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OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: **TUESDAY, MAY 15th**

ROSARY 6:10 PM, MASS 6:30 PM

MEAL and MEETING FOLLOWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



2018 Knight and Family of the Year

Choosing the Knight of the year is a very difficult task. We have so many great brothers who deserve special recognition. Yet there is generally one who stands out above all others, especially this year. For 2018, our Knights of Columbus, Council 1544 Knight of the Year is Father Don Braukmann. Since his arrival at St. Philips, Father Don has offered his unwavering support to the Knights of Columbus. He has guided our council's decisions while constantly keeping watch over his flock. During many council meeting Masses, Father Don's homilies have guided us as fathers, husbands, and men. He challenged us to be brave, and to stand up for what is right and just. His powerful voice and support for the unborn is a model for each of us. Even in the face of personal trials, Father Don's spirit stands strong. Matthew 5:16 reminds us to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Father Don Braukmann is a shining light for our council, a powerful man, charismatic leader, and a good friend to all Knights.

As your Grand Knight, I also have the honor of choosing the Family of the Year. This also is a challenging task, as there are so many family's deserving recognition. This year, I decided to recognize two families who stand as one, the Ron and Brad Arel Families. As the Patriarch of the Family, brother Ron is highly involved in nearly every aspect of the KC's and our church. Even with a couple of small health issues in the last year, we can't keep Ron down. He is instrumental in the development of our newsletter, BBQ Rib dinners, the Hot dog stand and much more. However, like every good man, Ron would be nothing without the loving support of his wife, Donna.

Not to be outdone by his father, Brother Brad has jumped right into many aspects of the KC's including taking the lead on the BBQ Rib dinner. He and Monica are also very active in the church through Adoration and other ministries. But it doesn't end there. Anyone attending Mass at St. Philips will see Brad and Monica's children actively involved in the church. You will hear them read during Mass, act as servers and more.

The Arel family has taken to heart the guidance we are given in Joshua 24:15, "Choose today whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." This family represents what it means to be a good Catholic family and they certainly live their lives as an example of the pillars of our organization- Charity- Unity- Fraternity and Patriotism. Congratulations to the Arel family, KC Family of the Year and to Father Don Braukmann, Council 1544 Night of the Year.

Daniel Voss

Grand Knight



Hey Dad's and Kids...

Join us for the next



Bemidji Area All Pro Dads

Saturday, May 19th, 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. This month's theme is: "Boats, Birds and Breakfast". Those kids in attendance will have the opportunity to make either a sailboat or a birdhouse and then paint them afterwards. Hope to see you there!

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The 2018 KC Spring Raffle

The Walleye Classic is now less than 1 month 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.

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.

Raffle Update: Thanks to everyone who has already sold and/or purchased their raffle tickets. The ticket stubs and money continue to come in almost on a daily basis. I will have additional booklets available at the next council meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting and wishing for more, simply contact me at your earliest convenience and I will get them to you one way or the other. Thanks in advance for your continued support of our raffle and the worthy causes it benefits! 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!

Chairperson, Terry Belanger, 755-9850, tbelanger28@hotmail.com

MEMBER DEATH

Del Hager has passed from this life into the next, to rejoice with Mary and the saints in the presence of the Father. Brother Del was a 7 year 3rd-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, active in both our Council #1544 and St. Philip's Parish. Our sincere condolences to Del's family.

May he enjoy the eternal dwelling place prepared for them by our loving Father, we pray to the Lord.

PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD



Once each month, on the third Saturday, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, we will gather at the Planned Parenthood office to pray for the end of abortion.

Join us this Saturday, May 19th.

We will continue to gather and pray, as long as it takes.



Spring Golf Outing Tues, May 22nd, 5:15 PM Maple Ridge Golf Course

In the spring & fall, we have a social golf outing. This outing is more for fun than your ability to golf. The evening includes 9 holes of golf, and a steak dinner to follow. Cost is \$20 for the golf & dinner. Don't golf? Come out and enjoy a steak dinner with the others. We serve around 7:00 PM. Cost for the steak only is \$9.

We need reservations for this event, so we have enough steaks on hand. For reservations, please get in touch with Joe for your spot. Deadline is Sunday, May 20th. Joe Bofferding at 556-0651, jaboffer@paulbunyan.net to reserve your space!

KEEP YOUR PRAYERS COMING

Our good friend, brother, and Sir Knight Ron Arel and his family needs our prayers.

Ron is currently recuperating from open heart surgery and had a heart-pump installed at Abbot Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. His wife Donna has been at his side throughout

To learn more about Ron and his recovery, please log onto the Carrying Bridge site with his name to be updated.

Ron's recovery time will be several weeks.

We ask that you please keep Ron and his family in your prayers.



It's TOOTSIE ROLL TIME !

Friday, May 18th ~ 12 PM to 3 PM & 3 PM to 6 PM at Wal-Mart, Marketplace Foods, and Lueken's Foods North & South.

Saturday, May 19th ~ 9 AM to 12 PM, 12 PM to 3 PM, & 3 PM to 6 PM at Wal-Mart, Marketplace, and Lueken's North & South.

This is a time to gather with your brother Knights to collect money for people with disabilities. All money stays local and is sorely needed. Families are encouraged to help, including children. Let's hope the weather is nice and we have a good showing of Brother Knights and their Families.

Please consider donating some of your time.

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Financial Secretary Report

Dear Brother Knights:

Please help me welcome our newest member, Luke Lundin. Please reach out to him and encourage him to become active. He will be a great addition to our council.

The official amounts for our volunteer donations to the state for state sponsored donations are as follows: Pennies for Seminarians \$840, Jim Campbell Fund:\$627, Student Loan Program:\$646, and the American Wheel Chair Mission:\$300. This is phenomenal and thank you for your generous support.

Remember that the drawing for the Minnesota Foundation Raffle will be held at the convention. Almost every year someone from our council wins. Please recall 25 cash prizes will be drawn and if anyone wins from this council, I will contact them immediately. The convention is May 18-20th.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Holy Family Icon prayer service. This was a wonderful prayer service and a special thank you to Deacon Robb for leading this special event. It will be two years before the Icon returns to St.Philip's.

The year is starting to wind down and again after the next council year I will be stepping down from the FS position and the DD position. Who will step up? I also am still recovering from my Dupuytren's disease surgery on my hand that I had 4 weeks ago. This disease does not go away and surgery is the only way to control it. I still have about 3 more weeks to go before I will be able to use my hand again. Thanks to everyone for their concerns.

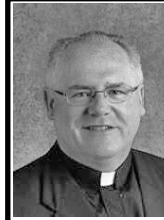
As always I look forward to seeing all of you at all of our events.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Shea, Your Financial Secretary

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	May 14th	Highway Cleanup
Tuesday	May 15th	Council Meeting
Fri-Sun	May 18th-19th	Tootsie Roll Handout
Fri-Sun	May 18th-20th	State Convention
Tuesday	May 22nd	Spring Golf Outing
Tuesday	June 5th	Council Meeting & Election of Officers
Saturday	June 9th	KC Walleye Classic



MY TWO CENTS from Fr. Don

May is traditionally known as the "Month of Mary." We have lost some of the traditions once part of this month but Mary's role in salvation should never be lost.

Just two points about the many things we believe about Mary. Two points that help us explain to non-Catholics (*and, sadly to some Catholics as well!*) why we honor Mary.

That was the first point...we "honor" Mary, not worship her. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, it marked the one and only time that heaven praised a human being when first appearing to them. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, Mary!" Every other time an angel appears to a human being in the Bible, the angel first says, "Do not be afraid!" So, if messengers from Heaven honor Mary...we should too! The first half of the Hail Mary prayer is rooted in the words of Gabriel, not man made.

Second, when we look into the sky...how do we know there is a moon? Often, we say, "the moon is bright tonight!" That may be true but the moon is NOT the SOURCE of the brightness. The sun is! The SON is! The only way we know there is a moon is that it REFLECTS the sun. Mary's role in every mention of her in Scripture is to REFLECT her SON. That is why on many statues of Mary, she has the moon under her feet. It is also mentioned in the book of Revelation (*chapter 12*).

Those are just two of the many reasons Mary is such an important part of our faith life as Catholics. Remember her, the rest of this month, and may we all strive to REFLECT the SON!

Fr. Don

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