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Kevin Ahlers, Grand Knight



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Grand Knight's Message Kevin Ahlers, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,

We are at the beginning of a new year and I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight again. I know some of you from meetings and activities my family and I have participated in: however there are many of you I have not met.

As your Grand Knight, I welcome the opportunity to get to know as many of you and your families as possible during the upcoming year.

I invite all Brother Knights to get more involved in their council. We have planning meetings scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month, general membership meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, as well as many fundraisers and activities throughout the year.

Two of our largest fundraisers are coming up. They are the Anoka County Fair and Lions Roar. The Anoka County Fair is July 22nd thru July 27th and Lions Roar is in early September.

I would like to thank all of last year's officers, directors, and event chairs for a job well done and look forward to working with this year's officers, directors and event chairs.

May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Election of Officers

Congratulations to the new slate of officers that were elected at the June membership meeting. The Installation of Officers at St. Vincent's on June 25 will be held after the printing of this newsletter.



The dates for this year's fair are July 22 thru 27. This is our major fundraiser every year. See flyer inside of LEAFLET for more information.

Memorial Day

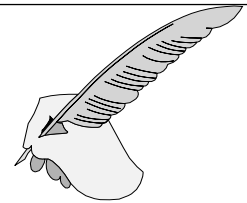
The following Knight's assisted with traffic and parking at the Memorial Day mass and St. Vincent's cemetery dedication: Jim Volp, Steve Hammer, Bill Peloquin, Randy Hollingsworth, Tom Clifford, Tom Olmstead and Sean Olmstead. It was a beautiful celebration on a beautiful day. Thank you for answering the request to serve our Parish!

God Bless, Sean Olmstead

Rosary

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

From the Chaplain



Fr. Kevin Magner, Chaplain



Fellow Knights and families,

Farewell

As you may have expected, this is my final column as your council's chaplain. Archbishop Nienstedt has assigned me to be the new pastor of the Church of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin in St. Paul, effective July 1. Although I have been a pastor before, it has been a few years ago already so I am hoping the transition back into that role will not be too jarring.

It has been my pleasure to have served you here at St. Vincent de Paul as parochial vicar and also as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. As I said in my farewell message to the congregation at the parish, I feel that I get so much more from the people of God than I give. Your lives of holiness and examples of faith are always an inspiration to me and it is my honor to be able to walk with all of you in this journey of faith.

Someone told me today that, as a priest, I am definitely living the life that God has planned for me. I believe that I am. It took me awhile to get to the priesthood but, in many ways, it seems to me that I have always had this life. It reminds me of Archbishop Harry Flynn's oft-repeated comment that "you will never be happy in this life unless you are doing what God wants you to do." That is true for every person in the world. Living the life that God wants for each of us brings us happiness in this world and ultimately leads us to the definitive happiness of life in heaven.

The Knights of Columbus is a won-

derful organization that helps men to live the lives that God wants for them. I pray that through the work you do as Knights you will all experience the happiness that comes from doing the work of the Lord.

God bless you all!
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Kevin Magner



Have a safe and Happy 4th of July weekend.

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.

July 1, Membership meet., 7 p.m.

July 4, Independence Day

July 22-27 Anoka County Fair

July 29, Planning meeting 7 p.m.

Meet the new Grand Knight



Kevin Ahlers has been elected to serve as Grand Knight of Council 9139.

He is very active in our council serving on almost every office and chaired several different

events. Kevin has been with the Knights for 16 years and a member of the 4th degree for 15 years. Kevin and Shari have been members of St. Vincent de Paul for 24 years and have been married for 30 years.

He started Kevin Ahlers Electric in 2010 and Shari works at a couple dental offices. They have 3 sons; Sean is 27 and recently moved back to the Twin Cities to work as a paramedic for Allina Health. Brian is 25 and works for the Blaine Sports Complex and got married to Alysha two years ago. Chris graduated from the University of Minnesota last year and is currently an accountant for Abra Auto.

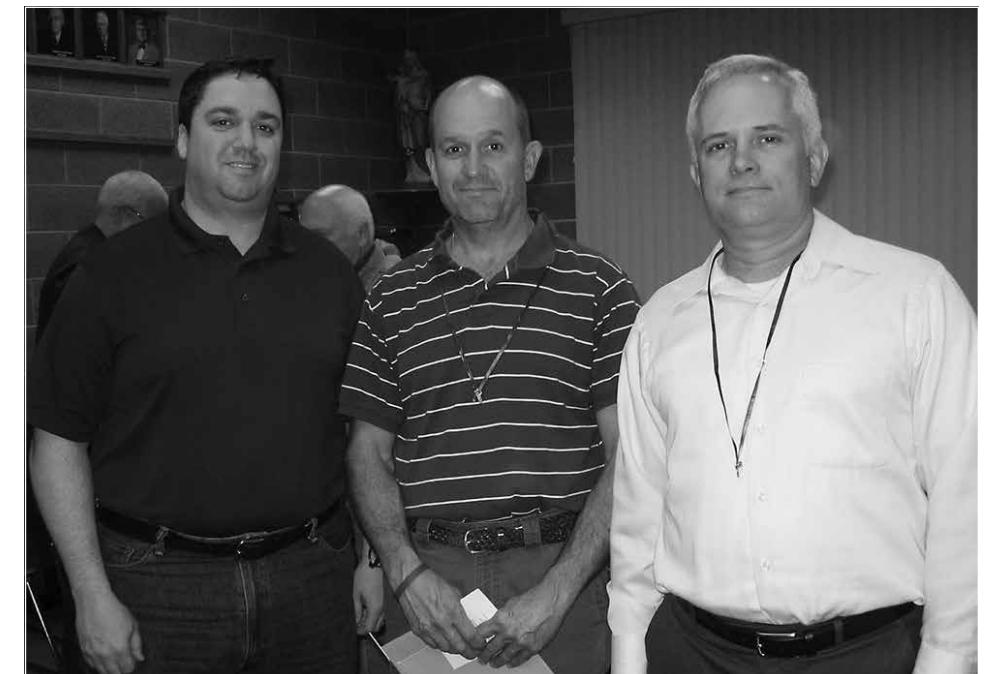
Kevin is a Eucharistic Minister, usher, teaches confirmation, was co-chair for the Harvest Festival for many years and leads the Knights Rosary every Tuesday evening at church.

He also is in the kitchen cooking or serving food at all of our breakfasts and also helps cook at many of St. Vincent meals.



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Frank & Leona Butina, (Russ Funk's mother-in-law & father-in-law), Judy Borkovec, Geraldine Gill, (Jim's) wife, Bob Vogelpohl, Cheri Gerold (Larry's wife), Jim Harvey, Amber Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill Johnson), Russ Brown, Jim & Marlys Wishy, Bob Hazelton, 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**



GK Sean Olmstead is pictured with Phil Peters (center) and Tim Murphy (right) after they completed the 1st degree at our meeting on May 6th.

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Awards Dinner awards



Bill Souvignier was given his honorary Life card (25 years service and 70 years of age) at the Awards Dinner on May 4th.



Jim Volp (above) and Larry Gerold (below) were given their honorary cards (25 years service and 65 years of age) at the Awards Dinner on May 4th.



MN STATE AUXILIARY board members Jean Burnet and Marilyn Jacob spoke at the Awards Dinner.



The following Knights were recognized with Certificates of Merit as exemplary Knights at the Awards Dinner on May 4th: Dave Wilhelm (above), Kevin Ahlers (above right), Tom Olmstead (right), Duane Crosland, Tom Clifford and Tom Heltemes.

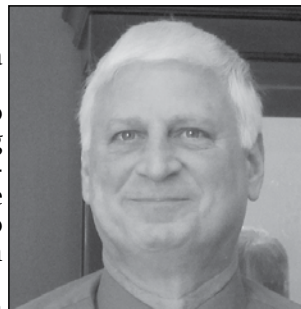


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News from FMSC

Editor's Note: <http://youtu.be/nqPkSrGMxf4> (a website about FMSC in Haiti.)

The gentleman in the story is Mark Crea who leads us at FMSC. The woman is Sherry, who along with her husband, leads the "Love a Child" organization in Haiti (www.loveachild.com). Both are amazing people. I spent a week at Love A Child two months after the earthquake. Note below is from Mark Crea.



When I was in Haiti last November, my team came across a little boy named Nelson sitting in the mud alone. Our host, Sherry Burnett who is a missionary with Love a Child, scooped the little one up and held him for our entire time in the village. The little boy, whose name in Creole meant "I don't want you", was for a time safe in the arms of someone who cared and wanted him. Sherry could not get Nelson off her mind, and six weeks after our November visit, returned to rescue Nelson.

Nearly three months later, after receiving FMSC food and lots of love, Nelson is doing well. God provided for Nelson, resurrecting him from a life of despair to a life of hope. As we approach this Easter weekend when we celebrate our Savior's resurrection, I thought it would be nice to share the video with you. A resurrection story that pales in comparison to the Easter story, but a wonderful story of hope. It is a bit long, but clearly it is not a professionally-produced, slick, dressed-up story. It is simply the story of a little boy whose life has been saved by the gifts of people like you. (Editor's note: I didn't have room in the newsletter until this month, but thought it still worth printing.)

