

The Scroll



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**St. Katharine
Drexel**

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Planning Meeting, Last Monday of Month, 7:30pm



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Notes from The Grand Knight

Tom Newstrom - Grand Knight

Brothers,

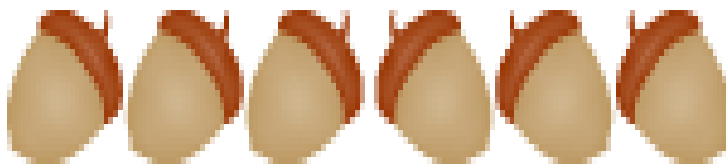
Can you believe fall has arrived already? Soon we will be raking leaves, cleaning the garage (so the cars can fit again) and tuning up the snow blowers. I love the change in seasons. I'm not so fond of the work they bring.

Thank you, Dale Kraus and John Smetana for the fantastic job on our food booth at the Ramsey Days Festival. It was well organized well staffed and a good time to boot! The numbers haven't been tallied yet but it looks to be a financial winner. Thanks again for a job well done.

By the time you get this Oktoberfest will be in full swing. I hope you will come enjoy the dancing and socializing while supporting SKD. The knights will be tending bar again so stop by say hello and check out the hammer schlagen game. If you are good (or at least lucky) you may even win a prize!

Fall seems to be a natural time to reset our schedules, so don't forget our regular meetings. They are on the first Monday of the month. We've been a little light on members lately so I'd encourage all of you to come. The more the merrier.

Peace,
tom



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Brother Knights and Families,

As a Knights of Columbus Representative for the past 16 years I have made it my mission to learn as much as I can about the financial world. It has always been a goal to turn my education into a benefit for our members and their families.

We live in a time where it is more difficult than ever to try and "predict" what the future holds for our 401Ks, IRAs, and other savings. Even the financial "gurus" have generally done a fairly poor job of predicting our current financial crisis. One of my favorite pastimes is to compare stock market and equities predictions of 10 years ago to reality today. It's mostly laughable!

One of the reasons I have not left the Knights of Columbus for other employment is because the KC's financial programs have always been solid. I don't have to apologize for anything I've ever sold to a member. Nobody calls my phone complaining about their account values dropping, simply because their accounts have never dropped with us.

I recently read a very interesting report from the Feds. Let me share a couple of excerpts with you:
But the tight historic correlation between demographic trends and the stock market "portends poorly for equity values," the researchers said.... Real stock prices will likely decline until 2021, to about 13 percent below the 2010 levels and will not return to their 2010 levels until 2027, according to the researchers' model, based on historical patterns..... From there, they said, stocks should rise to about 20 percent higher than 2010 levels by 2030.

Wow! Basically what they're saying is that things are not looking good for the stock market over the next 20 years. An average of 1% per year!

When are you planning to retire? Maybe it's time to take a look at the investment options with the Knights!

Call me for a no obligation review of your current portfolio. I promise never to try and sell you something you don't need or want. The research I'll share with you is priceless!

God bless,

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'Happy Days' Follow-Up

Thanks to the 17 volunteers who helped make our first 'Happy Days' event a success. A special thanks goes out to Charlotte and Linda (Dale and John's better halves). We couldn't have done it without their help and patience.

All told, we sold 160 sandwiches and 250 floats. Hot Apple Cider was added to our menu on Saturday morning. That was a good seller during the chilly morning hours. There was an 'All You Can Eat' pancake breakfast Saturday morning. That didn't help our sandwich sales early in the day much, but things picked up. We were selling sandwiches and the Root Beer Floats late into the evening.

Sales were so good, we were able to bring in nearly **\$450** after expenses. That should bring our checking account balance up about 30%!!!!

Everyone had a pretty good time as well. In fact, some took multiple shifts to cover for the openings not filled.

We will do this again next year, so keep the 3rd weekend in September open and join us for a few hours.

- Dale Kraus & John Smetana, 'Happy Days' chairs



An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.

When he got to the hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it in from memory.

Unfortunately, he missed one letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

DEAREST WIFE: JUST GOT CHECKED IN. EVERYTHING PREPARED FOR YOUR ARRIVAL TOMORROW.

P.S. SURE IS HOT DOWN HERE.



Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes to Compete at Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament Nov. 11-13

Nearly 2,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities will compete at the 2011

Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Minnesota [State Bowling Tournament](#). This annual event will be held at three [Brunswick Zone](#) locations around the metro: Brooklyn Park, Blaine, and Lakeville, and run from Friday, Nov. 11 through that Sunday. More than 700 volunteers including many Knights of Columbus help make the tournament possible. The Knights are greatly involved in this event through the contribution of funds raised in our Tootsie Roll Drive as well as helping out during the tournament. Our council is scheduled to be at the Blaine location, on Sunday Nov 13th. Those interested in volunteering should contact Jim Schwalbe or Joel Coudron for more details.

Adoration First Friday of each month 10:00 AM-9:00 PM

Upon the invitation of Archbishop Flynn, and as part of the Parish Strategic Plan, we have added Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. This month, it's Friday, October 7th. Knights interested in signing up for a specific time should contact Bob Teachman, at robertteachman@usfamily.net, or simply stop by to pray anytime from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



Remembering Columbus

Craig Larson, State Deputy

This year we honor Christopher Columbus on October 10th. We may not think of the day any differently until we go to the mailbox or the courthouse, but just think of the significance of honoring our namesake, Christopher Columbus. There are very few people throughout history who have made such important discoveries. Where would the world be if not for Columbus? How long would it have taken to discover America? Would there have been a Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, or the Wright brothers?

Think of the sales job that Christopher Columbus had to do. First, he had to convince the queen to fund the trip. Then he had to convince men to join him on an unknown adventure. After months at sea he had to convince them to stay the course and not throw him overboard. After all of that came success.

Sometimes I think it's like that in the KC's. Not everyone is supportive of new or different ideas. Sometimes the first time something new is tried it is a failure. Sometimes these failures are a bit expensive, both in council funds and in the group's moral. That's when someone has to encourage the group to "stay the course" by remembering what we are here for and to not throw anyone overboard.

Over the past few months we have had to make some changes that aren't "the way we always did it." These methods have been proven to work in other states just like ours, and it is in our best interest to "stay the course" and keep trying to make it work.

Maybe your council can make some discoveries of its own! It could just grow into something big. Everything once started out as, "How about if we try this?"

Remember, when Columbus left Spain, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. And when he returned, he didn't know where he had been. Look at how well that turned out!

Vivat Jesus



For The Good Of The Order

by Tom Carey, Lecturer

Two months ago I played a video of the life of Earnie Larson, a friend of mine and a former priest. Earnie devoted his life to helping others less fortunate and in trouble. He provided much assistance to those down and out at the Salvation

Army in St. Paul, and spent many days and weekends with those fighting drugs and alcohol at Hazelton. He even helped start a Recovery Church, in North Minneapolis, for those being released from prison. Earnie is a man whose actions speak louder than words.

We then talked about two our approaches here at SKD to help others, namely "Feed My Starving Children" and "Family Promise".

In September, Steve Robach, a friend from my Men's Spirituality Group, and the Faith Formation Director at St. Joseph's Church in Lino Lakes, spoke on the Journey of Spiritual Transformation. He traced the male journey from initiation as a teenager, through the journey of growth, and the final decision of becoming an old fool or a wise man.

This month, I have a video of Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest, who formed "The Center for Action and Contemplation" in New Mexico. In his video entitled "The Path of Descent" he points out that Jesus tried to train the disciples in a path of descent and ego stripping instead of ego attainment.

I hope you will find it informative and helpful on your spiritual journey.

Farcus

*by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart*



"You don't really know a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes."

KCs and Saint Kates Heat

The weather may not have been too encouraging, but that didn't slow down the fun at Ramsey Happy Days! The Knights were serving up Pulled Pork and Root Beer Floats



Up Ramsey Happy Days

while the St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Community booth handed out parish information, and answered questions. You could also stop in, and join in the Rat Race ;-)



Upcoming Events

Monday 10/3 – Membership Meeting, 7:30
Parish Offices

Thursday 10/6 – New KC's Candidate Informational Meeting, 7:30pm, Anoka KC's Hall. Contact Al Kempf for registration and information.

Friday 10/7 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 10am – 9pm, Parish Offices

Tuesday 10/11 – K of C First Degree, 7pm begin, candidates should arrive at the Anoka KC's Hall by 6:30.

Wednesday 10/12, 10/16 – Generations of Faith, 6pm – 8pm on the 12th, and 4pm – 6pm on the 16th, STKDCC Parish Offices

Monday 10/31 – Halloween!!!

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"The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it."-John Ruskin, 1819-1900