

Chaplain's Corner



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The



Shield

November 2015

Grand
Knight's
Message



November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is viewed by many to be a pious belief, but not a defined matter of the faith. I had read somewhere that The Presentation of Mary is not found in the Holy Scriptures but comes from the apocryphal Infancy Narrative of James. I have to be honest, I didn't find any mention of this either when I have gone through the bible. From what I understand, Mary's parents Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received the good news from an angel that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter they brought her, when she was around the age of three, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.

At first glance we might think that we have little or nothing in common with the Presentation of Mary. After all no angel announced our birth and we were not brought to the church and consecrated at the age of three to live and learn about our faith. But, I do believe we have something in common. Mary's parents brought her to the Temple to present her to God. Our parents brought us to the church so that we could be presented to God as well. We were presented to God on the day of our baptism. Our parents, just like Mary's parents, desired for us to belong to God and at our baptism we became a member of God's family.

Remember what St. Peter said, "Once we were no people, but now we are God's people." We are a chosen race, a royal people, a people set apart. So, at our baptism, we were presented to God. At our baptism God chose us to

be his very own. It was then and still is now, our task to learn about the faith freely given to us. It is ours to learn and live our faith to the fullest. It is ours to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to fulfill our calling: to show our love for God in everything we say and do; and to love our neighbors, HIS children, as ourselves.

This November many will gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. To celebrate with family and friends the many blessings we have received. Mary's parents brought her to the Temple, in THANKSGIVING, for the blessings they received from God. May we gather at the "temple" this November, in THANKSGIVING, for the many blessings God has given each of us. For the gift of becoming part of God's family at our baptism, for the gift of our faith and... for the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gubernatz; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaut; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob); Bob Belousek; Steve Waterman; Ed Melnarik; PGK Steve Seman; Tom O'Connell; Rick Aberle; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Barb Petschl (wife of Mike); Ramona Kasper (wife of Bill).

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 and significant others,

Whew! October was a very busy month for many of us! The Haunted House continues to be an event that provides huge financial support for our council and a great opportunity to donate your time. We also had a breakfast on the 25th, a BBQ on the 13th, and an opportunity to discuss hall improvements on the 27th. I cannot thank many of you enough, for the countless hours of dedication given towards these events!

On October 5th, we provided hospitality for the Archbishop Hebda listening session. It was well attended, shown on KARE 11, and emphasized that the pope wants the Catholic leadership to listen to its parishioners. Many stated their opinions on what they wanted to see from the next Archbishop for our diocese. Watch for the summary in an upcoming Catholic Spirit.

In regards to our Pope Francis, I would encourage you to read the story about the pope in the August 2015 National Geographic. It is a very interesting read and perspective on what is happening at the Vatican.

Gary Kempf
Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

I am home recovering from my kidney surgery and want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for me. The surgery went well and I look forward to working with you at upcoming K of C events and visiting with you at upcoming meetings.

Thank You!
Joe Santer

History 2018 1928

Television was becoming the latest invention. GE provided a demonstration of sending a broadcast to a home receiver in January and Bell Labs developed a device to stop the fluttering images in February, but it was July before the 1st American made TV was marketed at a cost of \$75. I never saw a TV until the late '40s and we didn't get one until the early '50s. In a related item, I should mention that Shirley Temple, of motion picture and television fame, was born on April 23rd.

Big news! GM stock rose 89 million dollars in one day. However, I believe it dropped more than that in one day recently.

This was one of those fads, I guess. Germany designed a wheel like contraption to assist in the training of pilots to loop-the-loop. You strapped your feet in at the bottom and grabbed hand grips at the top and rolled around. Well, people in England decided it made a great pastime and created great traffic hazards.

A dirigible with an Italian crew aboard went down near the North Pole on May 27th. On June 20th, Roald Amundsen, the famous explorer, lost his life attempting to rescue them when his seaplane crashed. They were finally rescued by a Russian icebreaker on July 12th.

A tornado clobbered Rockford, Illinois, on September 15th killing 200 people and, two days later a hurricane killed 800 more in Florida.

This next item pertains to early air mail delivery. A plane was launched from a ship 900 miles from New York at 2AM, carrying a sack of mail to be delivered to New York. It arrived 20 hours later at 10PM after a couple stops. And you people call it 'snail mail'! You should be ashamed of yourselves!

Now that you've been roundly chastised, I will leave you, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

September Knights of the Month

Congratulations to Kevin Setterholm and Phil Harter, as co-Knights of the Month for their efforts in coordinating the Recapture the Culture of Life event held in September! It was well attended, with great participation and engaging speakers. This event epitomizes what our council can do for the church and its members.

Did Your Long Term Care Insurance Premiums Increase?

You probably heard recently that many long term care insurance companies are dramatically raising their rates on their existing policyholders. The reasons for this increase are threefold: 1) insurance companies did not charge enough premiums to begin with, 2) many companies assumed upwards of 50% of policyholders would eventually cancel their policies before using them, and 3) people are living longer with chronic illnesses.

With the cost of nursing homes in the Twin Cities now averaging over \$80,000 annually it is easy to see why insurance companies have to charge more. Recent government statistics show about 70% of people over age 65 will need long term care services at some point. It was simply unrealistic for companies to believe they could pay out so much in care with so few premiums. As an insurance company's reserves shrink, they may end up charging higher premiums to pay future claims.

To justify low premiums, many companies built in assumptions that border on the ridiculous. It just doesn't make sense to assume that 50% of policyholders will drop their coverage as they get older and become more vulnerable to chronic illnesses. In fact, most people *keep* their policies as they age because there is a higher likelihood of using the coverage. Sounds logical, right?

So, what about the Knights of Columbus? We have never exercised our option to increase long term care premiums on existing insureds. Ever! Having one of the strongest solvency ratios in the insurance industry, coupled with our high financial strength ratings, means you can count on real stability with the Knights of Columbus. And, we share your catholic values!

If you recently had a rate increase with your company, or are shopping around for long term care insurance, then give me a call. I can show you what to look for in a long term care policy, even if you choose to purchase elsewhere. Send me an email or give me a call today. As always, I promise *never* to pressure you into purchasing anything.

God bless,

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RSVP

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) is a program in which K of C councils "adopt" one or more seminarians each year to provide moral and financial support. For over 10 years, Anoka Council #2018 has been making an annual contribution of \$500.00 to individual seminarians. The donation made to the seminarians is not intended to cover the cost of education. Rather, these funds are for the seminarian to use for his personal needs. Since the seminarians are not allowed to have an outside job, personal funds become a critical need. The seminarians we support are generally from St. Stephen's parish, have St. Stephen's as their teaching parish or have requested our support. The K of C councils who make donations to seminarians are in turn reimbursed \$100.00 for each \$500.00 given out to these young men by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus

Two young men who are currently enrolled in St. John Vianney Seminary call St. Stephen's Church their home parish. They are Ben Eichten and Derek Vetsch. Two other men from St. Stephen's parish, Ben Keller and Christopher Johnson are enrolled in Dominican seminaries out of state.

Next month you will receive your dues statement. There will also be a number of charities listed for your consideration to support. One area listed is RSVP. The funds you designate for RSVP are used to support the seminarians. In past years, our council has received enough contributions from brother knights to support two seminarians. These young men deserve our prayers and financial support. Consider making a contribution to RSVP when you renew your annual membership.



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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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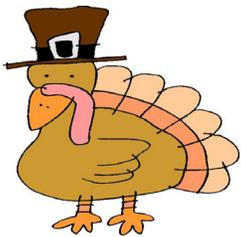
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day
- Nov. 3 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Nov. 10 Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 12 Memorial Mass, 6:30PM
Holy Cross Chapel, St. Stephen
- Nov. 17 Dec. Shield Deadline
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

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58th ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

It's Turkey Bingo Time! The date is Friday, November 13, 2015 from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. This year's Turkey Bingo will be held in the Faith Community Center at St. Stephen's Church. We will need many helpers again so please consider working a shift. There will be two shifts. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and the second shift is from 8:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Please tell your friends and co-workers too, or better yet bring them along. You will have a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

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MEMORIAL MASS CHANGES

Please note the the following changes for our annual Memorial Mass this year.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 12.

Time: 6:30PM.

Location: Holy Cross Chapel, St. Stephen.

The business meeting will remain on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 7PM at the KC Hall.

Help needed for

Special Olympics Bowling

Our district has been asked to provide 26 volunteers for the Special Olympics Bowling venue, which will be held at the Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley (11351 Ulysses St. NE, in Blaine, just off Highway 65) on Sunday Nov. 15th from 12:30-4:30PM. A lunch will be provided. Volunteers must be 18 or older. If you can help, please contact our District Deputy Dick Klaesges at 763-421-7262 or richard.klaesges4@gmail.com.

New Members Installed

Recently Council 2018 added three Brother Knights to their membership. On July 14, 2015 Timothy Forsyth joined us in the First Degree. He then experienced the Second and Third Degree ceremonies on September 20, 2015 at the Anoka KC Hall. Joining him on the 20th, taking First, Second, and Third Degrees, were James Baron and Michael Nordstrom. A lunch was served after the ceremonials were completed. Please welcome them to the Anoka Council. Congratulations to all of these gentlemen.

If you know of someone that should be a Knight please give me a call at 763-421-0116. I continue to conduct information sessions for potential new members. No dates for the next sessions are available at this time. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman