



*From the
Chaplain*

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE

Dear Brother Knights,

It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to be a member of Anoka Council 2018 for the past eighteen years. When I arrived at St. Stephen's in 1995 as a newly ordained priest, Mike Petschl and Dick Klaesges did not waste a moment's time to approach me with the invitation to join the Knights of Columbus. They were excellent "pitch men." They were so convincing that you would think they sold used cars. The best sales representatives truly believe in their "product." Mike and Dick were fierce advocates for the Knights back then, and they still are today!

I am so proud of Council 2018. There is a great sense of togetherness and mutual concern among the members. It is a family-oriented council which I believe is one of our council's greatest strengths. There is tremendous attention to the dearest values put forth by Supreme or the national level. Council 2018 is fiercely pro-life; promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life; has a special devotion to Mary, the rosary, and Our Lady of Guadalupe; supports the Pope, the bishops, and the teachings of the Church; has worked energetically to keep Christ in Christmas; and has championed the core values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

I am deeply grateful for all that Council 2018 does to support St. Stephen's Parish. Your work on the fish fries is tremendous. You have done so much to upgrade and maintain Calvary Cemetery. You have provided bus transportation to Mass for seniors and the homebound, hosted receptions for the newly ordained, coordinated the Memorial Day Mass, provided an Honor Guard for the Eucharistic procession on *Corpus Christi*, and sponsored outings



to see the Minnesota Twins. And we cannot forget the haunted house, bingo, Sunday brunches, the free throw contests, the November Mass of Remembrance, and other Knight-sponsored activities. Council 2018 is a tremendous blessing to St. Stephen's Parish.

Finally, I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done to support me as a priest and as your Pastor. It has been a privilege for me to serve as your chaplain for the past nine years. I have enjoyed offering KC Masses and writing for *The Shield*. You have prayed for me, been cooperative and helpful, given me many words of affirmation and encouragement, provided me with a KC chasuble, and accorded me exceptional honor and respect. Words are inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude to you. Thank you very much for all that we have shared together, and may God richly bless you always.

Your brother Knight,
Fr. Mike Van Sloun



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.



*Grand
Knight's
Message*

Greetings Brother Knights:

I want to wish a Happy Father's Day to all the dads. I hope you all have a great day.

I would like to congratulate Kevin Setterholm and James Vetch on continuing their journey with the Knights. Both of these men went through their second and third degree program in May.

I want to thank Ray Danzl for coordinating the Awards Banquet this year. We all had a good time. Congratulations to the award winners. I would like to thank all the people that helped with Mother's Day Corsages. A big thank you goes to Joe & Marilyn Adler and Jim & Marie Van Horrick for coordinating this event. They did an outstanding job co-chairing this event. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out with the Memorial Day Mass this year.

I can't believe that my term as Grand Knight for the Anoka council is winding down. The time went by so fast! It's been a great honor to be your Grand Knight for the last two years. I would like to thank all of you for your support. I have learned a lot of things since becoming the Grand Knight. I got to witness first-hand what it takes to lead and be a part of a great group of men who enjoy serving others. This experience has been very humbling to me. It's amazing what we can do when we all pitch in together to serve others. My role as Grand Knight has helped me be a better husband, father and a man of faith. I would like to thank my wife Jane for her support over the last two years. I couldn't have done this without you. David Hudoba will take over as Grand Knight on July 1st. Let's all support him like you supported me. David will do a great job.

We will elect new officers at the June meeting. Come and support our new officers.
Peace,
Vern Rausch, Grand Knight

History 2018 1907

Here's one for the books! Congress outlawed direct, corporate, campaign contributions (obviously opening the door to under-the-table, corporate, campaign contributions).

On May 21st, a streetcar and a train collided in good 'ol Brooklyn, NY. The streetcar was knocked from the tracks and passengers were thrown from the car. Passengers on the train were tossed into the aisles and cut by flying glass. In all, 40 people were severely injured. A young boy had been given the duty of directing the traffic.

The luxury liner Lusitania left London on its maiden voyage on September 6th. On October 11th it set a new record by crossing the Atlantic in 4 days 20 hours. By November her sister ship, the Mauritania, was setting new daily speed records and aiming for a new transatlantic record, as well.

In a prophetic statement Pope Pius X surmised that excessive liberty would corrupt American youth. Boy, did he know what he was talkin' about! It's probably escalated more with each generation since then (other than mine, of course). And, in another futuristic note, an innovative doctor of the day said he believed the time would come when doctors would be able to transplant human organs from one person to another.

Dirigibles were all the rage in flying machines in 1907, but the first attempted helicopter flight took place in France in November. It lifted off several times for just a few seconds and, once airborne, proved to be uncontrollable. No word as to whether it landed safely or crashed.

Oklahoma was granted statehood on November 16th, becoming #46. That leaves just 2 more to go in the lower 48 plus Alaska and Hawaii.

I'll finish with a couple of financial notes. J. P. Morgan knew how to handle a financial crisis. He locked a few New York bankers in his library and strong armed them to the tune of \$25 million to shore up the stock market and failing banks. (Now we just give them government handouts.) And check the brilliance of this one! Apparently John D. Rockefeller wasn't as rich as some people thought; he only had \$300 million (in 1907?), which still made him the richest man in the world.

That's it! My time is up. I'm gonna' go count my assets and see if I can come close. See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl
historian

Officer Nominations Open

Nominations can be made for any elected position for the 2013-2014 fraternal year. Nominations will remain open until the vote is taken at the business meeting on June 11, 2013. The list of current nominees follows.

Grand Knight - David Hudoba
Deputy Grand Knight -
Chancellor -
Recorder - Gary Kempf
Treasurer - Jim Masteller
Advocate -
Warden - Joe Soler
Inside Guard - Brian Hoffman
Outside Guard - George Kusterman
Trustee 3 yr. - Vern Rausch

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

He was born in Castiglione, Italy, the eldest of seven children. His given name is Luigi in Italian; Aloysius is the Latin form.

His first words were purported to have been the names of Jesus and Mary and he received his first Holy Communion from St. Charles Borromeo.

By the age of 9 Aloysius had decided on the religious life for his future, but it took him a while longer to convince his father, who wanted him to join the military. He joined the Jesuit order at the age of 18.

Because of a kidney disease he didn't have a very active social life and spent most of his time in prayer and teaching catechism to the poor.

When the plague broke out in 1591 he volunteered to serve in a hospital where he was assigned to a ward without plague victims, due to his fragile health. Unfortunately, a person in that ward had already been infected and he contracted the dread disease and died on June 21, 1591, at the age of 23. The last word he uttered was the name of Jesus.

Aloysius Gonzaga was beatified in 1605 and canonized in 1726. His feast day is celebrated on the day of his death, June 21, which also happens to be the first day of summer.

WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND A BURDEN OR A LEGACY?

Each of us will leave *something* behind when God calls us home, namely our *legacy*. How will our children and our grandchildren remember us? Will we be remembered as being a burden or for our careful planning and generosity? In my briefcase I carry a letter I received many years ago from a widow who wrote asking what the Knights of Columbus could do to help her financially, as her husband had used up all their retirement money in a nursing home. Unfortunately, they had no long term care insurance and she and her children paid a high price, both emotionally and financially.

I also carry a letter from a brother Knight who appreciated my assistance in making sure he and his wife were financially secure in their senior years. I helped make sure they could afford to grow old together without being a burden to each other, while leaving a legacy for their children.

To *protect their assets* from spend down, I recommended a solid *long term care insurance* program that fit nicely into their budget. This strategy helps them to avoid becoming a burden to each other and their children, and allows them to live their senior years in dignity and comfort.

I then showed them how they can utilize a *single premium whole life policy* to leave behind a *solid legacy* that will benefit their children and grandchildren. This policy provides a *leveraged tax free gift* to their loved ones, while guaranteeing the growth of their single deposit at a *competitive rate of return*. They really liked the fact that they still have access to their cash deposit for their own future needs if desired.

Each of us has a choice as to whether we will leave a burden or a legacy for those we love. Please do yourself and your family a favor and invite me into your home to show you how the Knights of Columbus can help. You have nothing to lose but a little of your time, and as always you will never be pressured to buy anything. I promise.

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

- June 2 Corpus Christi Procession
After 11AM Mass
- June 4 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 11 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 22 St. Stephen's Summerfest
- June 26 Installation of Officers
6:30PM, Anoka KC Hall

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News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree



Nicollet Assembly has been blessed by many Knights who belong to 70+ parishes in the general geographic area of NW Minneapolis and outlying suburbs. We are about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Charter in 1913, now planning an evening of ceremony in October 2013. For many years, our Assembly has honored those 4th Degree Knights who rose to the challenge of serving in leadership positions or "chairs", finally to serve as Faithful Navigator of Nicollet Assembly. We do this each Fall season, in a gathering known as the "Navigator's Ball", gathering for dinner, music, dancing, and recognition of those who have earned the right to permanently wear the white cape and sword of the Faithful Navigator. This celebration is open to all Fourth Degree Knights and their Ladies, as we note our centennial. Of particular significance, Nicollet Assembly has 20 living men who can call themselves "Past Faithful Navigator", ranging in age from 50 to 102. It will be quite a celebration! We are proud to call ourselves "Knights of Columbus"! We are men from every walk of life! You can be one of us!

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE

Ken Hudoba, Faithful Trustee, Nicollet Assembly
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District 59

Installation of Officers

The installation of officers for District 59 will be held at our Anoka KC hall on Wednesday, June 26th. The program will start at 6:30PM with Mass celebrated by Fr. Mike. The installation by District Deputy Dick Klaesges will follow immediately and a meal will be served. All officers for the 2013-2014 fraternal year are asked to attend.

Eye of the Needle Update

Ernie Larsen's wife, Carol, offered an interesting perspective. Her version is that the gate or eye of the needle was narrow not to prevent the camels from entering, but to prevent them from entering carrying their load. The load was removed outside the gate to illustrate that the rich should unburden themselves of excess wealth if they expect to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Give that some thought!