



*From the
Chaplain*

**One Chapter Closes
and Another Begins**

I am writing this article before we have said our goodbyes to our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Mike Van Sloun. It will be at the officers installation on June 26th. Our council will miss his spiritual leadership and his wonderful ability to call upon and work with the Knights on many church related projects. I, personally, will miss him as he has been my mentor throughout my diaconate journey. I never considered him just the "Pastor" of the church I belong to, but as a close friend I have grown to admire and love. I know Fr. Mike will always have a special place in his heart for the Church of St. Stephen and the Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus. It is with a certain sadness in our hearts that we say goodbye to Fr. Mike but I believe a certain joy as well. He has touched many of our hearts and will be remembered as a gentle and compassionate, yet firm, Pastor, friend and brother Knight.

Gud velsigne dig, Fader Mikael!
(Dutch)

God Bless you, Fr. Michael!

One chapter closes and another opens for the Anoka Council. Fr. Jack Long will be the new Pastor of the Church of St. Stephen in July. I do not recall personally meeting Fr. Jack but I understand, through my "contacts", that he is an exceptional



priest and will fit right in at St. Stephens. I for one am looking forward to working with Fr. Jack, not just as a deacon but also as a Knight. Join me in welcoming Fr. Jack to St. Stephens and to Anoka.

Fr. Mike has led the Anoka Knights of Columbus on a wonderful spiritual journey, may we continue our journey in the footsteps of our Lord, with what we have learned from Fr. Mike and what we will learn with Fr. Jack as our guide.

Vivat Jesus,
Deacon Chuck



*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*

It is an honor to be elected as your Grand Knight. I am looking forward to the coming year. Thank you for your trust.

As is customary, let me give a visit to my background.

I was born in "Northeast" Minneapolis and attended Holy Cross School. Upon graduating from the eighth grade, I attended Nazareth Hall Preparatory Seminary for three years. I left the seminary before my senior year and enrolled at DeLaSalle High School. It was a tough decision to leave Nazareth Hall, but I think it was the right decision for me. After graduating from DeLaSalle, I attended St. Thomas College.

I am the oldest of five (two sisters and two brothers). My wife, Karen, and I together have nine great children and fourteen wonderful grandchildren. We moved from Maple Grove to Coon Rapids eight years ago. Upon our move to Coon Rapids, we joined St. Stephen's Church and I joined Council 2018.

My dad, grandfather and uncles were all members of the Knights of Columbus. My father, uncle, cousin and I achieved Fourth Degree. Fact is, I became a Third Degree at the age of 18. I belonged to Council 435 in Minneapolis. After College, I enlisted in the Army and joined various councils while stationed in the different states - -Knights of Columbus councils in Colorado, Kentucky and Virginia.

This council is amazing. The dedication and interest are inspiring - you must all be very proud. This coming year is going to have some challenges and I will need your assistance to face them. I would like to see growth in this council's membership. We have the tools to do this and would like to have this be one of the coming year's objectives.

Past Grand Knights have done an exemplary job of leading this council. I look forward to keeping that tradition alive.

David Hudoba
Grand Knight

History 2018

A bad year

I was doing some reading recently when I came across a disastrous year in Minnesota's history: 1918. After a little more searching, I compiled a list which must have made people think the end of the world was upon them. There may have even been some doomsday prophets standing on the street corners proclaiming 'the end is near'. This is what I found.

World War I had just ended with a total loss of 2,716 men from Minnesota. Because of the war, there was a bit of hysteria running rampant, so the Minnesota Public Safety Commission decided to go after labor groups and German-Americans as dangers to society. They even went so far at one point to arrest and replace all the city officials of New Ulm. (I need Al Kempf to check out the veracity of that claim the next time he and Kathy are there for Oktoberfest.)

Moving on, in June an open pit mine explosion on the Mesaba Range near Virginia buried 20 workers and badly injured several more out of a crew of 40. Nine tons of explosives, which were already wired, were prematurely detonated by a lightning strike.

All appeared quiet until August 22nd, when a tornado struck the town of Tyler in western Minnesota near the border. Thirty-five people were killed and over 100 were injured.

Now we're gettin' to the big stuff! On October 12-13 forest fires that erupted along a railroad line between Hibbing and Duluth destroyed Cloquet, Moose Lake and eight other communities. Duluth was badly damaged and Grand Rapids was reportedly on fire, also. The dead totaled 453 with nearly 100 more badly burned. While railroads were instrumental in saving many lives, they were also blamed for the fires. It was believed that cinders from the trains ignited brush near the tracks.

And here comes the big one! A flu epidemic was a national problem in 1918, but it didn't peak in Minnesota until October. By the 13th (yes, the same time as the fires) all churches, schools, theaters and dance halls were ordered closed by the public health commissioner. Catholic churches didn't hold masses on that Sunday and the Grand Knight of the Hennepin-Minneapolis Council even canceled meetings scheduled for the 13th and 14th. Over 10,000 died in Minnesota alone.

And, now, the end really is near, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian

FREE FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

One of the greatest acts of love you give your family is peace of mind by pre-arranging your funeral. It is a subject that few like to think about, but it is one that EACH of us will have to deal. Funerals can be quite complicated and involved – and expensive! Mortuary costs will run thousands of dollars, but there are other planning considerations that can easily double those costs:

- ▲ cemetery plots and headstones
- ▲ cost of opening and closing the gravesite
- ▲ police escort
- ▲ costs associated with the funeral Mass (priest's honorarium, musicians, sacristan, etc)
- ▲ funeral luncheon
- ▲ obituary notices
- ▲ prayer cards, guest book, etc.

Fortunately, the Knights of Columbus is in a position to help. Whether you plan to be buried or cremated we have low cost insurance policies that will help you pay for all these funeral costs for *pennies on the dollar!* This helps your family through the grieving process without the added stress of figuring out how to pay for your funeral.

Don't put this important planning decision off! Call me today for a **FREE FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE** and a quote on a low cost insurance policy to pay for your funeral. As a trusted Brother Knight, I am always available to assist you and your loved ones.

God bless,
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FAMILY NIGHT at Target Field

The ANOKA KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS and THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN are hosting the annual *Family Night at Target Field* for a parish wide event.

You are invited to join our NEW Pastor Fr. Jack Long on TUESDAY July 30th to cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they battle the *Kansas City Royals*. Information and tickets reservation forms for this event are located: in the gathering space Kiosk, in the Parish Office, or on the Church's web site (www.ststephenchurch.org). Click on News and events.

Motor coach, Game Ticket, and beverages {beer, pop, & water} are again only \$44.00 or upgrade to lower seating for \$55.00. This event is always a sell out and payment is required to guarantee your reservation for this event.

DEADLINE IS JULY 9TH!
Questions? CONTACT Roger Renner @ (763) 286-9355c
All are welcome.

ANOKA RIVERFEST 2013

Anoka Riverfest & Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Anoka. The council will again be operating Joe's Corn Dogs booth this year. Please contact Roger Renner at (763) 286-9355 (cell) to volunteer your assistance. A total of 18 workers are needed for this event (set up, two 3hr. shifts & take down).



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 2 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 9 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- July 13 Riverfest, 9AM-5PM
Downtown Anoka
- July 30 Family Night at Target Field

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2013 Haunted House the 26th year

Lots of volunteers required. Here are the key dates:

Construction dates: Sept. 28, Sept. 29, Oct. 5, Oct. 6.

Open Haunted House dates:

Oct. 11, Oct. 12, Oct. 17, Oct. 20, Oct. 24 – all from 7-9PM.

Oct. 18, Oct. 19, Oct. 25, Oct. 26 – all from 7-10PM.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the noted start time.

Tear down: Oct. 27 – all day until done.

With construction on 2 weekends, open Haunted House for 9 days & tear down on 1 day, we need lots of workers. Please check your calendar for these dates to volunteer. 100s of phone calls are made in August & September. You can save us lots of phone calls if you will contact us ASAP. Send an email to RaymondDDalzell@cs.com or call Ray at 763-757-1241.

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

News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree

We take great pride in declaring and showing that we are Catholic men, when donning our formalwear and regalia at Honor Guards, at our Churches and at public events. In May, we were honored to stage an Honor Guard at the Basilica of St. Mary, recognizing the young men and women of the Archdiocese who have earned several different Scouting awards from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Passing beneath the arched swords of our Honor Guard, were the American flags and Troop flags of more than 40 units, from many communities in the Archdiocese. The Mass was celebrated by our own Bishop Lee Piche, who delivered a homily on how our faith relates to the 12 Points of the Scout Law. The young men and women, still in High School, who received their awards, each personally from Bishop Piche, are the leaders of the future. We, who watched the ceremony or participated in the Guard, know that Scouting is good news, in a world which rarely celebrates good news.

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE

Ken Hudoba
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2013 Tootsie Roll Drive Follow-up Report

Our council once again participated in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 26th, 27th and 28th. Finally, after years of bad weather, our council chaplain finally got it right. We had great weather this year for our brother Knights and their families to work in. All performed admirably.

Many thanks again to Brenda DuBay and Patty Matlon for the fine assortment of foods made for the workers. Once again, nobody left hungry.

This year our drive collected \$2,440.70. This was a significant increase over last year.

These monies will be sent to local institutions supporting people with mental handicaps. We look forward to the 2014 Tootsie Roll drive. Once again, thank you to all the Knights and their families who participated in this event. Have a blessed and wonderful summer.

Tom Matlon