



From
Deacon
Chuck

The

Shield
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Grand
Knight's
Message

Where is your treasure?

“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”

Luke 12:17-21

The ten commandments were summarized into two prohibitions – do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It’s the flip side of the two great commandments – love God and love your neighbor. Jesus reinforces his point with a parable about a foolish rich man. Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul!

Cyril of Alexandria, a fifth century church father, comments on Jesus’ word to be rich toward God: “It is true that a person’s life is not from one’s possessions or because of having an overabundance. He who is rich toward God is very blessed and has glorious hope. Who is he? One who does not love wealth but rather loves virtue. It is one whose hand is open to the needs of the poor, comforting the sorrows of those in poverty according to his means and his abilities. He gathers in the storehouses that are above and lays up treasures in heaven. Such a one shall find the interest of his virtue and the reward of his right and blameless life.”

In this little parable Jesus probes our heart

– where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. My brother Knights and dear friends in Christ, we need to ask ourselves “What do I treasure above all else?” Is it time? Is it money? Is it solitude? Would Jesus consider me a fool because of my choices? “What do I treasure above all else?”

We need to constantly ask ourselves this so we can keep our focus on what truly matters: the Kingdom of Heaven.

What good is a bountiful harvest of money and material goods when we are not able to take it with us. But there is a bountiful harvest we CAN take with us: the bountiful harvest of sharing our wealth, the bountiful harvest of sharing our material goods, the bountiful harvest of sharing our love. ALL of this leads to a bountiful harvest... of souls.

Then we can say with conviction: “All that I do, I do for your Glory, Father, not mine!”

May his peace be with you always.



*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.

Brother Knights

The Installation of Officers on June 26 was well attended with the four councils and their family members. Dick Klaesges, our District Deputy, did a wonderful job leading the installation event. Fr. Mike officiated mass. In his homily he spoke about the Knights’ four principles -- highlighting Charity. He knows us so well! (*For those of you who have not seen it, the June 28th issue of the Anoka UNION includes a fantastic article about Father Mike, written by Mandy Motan Froemming.*)

Also, a special thanks to Joellyn and Joe Soler for the food preparation and serving and all others who assisted in the setup and clean up of this event.

Our new pastor, Fr. Jack Long, along with the other priests, will be attending the Twins baseball game, on July 30. Father encouraged all who could attend to come and visit with them.

Also, please say “HELLO” to Deacon Chuck whenever you see him and thank him for offering to be our Spiritual Director in this coming year. Deacon Chuck has also offered to be our Church Activity Director this year.

Every Grand Knight begins his term addressing the issue of membership. I’ve read several of the messages of the Past Grand Knights and it was their desire that more young men would join our membership.

The times have changed but that doesn’t mean the effort to create interest in our mission should change. The change might be **in how** we go about our recruiting efforts. I wonder if watching our sons and other young men living such busy lives with their work and raising children makes us back off even a little about discussing joining the Knights. Perhaps we should think about changing the time of our meetings or the day or the length to be geared to a young father’s time frame.

In the past we had father/son masses. Another thought would be to have a father/son night at the council chambers with a modified sample of what our meetings are like -- maybe taking some of the mystery out would have an effect.

I am interested in your thoughts, so please bring your ideas to our next meeting.

God Bless, David Hudoba, Grand Knight

History 2018 1908

My, how things have changed! New York passed a discriminating ordinance banning women from smoking in public facilities.

Former President Grover Cleveland died on June 24th and, destined to be president, Lyndon Baines Johnson was born on August 27th. As for other presidential news, William Howard Taft won the election in November, easily defeating William Jennings Bryan to become #27.

Here's that dirigible thing again. Count Zeppelin unveiled plans to build one that would carry 100 passengers. Airplanes were much in the news, also. Orville Wright became the first person to stay airborne for over an hour on September 9th, but was seriously injured and his passenger was killed when a propeller blade broke off causing them to crash at Ft. Myer, VA, on September 17th. By October, his brother, Wilbur, was setting new records one after the other. And, shifting to terra firma, we will note that the Model T Ford hit the U. S. market in October.

Lest we forget, the Olympics were held in 1908, but not without controversy, which seems to be the case every time. Finland marched without a flag, because they refused to carry the Russian flag and the Irish were mad, because they had to compete under the British flag. There were a lot of complaints about professionalism, also. Those days are obviously gone and they welcome all with open arms.

I think this next item would be a great way to impress the need for water conservation on people of our day. Due to a severe drought in Indiana, they were charging 5 cents for a glass of water. And, since the postal service has been in the news quite a bit lately, let me give you this little tidbit: the cost of postage between the U. S. and England was 2 cents in 1908. I wonder how much a gallon of gas cost back then. Let's see, if John D. of Standard Oil fame was worth \$300 mil in '07.

Ah, never mind! As a retired letter carrier, that was my 2 cents worth and I shall now go quietly, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

THE EFFECTIVE WAY TO LEAVE YOUR IRA OR 401k TO YOUR CHILDREN

There are two ways of leaving your IRA to your children: **taxable or non-taxable**. The taxable way is easy: do nothing at all. When you pass away your children will receive your IRA but it will be 100% taxable. **The non-taxable way may be much more efficient**. In the steps below you will see a simple, yet effective way that you can transfer your IRA to your children or grandchildren **100% tax free**:

Step One: Roll your 401k or IRA into a guaranteed interest IRA with the Knights of Columbus and begin your required minimum distributions (RMD).

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It truly is that simple! Wealthy people have used this efficient method of passing assets to their loved ones for generations. Not only does this method avoid probate, but it allows your heirs to receive **leveraged** dollars tax free!

Call me to see if this method of leaving your assets to your heirs can be effective for you. As always, you will NEVER be pressured into buying anything you do not need or want. You have nothing to lose by learning how this powerful asset transfer strategy works.

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

Aug. 6 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 13 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall

Aug. 15 The Assumption
Holy Day of Obligation

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2013 Haunted House – the 26th year

Lots of volunteers required. Here are the key dates:
Construction dates: Sept. 28 & 29, Oct. 5 & 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



I know it sounds repetitious, but a lot of help is needed for the Haunted House. This is the big money maker for our general fund, which is the account that pays our bills during the year. We can't use charitable gambling funds to do that. Those guys try their best to make it a success every year, but they need our support. So keep in mind that a good year for the Haunted House means a good year for our council and PLEASE contact Ray Dalzell to volunteer your assistance. They can't do it alone!

Your talent is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift back to God.

Leo Buscaglia

In Memoriam

Our oldest member, Don Stewart, died on Friday, July 5th, at the age of 101. He lost his wife Bea a few years ago after 77 years of marriage. Don is survived by five of their eight children and a daughter-in-law, 23 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren. Please remember Don and his entire family in your prayers.