



*From
Deacon
Chuck*

We continue our wonderful journey to a deeper understanding of the beautiful prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. This month we ask God to forgive us as **we... forgive others.**

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”

God’s grace and mercy to us should cause us to be gracious and merciful to others. We should be generous in forgiving others because God has been generous in forgiving us. If a person is not forgiving they would have to call to question their Catholic credentials. Question whether or not they are following in the footsteps of Jesus or have lost their way. To be forgiving is to **be... like Jesus.** When we are forgiving we bear a family likeness to God.

Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant as a stern warning to those who have an unforgiving nature. Such people do not belong to him. They are pretenders and, I dare say, lukewarm Catholics.

We are to forgive, sincerely, from our hearts. In this sense forgiveness is not merely a matter of saying the words, I forgive you, though that is a start. We must be generous, bighearted and open-handed in forgiving because this is the way we would want to be **forgiven...** ourselves. We are not to be stingy in forgiving others. Even if we take Christ’s words in a literal sense we are to forgive a person 490 times (i.e. 70 X 7).

The principle is that we are to repeatedly forgive and never tire of forgiving. Not many of us have



been tested to forgive on such a scale. But God provides special grace in special circumstances. We are to be **imitators** of Christ, not imitations. Forgiving others imparts peace of mind and heart and it glorifies God. The sin of un-forgiveness can put a cloud over our Christian life and rob us of joy.

When God forgives us he does not keep us at a distance. He does not holler from a distance, “I forgive you!” The forgiveness that God gives is one where there is reconciliation and restoration of your relationship with him. Where God wraps his arms around you and welcomes you home.

We should ask for forgiveness but only if we have truly made an effort to forgive those who have hurt us, treated us wrongfully, treated us with indifference.

God... loves... us. In faith, filled with hope, and with thanksgiving in our hearts for the love God showers upon us, let us as Knights of Columbus, as Catholic Ladies and Gentlemen, live forgiven and to live forgiving.

Vivat Jesus

**May all your skies be blue ones,
May all your dreams be seen,
May all your friends be true ones,
And all your joys complete.
May happiness and laughter
Fill all your days for you,
Today and ever after
May all your dreams come true.**



*Grand
Knight’s
Message*

Hello Brother Knights,
“You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give.”
Winston Churchill

The Knights of Columbus set an all-time record in charitable donations and service hours in 2013. Worldwide the Knights donated more than \$170 million dollars and more than 70.5 million service hours. At an average value of \$22.55 per service hour, this equals nearly \$1.6 billion. Our contributions have increased for the past 14 consecutive years.

Volunteering your time is much different than getting paid for it. The biggest difference being it is far more rewarding. The number one reason given for not volunteering is not having enough time, when actually it is only a part time commitment and really does not interfere much with your busy schedule. You are able to form friendships with fellow Knights, who think like you, and the time spent is more fun than it is work. The time you offer provides service and money for various local needs right in the area you are living.

To those that help out-Thank You! To the rest, please consider getting involved. Believe me there is more to do than wash dishes for the pancake breakfasts. You are needed for the many activities held throughout the year. If interested, and I hope you are, please come to our meeting the second Tuesday of the month. I hope to see you.

“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Joe Soler
Grand Knight

History 2018

Summer Olympics

I did some checking back on years gone by and found several incidents of athletes who decided to play by their own rules. And here they are in descending order.

Sydney – 2000: American sprinter and long jumper Marion Jones won 3 gold and 2 bronze medals, the first woman to win five. When her husband, C. J. Hunter, a shot putter tested positive for performance enhancing drugs, it cast doubt about her achievements. After several denials, she finally admitted in 2007 to having used steroids, was stripped of her medals and actually served 6 months in prison for lying to federal investigators.

Seoul – 1988: Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson smashed the record in the 100 meter dash but tested positive for anabolic steroid a day later. His gold medal was taken away and given to American sprinter Carl Lewis. In a related item from 1999, the son of Muammar Qaddafi was trying to make it big in international soccer and hired Ben Johnson as a fitness coach. He tested positive after one game with an Italian team.

1984 – Los Angeles: Puerto Rican runner and long jumper Madeleine de Jesus was injured in the long jump competition and unable to compete in the qualifying heat of the 4X400 relay, so she had her identical twin sister, Margaret, fill in for her. It worked and the team advanced, but the coach got wind of the ruse and pulled the team from the final race.

1976 – Montreal: Russian modern pentathlete Boris Onischenko rigged his fencing epee to record a touch whenever he hit a concealed button in the handle. Problem: his opponent was moving backward and obviously untouched when a touch was recorded. Oops!

1970s & 80s: The East German women's swimming teams were very successful amid claims of steroid use. After a comment was made about the deep female voices, the coach said they came to swim not sing. But in 1991 after the fall of the Berlin Wall, coaches admitted that swimmers had used steroids.

1960 – Rome: The Tunisian modern pentathlon team was a disaster looking for a place to happen. In the first event the entire team fell off their horses; one member almost drowned during the swimming competition; and they were tossed from the shooting competition when one member nearly hit the judges.

So, when it came to fencing they decided to use their one skilled swordsman for every match and hope no one found out. Unfortunately for them, he was unmasked when he appeared for the third match.

1936 – Berlin: German women's high jumper Dora Ratjen finished 4th in the event but set a record in some 1938 games. That's when they found out Dora was a man posing as a woman. He claimed later that the Nazis made him do it for the honor of Germany. He said living his life as a woman for two years was dull.

1904 – St. Louis: American marathon runner Fred Lorz rode in a car for 10 miles after cramping. When the car broke down, a rejuvenated Fred ran the last 5 miles and finished at the head of the field. His shinigans were quickly discovered and admitted to by him. No med for Fred!

1896 – Athens (inaugural Olympics): Greek runner Spiridon Belokas performed a very early version of the afore mentioned stunt by riding in a carriage for part of the marathon, but he only finished third. No matter, he was discovered and disqualified. I guess you could say he was dissed.

Enough of this nonsense! I gotta' go, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

KC Training Session

On Sunday, August 17th, at the Anoka KC Hall, there will be a training session for officers, but all members are invited. This will start at 11:30 AM and go until 5:30PM. There will be a lunch served to all who attend. Wives are included in the invitation. Contact person for registration is Dave Whatmuff at 763-420-4995 or kcdegreesmn@gmail.com.

27th Annual Haunted House

Here are the key dates:

Construction: Oct. 4th.

Event nights: Oct. 16, 17, 18, 23, 26, & 30 - 7-9PM.

Oct. 24, 25, & 31 – 6-10PM.

Tear down: Sat. Nov. 1st.

Volunteers are always needed for construction, 9 event nights and tear down. Please share this information with family and friends.

Ray Dalzell, Steve Beberg, Mike Johnson & Rick Landowski

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 Pastor Fr. Jack Long on TUESDAY August 19th to cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they battle the ***Cleveland Indians***. 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 {Home Plate View}, and beverages {beer, pop, & water} are reduced to only \$37.00 or upgrade to lower seating {Home Plate Terrace} for \$48.00. This event is always a sell out and payment is required to guarantee your reservation for this event.

Deadline is August 12th. Questions? CONTACT Roger Renner @ (763) 286-9355c



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 5 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Aug. 12 Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Aug. 15 The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation
- Aug. 19 Family Night at Target Field

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2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP

Once again the Supreme Office has given Council 2018 its membership quota for the new council year. Our quota is 29 from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This is a difficult quota to reach. This is a reminder that membership in the Knights is the responsibility of all of us. Look around and see those that should be members that have not yet taken the step. Remember that we were founded by a priest, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who will eventually be recognized with Sainthood. We should all be proud of that fact. Give me a call with potential member information. I will be happy to help you sign up a new member. I am at 763-421-0116.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman

A Timely Quote

“Under democracy, one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right.”

H. L. Mencken

That definitely hits the nail on the head!

AFTER MEETING VIDEO

After the August 12 meeting I will be showing a short 8 to 9 minute video. The video is about the Knights of Columbus and the American Wheelchair Mission. This video will make you proud to be a member of the Knights. It is a program that was introduced at the State Council meeting at the end of June. It is estimated that more than 100 million people worldwide are in need of a wheelchair but cannot afford one. The Knights of Columbus have been involved in solving this problem since 2003. Through the State Council wheelchairs worth \$500.00 may be available in Minnesota for \$150.00 later this year. More information will be available later this year.

Al Kempf



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; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Dan Ross; 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.