



Business Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month
Planning Meeting Last Tuesday of Month
Sean Olmstead, Grand Knight



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Membership Meeting,
1st Tues., 7:00 p.m.
West Meeting Room

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Grand Knight's Message Sean Olmstead, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,

This is my second to last GK message and one of the few parts of the position I will not miss. A wordsmith I am not. One of the rewarding aspects of being GK has been working alongside all the generous, caring, and faithful brother Knights and their families. Someone commented that I spend a lot of space thanking people each month. I wish I had more space. I am truly thankful for the part our council plays in making our community better, our charitable giving, and our fraternity.

I participated for the first time in the KC State Bowling Tournament. We had three teams participating from our council. I had a great time and would recommend this to anyone looking for a fun day or two of bowling.

Thank you to everyone who helped

make the Italian dinner, free throw contest and ham bingo a success.

We have some important events over the next couple of months, including Tootsie Roll Drive (4-25 - 4/27), Family Awards Dinner (Sunday 5/4) and Installation of Officers (6/25). I hope to see all of the Knights and their families at these events.

On a larger scale, I invite you to you to join Catholics from every nation in observing the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, May 11. I plan to dedicate my Rosary prayer to this.

We are still considering new officers and programs for next year. If you want to be more involved, please consider nominating yourself for an officer position.

May God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus.

Family Awards Dinner

The Family Awards Dinner will be held at Regan Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. All members & their families are invited.

A Bruschetta dinner will be served. Cost is \$10 per person, children 3-8, \$5 and under 3, FREE.

There will be a short awards program following dinner, including the Knight of the Year, Family of the Year & other awards.

Degrees

We will be having a 1st degree to start our May membership meeting. If you know someone that would like to join our council please call the GK.

There will be a 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree on Saturday, June 7 in Lindstrom, MN St. Bridget of Sweden
13060 Lake Blvd. (Highway 8)
Lindstrom, MN 55045-0754



Bloodmobile

The blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd from 2:30 to 7 p.m. "Signup Sunday" will be after all weekend masses May 17th and 18th. Call Dick Montroy at 612-419-0419 if you are able to work at the signup table after one of the masses that weekend. Volunteers are most welcome.

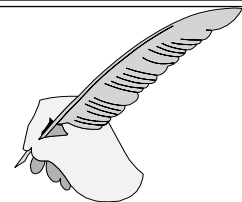
Sign up early and do it online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 0264. I'd like to see lots of Knights on the donation list, I'm sure many of you are eligible to donate. Taking 20 minutes of your time to donate blood can save many lives, just commit to do it! If you don't have computer access, give me a call to schedule a donation time.

Dick Montroy



From the Chaplain

Fr. Kevin Magner, Chaplain



Fellow Knights and families,

The Queen of May

The month dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the "Queen of May". It is not known exactly how this tradition came about but it dates back to the 13th century as a popular devotion in Italy and later came to be spread throughout the whole world. In his 1965 encyclical, Mense Maio (The Month of May), Pope Paul VI identified the month of May as a time to incorporate special prayers for peace into traditional May devotions.

There are many ways that Catholics offer Mary special honor in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary. There are also the celebrations in May of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) and the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31).

One of the more popular Marian celebrations in May is the May crowning. This is a celebration usually involving children who bring forth flowers to place before a statue of Mary, which is itself crowned with a gold or floral crown. The crowning signifies the importance of Mary as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

Another ancient tradition is the planting of a Mary Garden. This is an old devotion that originated at monasteries and convents in medieval Europe. In the Middle Ages there were many floral images that were designated as symbols of Mary. There were literally hundreds of flowers, herbs and other plants that were used as symbols of Mary's life, mysteries and virtues.

The first reference to an actual garden dedicated to Mary is from the life of St. Fiacre, the Irish patron saint of gardening, who planted and tended a garden around the oratory to Our Lady he built at his famous hospice for the poor and infirm in France in the 7th century.

Some people give honor to Our Lady by dedicating the month of May as a time to consecrate themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This act of personal consecration is meant to be an embracing of the life of holiness and an entrustment to Mary as one's mother in every aspect of life. Among the best-known acts of consecration is one developed by St. Louis de Montfort in his classic work, Total Consecration to Mary.

Whatever one's personal Marian devotion may be, all Catholics should have some kind of observance of May as the month of Mary. If you don't have one that you regularly practice, perhaps one of these devotions could become your own as we give honor this month to Mary—our Lady, our Mother, our Queen of Heaven.

*O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May*
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Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May*

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.

A Taste of Italiano Dinner

On Saturday night, March 29 our Council hosted an Italian themed dinner to raise money for WomenSource and Feed My Starving Children. The menu consisted of tossed salad, pastas and sauces, garlic bread and a delicious tiramisu dessert. We served approximately 175 people in Regan Hall. All those who attended enjoyed the meal and the theme music. Our effort succeeded in raising over \$1,040 which was evenly split between WomenSource and Feed My Starving Children. Thanks to all who helped and attended this event.

Tom Clifford



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.
- May 4, Awards Dinner
- May 6, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- May 11, Mother's Day
- May 22, Blood Drive
- May 26, Memorial Day
- May 27, Planning meeting 7 p.m.
- June 14, Walk for Life
- June 25, Installation of Officers



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



Pastoral Minister Margaret Schauer receives a \$400 check from our council for Easter Baskets for the poor in our parish.

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity and gift of money to our assistance program this Easter. Know that we will honor your request to help a family in need this Easter season.

May God bless your work.
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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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State FT contest

Lauren Miller and Ellie Schmidt took second place. Dorothy Dueck took third place with 20/25 baskets. Will Schmidt took 4th with 19 out of 25, the winner had 24-25. It was a great event. We were blessed to be a part of it. Please share our thanks with your fellow Knights of Columbus!

Regional FT contest winners
Front Row:
Lauren Miller, Dorothy Dueck, Ellie Schmidt
Back Row: Will Schmidt, Bennett Otto



FMSC executive director Mark Craig receives a check for \$520 from the Italiano dinner. Pictured right to left are Duane Crosland (Mr. FMSC), Mark Craig and Dan Costello.

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Seminarians

James Stiles

My name is James Stiles. I was born in Lexington, KY, but have been living in Minnesota with my family since I was six years old. I am currently 26 years old. I grew up in what's considered a large family by today's standards. There are six kids in my family, two boys and four girls; I am the fourth child. I was educated at a Catholic K-8 school, St. Mary's, in Owatonna, MN. After this I went to the public high school in Owatonna for four years and received my high school diploma.

I went to the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, and studied philosophy and Catholic Studies as my majors. During my sophomore year of college, I began to experience a call to the priesthood. This happened by various means. For example, I found myself attracted to the virtuous way of life I witnessed in the seminarians that I met while at college. I also met some holy priests during college who were an inspiration to me. Further, at this point in my life I was experiencing a greater attraction to learn my faith and practice it with more fervor.

By the end of my junior year of college, I had decided to apply to enter Saint John Vianney seminary for my senior year at the University of St. Thomas. This is what I did, and I was accepted; however, due to health complications, I needed to leave the seminary for some time until I got my health under control. During this time away from the seminary I finished my degree at the University of St. Thomas. I then applied for admission into the Saint Paul Seminary. I entered the Saint Paul Seminary in the Fall of 2010, and I am now in Theology III about to be ordained a Deacon. I am grateful for the many blessings God has given me in my life, and I hope to spend the rest of my life in service of Him.

Happy Mother's Day



Tom Clifford presents Joanne Anders from WomenSource a check for \$520 from the Italiano dinner.

Anoka County Fair

The dates for this year's fair are July 22 thru 27. This is our major fundraiser every year. We earn over \$4,000 for selling entrance tickets over the 6 days. It's a great way to get to know other knights. Many wives join in and help out. The shifts are 4 or 5 hours during the day and evening. Please consider working at least one shift. We will begin calling for volunteers in late June. For more information or to sign up call Tom Clifford at 763-420-5224.