



# The Shield

## Chaplain's Message by Fr. Joe Kuharski Same-Sex Marriage debate

As recently as about 25 years ago, same-sex marriage was on practically no one's radar. Most people accepted that marriage is an institution between a man and a woman, and is ordered toward procreation. Now, as I'm sure you know, it has become the number one hot-button issue. Anyone opposed to same-sex marriage is likely to be called a bigot or a homophobe, and may suffer being ousted from circles of family and friends. *How could you be such a hater?*, they might ask. One response: *Well, do you consider President Clinton to be a hater, when he signed the Defense of Marriage Act into law in 1996? How about President Obama up until he "evolved" his views in 2011?* To even consider those examples shows just how quickly public opinion has shifted and just how absurd it is to consider it a matter of hate.

In this article, I would like to briefly address how we should talk about Same-Sex marriage, and because I can only do so much here, I would like to give you some recommendations: *What is Marriage?* (Anderson, George) and *Made for Love* (Fr. Mike Schmitz). Also, a great website that was recently launched to help with conversations about our faith and morals is *claritasu.com*.

We have to be very clear when speaking to others that this debate is not about who can marry, or about what love is, or even about homosexuality, but it is really only about one thing: *what is marriage?* We have to keep bringing the conversation back to that one, key question, because it all hinges around that. That is fundamentally important. There are currently two operating views of what marriage is, as Drs. Ryan Anderson and Robert George point out: the conjugal view of marriage and the revisionist view of marriage.

Let's start with the conjugal view. The conjugal view of marriage is the view that has been accepted throughout the course of human history, which defines marriage as "the institution which unites a man and a woman to each other and to any children born from their union." It is a comprehensive union, involving not just one's heart and mind, but one's body. The sexual act, in fact, is the *only* biological act that requires two people to complete. No other act we have requires two distinct individuals. The revisionist view of marriage in the last decades is the view that marriage is an "emotional bond" distinguished by the intensity of the emotions. *Why get married?* The obvious response in our culture is, *because we are passionately in love*. Its primary purpose is the fulfillment of the adults, with no real reference to the good of children. If the marriage is just about personal fulfillment, then the notions of permanence and even sexual exclusivity are entirely dependent on the emotions of the two individuals. In fact, on this view, why does marriage even need to be monogamous? There are currently over 500,000 cases of polyamorous (3-plus persons) relationships – what about their "rights" to "marry"? Many "throuples" are hopeful about such a prospect in the future.

[To be continued...]

## Grand Knight's Message by Kevin Setterholm



Growing up in a Christian household and continuing to follow the faith as an adult has given me a lot of exposure to Bible readings. Some of the verses that I have come across over the years have had an impact on me and a few have latched on to my mind and guided me through important chapters of my life.

In my early 40s, while reading the book of James, I was struck by a passage concerning "Faith and Deeds" found in James 2:14-26 and a related passage concerning "A Tree and Its Fruit" found in Matthew 7:16-23. While giving thought to these two passages I began to realize that I often make selfish choices that do not demonstrate my spiritual beliefs. I came to understand that my deeds reveal to the world the status of my faith. With this new awareness, I decided to change many of my selfishness ways into actions that demonstrate to the world a living faith.

It was around this time that I was introduced to the Knights of Columbus. While standing in line to get a Lenten fish dinner ticket in Isanti, MN, I spoke with some knights who explained to me that through membership and active participation in the organization I would have multiple opportunities to put my faith into action. So, I joined the organization and over the past five years I have strived to become a fully active member in the order. I am an active member with the Knights of Columbus because I am a Catholic man with a desire to bear good fruit for my Savior.

As Grand Knight, I understand that not all of the members of the Anoka Council are in a chapter of their lives that allows them to volunteer as much time as the council's leadership is able too. At the same time, I believe that most of Anoka council's members became knights because they want to put their faith into action and become trees that bear good fruit. When you are ready to find time and/or make time to put your faith into action, the council will be here for you. There are many opportunities in the Anoka Knights to serve our church and community. At the same time, if you have any ideas for programs, events and projects that you would like to see the council pursue, please contact Kevin Setterholm at [ksetterholm@q.com](mailto:ksetterholm@q.com) or at 763-757-9786.



### Field Agent's Message

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

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But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

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### 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 Daytona. 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)

### History 2018—Council Chamber Excavation—1974

A lot of work has been going on lately to remodel our council chamber and there's a lot of history involving that hole in the ground. We have a document written by PGK Gil Dullinger many years ago, before his death, which gives an overview and says it was dug by hand, which made me think it might be on a scale with the building of the pyramids. Fortunately, I have heard from a few of our Past Grand Knights who were involved, Walt Schumacher (before his death), Cy Dehn, Dale Guimont and Gordy Dusterhoft, with pictures and further input from Virgil Collins. Now that I have some idea of what took place, I hope I can do justice to the project.

It all started back in 1974 when it was decided to expand the existing storage space that was unusable for anything else at the time. The portion that was added by digging out by hand measured about 13' by 37' and was under the front portion of the building. This created a room measuring approximately 37' by 54' that we now call our council chamber.

PGK Ken Schumacher was the driving force according to them. He knew of someone with excavation equipment who removed a section of the foundation on the north wall. I'm told the foundation was only down about 3 feet. They made a hole large enough to get Cy Dehn's tractor through and made a ramp. This gave them an access point. Virgil said the dust from the dry dirt that had been under there, undisturbed, for decades was awful, but none of them used masks for protection. Keep in mind, this was 1974 and people weren't as concerned about safety hazards.

Ken worked almost every day and many brother Knights helped over the course of the project. I don't have a list of all those involved. He dug enough to open an initial hole and as the area got bigger, the dirt was piled near the opening so Cy Dehn could go in with his tractor and a scraper blade to remove it. Cy couldn't get back out on his own, so Virgil Collins would hook onto him from above with another tractor and pull him out dirt and all. An opening was also made in the foundation on the south wall and they were able to get a conveyor belt down through there to remove the dirt from that side also. As the open area enlarged, they would support the upper structure with supports set only on the dirt; no footings. I inquired as to whether they kept all this quiet from the insurance company. Any thoughts Denny Phenow? Had I been a member at the time, I probably would have questioned their sanity!

Buster Talbot arranged to get some galvanized beams. Gil said they came from the Nike base, but others thought they came from the Sheriff's Boy's Ranch near St. Francis, where Buster was heavily involved at the time. The welder became quite ill from welding galvanized iron, but they now support the floor of the main hall above.

After 44 years, we are remodeling that hole in the ground again. The walls were removed to the block walls, the false ceiling removed and the entire bar area with kitchen facilities was gutted, including appliances. Renovation is well under way under the capable leadership of PGK Rick Aberle. Many hours have been volunteered so far by many brother Knights, but we have a long way to go. Please lend a hand, if you can!

(Pictures next month.)

Mike Petschl, historian

### Prayer List



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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](mailto:mick-eyp1543@gmail.com).



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**Knights Mass and Dinner with  
 Archbishop Hebda**

Knights and their families are invited to attend the Annual Knights Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mass will start at 4:30 and it will take place at St. Austin Church – 4050 Upton Ave N, Minneapolis. The Annual Knights Mass recognizes the founding of our fraternal society on March 29, 1882 and this year the celebration will feature the Knights' Choir. Immediately following the Mass there will be a spaghetti dinner at the church with a free will offering. Please RSVP by April 4, at 612-529-7779 or elag@stbridgetnorthside.com

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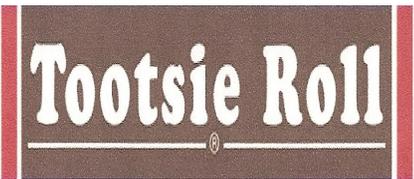
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**Tootsie Roll Drive**

Anoka Council 2018 will participate in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive again this year on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.  
 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 at St. Stephen's.  
 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, 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.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 1 Easter Sunday

April 3 Planning Meeting, 7PM  
KC Hall

April 10 Spring Fling, 6PM  
Business Meeting, 7:30PM  
KC Hall

April 27,28,29 Tootsie Roll Drive

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### **Anoka Home Association Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Anoka Home Association will be held on May 1, 2018, at the KC Hall. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will be followed at 7:00 PM with the monthly council planning meeting. 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

### **Bring Your Wives to the Spring Fling on April 10**

The Anoka Council will be celebrating the coming of spring at our April 10, general meeting. Wives are welcome to enjoy cocktails and a guest speaker from Feed My Starving Children between 6:00-7:30. The council will provide drinks, and council members are asked to bring a plate or two of appetizers and hors devours to share with all.

- 6:00 – 6:45 – Cocktails and hors devours
- 6:45 – 7:15 - Feed My Starving Children Presentation (Tim Yantos)
- 7:30-8:15 – Abbreviated general meeting (Knights only)

### **Anoka KC Celebration Dinner and Entertainment**

We will have our Anoka Knights of Columbus Celebration Dinner on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have volunteered to one or many of our events- let's celebrate our accomplishments this past fraternal year! Festivities start with social hour at 5:30 with a delicious catered meal from Lynde's. We will finish the evening with a performance by the Due North Vocal Band, an A Cappella singing group, based out of the Twin Cities. Plan on a great night out for \$20 per person or \$40 per couple. Please see the inserted invitation for more details on how to RSVP.

Act quickly- RSVP's are due by April 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

David Hudoba, Joe Soler, Gary Kempf,  
Trustees