

Chaplain's Corner



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Blessings to all during this New Year.

I have been reviewing the last year as to what I did as a Knight and what we did as a parish community. I believe we may have missed a wonderful opportunity during the Year of Mercy to actually DO something lasting that pertained to mercy. So with that in mind, for the remainder of 2017 I'd like to offer up, for all of our consideration, the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy and maybe ways in which we can respond to the mercy our lord has shown us.

Let's begin by summing up the pattern of life to which our Lord is calling us. Centered on the Merciful Heart of Jesus, whose love is poured into our hearts especially through prayer and the Eucharist, we are to let His merciful love flow *through* our hearts *toward* anyone in need whom we meet along life's way.

One person who taught this way of life clearly was Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She used to say that there are two kinds of "Real Presence" of our Lord in this world: the Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, where He fills us with His light, His life, and His love, and our Lord's real presence in the poor, both in those materially poor and those spiritually poor, where He is waiting for us to give Him back His light, His life, and His love. Living on the Bread of Life, we *receive* our Savior's merciful love and *sharing* our bread with those who hunger physically and spiritually, we *return* that love back to Him, giving His compassionate Heart solace and joy.

The Catholic Church has traditionally encouraged her children to understand the practice of merciful love by dividing the works of mercy into two kinds: corporal (that is, bodily) and spiritual. What we see in the life of Mother Teresa is a shining example of a life dedicated especially to practicing the corporal works of mercy:

- (1) Feed the hungry.
- (2) Give drink to the thirsty.
- (3) Clothe the naked.
- (4) Shelter the homeless.
- (5) Visit those in prison.
- (6) Comfort the sick.
- (7) Bury the dead.



Perhaps your first reaction upon reading this traditional list might be, "This list is a bit out of date. After all, when do we ever have the opportunity in the **modern** world to 'give drink to the thirsty' or to 'clothe the naked'? And who in their right mind would fail to bury their loved ones these days!" Don't be too hasty in dismissing the usefulness of this old list of the corporal works of mercy. It may be more helpful than you think in challenging us to discern new ways that our merciful Savior is calling us to follow Him.

Moreover, in the practice of each of the corporal works of mercy there is both a *personal* and a wider *social* dimension, and a true disciple of Jesus Christ will not want to neglect either one. Our merciful Savior, after all, is the true and rightful "Lord" of all creation, and that includes every aspect of human life: personal life, married and family life, ecclesiastical life, and even the social, economic and political dimensions of our lives.

Do not be afraid of seeking our Lord's will in the wider *social* dimension: it does not necessarily mean we must engage in "partisan politics," but we *are* sometimes called to struggle against extreme and manifest social evils that degrade the human person: racism, poverty, tyranny, or violations of the fundamental human right to life, such as abortion and euthanasia, to name a few. Accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior includes rejecting everything incompatible with His reign of compassion and merciful love.

Over the next 4 months we will walk through the Corporal works of Mercy and maybe, just maybe, we may find ways in our own life to practice more fully these works. Jesus fills us with His light, His life, and His love... and He is waiting for us... to give Him back His light, His life, and His love. Living on the Bread of Life, we *receive* our Savior's merciful love and *sharing* our bread with *those* who hunger physically and spiritually, we *return* that love back to Him, giving His compassionate Heart solace and joy.

Vivat Jesus!

Grand
Knight's
Message



Brother Knights and Significant Others:

Buuuuurrrrr! January and February tend to be very cold, especially for those of us who have aches and pains, and generally, are older. We often complain that winter is too long, the Vikings can never get to the big game, and that daytime hours are too short. Living in Minnesota in the winter can be painful, but the warmth of spring is just around the corner! This also holds true with the warmth found in the FCC for the upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners, Cana Dinner and Dance, Ham Bingo, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. Warmth can be found in the hearts of those that benefit from the work we do and the money we donate. Warmth comes in the smiles of the unfortunate because someone cares. That's what we do as Knights! This spring, we have many opportunities to support events that support our best interests. I hope that many of you can participate at one of these events!

We recently had our Spaghetti Dinner and Dance. An excellent job was done by the committee as over 70 guests attended for good food, excellent music and various abilities of dance! We also had more than 200 students at the school participate in the Free Throw Contest. The Mid-Winter Breakfast will have served over 200 as well. Thanks to all who helped make this happen!

We have a Major Degree on March 5th at the KC Hall. This is an opportunity to bring in new members that are interested in the "warmth" of our council and the activities that interest them. Contact anyone on the officer list if you have an eligible candidate.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!
Gary Kempf

History 2018 Events (Part 2)

Under church related activities, they sponsored a rosary on KANO radio for a while, but I'm not sure if it was weekly throughout the year or daily during Lent. Hopefully, someone will help me out with that. There were retreats at the Kings House in Buffalo, MN, and they took part in a living rosary. Communion Breakfasts with speakers were held quarterly for a few years starting with father and son, father and daughter and becoming family breakfasts in later years. Some were held in conjunction with other councils, it appears.

An auction of donated items was conducted as a fundraiser for a few years, but it died out because of too much work for little gain. Another fundraiser was parking cars at the County Fair around 1973, but the whole thing became too much of a hassle. Shortly after that, the Fair Bingo was started and lasted until about 2009 .

Then there is the Haunted House, our biggest fundraiser, which was offered to us by in 1987. Larry Moeller and Ray Dalzell took off running with that one. I remember Ray saying Steve Beberg jumped on board that first year and he didn't even have his driver's license yet. Now he's still there and running the show after all the years. (I won't tell you how old he is, but last year was the 29th year, so you figure it out.) Other Halloween related events involved selling peanuts and pop at the parade and having floats in the parade either by sponsoring the 4th degree float or building our own.

At Christmas time there have been children's Christmas parties at the hall, 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contests, Santa's Toy Box, to collect toys for the Christmas Basket program at St. Stephen and Christmas card sales. All have faded away.


For indoor entertainment there were card parties, casino nights and dances. There was one last casino night a few years after I joined in 1985. It was chaired by our Past State Deputy John Perrin and he told me it would be a miracle if he wasn't in jail for that one, because the state was getting tough with its new, restrictive gambling laws. But all went well and we had a great evening.

Now we come to the dances, which had to be the favorite form of entertainment from the beginning of time until about 1990. The council and Columbian Ladies held dances for almost any reason. New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, post Lenten or Spring, Athletic Dance, Hobo

Dance (dressed as hobos) and Halloween (in costume). They were all inexpensive and fun! The New Year's Eve dance of 1962 cost \$3 per person and included hats, balloons, noise makers and lunch. How can ya' beat that? People eventually lost interest, however, and today we only have one left, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dance. It's over for this year, but give it a try next year, if you've never been to one. It's a fun evening.

And that's it for this month, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob); Bob Belousek; Ed Melnarik; Tom O'Connell; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Marge Pinewski (widow of Phil); Terry Velasco; Deacon Chuck Waugh; Jane Herr (wife of Elmer).

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mickeyp1543@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner & Dance Photos



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Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 7 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall

Feb. 11 Cana Dinner & Dance, 6PM
St. Stephen's FCC

Feb. 14 Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
Valentine's Day

Feb. 20 Presidents Day

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Prepare for Lent Between Sunday Masses

The Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a conversion study program between Sunday Masses in the FCC on January 29, February 12 & 19 and March 5 & 12.

All parishioners are welcome to participate. The sessions will consist of a 20-minute video presentation and small group discussion. There are no costs, and regular attendance is not required. Refreshments will be provided by the council.

During the lessons Bishop Robert Barron will illuminate five biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how five ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him.

The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a onetime event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron.

Cana Dinner and Valentine's Dance

On Saturday, February 11, after the 5:00 Mass, the Anoka Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Cana Dinner and Valentine's Dance in the FCC. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

- Speaker: Father Jack Long
- Dinner catered by Red's Café: stuffed chicken breast, potato, vegetable, salad, roll, assorted deserts.
- Dance Disc Jockey: Paul Young – all styles of music from ballroom, to oldies to pop to Latin... requests are welcome.
- Beer and wine will be provided with a free will offering.

Family and friends are welcome to attend. Ticket will be sold for \$20.00 per person after all masses on January 28 & 29 and February 4 & 5.

Lenten Fish Fries Patronize & Volunteer

Mark your calendars and make the fish fries part of your Lenten plan. It's a great meal and a night out of the kitchen once a week. They will take place on Fridays during Lent: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. Give from your treasure by patronizing when you can and give from your talent by volunteering when you can. You can volunteer your services by email to Carole Santer at cjsanter2244@hotmail.com.

Christmas Tree Set Up & Take Down

The big tree was successfully set up on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, with a good turnout of Knights in attendance. The following members participated in the set up: Gary Kempf, Nick Johnson, Dallas Hildebrand, Ron Richardson, Tom Pendroy, Ken Erkens, Phil Harter, Chuck Waugh, Dave Richards and Ray Danzl. The same crew provided the labor when it was taken down on Thursday, January 12, 2017. The tree set up for Christmas 2017 is tentatively set for Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 6:30PM at St. Stephen.