

Chaplain's Corner



By
Chaplain's
Assistant
Deacon
Chuck

Deacon Chuck is extremely busy this month, so we are rerunning a letter from former Chaplain and Past Grand Knight, Fr. Boerboom after his retirement.

Letter to Suburbanites

From the Metropolis of Ghent

Dear Brother Knights,

This morning I received the January copy of the Shield and read it from A to Z. When I came to the item of John Perrin's description of that unforgettable evening of Dec. 1st, '64, I felt my emotions almost getting out of control, thinking of how all these good and loyal friends are left behind. But such is life, you still live and always will live, in my memory and in my heart. Of course, we, you and I, know I can never repay you for all you did in my behalf during those many years of our acquaintance and above all what you did that night in the grand and glorious "send off". Even the State Bulletin could not pass it up. Let me simply say again, a heartfelt thank you!

This, I know, is a belated message but as it was my first experience in life to make a real move from the "old nest" to a new abode, I did not realize there was so much to it. However, by now we are quite well settled in our new domicile and will be happy to receive a visit from any of you.

The second evening of our arrival (that was my 80th birthday), the pastor here, asked me to come to the school hall to give a little talk to a group at a men's meeting. You can imagine the answer he got from me. He sent a car to bring me. When I got inside, here were 81 of my relatives singing "Happy Birthday". It was quite a thrill after missing out on 65 of them in the years past

Since then many, many parties with Christmas and New Year thrown in for good measure. So I am trying hard to adjust myself to a new way of life, and it isn't "easy McGee". Our pastor here is a most congenial man and I frequently find occasion to be of assistance to him. He likes to play cards, but no bridge, still we do have enjoyable times at other games.

Well, friends, it's kind of late when you get to read this, but being only Jan. 4th, I can assure you all that I hope and pray the Good Lord will bless you in the New Year!

(From far away)

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Father Boerboom



Pro-Life Fund

Your annual dues notice will be arriving in December. This year, a new check box, **Pro-Life Fund**, has been added for those wishing to make a donation in addition to paying their dues. This money will be used to support Anoka Council 2018's Culture of Life events. An example as to how we play a role in the Right-To-Life movement is the Knights of Columbus's Ultrasound Initiative. With this program, the Supreme Council matches our funds in generating the donation. The program allowed us to supply an Ultrasound Machine to a crisis pregnancy center in St. Michael, MN. The Knights have donated over 500 machines nationally, which have been proven to be baby savers. In the words of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "Not only has this program saved the lives of countless unborn children, but it has saved many mothers, and fathers, from a lifetime of regret."

Thank you,

Joe Soler, Trustee & Prolife Director

In Memoriam

Ramona Kasper passed away after the Shield was printed last month. Please keep her along with Bill and their entire family in your prayers.



Prayer

List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; 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).

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



Brother Knights and Significant Others:

I hope that all of you had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! We are blessed to be able to spend time with our families and enjoy a delicious meal and watch some (or a lot of!) football. Let's not forget those who are not able to partake in these traditions, especially with the upcoming Christmas season approaching.

We will all be receiving our dues notice in the mail in December. The council has received generous donations for varying funds to support the many charities that we donate to. While those funds are greatly appreciated, I would also like to have you consider donating your time. Some of our larger fundraisers (i.e. Haunted House, Bingo's, Tootsie Roll Drive, etc.) need many hours, whether it is construction/carpentry, general labor (hauling 2 x 4's or plywood to teams), collecting money, counting bingo cards, or wearing an apron while passing out tootsie rolls. Keep this in mind as we look for help for these events in 2016. While donations are tax deductible, working an event is heartwarming as your efforts ultimately help someone in need.

In addition, as part of the dues notice, we need help with our communication with our members, whether via email, home phone, or cell phone (texting). Many of our event chair people have difficulty in reaching out to our members. Please provide your info, if you can, or at least indicate if you are unable to help with our events (no reason needed!).

If you know of anyone that is interested in the Knights, please contact Al Kempf (Membership).

My wife, Cathy, and I both wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas!

Gary Kempf, Grand Knight

Memorial Mass

We recently honored our brother Knights and clergy who have passed away in the past year. They are Gilbert Bisek, Robert Duclos, Harvey Medinger, James Oaks, Daniel Ross, Marvin Stromgren, Bernerd Vevea, James Vedro, and Fr. Rick McGuire. Please keep the families in your prayers as they go through the holiday season without their loved ones. Thanks to Joe Soler with help with the meal, Phil Harter for making the coffee, the St. Stephens choir, and Fr. Joe and Deacon Chuck for presiding over the Mass.

History 2018
1929

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Wyatt Earp died on January 13th at the age of 80 and, two days later, January 15th, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born. That's the same day of the year as yours truly, but mine was many, many years later.

Hail, hail the gangs all here! (Or was.) This was the year of the Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago when gangsters from one mob posing as police took out seven from another mob.

The Lateran Treaty was signed by both Italy and the Vatican on February 11th, granting sovereignty to the Vatican and creating a separate state. Pope Pius XI thus became the first pope to leave the Vatican in 59 years. Talk about house arrest! The Italian government also recognized Roman Catholicism as the state religion, Catholic education in primary and secondary schools, matrimony as a sacrament and gave up the right to grant divorces by the state. (I wonder how much of that has changed.)

Have you ever heard of pole sitters? That was a bit before my time, but I did hear about them from my parents. You had to either have a lot of fortitude or be awfully stupid to do something like that!

The first Academy Awards were held on May 16th, with 'Wings' capturing the Best Picture award. About that time, Bell Labs was busy developing colored television. They must have decided all those pretty people would look better in color.

You could travel coast-to-coast by a combination of airplane and train in 1929, at a cost of about \$352. It took two days and two nights. Travelers flew by day and rode the train at night. One of those flights crashed in New Mexico on September 4th killing eight people.

Here are a couple of big items from August: the 'Babe' hit number 500 on the 11th; and the Graf Zeppelin completed an around the world flight in just over 21 days, making three stops.

This was also the year when Arab-Israeli strife began to heat up and hasn't let up much since.

Here comes the big one! The stock market reached an all-time high on September 3rd, amidst warnings that the buying spree had to come to an end and it did, BIG TIME. Massive sell offs began on Wednesday, September 23rd, and continued on Thursday the 24th, creating the infamous 'Black Thursday' and the stock market crash of 1929, followed by the depression years. It would not be 'business as usual' for a long time. Some of you and many of our parents lived through that time of upheaval in our great nation.

On that sad note, I will leave you, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian

A special Message to members of Council 2018

A former member of our council has included Council 2018 in his will. The amount designated will not be published in respect to the family. The council officers will be aware of this donation. The donation will be kept in a council fund that will not be reported on a monthly basis at the council meeting. Only the active funds that are reported at the meeting regularly will be recorded as part of the monthly financial report. This money will be held as an emergency fund and will be available at times when the council needs funds to finance unexpected projects as approved by the council officers. It will be reported as required on tax statements, both State and Federal. We thank this member for thinking of his home council in this manner.

Signatures: Grand Knight _____ 11/10/15
Deputy Grand Knight _____
Financial Secretary _____
Trustees _____

Retirement Plan Distributions and Annuities

When you reach 70½ the IRS requires you to begin taking a certain amount of money from your IRAs and 401Ks. This is called a REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD). Current IRS rules require distributions to be made by December 31st but allow you to wait until April 1st following the year you turn 70½ to take your first RMD. However, note that if you wait until April 1st to take your initial RMD for the previous year, you will be required to take two distributions that year and may result in a higher tax bill. While you are still working you may delay RMDs from employer sponsored plans.

The good news is that Knights of Columbus IRA holders are automatically reminded each year of their RMD amount. We make it easy. If you own an IRA or 401k with a different company, however, I am still able to assist you in determining the amount of RMD you must take from that company's account and when to take it. I am happy to help.

Many people ask me what they should do with their RMD monies once they take them out. Of course, you may simply spend the money, but please consider placing the money into a regular Knights of Columbus annuity. A regular KC annuity offers guaranteed growth without a requirement for later distribution! That's right, you can leave the money in there for life if you like. You will find that our annuities are very attractive when comparing them with other places to put your money, such as CDs or bank accounts. And, there are no RMD requirements!

Beneficiaries are an important consideration on a regular annuity. You may name anyone as your beneficiary including your spouse, children, relatives, or your church. And, your KC annuity bypasses costly probate! In the meantime, interest will continue to accrue tax-deferred until you take your money out, or until death.

Call or email me today if you need help with your RMDs or to determine if a Knights of Columbus annuity is right for you. As always, you will never be pressured into buying anything. I give you my word.

God bless,
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MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Family Night at Target Field
The MN Twins & The Houston Astros
Game Time: 7:10PM
Roger E. Renner, A real MN twin



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 3rd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception
Holyday of Obligation
- Dec. 15 Business Meeting, 7PM
Tom & Jerry Night following
KC Hall
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Holyday of Obligation

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TURKEY BINGO WRAP-UP

Our Turkey Bingo was held on November 13, 2015. We had a large crowd in attendance for most of the evening. We had many lucky winners that received a turkey with their bingo. I want to say, Thank you, to all the volunteers that helped with the Turkey Bingo. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions and handing out the turkeys to the winners.

Three names were drawn for 20# turkeys at the end of the night. The winners were: Larry Pepos, Kari Reese and Ella Welch. We also gave out four addition door prize baskets that were donated by the Rausch Family. These winners were: Robin Betland, Louise Thurler, Gina Holmbo and Kathy Pendroy. Congratulations to all the winners!

Haunted House Wrap-up

We had another great year at the Haunted House. Over 3,000 guests attended, which includes Groupon pre-sales that continue to grow every year, so we should see a nice profit after all the expenses are paid. Thirteen hundred food items were collected for the food shelf along with \$60 in cash. The new "Monster Crew" from Centennial High School worked out great. They put on a great show and had lots of excitement for the project. I Hope to see them back next year. We were able to update a lot of our monster gear and purchase some much needed new tools for next year.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out this year, especially on the short notice. Staffing continues to be a big challenge for this project and we need everybody's support. Just a few more volunteers at set up and take down this year would have made a big difference. We need your help and support, even if only for a few hours. We will have a letter included with your dues mailing this year just asking if we can contact you next year for help and collect current phone numbers and email addresses. This is not a commitment or

schedule for next year, just an open letter that says 'call me and, if I have time, I will try to help out'.

Again, another huge THANKS to all who helped with this project and we look forward to next year! Steve Beberg

Knight of the Month- November

In November, I would like to recognize Vern Rausch. Outside of attending and actively participating in his kids activities at school, Vern ran a very successful Turkey bingo. It was a difficult and time consuming process to find the best priced birds this year due to the bird flu outbreak earlier this spring. Vern also attends and participates in many events, works with the church and our calendar to make sure that we have space for our events, and has been involved with the boy scouts and a recent Eagle Scout ceremony.

Due to the number of events held in October, it would be hard to single out an individual as we had many contribute to the successful operation of the Haunted House, the Fall Breakfast, etc. I guess we will have a team award! It was a great month for our council and congrats to all who participated!

Business Meeting Change

The business meeting and Tom & Jerry Night will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, starting at 7PM. This change is due to the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation, falling on Tuesday, December 8th.