



From
Deacon
Chuck

We continue our wonderful journey to a deeper understanding of the beautiful prayer that Jesus taught his disciples with a little recap.

God as Father - Shaping a Healthy Image of God

A healthy image of God reflects Jesus' experience of God as Abba, Father. It is crucial that our image should convey God's unconditional love for us and call forth selfless acts of sacrificial love for others.

"Our Father" - recognizing the Family of All Creation

What a privilege for disciples of Jesus to be invited to pray in this way. This opening phrase reminds us that we belong to God; that we have been purchased by his precious blood. We are his treasured possession. He delights in us and we delight in him. These words also teach us that we have a unique and intimate relationship with God. They also remind us of our relationship with others and with the wider family of creation. The way of a Knight of Columbus, the way of the disciple is the way of *love, intercession and hospitality*.

Now that we are caught up, let's move on:

"Who Art in Heaven" - Experiencing the extraordinary in the ordinary

Language is incapable of accurately describing the transcendent God. The God who lives in heaven has taken on human flesh, in Jesus Christ, thus making holy all human flesh. This is a mind-boggling mystery. Christ no longer lives on earth but has ascended into heaven to take his rightful place of glory with the Father.

God's power is unlimited and his love is unrestricted. God created the universe out of nothing. The oceans are like a drop in a bucket to him. When we pray we should be conscious of the fact that the one who receives our petitions is not constrained by human limitations. Heaven is the place where his will is obeyed immediately and joyfully. Angels, archangels,



cherubim and seraphim worship him who is seated on the throne.

Although we have easy access to our heavenly Father we should not be flippant or too casual about approaching him. The phrase, "in heaven" might seem to indicate that he is distant or aloof. But when it is taken together with the opening phrase of this prayer, "Our Father" it gives a sense of balance about how we ought to approach him; not casually but confidently. Not filled with fear but filled with love. We should be humble and repentant when we approach God in prayer. Not in anticipation for what He will give us but in thanksgiving for what He already has.

This holy and awesome God who dwells in regal majesty in heaven has unconditional love for us and calls each of us to selfless acts of sacrificial love for others.

"Our Father who art in heaven..."

Vivat Jesus



*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 Gubernatz; 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); Irene Ronning (friend of Brian Hoffman); Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob).

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

Dear Brother Knights.

Thank you for mailing back, along with your dues, the Activities Questionnaire. This information is extremely important. The responses were excellent and the number of men offering their help is inspiring. We will contact you as soon as we have computed all the information. Please be patient. You are a fantastic group of men.

The Free-throw Championship went quite well. Over 210 students participated. We held the District Championship at St. Stephen's Gym. Three of St. Stephen's students are going to the Regional finals. Epiphany School also has three students going to the Regionals. Many thanks to the people at St. Stephen's School and Church. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Dave Plante for his work on the students' Free-throw Participation Certificates.

On February 16th, we sponsored our bi-annual Pancake Breakfast. We served over 400 meals. This event was very well organized. To all those who volunteered their time and energy, thank you so much. I would especially like to thank the planning efforts of Rhonda and Jeff Kieffer, Carole and Joe Santer, and Annette and Kevin Setterholm.

At the Spaghetti Dinner and Dance, we were introduced to the "Hope 4 Youth" organization. Their cause, to serve the youth of our community by making them feel safe and valued, impressed us. As a result, we were in a position to donate \$1,000.00 to them. We delivered the check, in person, and they were most grateful. Thanks to all who attended the event and gave so much.

Lent is upon us. This is the perfect time for us to renew our relationship with God.

David Hudoba, Grand Knight

History 2018 Past Winter Olympic Memories

With the Sochi Winter Olympics of 2014 in the history books, let's refresh our memories about some big events from past Winter Olympics, which weren't started until 1924.

Unfortunately, there have been some deaths from accidents during the games. Here are a couple of incidents attributed to the dangerous sport of luge where they can hit speeds of 95 mph. That obviously doesn't allow much time to make an adjustment. In 1964 at Innsbruck a British competitor was killed when he flew off the track during a training run. Both members of a German doubles team were injured in another accident that year. The track was considered dangerous and steps were taken to improve safety.

In Vancouver in 2010 it looked like a repeat performance when a Russian luger was killed after flying off the track during a training run.

The rest of these aren't that bad. In St. Moritz way back in 1948 the U.S. had two men's hockey teams show up; one from the American Hockey Association (AHA) and one from the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). The then American Olympic President, Avery Brundage, refused to sanction the AHA team because they accepted commercial sponsorship and opted for the AAU team. (Remember the days of amateurs only?) Then the International Ice Hockey Federation officially sanctioned the AHA team and the Swiss Organizing Committee banned the AAU team from competition. Brundage then countered by designating the AAU team to represent the U.S. during the opening ceremony while the AHA team sat and watched. The AHA team was allowed to compete but the scores were so lopsided (we're talkin' 24 & 31 - 1 type scores) they were disqualified and not allowed on the medals stand.

At Grenoble in 1968 all three members of the women's East German luge team showed up just before their runs and left quickly after. It was discovered that they had heated their runners on the sleds to reduce friction and times. They were disqualified.

This is one of my favorites. How many of you remember Eddie the Eagle, the British normal hill ski jumper, from the 1988 Calgary games? He finished dead last and was accused of making a mockery of

the sport. In reality, he was just fulfilling a lifelong dream to compete. They loved him back in England but others didn't share that love and raised the qualifying standards, effectively preventing him from trying again. And now I will make like an eagle myself and fly outta' here, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

Do You Know a Membership Prospect??

I will be conducting information sessions for prospective members once again this Spring. The dates are Thursday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 18. I will cover a basic history of the Knights, the structure of the organization from Supreme level down to the local level, and the activities we conduct at all levels. It is an opportunity for all to discover what we are about. The sessions will begin at 7:30 PM at the Anoka KC Hall, 2421 4th Ave. N. Choose any one of the two sessions. If you know of a potential candidate call me or just have him show up at one of the sessions. Current members that would like to know more about the Knights are also welcome to attend. Call me at 763-421-0116 with any questions. Wives are welcome to attend.

Al Kempf, Membership Director

A Knight's Corner

Every once in a while, I thought it would be interesting, especially to the new Knights, to feature one of our own. I chose to start with Al Kempf.

Al is the Captain of our Degree Team. As a two-time Membership Director, calling new parishioners about joining the Knights of Columbus, he has recruited 83 new members. Al is the President of the Anoka Home Association. He has been the State Awards Chairman for 24 years and is a former District Deputy and State Program Director. As either a delegate or state staff member, he has attended 31 consecutive state conventions. For twenty years, he has chaired the Special Olympics Fall Classic Bowling Event Awards. Al was appointed to the State Board of Directors of the Non-public Education and has been for 13 years.

The list goes on. You can tell that he is incredibly busy and yet continues to give his time and efforts to these and other activities.

I think that Kathy, his wife, is a catalyst participating and encouraging Al.

A salute to Al and Kathy, you are both an inspiration.

CHANGES MAY BE COMING IN LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE!

It is very possible that the Knights of Columbus may be making significant changes to their long term care insurance policies in the near future. There are no set dates and no official word as of yet. The reason for any prospective changes would be to mitigate the increasing costs of long term care services. Many of you have had family and friends that have literally spent down to poverty due to declining health and know just how expensive to receive long term care services. \$75,000-100,000+ per year for services is not uncommon. While the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing affordable coverage, they must also make sure that they keep the company financially sound and stable. No companies have higher financial strength ratings than the Knights of Columbus and we'd like to keep it this way.

No changes have been officially announced, but they may include increasing premiums for new policies issued and eliminating the extremely rare "lifetime benefit" provision on new policies. With the threat of cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia being so prevalent, a lifetime benefit is extremely valuable. The lifetime benefit provision means that the policy NEVER runs out of money, no matter how long an insured is on claim. This is in contrast to the limited "pool of money" that most industry long term care policies provide.

Do not let yourself be caught off guard with a sudden injury or chronic illness that devastates you and your family's finances. Call me today and I will gladly provide you with a NO OBLIGATION QUOTE on a top rated Knights of Columbus long term care insurance program tailor made for you. You may find that it costs much less than you think! Please do not delay this important decision.

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

- March 4 Planning Meeting, 7:00PM
KC Hall
- March 5 Ash Wednesday
- March 7, 14, 21, 28, Fr. Jack's Fish Fries
St. Stephen's FCC
- March 11 Business Meeting, 7:00PM
KC Hall

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New Members Installed

On Saturday February 1st two new members joined the Knights in the 3rd Degree. Please welcome to the Anoka Council Daniel Casserly who experienced all three degree ceremonials and Ben Setterholm who received the 2nd and 3rd degree lessons. The ceremonials were conducted at St. Vincent's Church and were hosted by the Osseo Council. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen.

If you know of someone that should be a Knight please give me a call at 763-421-0116. There is a First Degree installation being considered for some time this spring. Details should be available in next month's Shield. It will probably take place prior to our regular meeting. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman

LENTEN STATIONS

Our council will be hosting the Lenten Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21st, at 7PM at St. Stephen's. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Lenten prayer service.

Ken Erkens, chairman

Motion on the floor

Without question the largest fund raiser for our council is our Haunted House. For over 25 years our council has provided, what is now, an important part of Anoka's Halloween celebration. Each year hundreds of pounds of food items are donated by our customers. We also make a substantial donation each year to the Coon Rapids High School drama club, who work hard each year as our monsters.

As with any activity, to be successful year after year we have to be continually improving and upgrading this attraction so customers keep supporting it. This means that it continues to get 'bigger and better' and requires more equipment. All the equipment must be stored for 11 months in a secure and good environment so we can get the most use out of it. A few years ago the council purchased a new 6 x 12 enclosed trailer to store this equipment. This trailer is stored in the same building as the Haunted House, except during the Anoka County Fair. Consequently this trailer has not been used on the road much and is almost still brand new. Over the last few years we have purchased additional equipment and have outgrown this trailer. Some of the equipment is now stored in several members garages. We appreciate the members donating the space but this is not the best situation for our council property.

The Haunted House committee has asked the council to purchase a new 8 1/2 foot x 20 foot enclosed trailer that will hold all the current equipment and allow space for future acquisitions. They propose purchasing the new trailer from the same dealer as the previous one and the dealer is willing to give us a good value on a trade-in for our current trailer. The total purchase price of the new trailer is \$6,800. This amount will be reduced by either a trade-in or proceeds of the sale of the current trailer. As stipulated in our bylaws, we are required to publish expenditures over \$500. At our regular membership meeting on February 11, there was a motion made to pursue the purchase of this new trailer and to give the council officers the authority to make the best deal possible for the council.

Following is the motion passed at the meeting on February 11, 2014, that will be voted on at the March 11, 2014, meeting. The motion needs to pass on March 11, before any money can be spent on this trailer.

Motion: "It was moved and seconded that the council authorize an expenditure of up to \$6,800 for the purchase of a new trailer for the Haunted House equipment."

Phil Harter, Advocate