



*From the
Chaplain*

THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

September and the new school year go hand in hand. As September begins, school begins. The majority of students in America attend public schools, and public schools stay separate from religion, but education is a profoundly spiritual process. Jesus was a student as a child and he has much to teach us about education.

When Jesus was a child, he “advanced in wisdom, age, and favor” (Lk 2:52), which is to say that he matured intellectually, physically, and spiritually. All students should imitate our Lord.

Wisdom presumes the mastery of academic subjects like reading, writing, and arithmetic, and in modern times, geography, social studies, art, and computer science. A good student has a strong desire to learn, willingly attends school, pays attention in class, stays on task, asks and responds to questions, completes assignments and projects, and does their own work. Jesus is a shining example. He was so eager to learn that he remained behind in Jerusalem, went to the Temple, the center of learning, and sat in the midst of the teachers, listened to them, and asked them questions (see Lk 2:46).

Wisdom goes far beyond learning information, the mastery of facts and figures, or how to do things like conduct an experiment or operate a computer. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit (Is 11:2). It seeks and upholds the truth. It comes not only from book learning, but also from experience and common sense. It protects not only the individual but the common good. Wisdom is the ability to exercise good judgment.

Jesus also advanced in age. Physically Jesus grew in size; he matured from an infant to a child to an adolescent to an adult. He put on weight. He grew taller. He got stronger. He took care of himself and his health. Again, students need to do likewise. Each person has a spiritual duty to eat a well-balanced diet, get enough rest at night, and exercise regularly. It encompasses good health habits like brushing your teeth, taking a shower or bath, or wearing appropriate clothing. In school it also



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope everyone is doing well. I really enjoyed our wonderful summer and now autumn will soon be here. I am looking forward to the change of seasons.

We have been discussing an idea for a couple of months to hold an additional event in the autumn. In late July we were offered to hold a Sunday breakfast in October. At our last council meeting, we decided to take on this event. We decided to have a Fall Pancake Breakfast at St. Stephen's church. The date is scheduled for Sunday October 21st. So now we are looking for a couple of people to co-chair this event. If you are interested please contact me. We need to start planning very soon. We will have all the proceeds from the event go to a designated charity or fund which will be decided at the next general meeting.

I want to thank Al & Kathy Kempf, Gary & Cathy Kempf, and John & Mary Boege for a great job coordinating and working the vocation evening barbeque picnic for the priests and the potential candidates. This event was a really good example of what the Knights of Columbus can do to support vocations and the priests at St. Stephens.

Al Kempf is leading the Knights of Columbus District 59 fundraiser for St. John Vianny Seminary. I encourage all of you to support this event. This event will need volunteers and financial donations. As you may recall several of our recent priests came from this seminary. The fundraiser is scheduled for October 25th. Al Kempf is doing a wonderful job and I would like to thank him for stepping up and taking this on.

Halloween is next month so that means the Haunted House will be here too. We need lots of volunteers. This is our Council's biggest fundraiser of the year so please help out when you can.

Peace,
Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

means playground activities and physical education classes, and might include extracurriculars like sports, gymnastics, dance, or karate. And it includes safety: no drugs, no risky or dangerous behaviors, no playing in traffic, to name a few.

Most importantly, Jesus advanced in favor, he became more and more favorable or pleasing to God, or put another way, he increased in grace and holiness. As Jesus grew older, he became a better person. For a youngster, this begins with obedience and respect of parents. When it came to Mary and Joseph, Jesus was “obedient to them” (Lk 2:51), and he followed the commandments, particularly the Fourth, “Honor your father and your mother” (Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16). Jesus cooperated with his parents, listened to them, followed their directions, and observed the house rules. When a child goes to school, the respect accorded to one's parents is extended to one's teachers.

To advance in favor is to grow closer to God. This means daily prayer, Mass every Sunday, religious education classes, Sacraments, and good works. It also includes virtuous behavior: to tell the truth, perform assigned chores, get along with brothers and sisters, respect classmates, behave on the bus, use appropriate language, and play in a sportsmanlike manner.

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; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Dan Ross.

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

St. John Vianney Seminary Fund Raiser

The four Knights of Columbus councils of District 59 are jointly conducting a fund raiser for St. John Vianney Seminary. These councils support the parishes of St. Stephen in Anoka, Epiphany in Coon Rapids, St. John the Baptist in Dayton, and St. Katharine Drexel in Ramsey. St. John Vianney Seminary provides a college education for students preparing to enter a Major Seminary such as the St. Paul Seminary. This is a great opportunity to financially support the young men willing to dedicate their lives to a vocation.

There will be a Vocations Mass at 5:15 PM at the Church of St. Stephen on Thursday, October 25, 2012. A collection will be taken up during that Mass for the seminary. A small choir of seminarians is expected to sing at the Mass. After the Mass a spaghetti dinner will be served at the church. Proceeds of the dinner will also go to the seminary. The expected donation for the dinner will be \$10.00 with those age 8 and younger getting to eat for \$5.00. Donations can also be sent to the Knights of Columbus councils or to the church offices. Checks should be written out to the parish with a memo note indicating what it is for. They can also be written to the Knights of Columbus or St. John Vianney Seminary. Donations dropped into Sunday collections or at the parish office should be in an envelope clearly marked as to what it is for.

All donations and receipts will go directly to the seminary. The Knights of Columbus councils will cover all the costs associated with this fund raiser. Please help support vocations and help provide the church with priests for the future.

Volunteers will be needed

There will be a need for volunteers to help with serving the meal and clearing tables in the dining area during the dinner. More details will be in the October Shield.

Al Kempf, Fund Raiser coordinator

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Barnaby, Deacon Chuck Waugh's father-in-law, died on July 1st. Frank was a 3rd degree Knight in Duluth. He had been on our prayer list for a couple of months. Please keep Chuck, Marie and the rest of Frank's family and friends in your prayers.

KC NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD

The ANOKA KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS is hosting a KC NIGHT AT TARGET FIELD for Brother Knights, their family, and their guests.

You are invited to join our Pastor Fr Mike Van Sloun on MONDAY September 24th cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they battle the mighty NEW YORK YANKEES. You can get more information and tickets reservation forms for this event contacting Roger Renner. Motor coach, Game Ticket, and beverages are only \$48.00. We have only 49 tickets available and payment is required to guarantee your reservation for this event.

This is a first come, first serve basis in the only Yankee series with the TWINS of the year.

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SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 5th CIRCLE OF WOMEN & BIRTHRIGHT COON RAPIDS FUN RAISER

7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM
St. John the Baptist Church
835 2nd Ave. NW, St. Joseph Hall
New Brighton, MN

COMEDYSPORTZ

Improvational comedy involves a whole group of performers making up scenes and playing games on the spot based on audience suggestions. A ComedySportz match features two teams of comedy athletes competing for laughs and points, with a referee keeping things moving and calling fouls.

Unlike most other forms of performance comedy, ComedySportz is great for all ages. Everyone has a good time and no one gets offended.. it's anything but boring!

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$12/ADULT or \$10/UNDER 18 years.

ADVANCE FAMILY DEALS: \$35/ 2 ADULT & 2 CHILDREN, \$5 ADD'L CHILDREN.

AT THE DOOR: \$15/ADULT OR \$10/UNDER 18 YEARS.

Advance tickets are available in St. Johns parish office (651-633-8333) Mon/Tue/Wed/ Fri from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information please contact Carrie at 763-780-5160 or Shannon at 763-780-4449.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pat & Debi Larson

BIG Mistake: Relying on the GROUP life insurance you get at work!

If you are like many people, you receive at least **some** group life insurance as a benefit of employment. I'm not against having this coverage because it is generally free or inexpensive, but if you rely solely on this coverage to protect your family and your BIGGEST asset – your **paycheck**, then I ask that you pay especially close attention to the following story.

My cousin, David, enjoyed life with his wife and two sons as an armored truck car driver in Portland, Oregon. He had been with the company for over 20 years and was a stellar employee. It seemed like everything was going very well until he started experiencing minor bouts of blurred vision and dizziness. The resulting diagnosis was not only about to change David's life, but was about to impact his family in ways he did not foresee. David had inoperable brain cancer.

David's health continued to deteriorate slowly. About a year after his diagnosis, the armored truck company David worked for finally let him go. Unfortunately, David and his family found out the hard way that his group term life insurance was a benefit of employment only. The \$250,000 that they were relying on was no more.

We buried my cousin David on June 16. Unfortunately, while David's loss is emotionally devastating the financial toll will last even longer. I'm sure David's family would have purchased a personally owned life insurance policy had they known that his group term life would be gone the day he was laid off.

I share this because I don't want David's death to be in vain. Don't ever rely on your employers group term to be there when you need it. A personally owned term life insurance is just too cheap **NOT** to have it. Call me and I'll be happy to arrange a short visit with you and explain your options. It doesn't have to be expensive. As always, I promise never to try and force you into something you don't want or need.

Be sure to hug your wife and kids today.

God bless,
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The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 3 Labor Day
- Sept. 4 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Sept. 11 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

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Vocations Barbeque

On Thursday evening, August 2, the Knights provided a Barbeque Buffet for those that responded to the "Called by Name" program at St. Stephen's Church. These are young people that have been recognized as possibly entertaining the pursuit of a vocation. The evening began with Mass followed by evening prayer in the rectory. The meal was followed by lawn games by all that attended. The priests of St. Stephen and Father Blume of St. Pat's in Oak Grove along with some current seminarians joined in with the lawn games. All had a great time. The evening ended with Father Mike's personal vocations story.

This may become an annual activity with the Knights providing the food and lawn games. I would like to thank John and Mary Boege, Gary and Cathy Kempf, Vern Rausch, and my wife, Kathy for their assistance in preparing and serving the food.

Al Kempf

2012 HAUNTED HOUSE THE 25th YEAR

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The key dates for the 2012 Haunted House are as follows:

Construction – Oct. 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th.

Open Haunted House dates:

Oct. 18th – 7-9PM

Oct. 19th – 7-10PM

Oct. 20th – 7-10PM

Oct. 21st – 7-9PM

Oct. 25th – 7-9PM

Oct. 26th – 6-10PM

Oct. 27th – 6-10PM

Oct. 28th – 7-9PM

Teardown – Nov. 3rd – all day until done.

With construction on 2 weekends, open Haunted House for 8 days & teardown on 1 day, we need lots of workers!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please check your calendar for these key dates to volunteer when 100s of phone calls are made in September. You can save lots of phone calls if you would contact us ASAP. Send an e-mail to: RaymondDDalzell@cs.com or call Ray at 763-757-1241.

Ray Dalzell, Steve Beberg, Mike Johnson,
 Pat Worcester, Rick Landowski chairs



KC Hall Lights Installed

The new ceiling lighting in the upstairs hall has been installed. All of the old fixtures were removed and were disassembled for recycling. The new fixtures have an electronic ballast and T8 lamps so they should provide more efficient lighting. An excellent crew of volunteers helped with this project. They included Rick Aberle, Dave Plante, Dale Guimont, Jeff Kieffer, Dave Hudoba, and Gordy Dusterhoft. Many thanks for their effort as well as thanks to Rick Landowski and Roger and Ray Renner for the use of their scaffolding that helped make the job lots easier. Funding was provided from a special fund for the replacement of the hall lighting along with a contribution from the Anoka Home Association.

Al Kempf