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OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: **TUESDAY, FEB 20th**

ROSARY 6:10 PM, MASS 6:30 PM

MEAL and MEETING FOLLOWS

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH ~ BEMIDJI

\$20 DOOR PRIZE AT EVERY MEETING

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



It is easy to know when Lent begins. You can calculate it by counting back six weeks from Easter Sunday, traditionally the first Sunday after the first Full Moon, occurring on or after the March equinox. Another sure way to identify the Lenten season, is by the amount of commercials advertising fish specials. It is a time for fasting. A time to create a hunger for God. Yet we are bombarded with commercial messages promoting gluttony. This year my Lenten goal is to fill myself with God, and less with fish specials (*which will also help at Weight Watchers*).

However, I will make one exception as the KC's once again support our parish school and youth ministries during Lenten fish fries. This year, we will hold four fish fries during the month of March. Once again, our own deep fry king, Phil Hodapp, will be leading the charge. If you've never volunteered to help at a fish fry, your missing a fun evening with friends. So, recruit a brother Knight and plan to join us. You may even get to sample a few walleye treats along the way (*no gluttony please*).

June 9th marks another great fishing event, the Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic. This event, and the associated raffle, provides our council most of the income used to support KC ministries. Just last month we reconfirmed our support of St. Philip's Church by providing youth ministries and the school with \$6,000. This year the Walleye Classic committee hopes to grow our revenue by twenty percent, which will provide the opportunity to further support our charities. A big thanks again to Brother Joe Czapiewski who has agreed to be the tournament director.

Another great fishing event is on the horizon this spring. Your board has decided to hold our first ever, KC Family Fishing Night. Though it is only in the planning phases, we hope to provide a little competition, with prizes for the kids, ladies and members. From one "minnow muncher" to another, I wrap up by saying, no matter what sacrifice you plan to make for Lent, the pillars of our order: Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism offer each of us a strong foundation.

Daniel Voss, Grand Knight



Hey Dad's and Kids...
Join us for the next
Bemidji Area All Pro Dads



DAD'S DAY



SLEDDING PARTY!

Saturday, February 24th
1:00 - 3:00 PM



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

Sledding... Bonding... and Prizes!

(Drinks & Refreshments served afterwards!)

Last month's Dad's Day Event at B.S.U. was our largest yet, with OVER 100 in attendance! We're hoping for another HUGE turnout this month as we take to the hills at Library Park for an afternoon of sledding. Please dress appropriately and bring your sled(s) or use one of ours. We will begin at St. Philip's and walk over, before returning in time for some refreshments and DOOR PRIZES! Hope to see you there.

If temps are too cold for sledding, we will show a movie on the big screen and open up the gymnasium!

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact us at: bemidjiallprodads@gmail.com



Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can - properly structured - guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember - absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you - at your convenience and in your home - to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Call me!

Pat Conn (763) 286-7409, patrick.conn@kofc.org



Upcoming Events



Sunday	Feb 18 th	Pancake Breakfast-St. Philip's
Saturday	Feb 24 th	All Pro Dad's Sledding Party
Sunday	Feb 25 th	District Free-Throw, 2 PM, Gym
Sunday	Mar 4 th	Regional Free-Throw, 4 PM
Mar 20 th —June 13 th		KCWC Spring Raffle Begins
Saturday	Apr 14 th	Spring BBQ Rib Dinner

Pancake Breakfast is SOON!



Our next Pancake Breakfast of the season is coming up soon, **Sunday, Feb 18th, at St. Philip's Church!**

The next Pancake Breakfast at St. Philip's will be on Sunday, March 11th

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!

St. Peter's Park Rapids—Degree

March 3, 2018 * 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Peter's Catholic Church, 305 5th St W, Park Rapids MN

Admission Degree: 9:00 AM, Local Staff

Formation Degree: 10:00 AM, Lourdes Staff

Knighthood Degree: Immediately follows Formation degree

Please contact Dan Shea (218) 760-6616 if you would like to advance from 1st Degree or know of someone who would be a good Knight for our group. Also, please contact Dan if you would like a ride.



Financial Secretary Report

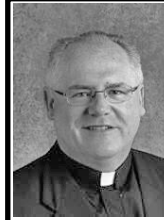
Thank you to all of you who have graciously contributed to our worthy causes so far. We have quotas based on payable members of \$2 per member that is payable to the state for the State charitable donations. They are Pennies for Seminarians, Jim Campbell Fund and the Student Loan program. We are at the the following on each so far. Pennies:\$805, Jim C fund: 427 and Student loan: 458. Plus we have a category of undesignated donations which is at \$380. That is where a member sends funds in and is not designated to be applied to any category. At the end we will split that up and put it where it is needed to make our quota or to get the amount we need for the High School Scholarship(s). We are at \$810 for the HS Scholarship so far. The foundation raffle also has been very successful and close to every member purchases the two \$5 raffle ticket. We get back half of every raffle sold and the winners of the raffle are announced at the State Convention. We also received \$300 for the Wheelchair mission which is State sponsored, however we don't have a quota on this but asked to participate. Again, THANK YOU!

The major degree that was set for March has been cancelled. I am still working diligently to do what it takes to obtain our quota for the year for new members. This is what is asked of us to do by Fr. McGivney, Supreme and the State. I hope by next month at this time I can report on many new members to you that we have obtained as our Worthy Grand Knight is planning a major membership drive. It's unfortunate that we had to suspend members due to no payment. We are at this point for the year at approximately -6 in membership growth. My goal every year is to obtain the Star Council status. That shows our members, parishioners and community what we are doing. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has spoken many times that this is the best way to recruit new members, and I agree. I am showing the video to a new candidate on 2-25 at St Philip prior to the District Free Throw contest.

This is a reminder again that I plan on stepping down from the FS and the DD position at the end of the next council year. I have other plans in the organization to pursue and I it's time for someone else that could contribute more or to help the council succeed to step in.. This will be very difficult for me but its time for me to move on. The DD position is suppose to be filled by a past Grand Knight. If anyone is interested in the FS position, please contact the DGK Barry or myself. it is a very rewarding position.

Please remember the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:35 in the Chapel as many members need our prayers.

Peace, Daniel J Shea, FS



MY TWO CENTS from Fr. Don

LENT

As a kid, I always dreaded Lent, not so much all the church activities (*if the lights were on at the church we were there!*) but the dreaded Friday's having to abstain from meat. As most of you know, I am not a major fish fan! Friday's during Lent we ate fish my mom bought from a traveling fish salesman. I have no idea what kind of fish it was but I could just as easily have chewed on a post in the barn given its taste! We lived in the middle of hundreds of lakes but we were not fishermen. As I have grown older I have come to appreciate walleye as prepared by the KC's, but that has taken time.

In all seriousness, may the days of Lent bring with them an assurance that we are loved by a God who would (*and did!*) die for us.

We may make sacrifices during these days but they pale in comparison to the Cross. Let us be open to all God has in store for us as we remember the glorious days of Christ's death and resurrection. Just as we can get through winter because we know spring is coming, we can thrive through Lent knowing, in the end, the tomb is empty!

Blessings,

Fr. Don

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