

# The Scroll



The Catholic Community of  
**St. Katharine  
Drexel**

**Knights of Columbus Council #14984**  
**Membership Meeting 1st Mon, 7:30 pm**  
**Planning Meeting, Last Monday of Month, 7:30pm**



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Brothers,

I hope your summer has been filled with cool drinks, good friends and many ways to avoid the heat!

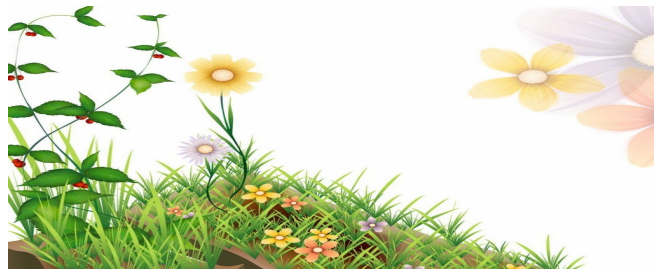
Thanks go to John and Jeb Smetana for the great job organizing the hospitality after the outdoor Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup>. It went smooth as silk! I didn't hear of a single person not enjoying themselves. That says a lot for your hard work ahead of time.

There is another outdoor Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August so you have another opportunity to help with the serving. Give John a call if you are interested.

Our next big event is our food booth at the Ramsey Days festival. It looks to be the biggest fundraiser of the year. It is from Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September to Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need many helpers to make this a success so mark your calendars now and plan on helping with a shift or two. Dale Kraus is chair of this event so give him a call early and surprise him!

A reminder to all, the meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7:30. You are all encouraged to come and add your thoughts as it makes the council so much better the more members participate.

Peace,  
tom



*Craig Larson,  
State Deputy*

## **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

For those who don't know me, as I assume the office of State Deputy, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am a convert to the Faith going through the RCIA program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston where I was confirmed by now retired Bishop Victor Balke.

Soon after joining the church, I was asked to join the KC's by the Associate State Pastor Fr. Mike Foltz. Have you ever said "no" to a priest? As I got to know my Brother Knights I became more active in the council. A few years later, I was working for the Diocese of Crookston as "the maintenance guy.", and I learned a lot about the Church and why we do things the way we do. It was a wonderful experience.

As a District Deputy, I got to know Brother Knights from neighboring councils and developed some longstanding friendships. With the help of a dedicated Field Agent, we started a new council during my term. I have served as State Warden, State Treasurer, and State Secretary, and have met new friends all across the state. I look forward to meeting many more faithful Brother Knights.

I have been a member of First, Second, and Third Degree Teams and have traveled across northern MN to help give the lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The First and Second Degrees have changed over the past few years. This year, the Third Degree has changed as well. I encourage every Brother Knight to sign up your son, brother, dad, neighbor, fishing buddy or the guy who sits by you in church and bring them to a degree. You will be impressed by the changes that have been made.

During my remarks to the delegates and families at the State Convention in St. Cloud, I asked everyone to sing The Servant Song with me. "Will you let me be your servant?" is going to be my motto as State Deputy. I hope to have 44,000 Brother Knights singing the same song, "till we've seen this journey through."

I am honored and humbled to serve as your State Deputy.  
Your Servant,  
Craig Larson, State Deputy



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**ARE YOU BEING TOLD YOU CAN DO BETTER?**

Brother Knights and families,

A couple of weeks ago, I received a "conservation" notice from Supreme that a brother Knight was transferring his family's policies to another insurance company. He had been told by the replacing agent that he would have much better rates of return, lower costs, and a higher dividend than his KC policies provided. Intrigued, I called our member on the phone and arranged a visit to do a comparison. What I found was disturbing.

The insurance industry has a well deserved "black eye" because of claims made by insurance companies/agents that simply aren't true. Agents are often viewed skeptically because it is difficult to separate fact from fiction. Figures can be deceiving. In this particular instance, the replacing agent simply assumed that his new policies would outperform the KC policies and told the client as much. He provided documentation on his company's performance but had none on the KC's. He simply told my client that the KC's costs were higher and our performance was lower. Nothing to back it up.

I showed our client the KC performance history and it confirmed that he had been a victim of "misrepresentation." Misrepresentation is when an agent misleads or fails to disclose information about a policy. It is usually done to make a sale and the negative impact on the client may not be known for years. Yes, it is also illegal and prosecutable. In this case, we significantly outperformed the new policies in EVERY category!

If it is suggested that you replace your KC insurance it will be to your advantage to contact me first. I will do a fair analysis and comparison. I will respect that it is ultimately your decision but at least you'll be able to make an informed decision.

God bless,

Dale Robinson

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**FORE!!!**

This is an invitation to all members.

I am putting together a golf weekend trip to Briggs Woods Golf in Webster City, Iowa.

We'll be hitting the links September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, the last weekend in September. The package includes 3 days of unlimited golf *with* a cart and 2 nights at the Americ Inn for \$245.00. Travel, food and any wagers on the course are extra. All told, we're looking at a total price are around \$300 depending on gas prices and how many carpool together.

Golf Digest named the course as one of Iowa's 10 best in 2006. I have golfed there for the past 7-8 years with another group in the spring and it will appeal to all levels of golfers. You can go to their web site [briggswoods.com](http://briggswoods.com) to see more.

If you are interested or have questions contact me at 441-1436 or [tnewstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:tnewstrom@hotmail.com)



**16th Annual  
 Minnesota KC  
 Camporee**

Everyone is invited to the 17th Annual Minnesota KC Camporee. This year the event will be at Cannon Falls Campground on August 26-28, 2011.

The entire family will enjoy the events scheduled. Be prepared for Bunko, Horseshoes, Kids' Games, Music, & Dancing. The resort has hay rides, train rides, nearby river activities, hiking, biking, and an arcade.

There will be a Rosary and Mass on Saturday.

There are a number of motels nearby for those who don't camp but want to be in on the fun. For information or registration forms contact:

Ken Lommel at 320-253-9887 ([talommel@yahoo.com](mailto:talommel@yahoo.com))

Mark Glatzel at 320-363-4165 ([markglatzel@clearwire.net](mailto:markglatzel@clearwire.net)).



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## Pope calls for compassion, sharing with hungry of Africa

By [Catholic News Service](#)

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) -- Christians cannot be indifferent to the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people starving in the Horn of Africa, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"It is inadmissible to be indifferent in the face of the tragedy of the hungry and thirsty," the pope said, speaking in Polish after reciting the Angelus July 31 with pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo.

When Jesus fed the multitudes by miraculously multiplying loaves and fishes, he gave his disciples an example to follow, the pope said.

"He encourages us to give them something to eat and to share bread with the needy. Following Christ, we must be sensitive to people's poverty," he said.

Commenting on the day's Gospel passage, the pope said it was natural to read the story of Jesus' miracle and think of "our many brothers and sisters who, in these days, in the Horn of Africa, suffer from famine aggravated by war and the lack of solid institutions."

He told the 3,000 people gathered in the courtyard that Jesus set an example of meeting material needs while also addressing the deeper hungers of the human heart.

"The love of God is present in the bread of Christ; encountering him, we feed on the living God, so to speak, and we truly eat the bread come down from heaven," the pope said.

"In the Eucharist, Jesus makes us witnesses to God's compassion for every brother and sister," the pope said.

He prayed that people would open their hearts with compassion for their neighbors and would share with those in need.

Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, reported July 30 that Catholic charities are deeply involved in meeting the needs of people suffering from the famine in Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Kenya.

Suzanna Tkalec, who works for the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services, is assisting Bishop Giorgio Bertin of Djibouti and Somalia.

She told Fides that they are working in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya about 50 miles from the border with Somalia.

"On average, 2,500 people arrive at this camp every day; 80 percent are mothers with young children," she said.

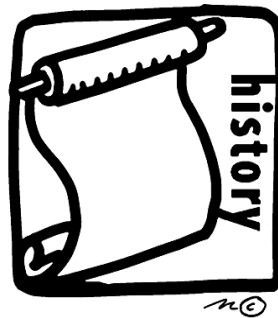
## Invitation from Father Paul

Last weekend I preached about the great need in Africa with the present drought and famine. Many people responded to our special collection and we want to offer that opportunity for everyone.

If you were unprepared to contribute last weekend there will be another chance this coming weekend.

All contributions will be sent to the Archdiocese and they in turn will send them to Catholic Relief Services for "Aid to East Africa". If you are intending to write a check, please make it out to SKD. In the memo line, write "famine relief".

Thank you!



### This Month In History

**August 1, 1944** - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world."

Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

**August 1, 1944** - The Warsaw Uprising began as the Polish Home Army, numbering about 40,000 Polish patriots, began shooting at German troops in the streets. The Nazis then sent eight divisions to battle the Poles, who had hoped for, but did not receive, assistance from the Allies. Two months later, the rebellion was quashed.

**Birthday** - *Moby Dick* author Herman Melville (1819-1891) was born in New York

**August 9, 1974** - Effective at noon, [Richard M. Nixon resigned](#) the presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal. Nixon had appeared on television the night before and [announced his decision](#) to the American people. Facing possible impeachment by Congress, he became the only U.S. President ever to resign.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

**August 24-25, 1814** - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

## Daring to Take Risks

The first time anything new and creative is proposed, it gets labeled: "risky." Can't you just hear it?

"Let me get this straight, Orville. You and Wilbur are building a machine that will do *what*? Heavier-than-air flying machines are the riskiest hoax anybody ever palmed off on two gullible boys like you Wrights. Get a real job!"

Or maybe it was somebody's harebrained idea of talking pictures, black and white children attending the same school, or people walking on the moon. More than one person was berated simply for giving voice to such "silly" ideas.

It turns out that some of the people who dared to propose such outlandish possibilities are now regarded as geniuses - revolutionaries - heroes. And it was only because they dared to question others and to question themselves. They challenged the limitations others were willing to take for granted.

There is something in your profession or business, your family or church that could be done better. A situation could be more productive. A relationship more healthy. An objective

clarified. Some lofty ideal to which all in the group give lip service could actually be implemented. I warn you up front: Like restoring a car or house, it will take twice as long as you thought, cost far more than you anticipated, and strain every important relationship in your life!

Only you can decide if it will be worth it. There will be false starts and embarrassing mistakes along the way. But the potential outcome could be as important to your personal situation as the achievements of the Wright brothers, Rosa Parks, and Neil Armstrong were to their time and place.

The problem with our world is not that there are no more frontiers to challenge and conquer. It's that there are too few explorers., too few people willing to ask the obvious questions and challenge the traditional wisdom. In a word, too few of us want to take the risks that could make us look stupid.

If you are fortunate enough to have a dream in your heart, be willing to make mistakes in pursuit of it. Be a risk-taker. You just might change the world.

- Rubel Shelly

## **1<sup>st</sup> (and 2<sup>nd</sup>) Outdoor Mass at St. Kates is**



## **As welcome as a Day in the Sunshine**

