



*From the  
Chaplain*

**“Unless I see... I will not believe”**

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus’ appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities.

When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes one a friend of God. Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and perfect obedience to the will of his Father. He called his disciples, and he calls us to do the same.

Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time: the apostle Thomas. Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus’ death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles.

He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God.



*Grand  
Knight’s  
Message*



**Greetings Brother Knights:**

Is the winter snow almost done already? You can sure feel the warmth of the sun these spring days. I know that the snow won’t be around much longer. Springtime is a time of rebirth and rejuvenation. I wonder if Spring was named after the extra spring in our steps during this time of the year?

I would like to thank all that pitched in to help out with the Lenten Fish Dinners. Congratulations everyone on a successful event.

In late February the council officers completed our annual budget for the year. The council is in good shape to continue our support of the Church and local community. The council has room to add a couple of fundraising events. St. Stephen Church has offered us to take over the two pancake breakfast events. We held a discussion at our last council meeting to consider adding these two events to our schedule. The members in attendance approved that the council should move forward and take over these events. The pancake breakfast events are simple to run and can easily raise money for us to support the Church and our community. The council is looking for members to take a chairperson role and coordinate these events. The Lenten Fish Dinners are a good example of how several co-leaders can share the work and make the event successful and have a good time too. Please consider this role. The council receives more and more request for donations and support every year. The council currently only has three main fundraisers that support the entire year’s donations. Adding these pancake breakfast fundraisers to our council’s schedule is an important part for us to maintain our level of support.

Coming up in June the council will install new officers. There are council officer positions available. This is an opportunity to see how our council runs. Please contact me if you have any questions with these positions.

I would like to wish you all a warm and joyous Easter Season.

Peace,  
Vern Rausch  
Grand Knight

He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

Don’t make the same mistake as Thomas by withdrawing from the others. Do not live by, “Unless I see... I will not believe”! As Knights of Columbus, we are called to help those in need. Our faith shines forth in our actions and through our prayers. We believe what we do not see, it is the mystery of our faith.

May others believe.... by what they see... in us.

Vivat Jesus,  
Deacon Chuck

**IN MEMORIAM**

Leon Barnier passed away on February 18th, 2013. He and his wife, Faira, were married for 66 years and had 8 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Leon was a Knight for 63 years. Please keep Leon and his family and friends in your prayers.



*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; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Dan Ross; Mary Marlen (mother-in-law of George Olson); Lois Erickson (wife of Lawrence); Irene Ronning (friend of Brian Hoffman).

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

## History 2018 1906

An angry Momma Nature showed her wrath in 1906, starting with the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius on April 10<sup>th</sup>, spewing red hot lava, cinders, flame, smoke and ashes, killing hundreds and making breathing difficult.

That was followed soon after by the San Francisco earthquake on April 19<sup>th</sup>, that killed thousands. People fled the city by ferry and rail; the docks were full of people; half the population spent the night in parks and open spaces, as what was left of the city burned. Many looters were shot and killed. Then on August 18<sup>th</sup>, another earthquake sent people fleeing and killed at least 5,000, this time in Valparaiso, Chile. There was devastation from Santiago to the Andes with towns completely destroyed, rail lines torn up and bridges and tunnels collapsed.

To finish off this year of disasters, a tidal wave struck Elliot's Key in Florida drowning 2,500 people. Isn't a tidal wave the same as a tsunami by today's definition? A lot of old terms have new definitions today. For instance, no longer used medical terms like the grip, rheumatism and ague are defined today as the flu, aches and pains and fever or shivering, respectively.

Okay, on with the other news! Spain's king and queen were returning to the royal palace after their wedding ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup>, when someone threw a bouquet of flowers at them from an apartment, or in this case lobbed is probably a better term, as the bouquet concealed a bomb. It missed the royal couple, but 2 horses and 18 people were killed and the culprit was captured.

In sporting news, it took 24 innings to finish a baseball game between Boston and Philadelphia on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Philly won 4-1, but there is no mention of the time of day.

I find this next one hard to believe even by 1906 standards. Strange but true and, once again, in New York, local clergy were protesting because someone made the decision to display a pygmy in a cage with apes at the Bronx Zoo. What were they thinking?!

Finally, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, our then president, Theodore Roosevelt, received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in bringing an end to the war between Russia and Japan. And, speaking of Theodore Roosevelt, another of his far-sighted dreams was also well underway in 1906, the construction of the Panama Canal.

Well, that brings another year to a close and I will depart quietly, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian

## PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY'S BIGGEST ASSET: YOU!

Following up on last month's article, I would like to provide you with some interesting facts on your family's **biggest asset** and why it is so vital to protect it. Here are some statistics from the Social Security Administration website (<http://ssa.gov>):

Social Security is the major source of income for most elderly people.

Fifty-three percent of married couples and 74% of unmarried persons receive 50% or more of their income from Social Security, while 23% of married couples and about 46% of unmarried persons rely on Social Security for 90% or more of their income.

Women are 25% more likely than men to rely on Social Security for virtually all their income!

The worker to retiree ratio will drop by 25% by 2033 meaning fewer people will be funding the system.

These statistics highlight why EVERYONE should have at least some permanent life insurance! Generally speaking, a surviving spouse will receive his/her own social security benefit or that of their deceased spouse, whichever is higher, but not both! Too many times I have seen surviving spouses struggle terribly simply because there was little or no life insurance and not enough retirement benefit to keep them financially secure.

What about younger families who are still earning incomes?

Consider the following: Over 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before reaching age 67. The average age of disabled-worker beneficiaries was 53.0 in 2011.

A disability can easily destroy a family's savings and retirement accounts. That is why it is so important to make sure your income doesn't stop just because your health does. Disability insurance may not be as expensive as you think! But the peace of mind it provides is priceless!

God bless,

Dale Robinson

Dale Robinson, FIC  
Certified Senior Advisor  
Knights of Columbus Field Agent

651-757-4400 (office)  
[dale.robinson@kofclife.com](mailto:dale.robinson@kofclife.com)

## April 25 St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667)

Central America claimed its first saint with the canonization of Pedro de San José Betancur by Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City on July 30, 2002.

Known as the "St. Francis of the Americas," Pedro de Betancur is the first saint to have worked and died in Guatemala. Calling the new saint an "outstanding example" of Christian mercy, the Holy Father noted that St. Pedro practiced mercy "heroically with the lowliest and the most deprived."

Pedro very much wanted to become a priest, but God had other plans for the young man born into a poor family on Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Pedro was a shepherd until age 24, when he began to make his way to Guatemala, hoping to connect with a relative engaged in government service there. By the time he reached Havana, he was out of money.

After working there to earn more, he got to Guatemala City the following year. When he arrived he was so destitute that he joined the bread line that the Franciscans had established. Soon, Pedro enrolled in the local Jesuit college in hopes of studying for the priesthood. No matter how hard he tried, however, he could not master the material; he withdrew from school. In 1655 he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. Three years later he opened a hospital for the convalescent poor; a shelter for the homeless and a school for the poor soon followed.

Not wanting to neglect the rich of Guatemala City, Pedro began walking through their part of town ringing a bell and inviting them to repent. Other men came to share in Pedro's work. Out of this group came the Bethlehemite Congregation, which won papal approval after Pedro's death. A Bethlehemite sisters' community, similarly founded after Pedro's death, was inspired by his life of prayer and compassion.

He is sometimes credited with originating the Christmas Eve posadas procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph seek a night's lodging from their neighbors. The custom soon spread to Mexico and other Central American countries.

As humans, we often pride ourselves on our ability to reason. But, as Pedro's life shows, other skills may be an even more crucial element of our humanity than a clever mind: compassion, imagination, love. Unable to master studies for the priesthood despite his efforts, Pedro responded to the needs of homeless and sick people; he provided education to the poor and salvation to the rich. He became holy—as fully human as any of us can ever be.

Pedro was canonized in 2002.



# The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2018

No. 4 April 2013

www.anokakc.org

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM  
KC Hall
- April 9 1st degree, 7 PM  
Business Meeting to follow  
KC Hall
- April 26-28 Tootsie Roll Drive  
various locations

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**16950 Tulip St. N.W.**  
**ANDOVER, MN 55304**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
**PERMIT NO. 4**  
ANOKA, MN

## Tootsie Roll Drive 2013

### Tootsie Roll

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the Anoka Knights of Columbus will once again participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

During the first two days brother Knights will stand at various store fronts to hand out tootsie rolls and collect donations. On Sunday we will collect after all the morning Masses.

All monies received will be donated to local organizations whose mission is to help people with learning disabilities. Wives and children are encouraged to help. Please check your calendars and see what time works best for you. We are promising good weather this year.

If you know the time you would like to work the drive, please call me at 763-427-0478 or email me at tom.matlon@gmail.com. Working together we can make the drive this year a success.

Sincerely,  
Tom Matlon

## First Degree Installation Scheduled

The Anoka Council has scheduled a First Degree installation prior to the April membership meeting. The installation ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM on April 9th. Candidates are required to register by 6:45 PM. If you know of someone that should be a Knight have him at the KC Hall on the 9th by 6:30 PM so the paperwork can be properly completed. Another option is to give me a call in advance at 763-421-0116. It would also be fitting that we have a good number of existing members present to support the new members as they join us as brother Knights.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman

## Home Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Anoka Home Association will be held in May prior to either the planning meeting on the 7th or the membership meeting on the 14th. As this copy of the Shield is being prepared the 14th is the most likely date. The May issue of the Shield will provide a definite date. The meeting on either date would be at 6:30 PM. Any questions please call me at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf  
President, Anoka Home Association

## By-Laws Change

At the regular meeting on March 12 the following motion to amend the council by laws was approved. This same motion must be approved by a vote of the council again at its regular meeting on April 9 before it will become effective. The changes will then be submitted to Supreme for approval.

It was moved, seconded and approved to change the bylaws sections as noted:

Change ARTICLE I; Section 2 from \$15.00 to \$25.00 (this is to confirm the raise in dues approved by the council a couple years ago)

Change ARTICLE VII, Section 3 from \$300.00 to \$500.00 (this is to raise the amount of funds that can be spent by the council with a vote at one meeting).

Change ARTICLE VII, Section 5 from \$100.00 to \$200.00 (this is to raise the amount of funds allowed to be transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund.

Philip Harter  
Advocate