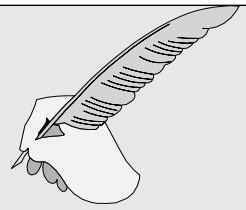




From the Chaplain

Deacon Sean Curtan, Spiritual Advisor



Fellow Knights and families, Every year on Easter Sunday tens of thousands of pilgrims gather in St. Peter's square in Rome for the Pope's Easter Blessing. It is a wonderful occasion as the successor of Peter gives the Easter message; Christ is risen, alleluia. He is doing what Peter did on the first Easter. He is confirming our faith of his brothers and sisters. It confirms the faith of those fortunate enough to be present.

Peter was doing what Jesus had asked of him during the Last Supper. Peter to strengthen the faith of his brothers, he would seem to be a strange choice when we consider how he acted during the passion. How could Peter whose own faith was so shaky confirm anyone? You know how he acted the night Jesus was arrested. He spoke up and told Jesus at the last supper "Even if all the others should lose faith in you, I will never lose faith in you. He really meant those words, he thought he was brave and strong.

A short while later, when Jesus was lonely in the garden Jesus asked Peter to stay up and pray with him. Peter fell asleep, he left Jesus to pray alone, but the worst was yet to come. Later that night in the court yard a woman turned to Peter and asked; aren't you one of Jesus followers, and what happened, Peter denied ever having known Jesus. It was Peter's lowest moment in his life. Peter found out a very painful truth about himself, he wasn't as strong or brave, or as generous as he thought he was. But Jesus continued to believe in Peter. Jesus saw a

potential in Peter. Jesus made Peter the rock on which he would build his Church. and Peter did good, he recovered and went on to strengthen the faith of the first church. It was Peter who gathered the church to follow Jesus' teachings. It was Peter who led the apostles in witnessing the resurrection it was on Peter's testimony that the community shouted "The Lord has risen indeed." Peter has been called a stumbling saint, he is favorite with many, probably because he is so human and frail It was Jesus himself who confirmed the faith of Peter and Jesus also confirms us in our faith. The Easter message is that we are a Resurrection People, this is the liberating news. Death is behind us and our life is not defined by the powers that rule the world, or our own efforts, instead our life is safe because Jesus Christ has Risen today: - Alleluia

Calendar of Events

- Rosary every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the cry room through Lent
- April 4, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- April 8, Stations of the Cross
- April 16, 4th degree Exemplification
- April 21, Holy Thursday
- April 22, Good Friday
- April 23, Holy Saturday
- April 24, Easter Sunday
- April 26, Planning meeting, 7 p.m.
- April 29-May 1, Tootsie Roll Drive
- May 4, Golf season starts

Way of the Cross

Osseo/Maple Grove Council 9139 will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Friday, April 8th. Come to the church Soup/Supper and then pray the Stations with us. Tom Heltemes

Rosary

Join your fellow Knights of Columbus and parishioners in saying the rosary every Tuesday night at 6:30 now through the April 19 in the cry room. Everyone is welcome.



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Sharon Pryd (Dick's wife), Dan Padden, Kris Martinez (Gil FLeischhacker's daughter), Vincent Bazzani, Clarence Dorweiler, Bob Fasching, Darlene Loeffler (Austin's wife), Richard & Bernice Swedzinski, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Lee Gresser, Don Kramer, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter), Dave Wilhelm, Bernie Bartos, & Romana Jorgensen (Jim's wife).

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

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

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Grand Knight's Message Tom Clifford, Grand Knight

Brother Knights and families,

Jonathan Kovach has been our Recorder this Council year. Unfortunately for us he has accepted a job offer with a company in Ohio. He has done a terrific job for our Council as well as other parish responsibilities including, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and most recently as a member of the new Parish Leadership Group. We all wish him and his family the best.

On February 19, we helped our Boy Scout Troop 52 with their annual Bingo fundraiser. Premier Bank donated



Guest speaker

April 4th speaker is a member of our great council that has been training service dogs for more than 20 years. Ron Ehlert's dogs are a servant to man. Dogs can detect cancer, diabetic attacks and heart attacks in advance of the happening. Ron will discuss and demonstrate his training techniques. Don Pfau

4th Degree Exemplification

The Spring Exemplification will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul on April 16th, 2011.

Any 3rd Degree Knight of 6 months is eligible to join. If you would like to learn more about the degree or to get an application, please contact any of the following 4th degree knights from our council. Bob Andrews, 763-425-2575; Kevin Ahlers, 763-427-2330; Bill Peloquin, 763 424-1824 or Jack Kirscher 612 -875-4642.

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money which the Scouts used to buy hams for the evening's prizes. The boys also canvassed local businesses for donations which were also used for prizes. It was a fun evening and the Scouts made over \$1,100. This money will be used for the troop supplies as well as other activities that they participate in throughout the year.

The Lenten Season and Easter are very late this year. As a result, our Stations of the Cross evening is on April 8 and the Tootsie Roll Drive is on the last weekend in April. Please plan to participate in both of these Programs. The money from our Tootsie Roll Drive goes in total to the State KC Office and our dollars are divided between the Special Olympics Fall Classic, Friendship Ventures/Camp Friendship, Homeward Bound and OMGAA Storm Special Olympics. Please say "yes" when called to volunteer for a few hours.

I hope that everyone has a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Peace be with you and your family.

Tootsie Roll time



Our council will be participating in the annual KC Tootsie Roll Drive being held April 29th-May 1st (week-end after Easter). Last year we raised \$4,666.58 by passing out tootsie rolls and collecting donations to support children and adults with mentally handicapping disabilities.

The store sites will remain the same as last year, which are Wal-Mart (Maple Grove), Premier Liquors, Dean's Grocery, Rainbow Foods (Maple Grove), Osseo Meats and the American Legion. We will also be at St. Vincent de Paul after all masses that weekend. If a store captain calls you, please volunteer for a two-hour shift. Or call Forrest at 763-424-4612 to sign up. Thank you.



Regional Free Throw Contest

Council 9139 had one winner in the Regional Free Throw contest and 3 runners-up. Jerome Gooley finished first in the 11-year old category and Katelyn Gasperlin, Niko Agnes and Emily Carmin finished second. The State FT contest was March 26.



KC Golf League

We will have our first official round of golf on May 4th. We play at Daytona Golf Course.

We can always use more subs and maybe one more regular, so if you want to play in a fun league give me a call at 612-419-0419. I'd like to see the new subs come out & get a couple of practice rounds in to establish a handicap base & also get a chance to meet some of the other golfers in the league.



It's a handicap league so your level of play makes no difference. Come and join us, you will be glad you did.

Dick Montroy

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Business Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month Planning Meeting Last Tuesday of Month Tom Clifford, Grand Knight



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DIRECTORS please get me an article before your event and following the event to keep all members informed.

--Tom Heltemes, Editor--425-2314

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WELCOME COUNCIL 9139 NEW MEMBERS: (L to R); Jim Nord, Gregg Johnson and Kasey Cao. They went through the degrees on Feb. 27.

Dues reminder!!

The 2011 annual dues billing second notice has been sent. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so now. Otherwise it will be necessary for a member of the retention committee to call. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss deferring your dues for one year. Our council does have a financial hardship policy, but the member must make that request of the Grand Knight, Tom Clifford, 420-5224.

If any Brother Knight is leaving town for a few months and would like to continue receiving the Leaflet or you have a change of address please e-mail me at: funkx012@umn.edu Russ Funk, 420-5527



Looking for a tax deduction?

• Don't sell your car, DONATE IT!! If you or someone that you know has a car, truck, boat or maybe a motor home that runs, save the hassle of selling it and donate it to a good cause. We even take vehicles with rust, oil leaks and dents no problem. Call Brother Knight Paul Greninger 763-425-7316 for details on how to donate. Thank you to those who have.

Blood drive

The next blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th from 2:30-7:30 p.m. It is the Thursday prior to the Memorial day weekend and the blood center always needs extra blood on hand for emergencies. Last May we had a Bailey's Blood and Toy drive marking the 1st anniversary of the heart surgery and blood transfusions that saved her life.

The Moore's asked to note this drive as the 2nd anniversary of that event. The toys collected go to the U of M children's hospital for those children that must be kept in isolation and cannot play with the general hospital toys at the risk of infections.



Meet our Seminarian James Peterson



I was born in December of 1985 in Omaha, Nebraska. My family moved around quite a bit while I was growing up. We lived in Nebraska, West Virginia, Minnesota, Iowa, and then back to Minnetonka, Minnesota, where my parents still reside. My family is made up of five kids and I am in the middle (3 boys and 2 girls - including my twin sister Renée who is two minutes older than me!).

Faith has always been important for our family and so my siblings and I all attended Catholic schools at some point in our lives. During my late grade school and early middle school years I had a series of events that really planted the seed for a priestly vocation. My family was living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa from 1996-1998. While living there I had a very difficult time. I was bullied at school, had low self-esteem, was struggling in school, and did not really have any close friendships.

My parents encouraged me to turn to the Lord in prayer, especially through the Rosary. There were many nights when I would cry myself to sleep praying for the intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary for things to improve in my life. About this time my sisters and I became altar servers at our home parish. This was a particularly meaningful experience for me to be so close to the sacraments and actively participating in the liturgical life of the parish. After about a year of serving, the Associate Pastor for the parish wrote me a letter saying, "James, I know that you are still young and have the rest of your life ahead of you but I see many priestly characteristics in you. You have a reverence for the sacraments, a sincere disposition and an inner joy that radiates outward. If God is calling you to the priesthood, be open to it and pray about it." That letter had

a tremendous impact on me and ever since then I have been praying for guidance and light about God's vocation for me.

Between 6th and 7th grade my family moved back from Iowa to Minnesota. I went to St. Hubert's for 7th and 8th grade and then on to Holy Family Catholic High School (My twin sister and I were part of the first

class of students to attend Holy Family for 4 years). Afterwards, I went on to St. John's University in Collegeville, where I majored in Theology and minored in Spanish, graduating in May of 2008. While there I was involved in a Men's Spirituality Group and Discernment Group which helped me to hear God's calling for my life with greater clarity.

During my junior year of college my twin sister got married. Inspired that she was able to make a lifelong vocational decision to marriage I became set on formally pursuing the priesthood after my undergraduate days. After applying to the St. Paul Seminary I officially began my studies in Fall of 2008 (All told, it will be a 5-year process).

Currently, I am in Theology II, which means that, God willing, I will be ordained a Deacon in May of 2012 and a Priest in May of 2013. The journey to the priesthood has been a remarkable experience thus far. I have met a lot of incredible men and women who are on fire for Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. I have learned a lot about the rich history and diversity of the Christian faith. Even with all of these wonderful moments and memories I know that the best is yet to come.

Peace and joy in Jesus Christ,
James E. Peterson
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