

Chaplain's Corner



By
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Grand
Knight's
Message



As we enter into the Lenten season, we are beginning our 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 respond. What better time to respond than during the Lenten season. 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. The corporal works of mercy are:

- (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.

First and Second: Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty

On the surface at least, feeding the hungry seems fairly straightforward. We can help the hungry in simple ways: making donations to the local food bank or, if we have the time, by helping at a local soup kitchen for the homeless. This Lent, pick up from church a Rice Bowl and faithfully and lovingly contribute each day. Volunteer with the WHO group or on your own and help out Feed My Starving Children. There are many opportunities to do the first Corporal work of mercy. Moreover, unlike Christians in the ancient and medieval world (when this list of corporal works of mercy was first compiled), we can take the time to educate ourselves about the problem of hunger in the world, and we can use our voices and our votes to petition and pressure our politicians to make the fight against world hunger a higher priority for our government.

Giving drink to the thirsty can also be accomplished through our role as voters by supporting clean water policies to ensure that there will be clean water for future generations to drink. Meanwhile, right in our own homes we can make our contributions to the effort to preserve clean, fresh water by using environmentally friendly laundry

detergents or by trying to be moderate in the amount of water we put on our lawns.

These works of mercy will bear good fruit for many years to come if we choose to begin... now. Imagine if each of us just do a little bit. It would be like rain drops filling a bucket. One drop does not look like much but then, the heavens open up and the downpour comes. Soon the bucket is overflowing. Food for thought.

Vivat Jesus!

In Memoriam

Tom Ward, Jim Osenberg, Mike Herold

Tom Ward died January 29th at the age of 92. He was a long time Anoka County historian and my mentor. He had 5 children and many grand and great grandchildren. He was our longest term brother Knight, having been one for over 73 years.

Jim Osenberg died February 3rd at the age of 61. Jim and his wife Pauline have 2 children and he was a Knight for nearly 41 years.

Mike Herold died February 9th at the age of 76. Mike and his wife Jean were married for 55 years and have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. He was a Knight for 43 years.

Please remember these brother Knights and their families in you prayers.



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); Renee Hinnencamp (wife of Vern); Al Nathe.

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:

As quickly as the holiday season came and went, we are now rapidly approaching the Lenten Season. During Lent, we sacrifice, or give up, a luxury, a habit, or something we need routinely (I have been told that I cannot give up my New Year’s resolution though!). One thing that I will not give up on is my ability to volunteer for the many upcoming events. The Lenten Fish Dinners will have started on March 3rd, Ham Bingo will be here soon, and the Tootsie Roll Drive will be in full force towards the end of April. Have you signed up for one of our fine events?

We recently had a successful KC Midwinter Breakfast, with a nice donation going to Stepping Stones in Anoka. The Cana Dinner and Dance was a huge success with many compliments coming in after the event, with hopes that we will do this again next year!

Kevin Setterholm and myself will be participating at the State Convention in May in Brooklyn Park. A lot of work gets done during these conventions, with plenty of discussion on programs, membership, and upcoming “big” events. Minnesota will be hosting the Supreme Convention in 2019, which our State Council has been actively preparing for. Check out the newly updated Minnesota website at MNKnights.org, which was approved at last year’s convention to better prepare ourselves for the Supreme Convention, but to also provide a better site for our members and councils to use.

We are also at the time of year where we start to prepare for the next term of officers. We vote on the nominations in June. Up until then, please think about how you could help the leadership team and become more involved in our organization. Please contact me with your interest, or if you know of someone whom I should contact. I promise, it does not hurt!

Vivat Jesus!
Gary Kempf

History 2018

Back in the Days of Jesus

With Lent upon us once again let's strap on some mental sandals and travel back in time to the Holy Land in the days of Jesus.

In those days the area we call Palestine was not as large as present day Israel. It ranged from Dan, near Mt. Hermon in the northern tip to Beersheba in the south, by the Dead Sea. It varied in width from 25 miles in the north to about 83 miles in the south. It was said that a person walking at an average pace could walk from Dan to Beersheba in a week (two weeks for someone like me); from Nazareth to Jerusalem in two days; and from Jerusalem to Jericho in a day.

Even though the area was small it had a variety of climactic conditions, between hot and cold, wet and dry, winds and even snow and ice, with elevation playing a large role. Rains could wash away houses in some areas, while others were dry as a desert. Daytime temps could be around 120 degrees in one place and 70 in another, with an extreme fluctuation between midnight and noon. There was a law that stated a creditor must return the pledged cloak of a debtor at dusk, with good reason as the thermometer dipped.

There were a lot of insects and rodents around, with no insecticides and no cats to maintain populations. That means flies, mosquitoes, plagues of locusts, rats and mice, along with fleas, wasps, scorpions, centipedes and the like. Many larger beasts of prey have become extinct, but back then there were bears, wolves, lynx, leopards and a lot of jackals or wild dogs. You probably wouldn't have wanted to travel at night through a forested area and there was the heat of the day and robbers to add to the mix. But they travelled a lot by foot with donkeys and camels to carry the loads.

For food they had sheep, cattle, goats, birds, olives, figs, dates, wheat, grapes, walnuts, pistachios, almonds and fish to name a few things.

Jerusalem was the major city of that era, with a large population. The streets were narrow and crowded with lanes and alleys leading off of them. There were lots of animals brought for sale and sacrifice. (Can you see where all this is going?) Mix all those smells together with the smoke and odor of burning sacrifices and incense, if the wind came from an unfavorable direction and "Aagh"!

People were jostled by animals and other people on a daily basis and it got

much worse during feast days, such as Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. The population swelled to almost uncontrollable proportions at those times. Lodging was non-existent for many during the feasts and they slept under the stars.

I hope I haven't made it seem like it was hell on earth in those days; I only wanted to show the difference between reality and Hollywood. So try to find some time to sit back, close your eyes, put on those mental sandals and time travel back to the days of Jesus every day during Lent, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Mike Petschl, historian

Pray the Rosary

Starting with the General Meeting on March 14th and continuing for all future General Meetings, Knights of Columbus Council 2018 will pray the Rosary before each meeting starting at 6:15 PM. All brother Knights are welcome to attend.

As you may know, one of the primary spiritual activities promoted by the Knights is praying the Rosary. This is evidenced by the fact that Rosaries are given to brother Knights when they complete the First Degree. So, please join us for the Rosary before the General Meetings. Our country and the world need those prayers.

Bob Belousek

Officer and Director Nominations

Thanks to the members of the Anoka Knights of Columbus, council 2018 is financially strong and it is set to have another record year in charitable giving!

To keep the council moving in a positive direction and focused on the four principles of the Knights of Columbus (Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism), council members are being asked to help fill and complete the roster of officers and directors.

The new fraternal year begins this coming July and our council has the following positions open: Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder, Warden, Program Director, Youth Activities Director and Community Activities Director.

A description of the duties and responsibilities of each of these positions can be found in the following PDF: <https://goo.gl/2AdpGm>

Anoka council officers and directors are encouraged to attend the regular planning meeting that takes place on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

If you know of a brother Knight that would be a nice fit for one of the open positions, please contact Grand Knight Gary Kempf at 763-785-2206 or kempffamily@msn.com within the next few weeks with your nomination or to indicate your interest. Officer nominations will be voted on in June at the general meeting.

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Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Fish Dinners
St. Stephen's FCC
- March 7 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- March 14 Rosary, 6:15PM
Business Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- March 17 Stations of the Cross, 7PM
St. Stephen
St. Patrick's Day

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Cana Dinner and Valentines Dance

The council hosted a Cana Dinner and Valentines Dance on February 11, for 58 parishioners of St. Stephen. Fr. Jack gave a fantastic and entertaining talk on Matrimony, Holy Orders and Eucharist. His talk was followed by a catered dinner and 2-hour dance with a professional D.J. and flashing lights. Fun was had by all and many of the guests asked for an encore next year. This would not have been a successful event without the help of Al Kempf, Annette Setterholm, Phil and Charlene Harter, and Gary and Cathy Kempf.

Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 29th. You won't want to miss the entertainment! This year we booked multi-talented Betty Rydell. Some of you may remember her from Summerfest a few years ago. Betty plays a number of instruments and her show consists of classic country, gospel, fiddling, comedy, yodeling and variety. Watch the April Shield for full details about the event.

Major Degree Installation at Anoka

This is a reminder that there will be a Major Degree at the Anoka KC Hall on Sunday, March 5th. Candidates will experience the lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as they go through the First, Second, and Third Degree ceremonies. The First Degree begins at 9:00 AM with the Second Degree starting at 10:30 AM followed immediately by the Third Degree. Candidates should be checking in before 8:45 AM. It would be fitting to have many brother Knights present to welcome new members into the Knights Brotherhood. It would not be a bad time to refresh your memory back to when you first joined the Knights.

Stations of the Cross

Our council will be hosting the Lenten Stations of the Cross again this year on Friday, March 17th at 7PM at St. Stephen's. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Lenten prayer service.

Ken Erkens, chairman



Prepared for Lent Between the Sunday Masses

The Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus have been hosting a conversion study program between Sunday Masses in the FCC. The remaining two sessions will take place March 5 and 12. All parishioners are welcome to participate. The sessions will consist of a 20-minute video presentation and small group discussion. There is no cost to participate and regular attendance is not required. Refreshments will be provided by the council.

During the lessons, Bishop Robert Barron will illuminate biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were 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.