

## Chaplain's Corner



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Grand  
Knight's  
Message



As we move through the Lenten season, we are continuing 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.

### Third and Fourth: Clothe the Naked and Shelter the Homeless

We can practice these works of mercy by using, once again, our votes: this time to support policies of the local and national governments that lead to the creation of jobs and that provide an adequate "safety net" for the poor and the homeless. There is room for honest disagreement among Catholics, of course, as to what kinds of governmental policies will most effectively achieve those goals, but our universal concern for the plight of the poor must be acknowledged as a genuine priority. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "[Human] misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior ... Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a *preferential love* on the part of the Church" (2448).

There are also well-established groups that specialize in relieving the problem of homelessness. Supporting their work is almost always a great way to practice these works of mercy. For example, Habitat for Humanity enables volunteers to actually lend a hand in building brand-new homes for the poor and underprivileged. If you have ever seen their volunteers in action, it is reminiscent of the old prairie tradition of a "barn raising," during

which the whole local community would come together to help a farmer who needed a new barn, and they would put it up in a single day! Many of the homeless people in urban areas are young people — often runaways from difficult family situations — kids who live on the streets who often sink into the mire of the drug and prostitution culture. A group known as Covenant House now operates in a number of North American cities, providing food and shelter and a fresh start for many of these troubled young people, some of whom only need a helping hand and a second chance to get back up on their feet (visit [covenanthouse.org](http://covenanthouse.org)). Why not see if either Habitat for Humanity or Covenant House is operating in your area, and find out what you can do to lend a hand? Remember that our Lord himself started His life as a homeless child--born in a manger because there was no room at the inn--and often, throughout His ministry, He had nowhere to lay His head. He must have a special compassion for those who have had to share so closely in His experience of periodic homelessness.

As for "clothing the naked," you can always go through your closets and find garments to donate to the needy. Local thrift shops would be happy to make them available to the needy at a low cost (and often those thrift shops are selling their items to raise money for other good causes, too, such as a local hospital or hospice).

Finally, bear in mind that those of you who are working hard each day to earn the money to provide food and drink, clothing and shelter for your own families, and those of you who cook and clean at home, are already practicing these corporal works of mercy, at least *outwardly*. Why not practice them *inwardly* now as well, from the heart, not grudgingly or merely out of routine, but with compassion and love for your spouse and children, doing all to the glory of God and giving thanks to God the Father for providing for all your needs (see I Cor 10:31, Col 3:17). In this way, as St. Paul wrote, the simplest daily chore becomes "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," a true "spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1).

Vivat Jesus!

Brother Knights and Significant Others:

Recently, I pondered over a comparison of two very different concepts. Spare change and spare time. We tend to accumulate spare change and save it up over time. We treat it as a bonus, and then spend it on something that we probably didn't need, donate it to a preferred charity, or maybe for vacation "fun" money. It can be a significant amount--down the road. Spare time, on the other hand, cannot be accumulated, or put in a jar, to be used at a later point in time. We can hope that we will have spare time in the future (a.k.a. retirement), but that does not always happen either. Spare time has become a luxury item for many very busy and active households in our community. We need to use it the best way we can, whether it is for hobbies, watching TV or sports, reading, enjoying the outdoors, doing family things, or one of my favorites: volunteering. Consider how you use your spare time. Your spare time is YOUR time--it's up to you whether you want to share it or not. Just make sure that you live every day the best you can!

There are many who have worked very hard, volunteering, over the last year to make our council successful. Thanks for the recent efforts from the crews at the Lenten Fish Dinners, the Ham Bingo workers, and the current leadership. We are strong, but to keep our momentum, we need additional leaders to join our team. As I have stated before, our greatest assets are our members!

We have a great fundraiser coming up at the end of April with the Tootsie Roll Drive. The Awards banquet on April 29<sup>th</sup> should be well attended with Betty Rydell as entertainment with a great meal (at an affordable "spare change jar" price!). I hope you can attend!

We recently had a major degree at the KC Hall and from that, we have 3 new members: Richard Schuh, Francis Kaas, and Chris Hudson (1<sup>st</sup> degree only). Please welcome our new members and their families to our council!

Happy Easter to you and your families!

Vivat Jesus! Gary Kempf

## History 2018

1936

This was the year production of the original Volkswagen 'beetle' began. I know heaters were still nonexistent in them in the 1960s and they had a small engine, so you better give yourself a lot of room if you were going to pull out.

Hitler was stirring the pot of unrest in Europe. He had 150 Catholic youth leaders arrested, promoted ant-Semitism and was stretching his boundaries. His actions had a lot to do with discontent between Jews and Arabs over increased immigration of Jews arriving in Palestine. The area was under British control, but they had their hands full with the escalating conflict. With all that going on, the Olympics were held in Germany and American Jesse Owens put a bit of a crimp in Hitler's style by winning the 100 and 200 meter dashes and being a member of the winning 400 meter relay team.

There were several natural disasters: giant hailstones in South Africa killed 19 people (no word on how big those hailstones were); flooding in 12 states left 134 dead and 200,000 homeless; tornadoes across the southern states killed 421; and a July heat wave took a toll of 3,000 more.

Alan Karpis, a big time kidnapper, was apprehended in New Orleans. He held William Hamm, of the Hamm's brewing family, for a \$100,000 ransom in 1933 and a St. Paul banker for \$200,000 in 1934. Inflation must have had an effect on his demands.

For transportation news we have the dirigible Hindenburg arriving (safely) in New Jersey on its first transatlantic flight and the Queen Mary departing from England on its maiden voyage.

Civil war erupted in Spain in July. General Francisco Franco led rebel forces north from Morocco with some success, but Loyalist forces fought back. The government took control of industry, churches were confiscated and priests and nuns were executed.

On a brighter note, that famous baseball pitcher, Walter Johnson, replicated the silver dollar toss across the Rappahannock, as part of a Washington's birthday celebration. The original myth had George

throwing it across the Potomac, but that river was considered too wide for such a feat.

FDR was reelected in a landslide over Alfred Landon and King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne to marry American socialite Wallis Warfield Simpson and left the country.

And I will take my leave as well, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month.

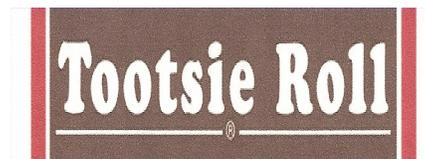
Mike Petschl, historian

### Anoka Home Association

#### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Anoka Home Association will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the KC Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will be followed at 7:00 PM with the monthly planning meeting. The meeting will include updated discussion of revisions the Supreme has instituted in the last few years regarding councils operating out of a hall. Councils are not allowed to own real estate so the Anoka Home Association is actually the corporation that owns the building. All members of the Anoka Council are eligible to be members of the Home Association and can attend any of our meetings. However, in order to be a voting member you must be a shareholder. Any member may purchase a share for \$25.00. This allows you to be a board member as well as a voting member. There are no annual dues. At this time there appear to be about 30 remaining shareholders who collectively hold 37 shares. In order for our council to continue operating with a hall we need to have more members buying shares to keep the Home Association healthy. Many of our shareholders are not particularly young and active anymore. I would encourage you to become a shareholder. Contact myself at 763-421-0116 or Roger Renner to get the process started.

Al Kempf  
AHA President



#### Tootsie Roll Drive

The Anoka Knights of Columbus will participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28th, 29th and 30th.

On Friday and Saturday, brother Knights will stand at various store fronts to hand out Tootsie Rolls and collect donations. On Sunday, we will collect after all Masses.

Please consider giving some of your time for this event. Family members are also encouraged to help. Phone calls will be made asking for your participation, so, if you know the hours you can work, or the Mass you would like to work at, please save me some time and give me a call at: 763-427-0478 or email at: tom.matlon@gmail.com. Working together we can make this year's drive a success.

Tom Matlon, chairman

#### *In Memoriam*

Brother Knight Carl Beaudry passed away in February, at the age of 94. He was a Knight for nearly 68 years.

Also, Brother Knight Deacon Dominic Ehrmantraut passed away in March at the age of 88 and Jean Penas, the mother of our State Deputy Bob Penas, died on March 12th at the age of 75.

Please remember Carl, Dom, Jean and their family members in your prayers.



#### *Prayer*

#### *List*

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gobernat; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaut; 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.



# The SHIELD



Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4 Planning Meeting, 7PM  
KC Hall
- April 7 Fish Fry, 5:30-7PM, FCC
- April 11 Rosary, 6:15PM  
School Presentation, 7PM  
Business Meeting to follow
- April 16 Easter Sunday
- April 17 Shield Deadline
- April 28-30 Tootsie Roll Drive
- April 29 Awards Banquet

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## Lecturer's Program

At our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have as our special guest Ms. Dianne Morri, Principal of St. Stephen's School. Ms. Morri is concluding her first year as principal and will discuss the status of the school, how the year has gone and how we, as a council, can help in the mission of our school.

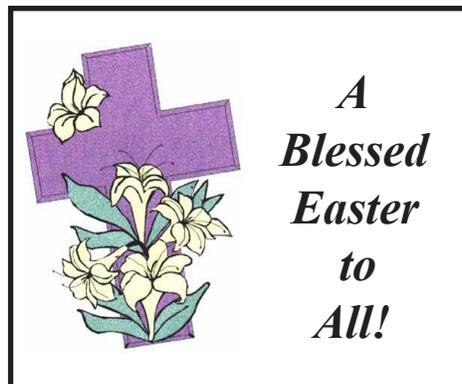
In order for as many people as possible to meet and hear Ms. Morri, we will begin our meeting at the normal time of 7PM with a presentation by Ms. Morri. Let's show our support for the school by having a large attendance. The evening will begin with a rosary at 6:15PM followed by the meeting at 7PM. All members, wives, families and prospective members are invited for the rosary and presentation.

Phil Harter, lecturer

## Food for Thought

"On Sunday go to church. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's own house, just as well as in a church. But I also know that as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship or dedicate himself."

Theodore Roosevelt



*A  
Blessed  
Easter  
to  
All!*

## New Members Installed

On Sunday, March 5, three new members joined the Knights of Council 2018. Please welcome to the Anoka Council Christian Hudson, Francis Kaas, and Dick Schuh. They all experienced the lesson of Charity in the First Degree ceremonial of our order. Francis and Dick continued on and experienced the lessons of Unity and Fraternity in the Second and Third Degree ceremonials. These installation ceremonials were conducted at the Anoka KC Hall. Lunch was served after these activities were completed. Congratulations to these gentlemen.

Al Kempf, Membership Chairman



## KC Golf League

The Anoka Council joins with brother knights from the Osseo and Maple Grove councils in a golf league that meets at Daytona Golf Club in Dayton. The league play takes place on Wednesdays from late April or early May to late August. Six tee times are reserved with the first starting at 4:08. League play is nine holes with the opportunity to play more holes if interested. There are opportunities available for both regular and substitute golfers. If you are interested, call League Secretary, Dick Montroy, at 612-419-0419. This is a fun league with a wide range of talent. Dick can also be contacted at [dmontroy@comcast.net](mailto:dmontroy@comcast.net).