

The Shield



Chaplain's Message by Fr. Joe Kuharsaki

In my previous article, I spoke about the original sin of Adam and Eve and about how the effects of that sin are passed on to all of us. Our society very often does not understand this, naively presuming that if we are just simply taught the right things, then we would never choose what is harmful to us or to others. Or, if we just had the right government, the right laws, or the right economic system, then people would live their lives uprightly and charitably, and would be satisfied with what they have. But we know that this same utopian fantasy has brought about tremendous horrors in the 20th Century, with some of the greatest tyrannies of modern times, particularly in the various forms of communism and fascism. Criticism could be rightly made, as well, regarding an unbridled capitalism, solely dependent upon the “invisible hand” of the market. Rampant individualism, egocentrism, and consumerism lead to what Pope Francis calls, a “throw away” culture that abandons the weakest and most vulnerable.

Alright, now let's go back to the Biblical account of the Fall from last time...

If you remember, Eve was tempted for three distinct reasons: she saw that the tree was, “good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise.” These three temptations are identified by St. John as the perennial temptations from which we all suffer: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 Jn. 2:16).

With the lust of the flesh, one is driven to inordinately lust after the pleasures of the flesh, seen especially in the sins of gluttony and lust. While food and drink are good things (as well as our sexual desires) for they were all made by the good God, our desires for them easily have a way of taking on too much dominance in our lives, and we begin to desire them in the wrong manner and to extremes. They become sort of like little children, who, if they are given whatever they want and whenever they want it, get wildly unruly and uncontrollable. The lust of the eyes drives one to greed and possessiveness, to be attached to wealth and possessions, rather than to see them as a gift from God that is not truly one's own. J.R.R. Tolkien gives a wonderful illustration of this sin with the dragon Smaug in the *Hobbit*, who is obsessed with the possession of his gold, just for its own sake, even though he really has no purpose for it.

The third temptation, the pride of life, is most central to our sin and the most difficult temptation from which we can be freed. To see oneself as great and powerful, whether by virtue of a position we may have, or our intelligence, or our reputation, is the greatest temptation of all. It's no surprise then, that our Lord Jesus is so insistent on humility: “Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 18:3)

Grand Knight's Message by Kevin Setterholm



The third principle on which the Knights of Columbus is built on is “Fraternity”. Synonyms for fraternity include: brotherhood, fellowship, and kinship. In simplest terms, according to the Google dictionary, fraternity can be defined as a “state or feeling of friendship and mutual support within a group”.

There are numerous places in the Bible where the importance of fraternity is addressed and the command to perform acts of kindness, to encourage one another, and to care for others is issued to all followers of Jesus. I encourage you to find time to read and reflect on the following Bible verses during this upcoming week which are some of the many calls God makes to practice fraternity: Acts 2:46-47, Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 12:10-13 and 1 Peter 3:8.

It is through fraternity that we, as Knights of Columbus, can achieve the second principle of the order which is “Unity”. With unity based on fraternity we, as brother knights, will be able to accomplish great charitable works, which is what Father McGivney had envisioned as the purpose of the order many years ago.

As Grand Knight I highly encourage you to help develop the principle of fraternity in the Anoka council by participating in our monthly meetings, multiple social events and numerous charity events. I also would like you to share your ideas with the council leadership about what the council can do to further develop fraternity in our community. You can bring your ideas to any planning meeting which takes place during the first Tuesday of the month or any general meeting which takes place during the second Tuesday of the month. You can also share your ideas with me directly at 763-757-9786 or at ksetterholm@q.com.



April 16th (tax day) is right around the corner. If you have gotten the jump on completing your taxes, or are still trying to organize your finances from prior years, give me a call for some professional advice. The Knights have very competitive annuity accounts that can be opened for traditional and Roth IRA contributions and rollovers to ensure you are not overpaying taxes. Our whole-life insurance plans can be customized to your needs to minimize taxes to you now as well as in your estate.

To organize your finances consider consolidating your 401(k) or IRA accounts into an annuity with the Knights. If you have had multiple employers or investment professionals, you may have retirement plans scattered all over. If you would like to eliminate the hassle of eventually contacting and drawing on all of those accounts, consider rolling them into a Knights annuity and have a local source to coordinate your retirement draws when the time arrives. Knights of Columbus annuities have no fees that will detract from your investment returns. We will handle all of the paperwork for you, and tapping your retirement savings will be only a phone call away.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Dan Falstad—612-310-5254—Dan.Falstad@kofc.org



HAM BINGO

The date for Ham Bingo is set for Saturday March 24, 2018. It will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in St. Stephen's School.

We need volunteers to collect money from the players. Please contact me to sign up. There will be two shifts again. The first shift is from 6:15 to 8:15 and the second shift is from 8:15 to 10:15. We will have door prizes again at the end of the evening. You must be present to win. Invite your family, neighbors and friends to come. We will have a great time whether you are working or playing Bingo.

Vern Rausch, Bingo Coordinator
(763) 422-1128, vrrjrr@hotmail.com

COUNCIL FREE THROW CONTEST

The Anoka Council conducted the annual Free Throw Contest at St. Stephen's School on January 8th through the 10th. Tiebreakers and absent students were once again taken care of by the school's Physical Education teacher, Gerald Rehder, during the following two weeks. All boys and girls aged 9 through 14 as of January 1st were eligible to participate. 176 students took their turns to shoot 15 free throws. The best score was 13 of 15 made. The winner in each of the 12 brackets was qualified to compete in the District Championship which was conducted at St. Stephen's school on February 10th. Eight students won at the district competition at which they shot 25 free throws. The best scores in the district were 21 of 25 and 19 of 25 by an Epiphany boy and girl respectively. They were both 11 year olds. The district winners were invited to participate in the regional contest at St. Vincent in Osseo on February 24th.

Al Kempf, Council Free Throw Chairman



Prayer List

Jim Lovsted; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias & Estelle Schaust ; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian & Mary Backowski; Bob Belousek; Ed Melnarik; Tom O'Connell; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Marge Pinewski (widow of Phil); Deacopn Chuck Waugh; Jane Herr (wife of Elmer); Renee Hinnen-camp (wife of Vern); Al Nathe; Rodney Wahlberg; Laurie Plante (wife of Dave).

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.

Earn a Free Trip to Dublin and More

In an effort to encourage you to recruit Catholic men to the Knights of Columbus brotherhood, the state and supreme council's have come up with the following awards programs.

A Free Trip to Dublin

For each new member you recruit, your name will be entered into a drawing for an all-expenses paid trip to Dublin to attend the World Meeting of Families in August. 10 people will be drawn for this reward.

Knights of Columbus Apparel and Money

- Recruit 1 additional member than you did last year and you get a KofC Hat.
- Recruit 2 additional members than you did last year and you get a KofC Polo shirt
- Recruit 3 additional members than you did last year and you get a KofC Polo shirt and \$20.00 gift card.
- Recruit 4-9 additional members than you did last year and get a KofC polo shirt, a \$20.00 gift card and an additional \$5.00 for each member over 3
- Recruit 10 additional members than you did last year and get a KofC polo shirt, \$100 gift card and an additional \$10 for each member over 10.

Madonna and Child Statue

Recruit a son, grandson, father, grandfather, brother or uncle and the new member will receive a statue of Madonna and Child.

- For more information on the following recruitment incentives, please contact our District Deputy Rick Hirschfeldt: bigrick1945@yahoo.com



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Stations of the Cross
 Our council will be hosting the Lenten Stations of the Cross again this year on Friday, March 16th, at 7 pm at St. Stephen's Church in Anoka. Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Lenten prayer service.
 Ken Erkens, chairman

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Annual Celebration Dinner

The Anoka Knights of Columbus Annual Celebration Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 5th, and will include the annual awards recognition. Stay tuned for further information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6 Planning Meeting, 7pm
KC Hall

March 13 Rosary, 6:30pm
Business Meeting, 7pm
KC Hall

March 16 Stations of the Cross, 7pm

March 17 St. Patrick's Day
Shield Deadline

March 29 Holy Thursday

March 30 Good Friday

March 31 Holy Saturday

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Lecturer's Program

Brother Knights: Heard of Crew 52? Please join us at our general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 13th, when Ken Hudoba, Past Grand knight of the Cedar council, will speak on his 11 month experience with Crew 52. This was the 10,000 strong Super Bowl volunteer organization, who welcomed Super Bowl visitors to the Twin Cities, culminating in the 10 days of Super Bowl Live in downtown Minneapolis and other venues. He had a lot of fun and you will enjoy his comments and reflections.

Phil Harter, lecturer

A Council of Leaders

Since the beginning of the year, the Anoka Council has pulled off 10 events. This achievement could not have been accomplished without knights stepping into leadership roles. A heartfelt thank you goes to the following brother knights for helping make the first couple of months of 2018 extremely impactful in the community, council and parish: Ron Ward for coordinating the council's youth "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest; Ray Danzl for coordinating the St. Stephen's Christmas Tree set-up; Deacon Chuck Waugh for leading the 5th Sunday Rosary and the Holy Icon Prayer Service and for speaking at the Cana Dinner; David Hudoba and Al Kempf for coordinating youth Basketball Free Throw Competition; Ray Danzl, David Richards, Phil Lesnar for coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner and Dance; Jeff Kieffer for coordinating the Mid-Winter Breakfast; Phil Harter for coordinating the Cana Dinner and Dance program and Vern Rausch for coordinating the Mardi Gras dishwashing crews. By most measures, the Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus is an extremely successful Minnesota council, and much of this success can be attributed to the many brothers that our council has that are willing to step up and take responsibility to lead events.

Bartenders Needed – April 10th

The April 10th General Meeting is in need of at least two bartenders. Before the start of the meeting, the council would like to serve appetizers, hors devours, beer, wine and three different types of cocktails. The bartenders' responsibilities will include, picking the cocktails, shopping for the ingredients (council will take care of the bill), and mixing and severing drinks during the "Happy Hour". If you are a wannabe bartender and would like to take on this role, please contact Kevin at ksetterholm@q.com or 763-757-9786.