



*From the
Chaplain*

Our Lenten Journey

“Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom....I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord your God, heeding His voice and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you.” **(Deut. 30:15)**

This reading, from the liturgy on the Thursday following Ash Wednesday, invites us to probe the deeper meaning of the Christian life and of every Christian vocation, by examining our own choices and how we make them. Not only do we make choices, our choices make us. We become what we choose, changing ourselves in the process. These forty days of Lent are an invitation to respond to the Lord's invitations of grace and to be remade into His Image and Likeness through our choices.

As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage over these coming weeks we should reflect on how Jesus chose in His Sacred Humanity. He walked the path of surrendered love to the Father and always chose what is good and true. So should we. In His Sacred Humanity, Jesus shows us the model for how we should choose. Then, by His saving life, death and resurrection, He provides the means for our own capacity to choose to be transformed by grace.

May our Lenten journey lead us to make the right choices and be **transformed** by His saving grace.

Vivat, Jesus
Deacon Chuck



St. Swithbert of Kaiserwerth

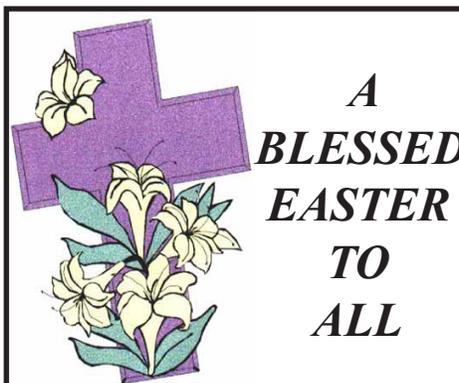
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Swithbert, a monk from the English region of Northumbria, immigrated to Ireland, where he became a disciple of St. Egbert in the monastery of Rathmelsigi.

Described by his contemporary, St. Bede, as a “humble-hearted” religious, Swithbert was one of twelve monks of Rathmelsigi sent by Egbert on a mission to evangelize the Netherlands. Among his companions was the famed missionary, St. Willibrord.

After winning the conversions of many pagans by his zeal, Swithbert was consecrated regional bishop for this mission in 693. Thereafter he expanded his field of labor into western Germany. Here he was successful for a time, but in the end his efforts were thwarted by a Saxon invasion. Swithbert saw in this misfortune an opportunity to withdraw from the world and prepare himself spiritually for death. He founded a monastery on an island along the Rhine, where the town of Kaiserwerth now stands, near Dusseldorf, Germany. Swithbert spent the rest of his life in the Kaiserwerth monastery.

Deacon Chuck



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope all is well with you. This winter seems to have been colder than the past couple of years. Maybe as I get older I am less tolerant of the cold. It will be good to see the spring equinox arrive and the warmer temperatures that follow.

I would like to add a thank you to Phil Lesnar for helping out behind the scenes at the Spaghetti Dinner. I missed mentioning his name last month.

We have two new members that joined the Anoka Knights of Columbus council. Please welcome Jay Hernandez and Tom Davis. If any of you know someone that is interested in becoming a member of the Anoka council, please pass the information to Al Kempf at 763-421-0116. In order for our Council to thrive, we are always interested in adding members.

The district Basketball Free Throw Contest was held in mid-February. Anoka council had three kids advance to the regional competition which will be held in March. Congratulations to Lily S., John J. and David W. We wish them good luck at the regional contest.

The Friday Fish Dinners are in full swing. Thank you to all that are helping out. It was great to see several of you step forward to help out. Your commitment will make the Fish Dinners a huge success. May I also add that the fish dinner is once again very tasty.

Our council will be holding the Stations of the Cross this month. I hope you can attend to show our support. I would like to thank Ken Erkens for coordinating the Stations of the Cross event. Ham Bingo will also occur this month. Many helpers are needed.

Easter will be upon us at the end of the month. I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Blessed Easter.

Peace,

Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

History 2018 - 1905

A major world event took place in Russia in January. Workers wanting better working conditions demonstrated in front of the Winter Palace of Czar Nicholas II on January 22nd. He wasn't there and had given orders to his troops to fire on the crowd, if they wouldn't disperse. They didn't, the troops did and more than 500 were killed and many more wounded on, what became known as, 'Bloody Sunday'. Internal strife wasn't the only problem for Russia in 1905, as the Russian-Japanese War raged all year.

Switch your thoughts from Russia to the Republic of Transvaal in Africa where a monster diamond was discovered in a mine on January 30th, weighing in at 3,106 carats or 1.33 lb. It was insured for \$2.5 million in 1905 dollars.

Oklahoma was granted statehood on February 7th, leaving only New Mexico and Arizona on the outside. Keep in mind, this was well before Alaska and Hawaii were even close to being considered.

Here's some REAL, real estate prices for your consideration. Property at Broadway and Wall Street (that would be in New York City) was selling for \$4 per square inch. Meanwhile over on 5th Avenue (same city) a 10 ft. boa constrictor was on the loose.

Anti-smoking laws were already around way back then. Indiana had one and a young man felt the weight of it's enforcement when he was fined \$35 for possessing rolling papers. (Probably considered circumstantial evidence by today's standards.)

A Frenchman won his 3rd Tour de France on July 30th, which makes one wonder if he was checked for performance enhancing drugs. And right here in the good ol' US of A, the world's first drive-in gas station opened in St. Louis, MO.

There were a couple of unrelated weather incidents that year. A storm on Lake Michigan sunk 11 boats and killed 21 people on October 20th. The Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen, arrived in Alaska on December 6th, at the end of a 3 year journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific by way of the Northwest Passage. They were ice bound for nearly 2 years, but located the north magnetic pole.

From the procrastination department comes this little gem: the public was demanding changes to the rules of football to end some of the roughness. Well, 107 years later they're still trying and, so far, all that's been accomplished is 'don't blink or we'll get you for a false start'. Now there's a real dangerous situation that needed to be addressed! Okay, Okay, I hear you! I was leaving anyway, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

Free-throw Championship

This event was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Mike Petschl, Ken Erkens, Dave Plante, Don Wojciechowski, Vidal Cordoba and Al Kempf.

Over 160 students from St. Stephen participated. We are fortunate to have a council whose members are so ready and willing to lend a hand. Thank you gentlemen and looking forward to next year

Dave Hudoba, DGK

WHAT IS *YOUR* BIGGEST ASSET?

What is your biggest asset? Your home? 401K? Pension? A piece of property? Your business? Most people say it is their home or retirement plan. They are wrong. It is actually ***YOU!***

Consider this: If your family relies on your income then you are likely your family's biggest asset. Why? ***Because you have the ability to create wealth!*** If you make \$50,000 annually, that's \$1.5 million dollars over 30 years, or \$2 million over 40 years! Earn \$100,000 annually? Double it! If you were to suddenly lose that income, who would suffer most?

Also, consider how important you feel it is to insure your home, cars, cabin, antiques, and other assets at FULL REPLACEMENT VALUE, while insuring your BIGGEST asset – ***YOU***, at a tiny fraction of your value! You are like your family's personally owned ATM machine! Every time you get paid, you produce cash. Cash that your loved ones depend on. If you can no longer produce cash due to disability or death, your family struggles. It is really that simple, and unfortunately too common.

One of the greatest acts of love is to still provide for your family even when you no longer can. Adequate disability and life insurance should be ***paramount*** in every family's financial plan. Start showing your family how much you truly love and care about their financial well being, no matter what happens. Protect your largest asset today! Give me a call, or send me an email, and I'll show you just how inexpensively you can accomplish this selfless act of love.

God bless,
Dale Robinson

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New Members Installed

On Saturday February 2nd two new members joined the Knights in the 3rd Degree. Please welcome to the Anoka Council Thomas Davis and Leonardo (Jay) Hernandez. The ceremonials were conducted at St. Vincent's Church and were hosted by the Osseo Council. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen. We have also gained a new member by transfer from Blaine Council #5141. He is William Kleifgen and he joined us in January.

If you know of someone that should be a Knight please give me a call at 763-421-0116. There is a First Degree installation being considered for some time this spring. Details should be available in next month's Shield. It will probably take place prior to our regular meeting. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility.

Al Kempf
Membership Chairman

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. Dick can also be contacted at dmontroy@comcast.net.

HAM BINGO

The Ham Bingo event is coming soon. The date is set for Saturday March 23, 2013. It will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This year's event will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen Church. A bingo can win you a Ham. We will have door prizes again at the end of the event. You must be present to win. We need lots of help so please give me a call if you can work. There will be two shifts again. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 and the second shift is from 8:15 to 10:15. I would really encourage you to attend this event with your family. Everybody always has a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

Vern Rausch, Bingo Chairman
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The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 1 Stations of the Cross, 7PM
St. Stephen's
- March 1, 8, 15, 22 Fr. Mikes Fish Fries
St. Stephen's FCC
- March 5 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- March 12 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- March 23 Ham Bingo, 6:30-10PM
St. Stephen's FCC

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Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Wrap-Up

We want to thank the 31 couples who attended this year's Spaghetti Dinner/Dance on January 19th. If there had been 3 more couples in attendance, we would have operated in the black. Instead, it cost the council \$47.92 for the evening that was enjoyed by everyone there.

The food was great and so was the music. The dance floor was filled throughout the evening. A lot of conversation and laughter at the tables!

We received many donations from businesses in and around Anoka to raise money for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Those businesses were, Sparky's Café, Rick Aberle Construction, Anoka-Ramsey Farm & Garden, Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill, Furniture & Things, Coborn's, Woodman's Grill, Casa Rio, Buffalo Wild Wings, and NAU Country Insurance. We also had donations from a few members. Thank you to Danzl's, Donlin's, Ossowski's, and Tim Miller. Thank you, also, to Corey Kieffer for supplying the Specialty Beers and Micro Brews for the beer basket prizes put together by my wife, Linda, and to Phil Lesnar for the four Minnesota Wild tickets in the 5th row. I see The Wild won that game. Congrats on winning those, Tim! I am sure it was a good time. And last, I want to thank Kelly Danzl and Suzanne Richards for helping get these donations.

We were able to collect \$743 for these donations. The \$31.25 in tips from the bar was added to this amount and two members of our council who were not able to attend gave to our collection of money for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon to make an even \$800 for them. Thank you everyone.

We plan to have this event next year. The hall has been booked for January 11th, 2014. You probably don't have a 2014 calendar yet, but if you go to the month of December on your 2013 calendar, it may have a small previous month and a next month on that page. If it does, highlight the 11th of January.

We hope you can join us then.

Chairs: Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar & John Smetana



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 Gubernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaut; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Dan Ross; Mary Marlen (mother-in-law of George Olson); Lois Erickson (wife of Lawrence).

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

In Memoriam

Mary Dehn, wife of Brother Knight Willard Dehn, passed away on February 4th, at the age of 74 and Art Van Sloun, father of our chaplain, Fr. Mike, passed away on Ash Wednesday, February 13th.

Please keep Mary, Art and their families and friends in your prayers.