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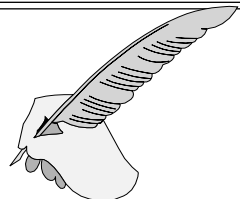
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## From the Chaplain

Fr. Michael Barsness, Chaplain



Brother Knights and families,  
**I**n light of our circumstances as a local Church, that is the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it is easy to lose sight of the hope we have in Christ. It is hard to see that while things are bad now, people leaving the Church in droves, faith in Christ is on the decline in so many peoples lives, with new idols of sports at the fore it can be quite daunting. Dark days are certainly upon us with an Archbishop and bishop resigning it seems at times as if it couldn't get any worse. In the midst of darkness there is always hope in Christ. The mystery of the Cross is the dramatic transformation of evil into good, from death to life, from destruction to resurrection, from damnation to redemption.

Throughout the centuries we as the Christian Church have faced countless daunting realities. If we look at it from the beginning, Jesus' disciples all but one abandoned him, the odds are always stacked against God and His Church. We are constantly fighting on what seems to be the losing side. Yet the reality is that God uses this losing to turn us towards him sometimes in a deeper way. Our weakness causes us to seek help, to seek a higher power, that we might be lifted out of our self sufficiency and pride. I have reflected on this reality in my own life as I struggled with depression early, it gave me reason to seek God. We are being purified, shown that we need to become better Christians laying aside our pettiness and giving over our lives to Christ. In the breviary, the book we

priests pray everyday, we are reading about the Judges and how each time the Israelites fall away from the Lord he allows them to be oppressed. I can't help but see at least some parallel between our situation and Israel as they both go astray from the Lord and come back to him through his saving power.

Like Israel we need to turn all the more back to the Lord. Seeking holiness like our spiritual lives depended on it, because they do. Certainly this goes for all vocations priesthood, diaconate and religious alike.

Pacem in Christus,  
Father Michael Barsness



**2015-16 Council officers:** Pictured left to right; Recorder, Tom Stevenson; Chancellor, Kelvin Landeis; Dep. GK, Kevin Ahlers; DD Bill Peloquin; Fin. Secretary, Sean Olmstead; Tom Olmstead and recorder, Dan Costello.

Photo by Patty Landeis

## Calendar of Events

Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. the rosary is prayed at the Robbinsdale Abortion Center, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale.

**Rosary every Tuesday evening in the Cry room at 6:30 p.m.**

July 4, Independence Day  
July 7, Membership meeting,  
July 21-26, Anoka County Fair  
July 28, Plan. meeting 7 p.m.

## Installation of Officers

Installation of new council officers for the upcoming 2015-2016 council year was held at St. Alphonsus on June 17. The evening began with mass at 6 p.m. and Installation at 7 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary officer installation began after mass, followed by the Knights of Columbus officer installation. Light food and beverages were served after the installations.



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

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## Grand Knight's Message Paul Greninger, Grand Knight



**Brother Knights and families,**

**I**would like to first thank Kevin Ahlers as past Grand Knight, the officers and program directors for all of their hard work this past year. I now would like to introduce myself as Grand Knight. I have been a Knight for the past 18 years, started the vehicle donation program and ran it since 2003. Member of St. Vincent's for 33 years, married to Kim for 35 yrs., 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

I would like to get to know all Brother Knights. Please come and introduce yourself to me at the monthly membership meeting. They are the first Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 or planning meeting last Tuesday of the month.

We also need all members to help out at our 2 largest fundraisers coming

up. First is the Anoka County Fair starting July 21 – July 26, please plan on signing up for multiple-shifts, or make it a family shift. Spouses and adult kids are encouraged to work! Call Tom Clifford or Marty Carman--county fair chairmen, to set up your shift. Second event is the Lion's Roar on Sept. 5, more will be coming out on this event. In closing I would like to welcome this year's officers and program directors to another successful year.

May the peace of the Lord be with us all!

Vivat Jesus!

## WOMENSOURCE Walk for Life

On Saturday June 20 the WomenSource Walk for Life took place at the Maple Grove Arboretum. In spite of a rainy start there was an impressive turnout. The walkers enjoyed bagels, coffee, bananas, orange drink and donuts during an hour of fellowship. The weather cleared by 10:00 and after a brief prayer service at the Angel of Hope memorial, the walk began. There were several KC's and wives from our Council as well as from St Joseph the Worker. Thanks to all who helped with the set-up and clean-up for this event. Joanne Anders and other Board members expressed their appreciation for the continued support of the Knights of Columbus.

Brian Baker and Tom Clifford



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Marty Whatmuff (Dave's wife), Tom Cameron, Rich Grugal, Bill Peloquin Sr., Frank & Leona Butina, (Russ Funk's mother-in-law & father-in-law), Ted Hambrook's mother Diane, Bob Vogelpohl, Amber Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bill Johnson), Jim & Marlys Wishy, Bob Hazelton, Vincent Bazzani, Austin and Darlene Loeffler, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Don Kramer, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter), & Romana Jorgensen.

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 diaconate. If you know of any Knight or family member who you would like to be included on our prayer list please call Dave Wilhelm, 763-425-7754 or Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314 or e-mail: tom@heltemes.com



**WALK FOR LIFE --** Pictured left to right are Dan Costello, Carl Keeney, Joe Haeffliger, Kelvin Landeis, Joanne Anders and Tom Clifford. Picture of all participants on page 3.

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## RSVP Program has 4 Deacons ordained to the priesthood on May 30th

On May 30th, four seminarians that have been supported by our council were ordained priests. The St. Paul Cathedral was full and most of the priests and deacons from our diocese were there to show their support to the new priests.

The music, the mass and the ordination ceremony were very spiritually moving. The new priests met with friends and family after the service.

The pictures to the right show them talking with people and also bestowing blessings on people.

Our council gave each Priest a \$100 gift card for their ordination.

Photos by Julie Wilhelm



## HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED OR DO YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Brother Knights, if you change phone numbers or drop your land line please let the Financial Secretary, Sean Olmstead, (kc.finsec9139@gmail.com) or 763-712-5457 know so we can update our records.

When you move, don't forget your Financial Secretary! Please remember to send a change of address to me so you can continue to receive your newsletter and other mailings. It also saves the Council money for postage.



## 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.



Fr. T.J. McKenzie



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WomenSource Walk for Life participants.

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