



*From the
Chaplain*

NEW SAINT ON OCTOBER 21

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will be raised to sainthood by Pope Benedict XVI later this month on October 21. She is affectionately known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” the first Native American to be canonized a saint. While this is a great moment for the Church across North America, it is particularly significant for Native American Catholics who number approximately 600,000 from 300 tribes in the United States and Canada.

Kateri’s path to sainthood has gone through a number of steps and a lengthy process. She died in 1680. Over the next two and a half centuries devotion to her has steadily increased and many miracles have been attributed to her intercession. Her cause for canonization was opened in 1932; she was declared venerable by Pope Pius XII in 1943; beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980; approved for canonization by Pope Benedict XVI in December, 2011; and 332 years after her death, she will be formally canonized a saint on October 21, 2012.

Kateri was born in 1656 in Auriesville (Osseerone), New York, on the south bank of the Mohawk River. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin. She was orphaned at the age of four when her mother, father, and baby brother all died in



a smallpox epidemic. Kateri also contracted smallpox, survived, but was severely weakened, partially blinded, and face disfigured.

Kateri was then raised by her uncle who hosted three Jesuit missionaries. They instructed her in the faith and she was baptized on Easter, 1676, at the age of 20. The Mohawks bitterly opposed her conversion. They tried to force her to marry, but she refused. She would not work on Sunday and was branded as lazy. She prayed the rosary and was taunted as crazy. She was mocked mercilessly and ostracized by family and neighbors. When her life was threatened, she fled to Caughnawaga, a small town near Montreal, Canada.

Kateri lived in a cabin where she could practice her faith freely. She prayed long hours, attended daily Mass, taught children their prayers, visited the sick and elderly, made crosses that she placed throughout the woods, and made a perpetual vow of virginity in 1679 at the age of 23. She suffered recurrent headaches, fevers, stomach aches, and weight loss, much due to her severe self-inflicted penitential practices. She died on April 17, 1680.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the patron saint of Native Americans, the environment, those who are persecuted for their faith, orphans, and World Youth Day. Her feast day is July 14.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun



*Grand
Knight’s
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope everyone is doing well. The autumn season is upon us and I hope everyone can take some time to relax and enjoy the outdoors. The Vikings could help with our enjoyment by winning more games.

The planning of Haunted House is in full swing. We have a great team of gentlemen that are part of planning this event. I want to thank them all for their continued involvement. Ray Dalzell and Bob Zelenak are busy calling for volunteers. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. I encourage you to volunteer. Don’t wait to be called, pick up the phone and call them. It only takes a couple of hours of your time. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you all that have already signed up.

The fundraiser for St. John Vianny Seminary is taking shape. The fundraiser will be Thursday, October 25th at 5:15 p.m. We will have Mass followed by a spaghetti dinner. This is an opportunity to support the seminarians that may eventually become priests in the diocese. As I said last month, I encourage all of you to support this event. There will be more details in the church bulletin.

We have decided to postpone the Pancake breakfast that we planned in October of this year. We have a couple of events occurring at the same time so we need to focus our attention on them at this time. We will look forward to having a pancake breakfast next year.

We are looking for assistance for the KC Free Throw contest. This contest is for boys and girls between the ages of 10-14. There is a local competition and the winners will move on to a district level leading up to a state level. In the last couple years, kids from Minnesota made it to the national contest. Dave Hudoba is leading this effort. Please contact him for more information.

Peace,

Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

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 to help in the kitchen as well as the dining area. Please contact me by phone at 763-421-0116 where you can leave a voice mail message if we are not available or send an e-mail message to alandkathy@usfamily.net. Your service will be appreciated. Thank you!!!

Al Kempf, Fund Raiser coordinator

Honesty and Integrity: Why They are Values I Cherish!

I am blessed to be able to write this at 40,000 feet while flying somewhere over Nebraska with my lovely 17 year old daughter sitting next to me. We are taking a four day end-of-summer "daddy-daughter" trip to Colorado before she starts her final year of high school.

There are three things in my life that I hold very, very dear: my faith, my family, and my friends. They are extremely precious to me and each holds me accountable to be the best man I can be. They expect honesty and integrity. These are characteristics that I take seriously.

Being honest and trustworthy is also something that YOU expect of me as your Knights of Columbus Field Agent. This point was made clear to me just yesterday while sitting at the kitchen table of a member and his wife. They had recently lost tens of thousands of dollars in an apparent scam from an agent from another insurance company. They thought they could trust him. This same company has also been in the news for questionable sales practices in the past. When the couple asked me why they should trust me with their financial concerns I informed them that as a Knights of Columbus agent I am held to a very high standard.

First, I am required to sign and abide by a strict Code of Ethics. If I break this Code I will be immediately terminated by the KCs. I would also be held accountable by the State Commerce Department. I could get fined and/or jailed. I would also expect you to contact your KC council and see that I never work as an agent again. Finally, and most importantly, as a Catholic family man I refuse to jeopardize my family and my faith for the sake of a commission. I just won't do it. Period.

I'll be sending this to each of the councils I serve as soon as I land. Then, I'm going to spend four days of my life with my precious daughter in the mountains of Colorado. I hope you, too, will make an effort to spend some special time with your spouse, child, grandchild, or a close friend. I value my clients as good friends, and so I promise that you will not be far from my mind. I'll be back on the job by the time you read this and I promise you that I will do that job with honesty and integrity! God bless,

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News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree

Fall is here and we look forward to the activities which are part of the tradition of the Nicollet Assembly for many years. We begin with a Summer Meeting at the home of our new Faithful Navigator, and follow that with the Navigator's Ball in October. This is also the time for the Fall Exemplification, which this year, is being staged at the Church of St. Joseph's in Lino Lakes. November is the time for our Memorial Mass of members who have passed, followed by the Ladies Christmas Party in December. January is the observation of what is called the Renewal of Obligations for Fourth Degree members. In March, we hold a Candidate's Night meeting for men who are considering membership in our Spring (April) statewide Fourth Degree Exemplification. June completes the cycle of activities as we celebrate Mass and Installation of new Assembly Officers. What you are reading here is the opportunity to be part of the next step in your journey as a Knight of Columbus, by joining Fourth Degree. We gain in our faith, surrounded by those Fourth Degree Knights in 45 parishes of the northwest quadrant of the greater Minneapolis area, represented in our membership. Don't know anyone in Fourth Degree in your Council? Call me; I'll connect you with someone in your Council. STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE

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An Irish Blessing

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain,
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you,
May the blessing of light be on you,
Light without and light within,
May the blessed sunlight shine on you,
And warm your heart 'til it glows like a great peat fire,
So that the stranger may come and warm himself at it,
And also a friend.



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 8 Columbus Day
- Oct. 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- Oct. 31 Halloween

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Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim & Ruth 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; Joe Santer.

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

HAUNTED HOUSE – 2012

The Haunted House is in dire need of volunteers for every facet of operation construction, ticket takers, pushers and tear down. Please check your calendar and the dates and times below and call Ray Dalzell at 763-757-1241 or email to RaymondDDalzell@cs.com.

- 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!!!!!!!!

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

Do You Know a Membership Prospect??

I will be conducting information sessions for prospective members once again this Fall. The dates are Tuesday, October 30, and Thursday, November 8. I will cover a basic history of the Knights, the structure of the organization from Supreme level down to 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 PM at the Anoka KC Hall, 2421 4th Ave. N. Choose any one of the two sessions. If you know of a potential candidate call me or just have him show up at one of the sessions. Current members that would like to know more about the Knights are also welcome to attend. Call me at 763-421-0116 with any questions.

Al Kempf, Membership Director