

# 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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Can you believe it's September already? Soon the Masses will be filling up again, as people close up the cabin for the season and all the vacationers return. The end of summer is never fun but it does give us the opportunity to refocus our energies.

We have a few events that could use our attention. The biggest and best opportunity to benefit our council is our Booth at the Ramsey days Festival. We will be there Friday evening and all day Saturday serving pulled pork sandwiches in a basket, along with root beer floats. There will be plenty of spots to fill so please be generous with your time to help our council coffers.

We've also been asked to man TWO bars at the upcoming October Fest being put on by the SKD marketing committee. We may have to build another bar, so if you have any ideas, materials or time to put into this please let me know. It will be greatly appreciated.

Then there is the next Beer, Brat & Bingo, and the state sponsored bowling tourney for the Special Olympics. The bowling tourney is on November 13<sup>th</sup>, in Blaine. They would like it if each council would send 6 people to help. If you are interested I will get you more specifics.

There are a few opportunities to bring new members into the Knights right away this fall. There are 1<sup>st</sup> degree exemplifications going on in September and October so if you know of anyone interested get a form 100 to them right away. If they would like more information about the Knights Dale Kraus (our membership director) or I would be glad to contact them, give us a call and we'd be happy to help you recruit!

Peace –  
tom



## Ramsey 'Happy Days' Help Needed

We have an opportunity to build up the funds in our K of C checking account. Our council will be selling Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Root Beer Floats at Ramsey's 'Happy Days' festival the 3rd weekend in September.

Food vendors are at the event on Friday and Saturday only. This is our first time taking part in the festivities. We are in the planning stages at the time of writing this article. Dale Kraus and I hope to have shifts and times figured out by the time 'The Scroll' gets published.

We will be in need of 5 or 6 people for each shift. Shifts will be 3 or 4 hours in length, depending on when the hours of operation will be. Other members of your family are invited to join you.

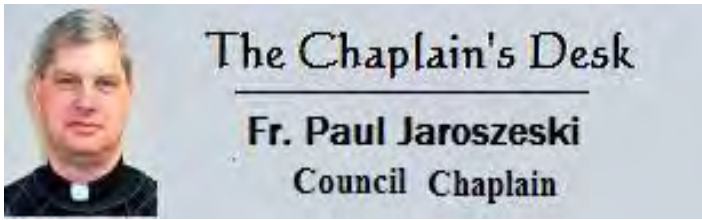
Our plan is to contact every member of our council and ask if you can help us on the 16<sup>th</sup> and/or 17<sup>th</sup> of September. If you do not want to wait for our call, simply call or email me.

Thanks,  
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*-editor--  
Don't forget!! St. Kates will also be walking in the parade, and we will have a booth at the Festival. You can talk to Sister Bridget for more information!*

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

*Thomas Edison  
1847-1931, Inventor and Entrepreneur*



one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Brother Knights,

It seems almost impossible that summer is over but as I write this the State Fair is about to begin (a signal that soon the weather will change). School begins in two weeks, and time is nearing to close down and winterize those cabins that are fit only for summer weather. All of that means the seasons are about to change again.

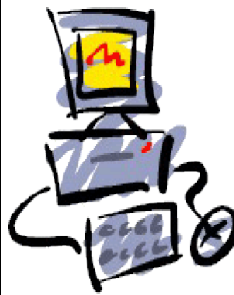
Each new season affords us the opportunity to do a little self examination, to see how we have used the gift of time for the benefit of our own growth or the betterment of the lives of others and perhaps to make some new and permanent resolutions about change. Change while somewhat difficult at times to maneuver can in the long run be to our benefit and provide us an opportunity to develop stronger personal character and also stronger relationships. While our human relationships are of great significance there is no relationship that we can work on that is as important as that which we have with God.

The Church invites and encourages the deepening of our relationship with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – through personal prayer, the celebration and reception of the sacraments (especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation) and most profoundly, participation in and celebration of the Eucharist weekly. It is still an obligation as Catholic Christians to attend Mass every week, but hopefully we can grow beyond the idea of it being an obligation and see it as the privilege and the graced filled opportunity that it is. As members of the Brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus we are called by everything the organization stands for to be serious about developing our spiritual lives and by doing that to become a "leaven" in the world; that is, bearing the presence of Christ to others. There is nothing in the equation about being perfect about this but there is a great deal in the equation about continuing to work at it.

*I pray for you all and for myself that we may be faithful and diligent about our faith, our relationship with God and the Church and our resolve to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. I offer for your reflection the following that someone recently sent me – it offers great food for thought.*

### Why go to Church?

**A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single**



If you haven't had the chance to do so yet, aim your computer to the new St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Community Web Site (<http://www.stkdcc.org/>) and our K of C page (<http://www.stkdcc.org/ParishOrganizations/KnightsofColumbus.aspx>).

You'll find upcoming events, parish news, and, of course, all editions of the Scroll, up to, and including the latest edition.

Joe Baldus is the one who puts the web stuff together, and makes sure it stays up to date. When you get the chance, take a look, and let Joe know what you think!





# Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

*Making a difference for life.*

Brother Knights and families,

I recently had the opportunity to visit with a couple who had just reached retirement age. They wanted my opinion on their life insurance program they'd paid into for about 20 years to make sure it was adequate. Even though they did not have life insurance with the Knights of Columbus I told them I'd take a look at it and provide them with an unbiased review. I promised them that I would never suggest replacing a perfectly good policy, even if it is NOT with the KC's. We agreed to meet.

On one hand, I found them to be adequately insured and told them so. Each had enough to take care of the other in the event of a premature death. They were pretty happy about that. On the other hand, the recent policy statements they had received proved chilling, to say the least! At the bottom of the statement was a notice informing them that even if they continue to pay their premiums the policies would lapse (at age 72 for him and 76 for her)! It turns out that they owned VARIABLE UNIVERSAL LIFE policies. These policies are often sold as "permanent" cash value policies but can lapse if the performance of the mutual fund based cash value does not meet original expectations.

At my suggestion they contacted the insurance company who confirmed they must start paying significantly higher premiums to make the policies last longer; not something they wanted to hear as they begin retirement! Even then, the higher premiums would add only about 7-8 years of coverage.

If you haven't had a review of your policies lately give me a call, especially if they are called "universal," "adjustable," "variable," etc. Even if you've had them for decades. After all, it's YOUR money and a little education never hurts.

God bless,

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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. It will be the last weekend in September the 23,24,25. It includes 3 days unlimited golf with a cart, 2 nights at the Americ Inn for \$245.00. Travel food and any wagers on the course are extra. Totals are around \$300 depending on gas prices and how many carpool together.

The course was voted in Iowa's 10 best in 2006 by Golf Digest. 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.

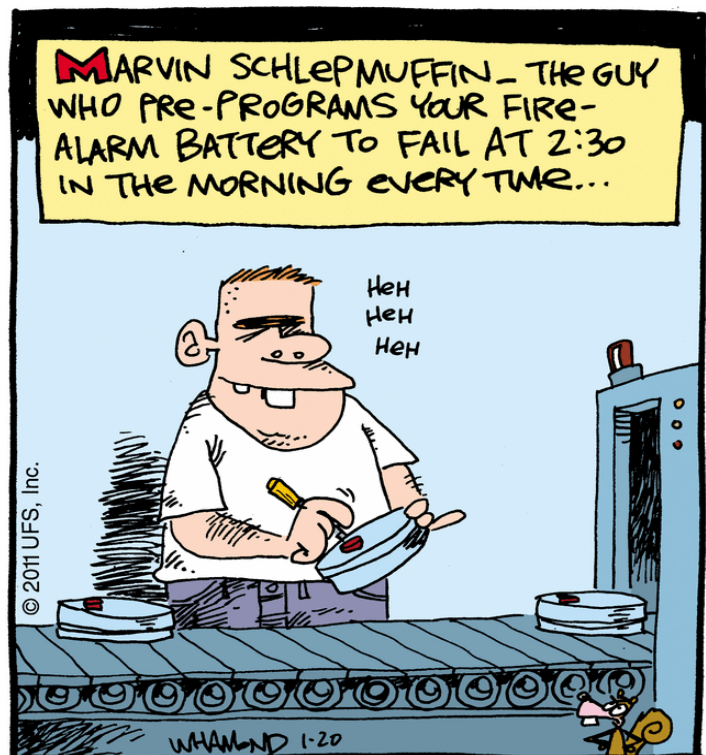
If you are interested or have questions contact me at 441-1436 or [tnewstrom@hotmail.com](mailto:tnewstrom@hotmail.com)

## Special Olympics Fall Classic Bowling



On the weekend of November 11-13, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Special Olympics Minnesota Fall Bowling Classic at the Brunswick Zones. This year event we will be held at the Brooklyn Park, Blaine, and Lakeville locations on all three days.

According to Joel Coudron, our council is assigned to help out on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Joel for more information.





Well, as everyone else has pointed out, it's September. In the interest of keeping all of you up to date on your Holidays, I thought I'd better let you know what special days we'll be celebrating in the coming weeks.

**Sept 1** – Emma Nutt Day. Emma was the very first female telephone operator,

way back in 1878

**Sept 13** – Positive Thinking Day (at least I'm pretty sure it is....)



**Sept 15** – Felt Hat Day!

**Oct 2** – Charlie Brown and Snoopy's Birthday. They are going to be 61 years old! Good Grief!! Peanuts debuted in 1950.

**Oct 3** – National Golf Day. (as if you needed an excuse)

**Oct 17** – Gaudy Day. Finally, my wardrobe will be in style!

**Nov 9** – Sadie Hawkins Day. It comes from the old comic strip "Lil' Abner". Sadie was 'The Homliest Gal in Them Thar Hills'. They held a foot race with all the eligible bachelor's in Dogpatch. If Sadie caught one, they had to marry her.

**Nov 21** – Hello World Day. You can participate, too! All you have to do is greet 10 people. It is meant to demonstrate the importance of personal communication in preserving peace.

**Nov 29** – National Square Dance Day. (need I say more? Just 'Grab yer partner....')

**Dec 4** – Wear Brown Shoes Day. (thats "Brown" Shoes, not "Really Really Dirty White" shoes)

**Dec 12** – Henry Wells Birthday (1805). Hey, I work in the man's bank...I had to say something!

And last, but not least...

You already know that Dec 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas Day. Here's a couple more that fit right in.

**Dec 24** – National Egg Nog Day

**Dec 25** – National Pumpkin Pie Day

**Dec 26** – National Candy Cane Day

**Dec 28** – National Chocolate Day.

Now you're all up to speed. The next time you're in the Dog House for forgetting an anniversary, you can come back with "I didn't forget! I thought it was important to celebrate National Golf Day, too!"

## 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 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Knights interested in signing up for a specific time should contact Bob Teachman ([robertteachman@usfamily.net](mailto: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.



## Upcoming Events

**Sept 5** – Labor Day

**Sept 6** – First Degree, held at the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul, in Brooklyn Park, 6:30pm.

**Sept 9** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 10am – 9pm (see above)

**Sept 12** – K of C Planning Meeting, 7:30

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>** – Ramsey Happy Days

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** – First Degree, held at Christ the King Parish Hall, in Cambridge, 9:30am.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** – First Degree, held at the McNeil Building in Dayton, at 7pm.

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, in Willmar, at 8:30am

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** – Major Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) at the St. Paul Cathedral in St. Paul at 2pm

