

Chaplain's Corner



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I wanted to share this article with you on the family from the Chaplains Report.

The Family: The Antidote for Indifference

By Father Luis Granados, DCJM

God is not indifferent. The celebration of Christmas reveals to us his compassion.

As St. Bernard of Clairvaux puts it, "God cannot suffer but he can suffer with us" (Benedict XVI, SpeSalvi39). God is not indifferent to human suffering, but the world is. In his recent Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis has denounced today's "globalization of indifference." In every period of history we find selfish people. There have always been people who closet their hearts and pay attention only to their own interests and worries. However, in our century, indifference is not just a personal problem but a "plague pandemic". Our world makes us indifferent. We live as islands, as isolated individuals who only desire "comfort." And this makes us insensible to God and to our neighbor. The root of this indifference is a lack of interest and belonging.

I don't care about my lonely neighbor or the homeless, because I see him as a stranger whose life and destiny are not connected to mine. He is not interesting to me; his things are not among my things (interest). This absence of interest comes from our independence; he and I have nothing in common. He doesn't belong to me, and I don't belong to him. In other words, he doesn't make any difference in my life.'

Indifference is the consequence of forgetting God and the family. When Cain rejected his creator and his brother, God asked him, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain answered with cynicism and with indifference: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gn 4:9).



The "globalization of indifference" is a result of the absence of God and the weakness of the family in our world. For example, when two young children become angry over toys, they fight. When they grow older, such anger might lead a young man to ignore his friend, living as if he doesn't exist and not worthy of any attention. Indifference prevents him from seeing that the other person has any importance. Jesus Christ, however, was never indifferent. The Gospels speak abundantly about the many passions of his heart. He feels joy and sadness, at Zacchaeus' conversion and at Lazarus' death. He experiences meekness and anger, facing the cross like a lamb and purifying the Temple like a lion. He experiences love and hatred, loving the sinner and hating the sin. He experiences many human emotions, but never indifference. The Christian family overcomes such indifference because it is the school of "we." In his family, a child learns the joy of belonging. He learns to pay attention to the others, to share and to forgive. Through his family, a child learns and then chooses that the words "I" and "you" should be replaced by "we." Later, the "we" of the family becomes the "we" of the school, society and the whole world. When we learn this vocabulary, we understand the meaning of the works of mercy. To feed the hungry, to visit the sick, to teach the ignorant and to admonish the sinner ... all this makes sense because I am my brother's keeper. His good is my good, his suffering is my suffering.

God is not indifferent to our sin or to our suffering. He has given us the family so that we may overcome indifference and become like him. "Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). That is, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

Vivat Jesus

Grand
Knight's
Message



Brother Knights and Significant Others:

Well, it's been 7 + months since I have been in this position. It is amazing how time flies! I just (finally) read my first AARP newsletter. Just to think I was just 29! On to K of C stuff... There have been a multitude of activities and events involving many of you. Your participation starts with your dues and donations of funds and time. Does it end there? I hope not. We have a very active council and continue to provide a positive presence in the church and the community and we need your continued support throughout the year.

We brought in 3 new members at our January meeting. They are Ronald Richardson, Timothy Quigley, and Michael Harwerth- please welcome them to our council! If you have someone that is interested in the Knights, please contact Al Kempf to schedule an Info Session.

Please pray for the family of Dale Robinson. Their family nearly suffered a tragedy with an incident with their son. Nathan will be okay, due to Dale's intervention. At the same time, Dale, who has been our field agent for many years, has made the difficult decision to vacate his position as our Insurance representative. Good luck Dale, to you and your family!

Our mid-winter breakfast was held on January 24th, with free-will donations used to support the Labour Society, specifically for Bill Duffert, who is pursuing priesthood and seeking admission to the seminary. Thanks to Jeff Kieffer and Carole and Joe Santer, and crew, for their hard work to get this organized, set up and cooked!

At our December meeting, we had a spirited discussion concerning motions needed for over \$500. The clarified process going forward, with guidance from our by-laws, will be as follows: make a motion to publish the need for funds over \$500, publish the request in the Shield, then proceed with a motion and vote at the next general meeting after publication.

And in closing, we are rapidly approaching Lent. Lenten Stations (Feb. 19th), Spaghetti Dinner and Dance (Feb. 20th), and our annual Fish Dinners on Friday nights (starting Feb. 12th) are events that will help take the sting of winter away. Vivat Jesus!

Gary Kempf, Grand Knight

History 2018

The depression –Part II

I mentioned big strides in technology in Part I. While technology was good in one area, it could hurt another area. For instance, the rise of the auto industry created unemployment for the railroads, as ridership declined. Technology caused the loss of many jobs in manufacturing. Unions lost their grip as those jobs went out the door. In 1930, 1,345 banks failed; businesses ceased making capital improvements; consumers reduced buying; production fell; and unemployment followed – 5 million in 1930; 13 million by the end of 1932. Even those lucky enough to still be employed received pay cuts. These were not happy days!

President Hoover didn't just sit idly by and watch it all unfold. He tried to put programs in place to help the farmers, but prices continued to fall. He tried to inspire consumers to start buying again, but they ignored him and businesses continued to be wary. Countries in Europe and Asia were having bigger problems than the U.S., so Hoover blamed the depression on their economies. Americans figured we were having enough problems of our own and didn't need to try and fix the rest of the world.

The presidential election of 1932 pitted Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) against incumbent, Republican Herbert Hoover. FDR won in a landslide and the 'New Deal' was here. He got to work immediately. On his second day in office he declared a national bank holiday, temporarily closing the banks. Congress was called into special session three days later and both the House and Senate passed the Emergency Banking Act in record time. The dollar was removed from the gold standard, giving the government more control. On March 2nd, FDR held the first of his 'fireside chats' assuring Americans that any bank opening on March 15th, had the full support of the government. People responded by returning millions of dollars, that had been withdrawn, back to the banks.

In order to avoid bankruptcy, he urged Congress to authorize \$40 million in cuts to veterans and \$600 million in cuts to Federal employees. He then asked them to allow the brewing of 3.2 beer; created the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), putting young men to work repairing national parks; the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA), which paid farmers to plow crops under or reduce planting (was that the old 'soil bank program') and remove cattle from the market, all to lower production and increase prices; the National Recovery Act (NRA; not the National Rifle Association) and the Volstead Act to revive slumping industries.

Then came the 'dust bowl' which was caused by a severe drought coupled with poor conservation and too much land under the plow. The drought started in 1931 and intensified through 1934. Many farmers left their farms in the heartland and headed for California. In the second half of the 1930s, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Social Security Administration were signed into law. Unemployment began to decline, but the depression didn't end until WWII and that was a huge price to pay.

Enough already! My time is REALLY up! See ya' next month.

Mike Petschl, historian

The 22nd Annual MN Knights of Columbus Camping Weekend is Going to Grand Marais, MN, August 26-28, 2016

It's not too early to make your reservations for this year's "Camporee" in beautiful Grand Marais, Minnesota, at the Grand Marais City Campground. All ages are welcome to join the fun at Minnesota's north shore destination, located 110 miles from Duluth on Highway 61. The Grand Marais City Campground is located on Lake Superior and Grand Marais Harbor. It is best known for its picturesque sunsets, beautiful beaches, well-maintained campsites, clean restrooms, showers and much more. You won't want to miss it. Join us for Stations of the Cross, Bean Bag and Horseshoe Tournaments, Mass on Saturday, a catered meal, activities, and loads of fun. Plan to attend a great family weekend.

Campsites with **full hook up** are \$40 and **water-electric** are \$36 plus tax (these are 2015 rates, 2016 rates were set on Jan. 2, 2016, and may change slightly). **We will reserve a block of 50 sites** to insure everyone has access to a site. Group sites will be available upon request. Call the Grand Marais City Campground at **800-998-0959 to reserve a site**, and tell them you are with the Knights of Columbus State Camping Group or go to recpark@boreal.org (sites will be available after Jan. 10, 2016). The block will be held until March 31, 2016. After that you may not get a site with the KC group. There is a \$25 deposit at the time of reservation (\$5 non-refundable) applied to the site.

You are all welcome to come to town early or stay later to enjoy the Grand Marais and Northern MN area. There are other lodging options in the area; go to www.grandmarais.com.

Refer to mnknights.org as well as future state newsletters for more details. For more info or with questions, call the host couple Ken and Bonnie Kruger at 218-310-3010 or Mark Glatzel at 320-267-1485 or markglatzel64@gmail.com.

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In Memoriam

Two members lost their wives recently: Del Schmelzer lost his wife Aggie at the age of 85. They were married for 65 years. James Ensign lost his wife Ruth at the age of 69. Please keep both of these Knights and their families 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 Hoffmann; 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; PGK Rick Aberle; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Barb Petschl (wife of Mike); Bill Larson; PGK David Hudoba.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mickeypl1543@gmail.com.



The SHIELD



Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 2 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Feb. 9 Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 Presidents Day
- Feb. 17 Shield Deadline
- Feb. 19 Stations of the Cross, 7PM
St. Stephen
- Feb. 20 Spaghetti Dinner & Dance, 6PM
KC Hall

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Spaghetti Dinner & Dance

The 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance will be happening on February 20th, 2016. Mark your calendar to reserve that Saturday for a fun night of great food and enjoyable live music. "The Miller Brothers" will provide us with an evening of entertainment playing music from the 50's, 60's, and some 70's.

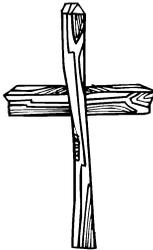
We plan to have nice prizes, donated from local businesses, which everyone will have a chance to win. All money collected from guests for these prizes will be donated to the same organization as last year, Hope 4 Youth. This is a young organization whose doors first opened in March 2013, located in the creamery building in Anoka. It serves youth experiencing homelessness through housing, outreach, prevention and education. Hope 4 Youth was very appreciative of the \$900+ dollars raised for them last year. Let us see if we can exceed that amount this year.

The evening of fun, food, music, and dancing will be held at the KC hall with social hour beginning at 6PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 and the band will start playing after dinner. Dinner will consist of Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread accompanied by a Caesar Salad and a glass of wine. Dining will end with a serving of Spumoni Ice Cream.

The cost of this night out is unchanged

since our first dinner/dance at \$15 per person. This event is OPENTOFRIENDSANDPARISHIONERS. Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the evening with us. Beverages available at the hall will be beer, pop and any remaining wine from dinner. B.Y.O.B. RSVP's are being taken, so please call Ray and Kelly Danzl at [763-754-6303](tel:763-754-6303) or send an email at anokakchall@gmail.com to let us know how many are planning to attend. We certainly hope to hear from you!

Ray Danzl, Phil Lesnar, and Dave Richards,
 Chairs



Stations of the Cross

Our council will be hosting the Lenten Stations of the Cross again this year on Friday, February 19th, at 7PM at St. Stephen. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Lenten prayer service.

Ken Erkens, Chairman

New Members Installed

Recently Council 2018 added three Brother Knights to their membership. On January 12, 2016, Timothy Quigley, Mike Harwerth, and Ronald Richardson joined us in the First Degree. The installation ceremony took place prior to the regular meeting of the council. Two candidates from St. Katharine Drexel Council in Ramsey were also installed at that ceremony. They were Wayne Jeffrey and Richard Taylor. We welcome them and their families to our brotherhood. A lunch was served after the ceremonials were completed. Congratulations to all of these gentlemen. Hopefully they will join us in the Second and Third Degree on January 30th at Osseo where candidates can take all three degrees in one day.

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