



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



This week's sunny days and warm weather are a great sign that Spring is around the corner. The long Winter is slowly loosening its grip as the days lengthen. Soon we will see, or possibly hear, that first swan or goose heading north along their annual migration. We've nearly made it through the darkest days and soon will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. It is truly a time of reflection and renewal as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

On March 29, 1882, Catholic men like you and I felt the same way. They were embracing Spring as the Knights of Columbus was chartered, and soon after our order celebrated its first Easter. In those early days, the Knights of Columbus had but two principles "unity" and "charity". As we embrace Spring, I ask each of you to embrace these principles. Join with your brother Knights in "unity" as we work to raise money for those "charities" in need.

With your help, our council has provided \$1,000 to the Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center to help stop abortion. We have donated \$500 to the food shelf to feed the hungry. We have provided \$3,000 to St. Philip's School to bring our children closer to God through Catholic education. We are providing \$300 for paint that Bemidji State University students will use on their upcoming mission trip. Our \$1,500 donation to All Pro Dads signifies the importance we place on fathers in our society. Our \$2,000 in youth camp scholarships allow our teens the opportunity to grow closer to God. In "unity" we work together to raise funds that are then given to "charity". We are following those same guiding principles given to our order 136 Springs ago.

This Spring, our order will join in "unity" as we raise money for "charity". We will cook pancakes, BBQ ribs, hand out Tootsie Rolls, sell raffle tickets, and conduct one of Minnesota's premiere fishing tournaments. To accomplish all of this, we will need your help. Please volunteer in unity with your brothers as we work to help our charities. Timothy 6:18 reminds us, "to do good and be rich in good works, generous in giving and always ready to share." I thank you in advance for all you have done in the past and invite you to share in the church's ministry. I look forward to joining each of you in unity this Spring as we work for charity.

Happy early Easter Blessings,

Daniel Voss, Grand Knight



Hey Dad's and Kids...
Join us for the next



Bemidji Area All Pro Dads

Saturday, March 24th, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Social Hall of St. Philip's Church (702 Beltrami Avenue)

We're back together this month at our usual time. Dads, plan on enjoying a great morning with your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, etc. We have an Easter-themed morning planned, which includes each child having the opportunity to color and decorate Easter eggs to bring home! We will also play some Easter BINGO while the eggs are drying. Hope to see you there!

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KC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Bemidji Council #1544 is again giving away two scholarships for Catholic High School Seniors. Forms for the scholarship are available at the Bemidji High School guidance counselor's office.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION IS APRIL 1ST. If you have any questions, please contact Norm Ricard at 759-0800

SPRING BBQ RIB DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 14th

Mark your calendars **NOW**, our 4th Annual "Spring" Rib Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th at St. Philips. We will be serving the dinner from 4:30PM to 7:30PM. We will need lots of volunteers to help with this dinner. We need help all-day-long, from morning thru the evening. We also need some help on Sunday morning, after the Masses, with the sales of the leftovers we have.



Please send an e-mail to Ron at rjarel@paulbunyan.net or call at (218) 556-5712 to volunteer!



Caring for Our Own

The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers - or potential customers - who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. So we offer you products and services unique to our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your well-being.

We extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus. The program - which is only available in insurance jurisdictions - provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions). The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, providing more than \$14 million in benefits.

The Knights of Columbus also offers several free services to our members and their families. We agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file any claims (including claims with companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondly, we offer two additional services, Profiles & Forecaster, that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and the Personal Planning Workbook, to help you record your final wishes and important information for your survivors.

To our insurance members,* we offer the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, that provides for insurance eligibility to uninsurable children, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program that provides \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible orphan, until their 19th birthday, and a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four year period.

Contact me today for the details to above programs and to learn more.

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BIBLE STUDY



KC BIBLE STUDY—Mon, Mar 19th, 6:30 - 7:30PM

Fr. Don is continuing the KC Bible Study for our Council. The next gathering will be from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursday, Jan. 11th at St. Philip's. Even if you haven't cracked a Bible open on your own in the past 75 years, give this Bible study a try...you won't regret it! No tests! Even some humor!

Last Pancake Breakfast Coming!



Our last Pancake Breakfast of the season is coming up soon, **Sunday, Apr 8th, at St. Philip's Church!**

The last Pancake Breakfast at St. Philip's will be on Sunday, April 8th Please volunteer for either or both of these breakfasts by contacting brother Steven Steele at: steelna@paulbunyan.net. Many helpers are needed!

YOUR HELP NEEDED—Please Volunteer!



Upcoming Events



Tuesday	Mar 20 th	Council Meeting
Saturday	Mar 24 th	All Pro Dad's Saturday
Mar 20 th	June 13 th	KCWC Spring Raffle Continues
Sunday	Apr 8 th	Pancake Breakfast-St. Philip's
Saturday	Apr 14 th	Spring BBQ Rib Dinner
Friday	Apr 20 th	Spring Social (BTCC)

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Financial Secretary Report

Dear Brother Knights:

In last months column I told you I hoped to give you a membership growth success for this month's column. I do have some but we are a long ways from making our quota. Please help me welcome three new members: Anthony Moreno, Matt Laughlin and Isaac Welle. In addition we have a new member transfer with Kevin Philion. I have gotten to know these people and they all have a story to tell about their lives and families. Just one more advantage of being in this position. Congratulations to Kevin's son for making it the State competition in the Free Throw contest.

As we sit today we are at about -5 for the year in membership vs quota. Its unfortunate that suspensions had to take place and that goes against our quota. We also had transfer out and deaths, which do not go against our quotas, however I do know it effects us in other ways such a donations and volunteering. If you have a name for a new member please get it to me and I will get them in.

Donations to date are as follows: High School Scholarship: \$840, Student Loan: \$458, Jim Campbell Fund: \$437, Pennies for Seminarians: \$815, Minnesota Knights Foundation Rebate: \$762. I hope everyone realizes how great these numbers are? It is phenomenal and everyone of you should be commended who helped with these worthy causes. We also took in \$300-for the Wheel Chair Mission. Thank you to that member for this great donation and one wheelchair has been placed in the entry way of the church. We also took in \$380 for undesignated donations. That is incredible.

Please help me with the most important thing we do and that is taking care of our members and membership growth. If you know of someone who is distress please let me know and if you know of someone who would like to join our ranks, please let me know also.

Your Financial Secretary,

Daniel J. Shea

Faithful Departed

We have laid to rest two members of our council. Brother Bill Fulton was 92 years of age, and a Knight for 71 years. Brother Sir Knight John Haag was 74 years of age, and a Knight for 13 years. Our sincere sympathies to the families of both of these Knights.



MY TWO CENTS from Fr. Don AN EASTER STORY

My favorite Easter story is a true story which happened years ago as the six year old daughter and four year old son of friends of mine were coloring Easter eggs. In the middle of their hard, messy work, the four year old asked his big sister a profound question, "What IS Easter anyway?" Without missing a stroke of her brush on the hard boiled Easter egg she replied, "It's when they tried to bury Jesus and it didn't work!"

As they say, from the mouths of children...how simple and how beautiful the observation of a six year old. May we truly have such a clear and innocent faith and celebrate Easter knowing....they tried to bury Jesus and it didn't work!

Happy Easter my brothers!

Fr. Don

The 2018 KC Spring Raffle



The Walleye Classic is now less than 3 months away. In conjunction with the Classic, we're also Kicking-Off our Spring Raffle. Thanks to Brothers Joe Czapiewski, Ron Arel, Rick Coe, Dan Shea and Bob Schlichting for helping to compile and prepare the materials for the mailing. Tickets will be available at our March 20th council meeting, or, they'll be mailed to you.

The Spring Raffle is the largest fundraiser for our council and deserves your support. This year each booklet will contain ten tickets. We're hopeful that you'll be willing to sell and/or purchase ten tickets, if not more. For every ten tickets you sell, the council will purchase one ticket in your name and enter it into the drawing. There's also an incentive drawing, which will provide each member who sells 10 or more tickets a chance to win one of five \$100 prizes to be awarded at our June council meeting. We had a great response last year with this incentive drawing and we're hoping for even greater success this year.

All details will be included in your mailing. If you want additional booklets up front, please contact me. Every ticket sold will have a direct impact on the worthy organizations or Causes our council helps support. On behalf of myself and the worthy organizations that benefit from your generosity, thank you!

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