



*From the
Chaplain*

A PRAYERFUL FINISH TO THE FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

As we begin the month of July, we are in the last phase of the Fortnight for Freedom, a fourteen day period which began back on June 21, the final days before July 4, Independence Day. The Fortnight was created by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to draw attention to our religious liberties which are being threatened by many recent developments across the country, particularly at the federal level. It is a time for Catholics all across America to band together to defend, uphold, and protect our religious liberties.

Religious freedom is more than the right to worship at church or pray in our homes freely; it is the freedom to practice our faith in public without interference or restriction. It is an egregious offense against religious liberty for the government to force individuals or groups to comply with laws or policies that violate their consciences or religious convictions.

Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, has some excellent insight and advice for Brother Knights and their families about the nature of our freedoms and what we can do as part of the Fortnight. "We should make it a point to thank God for the freedoms with which he has endowed us and commend to the Lord those who have died in defending our liberty. Freedoms erode when they are taken for granted by citizens. Religious freedom erodes when, in the face of increasingly secular culture, believers stop going to church and cease to bring convictions born of faith into family life, daily work, and social settings. Conversely, when we consciously thank God for our freedoms, we will be more apt to protect them" (Lori, W. E., "Fortnight for Freedom," *Columbia*, June 2012, 5).



For each of the remaining days of this Fortnight, it is recommended that Brother Knights and their families offer this prayer.

"Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties. By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen" (USCCB, Anderson, C. A., "Answering the Bishops' Call," *Columbia*, June 2012, 3).

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; 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; Frank Barnaby (father-in-law of Deacon Chuck Waugh).

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 welcome all of my brother Knights to another year in our Council. I am privileged to be your Grand Knight for another year. I appreciate all of your support in the past and look forward to another exciting year ahead. All of the officer positions for the upcoming year have been filled. I want to make a special welcome to all the officers. Also, I would like to thank all of the event chairpersons for your hard work for the past year. Together we can do great things.

We have Anoka's Riverfest event coming up. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Roger Renner. We will also be participating in a fundraiser for St. John Vianny Seminary. This fundraiser will be held together by all councils in our district. Our district includes councils from Dayton, Ramsey, Coon Rapids and Anoka. There will be more information forthcoming.

The upcoming year will be a busy year for us Knights. Our faith and church are being challenged this fall by legislation acts and decisions. We will need to support the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman by encouraging all to say "yes" to the Marriage Amendment at the voting polls. Our State Deputy has asked that all councils in the state get involved to help support the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). The MCC is working with the archdiocese sponsoring a series of education events to get the word out on the marriage amendment. Our council will be helping by making a donation to MCC. The Affordable Care Act is also challenging our rights to our religious beliefs. I urge you all to contact your representatives in Washington DC and tell them to protect and defend our right to religious beliefs. It is now more important than ever that we come together and defend our faith. The more we are informed the better we can make decisions.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Independence Day. Peace,
Vern Rausch, Grand Knight

History 2018 Presidential Facts

This month I'm going to regale you with some unknown or little known facts about our presidents. (At least, they are unknown or little known to me, but you probably already figured that out.) So if you know all this stuff, keep it to yourself or you can be the new historian.

President #1: George Washington – Starting right at the top of the list, I see that Washington was the only president inaugurated in two states: New York for his first term and Philadelphia for the second. He and Martha weren't even supplied with a residence. They had to provide their own, as the White House wasn't available until 1800, late in John Adams 2nd term.

#2: John Adams – The first father and son to be presidents were John Adams and John Quincy Adams (#6).

#3: Thomas Jefferson – Jefferson was the first president inaugurated in Washington D.C. and the first to take the oath of office in the White House.

#8: Martin Van Buren – Van Buren was the first president born in the U.S., not in Great Britain. He was, also, one of three presidents who served in 1841: he finished his term in March; William Henry Harrison (#9) was inaugurated March 4th and died April 4th of natural causes; and John Tyler (#10) was then inaugurated April 4th.

#17: Andrew Johnson – Johnson, who assumed the presidency upon (#16) Lincoln's assassination, was the first president elected to the Senate after serving his term as president, having been elected as a senator from Tennessee.

#19: Rutherford B. Hayes – 1881 was the second time three presidents served in one year: Hayes finished his term in March; James A. Garfield (#20) began his term March 4th but was assassinated while in office, dying September 19th, when Vice-president Chester A. Arthur became president (#21).

#20: James Garfield – While serving in the House of Representatives in 1880, Garfield was elected by his constituents in Ohio to serve as a senator effective March 4, 1881. On November 2, 1880, he was elected president thus qualifying him for

three federal positions: President-elect, Senator-elect and a member of the House of Representatives.

#22 & #24: Grover Cleveland – Cleveland was the only president to be defeated for reelection and elected again later. He served two non-consecutive terms: March 1885-1889 and March 1893-1897.

#23: Benjamin Harrison – This was the only grandson of a president to also become president. His grandfather was William Henry Harrison (#9) whose 32 days in office between Van Buren and Tyler was the shortest term of any president.

I'll throw a few more of these at ya' another time, but for now my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

Anoka Riverfest 2012

Riverfest will be held Saturday, July 14, from 9AM - 5PM in downtown Anoka. The council will be operating Joe's Corn Dog booth once again this year. Please contact Roger Renner at 763-286-9355 to volunteer your assistance.

St. Maria Goretti

She was born in 1890 to a farm worker and his wife in Corinaldo. Ancona, Italy, the third of six children. Her father died of malaria when she was nine. After that it was a struggle for her mother to make ends meet and put food on the table, so all the children had to help.

In 1902 at the age of 11 an 18 year old neighbor boy attempted to rape her. When she fought back and refused to submit to him he stabbed her multiple times. She was taken to the hospital and, before dying the next day, she forgave her attacker. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison but remained unrepentant. However, he had a change of heart when one night in a dream Maria appeared to him in a garden and gave him some flowers. After 27 years he was released from prison and received forgiveness from her mother also. And when Maria was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950 that same man was in the crowd at St. Peter's.

St. Maria Goretti is the patron saint of young people and victims of rape.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

Why I Fired My Financial Planner

It was early in 2001 and I had had enough! A couple years earlier, a good friend of mine (still is), who worked at an investment firm seemed to have a decent track record of picking winning mutual funds. I had a few dollars to invest and he was certainly likeable. I decided to give him a shot. My funds did well initially (although really no better than the market average). While I continually questioned him about the wisdom of leaving this money invested in stocks instead of taking the winnings off the table (like a good gambler should!), he insisted I was just being "paranoid" and that I would be crazy to abandon 20% annual growth! My question to him of "*why is it with you that it's always a good time to buy, but never a good time to sell?*" fell mostly on deaf ears. Unfortunately, the professional part of our relationship was about to end.

The decade + long "crash" came soon after, but I didn't wait that long to get out. I asked my planner why it didn't occur to him that I *sell* while the market was at least somewhat on the high side. His response: "*Who could have predicted this, Dale?*" That was it! I offered that it was his *job* to predict this stuff. After all, I reminded him, "*that's why I pay you.*" He suddenly got very quiet and apologized stating that I was right. He generously picked up the lunch tab and we set a golf date. Six months later, he decided to exit the business.

Granted, I surely didn't expect him to predict every dip accurately, but I did expect him to accurately predict long term trends based on solid economic indicators. He finally admitted to me that there was a great deal of pressure on him to keep me invested in the market. The "conventional wisdom" is that over the long term the market returns 10%. Really? Dividends notwithstanding, the Nasdaq is virtually at the same place it was over 12 years ago, as is the S & P 500 and the Dow Jones. That's not 10%, *it's 0%*! For me, and for many, 12 years is a long time with *no growth!* On the other hand, my KC financial products have provided me with *significant growth!* Even I had to learn the hard way that taking it slow and steady is often the BEST way to build and protect a nest egg!

What is *your faith* like in our current economic conditions? If you would like more information on KC *guaranteed growth* financial products, call me! God bless. Dale Robinson, K of C Field Agent



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 3 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 10 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 14 Riverfest, 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Downtown Anoka

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Brother Knights,

There is an excellent opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to show not only our patriotism but our thanks as well to the Wounded Warriors that have put their lives on the line for freedom. The MN Santas, a professional group of Santas that I belong to, is hosting a golf tournament at the Bunker Hills Golf Club. Please see below for more information.

If you are able to attend and participate in this wonderful event, you would have the gratitude of not only this Santa and Brother Knight but also of the men and women that have been wounded in service of our country.

*Thank you and may God's peace be with you as you walk in the footsteps of his Son.
Deacon & Santa Chuck*

MN SANTAS – "THE WOUNDED WARRIOR" GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, July 25 from 10:30AM to 7:00PM
Bunker Hills Golf Club, 12800 Bunker Prairie Dr., Coon Rapids MN 55448

Registration at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by tee-off at 12 noon. The cost for 18 holes of golf with a cart is \$120.00 and includes a buffet-style dinner. Water will be provided free, and of course, the beverage carts will be making their rounds too. If you purchase a mulligan card for \$20.00, it will allow you to take one mulligan and will also enter you into a drawing for a new set of golf clubs! There is also going to be a silent auction from 5 to 7 p.m. in the club house. Santa Dan is in need of silent auction donations so if you would like to donate as well, please contact him.

There will be VOLUNTEER helpers: Santa & Mrs. Claus and Elves will be on the course and maybe even golfing with you. There will be many as well greeting you as you come in.

Please Note: There is STILL construction in the area. For best way to drive, see map:

<http://www.bunkerhillsgolf.com>

To **pre-register** or if you have ANY questions, please call or email Dan Hanson:

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