



The Shield

Grand Knight's Message by Kevin Setterholm



Through his inspiring leadership, Gary Kempf's two-year term as Grand Knight helped create a solid foundation for the Anoka Knights of Columbus council. I would like to thank him for the effort and time he put into helping create a bedrock that can be used to move the council towards the next level of charity, unity, and fraternity. Watching Gary and the rest of the council officers and directors perform their duties over the past two years has proven to me that the Anoka council is committed to making decisions that are good for the community and the church and that glorify God. With the support of the Anoka council's leadership group and with the willingness of the council's 380 members to step in and assist with time and money when called upon, I am eager to begin my term as the 30th Grand Knight of the Anoka Knights of Columbus Council #2018.

I am a strong supporter of the purpose and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Through the order's training offerings, literature and the volunteer opportunities that I have become involved with over the past four years, I have come to a deeper understanding of my recently adopted faith and as a result I have become a better Catholic man. I grew up in a church going family and as a result of my upbringing I have been a practicing Christian for my whole life, but it was through my desire to be a Knight five years ago that I decided to convert to Catholicism and it is through the inspiration of this order that I have begun to deeply seek out and attempt to live a more fulfilling spiritual life. I am hoping that the passion that I have to see this order achieve its mission will spill over to the members of our council and ignite in all of them the desire to see the Anoka Knights of Columbus reach its fullest potential within the next few years.

During my tenure as Grand Knight, my goal is to lead our council to the "Star Council" status that is recognized by the Supreme Council. To reach this goal it is hoped that each council member will commit to giving 24 hours of their time to the Order within the fraternal year (2 hours a month?). Below you will see what 24 hours devoted to the Knights could look like:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, *Columbia* magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council Web sites.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities (ie. Special Olympics, Tootsie Roll Drive.....)
- 2 hours a year attending, with your family, two council corporate Communion or prayer services at the parish (ie. St. Stephens, Catholic Watchmen events....)
- 2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of his choosing (no shortage of events on council's calendar....)
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting. (my goal is to keep general meeting to 1 hour of business followed by ½ hour of food and socializing....)
- 4 hours a year enjoying, with your family, a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, (no shortage of events listed on the council's event calendar....)

As a Knight that deeply wants to see the Anoka council succeed, I would like you to communicate your ideas on how our council can reach next level. Bring your ideas to a planning meeting or communicate them through email to ksetterholm@q.com .

Council Email Blasts

To help with timely and effective communications, the council often needs to send email blasts to its members. The messages in these blasts may contain a need for volunteers, event opportunities, meeting time changes, member recognition, interest and opinion surveys.... Council wide email communications could come from one of the following email address: mickeyp1543@gmail.com or anoaknigkhtsofcolumbus@outlook.com . Please be sure to add these two emails to your email "Safe Sender List".

History 2018—1938

That wonder product, nylon, opened up the world to all kinds of new things and one of the first was tooth brushes.

The Social Security Act had been signed into law and 36 million people were paying into it, but there were still 8 million people without employment. Not to worry! FDR set the minimum wage at 40 cents per hour. I can remember being paid \$2.60 per hour in my first full time job with Red Owl Stores in the 1960s.

The world was still in chaos in 1938. Mexico seized 17 American and British oil companies, so we quit buying Mexican silver in retaliation. That didn't seem to bother them, because local unions seized 5 mines owned by the U.S. and the government also seized oil land across the border from Texas. Franco's rebel forces were scoring big victories in Spain where the fighting was all but over. China and Japan were dropping bombs on each other. Hitler moved into Austria and declared himself the Commander-in-Chief of armed forces for Germany and Austria and then moved into Czechoslovakia, while anti-Semitism boiled over in Germany with young Nazis going on a rampage against Jews by killing people, looting businesses and burning places of worship. The U.S. and Germany recalled their ambassadors.

As if China didn't have enough to worry about, a dike on the Yellow River burst killing 150,000 people in the resulting flood. (Some of these years can be depressing!)

But there's sporting news to be told! Ever heard of Johnny Vander Meer? Well, he did something that will probably never be equaled. He was a left handed, professional, baseball pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds who pitched two no-hit, no-run games in a row. Top that, will ya'! The first was in Cincinnati against the Boston Bees on June 11th, where he pitched to only 28 batters, and the second was 4 days later, on June 15th, against the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first game under the lights on the East coast. He got a little wild in that one. The manager visited the mound in the 6th inning and decided to leave him in. With one out in the 9th, he loaded the bases with 3 walks, but his teammates saved him. Unless things change, it will never happen again, because they pull pitchers if they last for 100 pitches.

As for entertainment news, this was the year Kate Smith belted out her rendition of 'God Bless America' for the first time and Superman was created.

And I'm gone, 'cuz my time is up! See ya' next month. Mike Petschl, historian

Riverfest Volunteers Needed

The council is looking for volunteers to help with the Anoka Knights Columbus' cheese nuggets and corndogs booth at the Anoka Riverfest and Craft Fair being held on July 8th. Shifts of workers are needed to help set-up, cook and take-down. To learn more and/volunteer to help, please contact Roger Renner at rerenner@ehrenner.com or 763-286-9355.

Council Contact Information and Interest Survey

In an effort to have an accurate contact list and good grasp of the council's membership interest, the Anoka Knights of Columbus will be mailing out a contact information and interest survey to all members that did not complete the online survey in May. When you receive this survey, please complete it and mail it back using the return envelope no later than July 31.

Mark Your Calendar for Meeting Changes

Due to the July 4th Holiday falling on a Tuesday and the Annual Twins Game Outing falling on Tuesday, August 8, the July and August planning and general meetings have been rearranged to the following:

- July 11, Planning Meeting – 6:00-7:00 & General Meeting – 7:00-8:00.
- August 1, Planning Meeting – 6:00-7:00 & General Meeting – 7:00-8:00

There will not be a rosary before the July and August business meetings. The rosary will resume at the September business meeting.

Prayer List

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gubernatz; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias & Estelle Schaust ; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian & Mary Backowski; Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob); Bob Belousek; Ed Melnarik; Tom O'Connell; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Marge Pinewski (widow of Phil); 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 mick-eyp1543@gmail.com.

5th Sunday Knights Sunday

There will be a fifth Sunday during the 2017 months of July, October, December and the 2018 months of April, July and September. It is a goal to make the 5th Sundays Knights of Columbus Sundays by having the Knights host a Rosary before Mass and by having all the members of Anoka council wear Knights of Columbus apparel and/or an Anoka council lapel pin. Knights of Columbus apparel can be purchased at the Knights Gear online store: <http://www.knightsgear.com>. The Anoka council also have navy blue polo shirts with the order's logo and council lapel pins that can be purchased through Roger Renner rerenner@ehrenner.com or 763-286-9355.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 11 Planning Meeting, 6 PM
Business Meeting, 7 PM
KC Hall
- July 17 Shield Deadline

Officers for 2017-2018

Grand Knight—Kevin Setterholm
Deputy Grand Knight—Deacon Chuck Waugh
Chancellor—George Kusterman
Financial Secretary—Roger Renner
Recorder—Phil Harter
Treasurer—Vern Rausch
Warden—Phil Loner
Advocate—Bob Belousek
Inside Guard—Richard Martin
Outside Guard—Ken Bright
3 Year Trustee—Gary Kempf
2 Year Trustee—Joe Soler

Leadership Positions Needed to Be Filled

A new fraternal year has begun and council is looking to fill a few positions listed below. Some of these positions are for new initiatives and programs that Anoka Knights are attempting to take on during the following months and some of the positions need to be filled because of recent retirements and duty shifts. Please find time to learn about a position that you may be interested in by contacting the appropriate council member listed below.

- "THE SHIELD" ADVERTISING COORDINATOR – work with "The Shield" editor, Mike Petschl, and Financial Secretary, Roger Renner, to solicit businesses to advertise in the Shield. To get more details on this position, please contact Roger Renner at: rerenner@ehrenner.com or 763-286-9355. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Works directly with the council's program director, John Loes, and Grand Knight, Kevin Setterholm to help oversee the council's activities, programs and initiatives. To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does require attendance at some council planning meetings.
- COATS FOR KIDS AND FOOD FOR FAMILIES COORDINATOR – Two long time programs promoted by Supreme but they will be new initiatives for the Anoka Knights of Columbus this fraternal year. To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH COORDINATOR – A fairly new program promoted by Supreme and will be a new initiative for the Anoka Knights of Columbus this fraternal year. To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COORDINATOR – A long time program promoted by Supreme but it will be a new initiative for the Anoka Knights of Columbus this fraternal year. To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- BREAKFAST AND PHOTOGRAPH WITH ST. NICHOLAS COORDINATOR – A very successful event hosted by the council the past December. The coordination plans for a second event are well laid out. To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- ANOKA KNIGHTS AND ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH LIAISON – The liaison will work with St. Stephen's school and St. Stephen's youth ministry to help promote the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest... To get more details on this position, please contact Kevin Setterholm at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786. Taking on this position does not require attendance at council meetings.
- ANOKA KNIGHTS AND ST. STEPHEN'S WATCHMAN LIAISON – The liaison will work with the St. Stephen's Watchman Pointman, Daniel VanderWeyst, to help keep the council informed of Watchmen events and to help promote the Anoka Knights of Columbus activities program to the parish's Watchmen.