



Grand Knight's Message



The 1st meeting of the 2015/ 2016 Council Year for Bemidji Council #1544 is at St. Philip's Catholic Church- Thur, Sep. 17th, 2015. Starting at 6:10 PM with a Rosary in the church, 6:30 PM Mass, Followed by the installation of new officers at 7:00 PM. A meal and meeting will follow.

F.S. Dan Shea has been appointed as our District Deputy and, as such, has asked to conduct the installation of our new officers at the first meeting. This ceremony will be held at the conclusion of Mass before our meal. Please plan to attend.

We have a busy year ahead for our Council as we will be discussing a new potential fundraising opportunity that will be presented by brother Dan Voss at our meeting. The board heard about this proposal and voted to support moving ahead with this project at the September Board Meeting. There was a time constraint and a decision was required to begin the process of taking-on this project right away. You will hear more about this at our meeting. This represents an exciting opportunity for our council to grow and to benefit our community and Council today and in the future!

The St. Philip's School Marathon has been moved up by about a month and will be held this year on Saturday, September 19th. Once again, we will be serving the kids, parents and teachers their lunches at the conclusion of the Marathon so Mark Froelich will be in need of help that Saturday. Please contact Mark at mafroe99@gmail.com to volunteer.

Our Fall Rib Dinner is also coming up quickly - Saturday, September 26th and Ron Arel is also looking for help both on Friday and Saturday for the cooking crew and for set-up, take down, serving, dishes, etc. Please volunteer to help us make the Rib Dinner a success!!

Additional info about these events can be found in this newsletter.

This year we are looking for some new co-chairs to help with running the hot-dog stand next summer and the family picnic in June. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions please, let either me or Ron Arel know. Ron will help mentor the new hot-dog-stand co-chairs, but he feels it is time for him to step aside from running the hot-dog stand full time during the summer events. As far as the family picnic co-chairs go we need two people to assume the responsibility for organizing the picnic and recruiting help for the set-up and take-down on the day of the picnic. Please let Dan Shea or myself know if you are interested in this responsibility.

I will be emailing a copy of our KC schedule for the year to members. I will also bring copies to the meeting on Thursday for any who do not get email. Please keep in mind that the schedule of events may always be subject to change throughout the year.

Fraternally- Phil Hodapp, GK



Tax Deferral and Beneficiaries

Brother Knights....I have a couple of things that I need to discuss here this month. Both are basic items but sometimes we forget about the basics. One has to do with your beneficiaries, whether on life insurance or on your annuities. When was the last time you checked and were reassured that your plans will go where you want them to? How many of you have experienced a death in your family but never got around to reassessing your own beneficiaries?

The other item I would like you to consider is tax-deferred plans. All Our IRAs, our 401(k)s, 403(b)s are great plans to put-away money before taxes...when your tax rates are high.

Now that some of you are older and not earning the same as you were in "those days", maybe it is time to take advantage of your lower tax status and utilize some of that tax deferred money. Take advantage of this situation because if this gets left to your heirs, they will be subject to a much higher tax. Whether you intend to gift some of these proceeds, or simply live on them, it may be time to check out a structured settlement for yourself.....Give me a call

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied-for and issued several years ago, it could be that the original designated beneficiary needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may need to update beneficiaries to reflect your spouse, and children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary - that person is designated as 1st in line to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary - an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy - the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that we'll review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

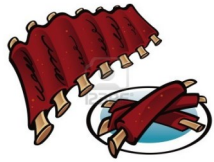
I look forward to meeting with each of you.

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**14th FALL BBQ RIB DINNER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th
SERVE FROM 4:30—7:30 PM**



We need a large number of Knights to help with this event. We will need help on Saturday morning for set-up, much help needed from 4pm—8pm, and then some from 7pm—9pm for clean-up. Look for e-mails from Ron to reply with when you can help. Call Ron at 556-5712 or better yet e-mail him at rjarel@paulbunyan.net to volunteer.

**HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP
MONDAY, SEP 28th, 5:00PM**



Each spring and fall we have our semi-annual Highway Clean-up. We have 1 mile of highway to clean, with the location being 7 miles north of Bemidji on Highway 71. We park near the 71-Mart, with Burgers, Chips, Pop, and Barley Pop served as soon as we are done. We have a starting time of 5 PM, but come as soon as you can. It usually takes less than 1 hour to complete the task. Come enjoy some fun with fellow Knights. ***In case of rain, we will pick-up on Wed, September 30th (same time).***

**FALL GOLF OUTING
TUES, SEP 22nd, 5:00 PM
MAPLE RIDGE GOLF COURSE**



In the spring and fall, we have a social golf outing. This golf outing is more for fun than your ability to golf. The evening includes 9 holes of golf, and a steak dinner that follows.

The cost is \$18 for golf and dinner. **DON'T GOLF?** Come out to the course and enjoy a steak dinner with the others. We try and serve around 7:00 PM. Cost for just the steak dinner is \$8.

We do need reservations for this event, so we have the right number of steaks on hand. For reservations, please get in touch of Joe Bofferding at 243-2726 jaboff@paulbunyan.net or Ron Arel at 556-5712 rjarel@paulbunyan.net to reserve your spot. Deadline is Sunday the 20th of September.



**MARATHON FOR
NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th**

At 9:00 AM on Sep 19th, at St. Philips School. We will need around 12-15 volunteers to help-out with the *Walk* and also in the kitchen. Contact Mark Froelich at mafroe99@gmail.com, or 766-4691 to volunteer.

2015-2016 OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Phil Hodapp	586-3415
Deputy Grand Knight	Tony Nistler	766-4210
Financial Secretary	Dan Shea	760-6616
Chancellor	Dan Voss	759-2544
Treasurer	Bob Schlichting	751-0744
Recorder	Mark Froelich	766-4691
Advocate	Rick Coe	751-9695
Warden	Tim Kassa	444-7980
Inside Guard	Chris Hanevold	751-2979
Outside Guard	Barry Karpinski	414-477-0473
3 yr. Trustee	Norm Ricard	368-8282
2 yr. Trustee	Terry Belanger	755-9850
1 yr. Trustee	Ron Arel	556-5712

Upcoming KC Events

Thu, Sep 17 th	Council Meeting	St. Philip's
Sat, Sep 19 th	Marathon for Non-Public Education (<i>we serve lunch</i>)	
Tue, Sep 22 nd	Fall Golf Outing & Steak Dinner	Maple Ridge
Sat, Sep 26 th	KC BBQ Rib Dinner	St. Philip's
Mon, Sep 28 th	KC Highway Clean Up	Turtle River
Thu, Oct 1 st	KC Board Meeting	Kateri Room
Mon, Oct 12 th	Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights, and October Council Meeting	St. Philip's
Thu, Oct 15 th	Diocese Youth Rally, in Bemidji	Help Needed



Financial Secretary Report

Dear Brother Knights!

I am very honored to say that this will be my 4th year as your Financial Secretary! I find this position very enjoyable and very rewarding. I will continue to do my VERY best to serve all of you!

Our latest new member is a transfer from Aberdeen, S.D. Please welcome when you meet him and his name is JOEL SWANSON. Brother Joel is the new manager of Paul Bunyan Broadcasting.

Just a note on our membership numbers. We have a total of 258 members with 149 of them being Associates and 99 being insured. We have 16 Honorary members, 43 Honorary Life members and 3 disabled members. Our numbers for this year on membership is 17 new members with 8 new insured or A-I (Associate to Insured). Brother Pat Conn we will get the members you need to get the A-I'S!!!

Please mark your calendar for Oct 24th for the Major Degree in Walker. If you are interested in continuing your journey to Knighthood to the 2nd and 3rd Degree, please let me know. If you know of someone who that is not a member, please ask them join our ranks! First Degree starts at 9 AM.

Other big news is I was able to secure Mr. Chris Lewis to come to Bemidji on Mar 12th and 13th. 2016, for the Wheelchair Mission Weekend. Brothers George Gardner, Dan D. and myself can bear witness as to what this is all about in Kelliher last year, and it was fabulous! More information on this will follow. Thanks to Fr. Chuck for his complete support on this event! Chris is the son of comedian/actor Jerry Lewis.

Please keep all members who are in distress in your prayers, as they are needed! I wish to thank everyone for your thoughts prayers concerns and well wishes from the accident that I had this spring. I was laid up for 10 long, boring weeks, and have only been back to work for about 3 weeks as of this typing. I still have some aches and pains, but will have a complete recovery. Thank you for your kind support.

As always I am looking forward to working with all of you at our up-coming events.

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel J Shea, F.S.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OCT MEETING DATE, MON, OCT 12th

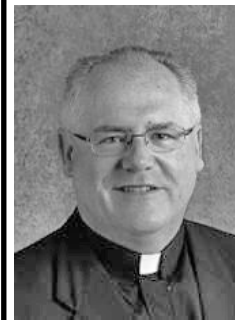
Our regular KC Council Meeting will be on Columbus Day- on Monday, Oct 13th—the Feast Day of our Patron - instead of our regular Third Thursday Meeting Day.

6:10 PM	Rosary
6:30 PM	Memorial Mass for Deported Brother Knights
7:15 PM	Meal
7:45 PM	Council Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: WIVES AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MASS and the MEAL THAT FOLLOWS

From our Chaplain—Father Don

Merry Christmas!



Yes, gentlemen, Christmas is less than 4 months away! I have always kicked myself for not getting the following challenge out to people long before they are thinking about Christmas...so **THIS** year, I don't have to kick myself! I would like us, as Knights of Columbus, to consider how we can make the coming Christmas Season a bit less about "stuff" and a bit more about others. Please consider having a discussion with your wife, children still at home and old enough to understand, and adult children who are raising children of their own. The discussion would be a brainstorming session on how to remember and support someone in need in the community or within the extended family. Here is what I mean: Discuss the possibility of giving fewer or smaller gifts to family members, and pooling resources for the purchase of a gift for whomever the family decides...or for the parish "Tubs of Love" project or the parish Giving Tree. It may even mean having little ones write to Santa and ask him to bring one less toy to your home so he can bring it to someone else instead. There are many different options on how to bring the true meaning of the season back to the chaos that Christmas has become. Have a good talk with the family and you may be surprised at the ideas you come up with.

So, let it snow...and Merry Christmas!