



*From the  
Chaplain*

### **MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

May 1 is the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Joseph was a carpenter (Mt 13:55) and an exemplary worker. God wants each of us to be good workers.

Work is a good thing. God made it so when God worked for six days when God created the world. On the seventh day, God rested from all of the work he had done (Gen 2:2).

It is part of God's master plan for the human race that people would work and be partners with the Creator in the ongoing work of creation. God said, "By the sweat of your brow shall you get bread to eat" (Gen 3:19). Cain and Abel were workers, one a tiller of the soil, the other a keeper of the flocks. Noah was a ship builder.

St. Joseph was a terrific worker. Modern Bible translations say that Joseph was a carpenter, but he most likely was a craftsman who worked in both wood and stone. Joseph invested the talents and abilities that God gave to him (see Mt 25:14-17, 19-23). He delivered a valuable service to his customers and provided for his family. Since he was a righteous man (Mt 1:19), it is presumed that he was industrious, that he gave an earnest and steady effort, and that he was diligent and conscientious, reliable and dependable, productive and efficient. As we commemorate St. Joseph on May 1st, it is a time to take note of his positive attributes as a worker, and use these exceptional qualities as an inspiration and guide to help us be better workers ourselves.

Work provides resources to support one's self and one's family; contributes to the well-being of others and society; enables a person to share with others, particularly the needy; prevents unnecessary dependency; utilizes one's unique skills and gifts; keeps a person constructively occupied; reduces gossiping and meddling in the affairs of others; and can be an avenue to personal holiness.

While work is a virtue, sloth is a vice and



*Grand  
Knight's  
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights:

I would like to wish all the Mothers a very blessed Mother's Day. May God's grace shine upon all Mothers this day.

At last month's meeting we held a first degree and we added two members to our council. Please extend a warm welcome Kevin Setterholm and James Vetsch.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the members that volunteered for the recent events, the Lenten Fish Dinners, Ham Bingo, Tootsie Roll Drive and St. Stephen's Men's Group food preparers and servers. Without your help these events would not have been successful. Great job everyone! The upcoming events in May are the Awards Banquet, Mother's Day Corsages and Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery. If you are interested in helping at any of these events, please contact the event chairman to volunteer.

Dave Hudoba, and I will be contacting members in hope of getting names of KC members to fill in our open activity director positions. These positions only required a couple of hours a month of your time. The activity director positions are: Church, Community, Council, Youth and Family. All five of these activity director positions have been open for the past year. Taking one of these positions is a very good way to learn about the council's involvement with these areas. An activity director is responsible coordinating with the chairman of the individual activities and reporting results and progress at the monthly meetings. Also at our next meeting we will be opening up the nominations for officers. The officer positions will be voted at the June meeting. If you have any interest with these positions please see the officer list section in this newsletter for Dave's and my contact information.

Peace,  
Vern Rausch  
Grand Knight

a capital sin. The slothful person is lazy, has little ambition, gives little or no effort, is sluggish and apathetic, and avoids work. Often laxity in work goes hand-in-hand with laxity in the spiritual life. St. Paul has stern words for lazy Christians: "If anyone [is] unwilling to work, neither should that one eat" (2 Thes 3:10).

Laziness is a sin against God's love. It is the failure to invest talents in a constructive way for the benefit of others and the glory of God. St. Joseph honored God by being an industrious worker. His memorial is a reminder that God wants each of us to be good workers.

Fr. Mike Van Sloun

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Brother Knight Ed Zirngible died on March 26th. He and his wife, Judith, moved from Anoka to Brainerd many years ago. Ed was a member for 55 years and was 73 years old. Please keep Ed and his entire family 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); Ken Bright.

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**  
**Eye of the needle**

I know I'm not the most attentive person on the planet, but, in all my years as a Catholic, I can't remember ever hearing an explanation of the statement "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the gates of heaven". A friend of mine, who happens to be a Lutheran pastor, told me it refers to the side gate of a town, which was called the 'eye of the needle' and was designed as a narrow opening to prevent the camels from being brought in.

While I accepted that version, because he is a very learned man when it comes to scripture, that old prospector in me had to dig deeper. Well, come to find out, that appears to be one of two explanations. I tried a few angles to find the answer and ended up online in the King James Biblical Dictionary, which supports my friend's explanation claiming it refers to the side gate, close to the principal gate, usually called the 'eye of the needle' in the East. The second explanation is that it should be taken literally, because the Hebrew females were skilled in the use of the needle.

Now then, I would like to take a poll of my faithful readers, but Barb has threatened to make me answer the phone for the next month. So let's get a little exercise and try a show of hands instead. If you believe the first version, raise your right hand and if you believe the second version, raise your left hand or, for those with computers, just send an email to mickeyp1543@gmail.com

Mike Petschl, historian

**HAM BINGO WRAPUP**

We had a pretty good Ham Bingo event this year. We gave out 40 hams to lucky winners. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions. Everyone had a good time.

We made approximately \$673.00 from the Ham Bingo. The attendance was lower than past years.

Three large bone-in-hams were given out at the end of the night. The winners were Mike Ludewig, Ruth Guimont and Rich Joa. We also gave out Easter baskets that were donated. The three lucky winners were Dan Stanley, Isiah Ellingson and Jill Waskosky. Congratulations to all!

Regards,  
 Vern Rausch  
 Bingo Coordinator

**TAKE YOUR RETIREMENT**  
**QUIZ**

Get your pencils sharpened! Here is a short quiz that EVERYONE regardless of age should take.

**True False** I NEVER have to worry about running out of money in retirement for any reason.

**True False** I know I will NEVER suffer any kind of debilitating injury or sickness forcing me to spend much of my money on health issues.

**True False** If I were to suddenly die, my spouse (and children) would NEVER have to worry financially.

**Final Question:** My biggest concern is (1) outliving my money; (2) losing my money to health care costs; or (3) both 1 and 2

How did you do? Most people answer FALSE to the first three questions and (3) to the last question. It is easy to see why: a long struggling economy coupled with the increased life expectancy (although not always in good health!) create a "perfect storm." More and more, people are outliving their money or are spending it on long term care needs. The Knights of Columbus can help.

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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- May 11-12 Mothers Day Flower Sales  
St Stephen's
- May 14 Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall
- May 18-19 State Convention  
Rochester
- May 27 Memorial Day Mass, 9AM

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### Home Association Meeting DATE HAS CHANGED

Neither of the dates mentioned in the April Shield for the Annual Meeting worked out. The new date is May 21st at 7:00 PM at the KC Hall. Any questions? Call Al Kempf, 763-421-0116.

### New Members Inducted

The Anoka Council gained two new members as a result of the First Degree Ceremonial conducted on April 9. Welcome to new members Kevin Setterholm and James Vetsch. Our council has also received a transfer by the name of Ernest Mejia of Andover. The council is also processing a reapplication in the name of Philip Loner. He is from Anoka and was a member in Casper, Wyoming in the past. We welcome all of these to our membership roster. Please continue to encourage friends, neighbors, and relatives to look at membership in the Knights.

Al Kempf, Membership Director



### Mothers Day Flower Sales

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mothers Day. We will be having a fund raising event to benefit Pro Life organizations, through the sales of flowers at St. Stephens Church. We will be selling carnation and orchid corsages, as well as African violets before and after all masses on that weekend.

We will have tables set up in the narthex, as well as the office entrance and the Jackson Street entrance (across from the school entrance) to display the flowers available. The carnations need to be assembled by volunteers, and that will take place on Friday afternoon, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. It will be in St. Stephens church, in FCC-10. Please check the monitors at the entrance

to verify the FCC room used.

If you can volunteer to help with this event, please call Joe or Marilyn Adler at 763-862-8447 or Jim or Marie Van Horrick at 763-427-1353. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support Pro Life causes. It also gives the community of St. Stephens an opportunity to thank all mothers in our families for the love they have given. Please volunteer to help if you can, and watch for the volunteers on Mothers Day. Thank you for your support of this event.

Joe & Marilyn Adler  
Jim & Marie Van Horrick

### Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day Mass will take place at 9AM, Monday, May 27, at Calvary Cemetery. In case of inclement weather it will be held at 9:30AM at St. Stephen's. We can always use help and we'll meet at the KC Hall at 7AM to load the chairs, altar and sound equipment.

### Notable Quotes

#### from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Hearing nuns confessions is like being stoned to death with popcorn.

The big print giveth and the fine print taketh away.

The proud man counts his newspaper clippings, the humble man his blessings.