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Brother Knights and families,

In January we held a successful membership dinner and hosting of Coffee & Company at St. Vincent's. By the time you read this, Dad's Belgium Waffle breakfast will also be in the books and maybe even our Major Degree. There are multitudes of opportunities to volunteer. If you have not been called, it is not because we do not want or need your help. If there is a particular event you would like to participate in, let me know and I will make sure the director of that event gets your name. Better yet, come to a general meeting on the first Tuesday.

For those who have not been to a meeting, or it has been a while, I invite you back. I can be reached at 763-712-5457 or send me an email at grandknight9139@gmail.com.

For my fellow married brothers, here is your reminder that there is a holiday in February. This year it is on Friday, February 14th. If you are looking for a wonderful way to celebrate, I recommend either the Cana dinner at St. Vincent's on Saturday, February 8th (get tickets now at St. Vincent's) or a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo February 7-9 (www.wvme.org). Now is the time to make reservations or get the best pick of a romantic card. Or you can wait until that day when there are fewer to choose from.

May God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus.

Happy Valentine's Day

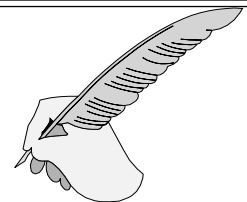


Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Frank & Leona Butina, (Russ Funk's mother-in-law & father-in-law), Geraldine Gill, (Jim's) wife, Bob Vogel-pohl, Cheri Gerold (Larry's wife), Martine Whatmuff (Dave's wife), Jim Harvey, Amber Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill Johnson), Russ Brown, Jim Wishy, Bob Hazelton, Dan Padden, Chad Swanson, Vincent Bazzani, Austin and Darlene Loeffler, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Don Kramer, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter), Dave Wilhelm, Bernie Bartos & Romana Jorgensen.

Remember family members & friends who are sick or are having surgery, men and women serving in the military and those men studying for the priesthood or deaconate. If you know of any Knight or family member who you would like to be included on our prayer list please call Bernie Bartos, 763-577-0997 or Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314 or e-mail: tom@heltemes.com

MOTION
At the January membership meeting there was a motion to sponsor two more seminarians at a cost of \$500 each for a total of \$1000. A second vote will be taken at the February membership meeting. (Any motion over \$500 needs to be voted on twice and published in the newsletter).

From the Chaplain



Fr. Kevin Magner, Chaplain

Fellow Knights and families,
The Gift of Papal Authority

One of the first traditions I learned about as a seminarian in Rome was associated with a statue of St. Peter. About halfway up the central aisle of St. Peter's Basilica, on the right side, is a bronze statue of St. Peter the Apostle. He is seated on a throne, clutching the keys of the Church in his left hand and imparting a blessing with his right hand. But what is most memorable about this statue is, of all things, St. Peter's right foot. Unlike the rest of the statue, the right foot is gleaming bright with the details of the toes worn smooth by the millions of pilgrims who have touched or kissed this foot over the centuries. (I once heard a legend that the foot has had to be replaced three times over the years due to wear, but I doubt that is true.)

It is a tradition to venerate St. Peter by touching the foot of this statue whenever one visits St. Peter's Basilica but especially on the feast day of Ss. Peter and Paul (June 29) and on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The latter, which we celebrate on February 22, may seem to be an oddly titled feast day. But, of course, it is not the actual chair of Peter that we honor; it is the position of authority that the chair represents. In ancient times a teacher or leader would be seated in a chair as he taught while his students would gather at his feet to listen.

The "chair" of St. Peter honors the authority given to him by Jesus Christ. When Jesus was questioning

His disciples about His identity, it was Simon Peter who declared Jesus to be the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Seeing Simon Peter's great faith, Jesus bestowed upon him the name of Cephas, the "rock" upon which He would build His Church. (Matthew 16:18) Along with this name Jesus gave to Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" and the authority to determine that "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19) This passage from St. Matthew's Gospel is the main scriptural evidence that the Catholic Church points to as the basis of the beginning of the papacy. While St. Peter was not specifically given the title of "Pope" (meaning "papa" or "father") it is accepted that he was the first pope of the Church, being the leader of the Apostles and as such, the head of the Church following the Ascension of the Lord.

As willful human beings we often chafe at the notion of authority, oftentimes demanding to assert our own will as preferable. But as Catholics we can recognize and appreciate the great gift of authority given to us in the papacy of the Church. The Nicene Creed teaches us that we are "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church". The last of these four marks of the Church assures us that the Church teaches the true, unchangeable doctrine that Jesus taught to His Apostles and which has been handed down through the Apostles' successors, the bishops. How wonderful is this knowledge that

what is taught by the Church today is the same doctrine that has always been taught from the beginning. While it is true that certain disciplines and practices have changed over time (e.g., Eucharistic fasting), the core beliefs of our faith come from Christ himself. These have been entrusted to the Church through the teaching authority of the pope. No matter who the man is seated in the chair of Peter, the authority of the chair that Jesus conferred on Peter remains the same. While other religions or denominations may be swayed by the ideas of this particular scholar or the opinion of that particular minister, we Catholics can always be assured of a strong and unshakeable foundation of faith built upon the rock that Jesus established in the authority of Peter.

"Grant, we pray, almighty God, that no tempests may disturb us, for you have set us fast on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith."

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

-collect from the Mass for the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (February 22)

Calendar of Events

- Rosary every Sat. at 10 a.m. at the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale.
- Rosary every Tuesday evening in the Cry room at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1, 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree
- Feb. 4, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8, Dist. FT contest
- Feb. 14, Valentine's Day
- Feb. 25, Planning meeting, 7 p.m.
- March 5, Ash Wednesday
- March 22, Regional FT contest

Major Degree

Brother Knights, we will be having our major degree at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, February 1, 2014. First degree starts at about 9 a.m. Please join us on this day for our district event. If you have a family member or friend that would like to join, please invite them. You can call any of the officers for more information. **SPECIAL DRAWING:** any member of our council obtaining their 3rd degree on this date will be entered. Grand Prize: dinner with the Grand Knight.

2014 dues billing

The dues billing for the 2014 council year was mailed in early December. The Council dues remain at \$24.00. The billing will also include a \$2.00 donation request for each of the following; Pennies for Seminarians, the Jim Campbell Fund, Culture of Life and the Minnesota Student Loan Fund. Please pay your dues promptly, and pay the \$32.00 requested if possible. If not, please pay \$24 as soon as possible to maintain your membership.

Honorary members (age 65 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will be billed at a rate of \$12 plus the \$8 in additional donations requested.

Honorary Life members (age 70 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will not receive a billing. Your membership card will be included in the mailing with the Minnesota Knights raffle tickets, if you wish to purchase them. In addition, we always welcome donations from Honorary and Honorary Life members for the worthy causes mentioned above.

If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss deferring your dues for one year. Our council does have a financial hardship policy, but the member must make that request of the Grand Knight, Sean Olmstead, (763) 712-5457.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 612-590-8507.

Russ Funk, FS

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From the Editor:

Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of each month. If any Brother Knight has any information to be published, please feel free to mail it to me at 9955 Pilgrim Way, Maple Grove or e-mail it to: tom@heltemes.com

DIRECTORS please get me an article before your event & following the event to keep all members informed.
--Tom Heltemes, Editor--425-2314

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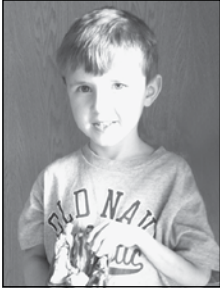
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St. Vincent's Religious Education "Keep Christ in Christmas" Coloring/Poster contest winners



Jayce Welch





Aliceyn Remore





COLORING Contest
(left to right)
1st place: Ryan LeMieux
2nd place: Jayce Welch
3rd place: Caleb Ordner

POSTER CONTEST
1st & 2nd Grade
(left to right)
1st place: Chloe Netzinger
2nd place: Kevin Salitros
3rd place: Rachael Stallman

3rd & 4th Grade
(left to right)
1st place: Madaline Domagall
2nd place: Bella Domagall
3rd place: Aliceyn Remore

5th & 6th Grade
(left to right)
1st place: Abigail Today
2nd place: Katiae Jessen
3rd place: Ethan Sak

Seminarian update

At our planning meeting on December 30th we discussed raising this year's budget amount for our seminarian assistance (R.S.V.P) program. We also discussed adopting a policy on who should be eligible for our help. It was decided that only men who are in the seminary and are at the Theology 1 level would qualify for our help. This year we have received requests for assistance from five qualified seminarians. This year's budget was originally set up for a \$1,500 expense, which would have allowed our council to advance \$500 to three different seminarians. We have already advanced money to three seminarians, Byron Hagan, James Stiles, and T.J. McKenzie. Seminarians Jake Anderson and Bryce Evans have also been recommended to the council for our support.

At our membership meeting on January 7th the council approved changing this year's budget. This year's expense would be \$2,500, \$500 advanced to five different seminarians. Future (R.S.V.P.) budget amounts would be subject to change depending on the council's financial condition and on how many qualified seminarians we wanted to help. Most years we will look at supporting four or five. A motion on having to be in the seminary at the Theology 1 level was also approved by the membership. A second vote will be taken at next month's membership meeting to approve the budget change.

Dave Wilhelm
R.S.V.P program director

Happy Valentine's Day
Rosary

We are praying the rosary led by Kevin Ahlers every Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the cry room. Please join us whenever you can.

Free Throw Contest

The KC Free throw Contest for St. Vincent's School was Thursday, Jan. 10th.

Girls and boys ages 10-14 participated, with the winners moving on to the District Contest February. 8th at St. Alphonsus. The Regional contest is March 22 at Holy Name of Jesus and the State FT contest is in St. Cloud on March 29th. If you can help at the District contest call Tim Holtan at 420-3468.




Looking for a tax deduction?

- Don't sell your car, DONATE IT!! If you or someone that you know has a car, truck, boat or maybe a motor home that runs, save the hassle of selling it and donate it to a good cause. We even take vehicles with rust, oil leaks and dents no problem. Call Brother Knight Paul Greninger 763-425-7316 for details on how to donate. Thank you to those who have.

Obituary

Brother Knight Clarence Joseph Dorweiler of Champlin, MN, passed away Jan. 22, 2014 at the age of 69, after a long battle with ALS. He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Joanne; daughter, Nichol (Tim) Bebus; son, Paul (Trinity) Dorweiler; 4 grandchildren, Danielle, Sarah, Mary, and Sam; as well as 6 brothers, 2 sisters and many other relatives and friends. Visitation 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26th at Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, Osseo. Mass of Christian Burial was 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27th at St. Vincent de Paul. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.