longer with chronic illnesses.

With the cost of nursing homes in the Twin Cities now averaging over \$70,000 annually it is easy to see why insurance companies have to charge more. Recent government statistics show about 70% of people over age 65 need long term care services for an average period of about three years. This shows it was simply unrealistic for companies to believe they could pay out so much in care with so few premiums. As insurance reserves shrink, companies must charge more to pay future claims.

To justify low premiums, many companies built in assumptions that border on ridiculous. It just doesn't make sense to assume 50% of policyholders are going to drop their coverage as they get older and more vulnerable to chronic illness. In fact, most people *keep* their policies as they age because there is a higher likelihood of using the coverage.

So, what about the Knights of Columbus? We have never raised long term care rates. Having one of the strongest solvency ratios in the insurance industry, coupled with the highest possible financial strength ratings, means you can count on real stability with the KC's. If you recently had a rate increase with your company, or would like more information on how KC long term care insurance can protect you and your assets, give me a call. Learn how you can protect your family with a company that shares your Catholic values.

God bless,

Dale Robinson, FIC

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HAM BINGO

We had a very successful Ham Bingo event this year. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped because without all of you this event would not happen. A special thank you goes to Ron Ward, Ken Erkens, and Roger Renner for helping me out. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions.

We made approximately \$1,326.00 from the Ham Bingo. This was an increase from last year.

Three bone-in-hams were given out at the end of the night. The winners were Linda Geldert, Julie Freese and Donna Mevissen. We also gave out Easter baskets that were donated. The three lucky winners were Beth Talbot, Jerry Freese & Paul Perrin. Congratulations to all!

Vern Rausch, Bingo, Coordinator



Mother's Day

Flower Sales

Sunday, May 13th is Mothers Day. We will be having a fund raising event to benefit Pro Life organizations, through the sales of flowers at St. Stephens Church. We will be selling carnation and orchid corsages, as well as African violets before and after all masses on that weekend.

There is a need for brother knights to help with this event. We especially need volunteers to help sell the flowers at all of the church entrances before and after all masses, with a critical need for the 11:00 mass. We will have tables set up at all of the entrances to display the flowers available. The carnations need to be assembled by volunteers, and that will take place on Friday afternoon, May 11th, at 1:00 PM. It will be in St. Stephens church, in the FCC. Please check the monitors at the entrance to show which FCC room will be used.

If you can volunteer to help with this event, please call Joe or Marilyn Adler at 763-862-8447 or Jim or Marie Van Horrick at 763-427-1353. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support Pro Life causes. It also gives the community of St. Stephens an opportunity to thank all mothers in our families for the love they have given. Please volunteer to help if you can, and watch for the volunteers on Mothers day. Thank you for your support of this event.

Joe & Marilyn Adler

Jim & Marie Van Horrick



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- May 5 Awards Banquet, 6PM
KC Hall
- May 8 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- May 13 Mother's Day Flower Sales
After all Masses
- May 28 Memorial Day Mass, 9AM
Calvary Cemetery

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Officer Nominations 2012-13

The officer nominations for the fraternal year 2012-2013 are open from now until the election at the business meeting on June 12th. Here is a list of those nominated to date.

Grand Knight - Vern Rausch

Deputy Grand Knight -

Chancellor - John Kinnick

Recorder - Gary Kempf

Treasurer - Jim Masteller

Warden - Brian Hoffman

Advocate - Phil Harter

Inside Guard -

Outside Guard -

3 Year Trustee -

2 Year Trustee - Jim Meyer

1 Year Trustee -

Memorial Day Mass

The annual Memorial Day Mass is scheduled for 9AM at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, April 28th. If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate it will be celebrated at St. Stephen's at 9:30AM. We are always in need of able bodied assistance to transport the altar and chairs from the hall to the cemetery and back, so if you will be in town that day, please consider lending a hand. We will meet at the KC Hall at 7AM.

Clubroom Lights Installed

The new ceiling lighting in the basement clubroom has been installed. Many of the old fixtures had bad ballasts and were probably installed back in the seventies. It is good to see all the fixtures providing light. An excellent crew of volunteers helped with this project. They included Rick Aberle, Ken Erkens, Dale Guimont, Jeff Kieffer, Dave Hudoba, and Gordy Dusterhoft. Many thanks for their effort as well as thanks to those that contributed to the basement lighting fund request that was included with the dues billing for this year. Come to a meeting and take a look!!

Al Kempf

New Members Inducted

The Anoka Council gained two new members as a result of the First Degree Ceremonial conducted on April 10. Welcome to new members Stephen Rothstein and George Kusterman. They were joined by Barrett Trimble who entered the First Degree as a member of the St. Katharine Drexel Council of Ramsey. All members in the First Degree should consider becoming knighted as a full member in the Third Degree at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids on May 5th. It is a Saturday morning ceremonial and should be completed around noon. If there are questions regarding this degree contact me at 763-421-0116 or Financial Secretary Roger Renner at 763-427-6100. If you are a First Degree member currently paid up on your dues there is no additional fee required to take the Second and Third Degree.

Al Kempf, Membership Director