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Grand Knight's Message Paul Greninger, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,

Now that the New Year begins, January is a very busy month. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree will be held at St Vincent's on Jan. 30th, sign up starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1st degree starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please show up and support the new members. If you should have someone who wants to join, please bring them!! I encourage also those Knights that have only completed 1st degree for them to finish the process and become 3rd degree members.

We also are having the Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Jan 24th. Please call the program chairperson Kelvin Landeis at 763-391-5700 to schedule your time to help.

I next would like to thank Dan Modeen for stepping up as chairperson for

the Free throw program.

This would be a great opportunity for those Knights who are retired looking for something to do during the week day. Call Dan at 763-576-1585 and volunteer.

I would like to thank all Brother Knights and Family members who attended our Communion Breakfast on Dec 13th. This was well attended and good time by all.

God Bless & Happy New Year!

Meet the new Insurance agent



Dan Falstad

Insurance Agent

Brother Knights,

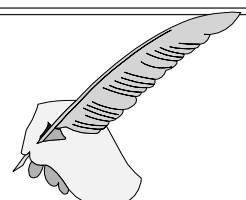
As many of you know, I have recently accepted appointment as your K of C insurance agent. I am honored to accept this appointment and plan to contact each of you within the next six months in order to review your existing K of C insurance or potential needs. I will be handling councils in Brooklyn Park, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, Osseo and Rogers so I apologize if I don't contact you in the very near term. If you have any immediate questions or concerns about your policies or would like to explore new policies or investments prior to my contact, please call me at (612) 310 5254 or by e-mail at dan.falstad@kofc.org. I would be happy to meet with you immediately.

I moved to Minnesota in 2000 as a member of the Osseo council, and transferred over to Maple Grove upon formation of the council there. I have held most officer positions, including Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, so am very familiar with the workings and challenges facing the councils. I will assist in any way I can to help strengthen your council.



From the Chaplain

Fr. Michael Barsness, Chaplain



Brother Knights and families,

I just wanted to do some reflection on my priesthood thus far and share some of the blessings and some of the challenges. It has been a wondrous journey as a priest and quite eventful. Life of a priest is never boring and I get to do many things that few would ever do in a life time in one day. Weeks go by and even fly by in the craziness of parish life with a school and thousands of parishioners. The advent season came with the many penance services morning and night on top of regular parish work. I love the sacrament of the Lords' mercy where small little me gets to unleash the ocean of grace upon penitents. At the same time I've been feeling my way through marriage preparation. Marriage prep has many joys in itself but as you know many challenges with the culture pressuring couples to live together. It's evangelization most of the time in the early stages which means building and establishing trust by building a relationship and working towards the faith discussion. Talk about a real opportunity to share the faith yet man it can be tough.

I love spending time at the school with our children they bring joy to my heart and there are few fathers that get to play football for their job, but then again priesthood is a vocation an identity and persona I take on. It rises above work to touch my very being, I will be a priest in heaven or hell should I not make it. It's identification with our lord is profound and hence the scrutiny its placed under, but it doesn't take over my will and deepen automatically my love for which we will all be judged upon. Love alone gets us to heaven. Certainly powers of mercy (confession) and consecration (Eucharist) are goods for the Church, but without love in my heart they

do me little good come judgment day. Yes priest may not make it bites won't focus on that. Life as a priest is a joyful thing, it's a life that is to be given, not thrown away on bachelorhood. I have a spouse as I'm conformed to the Bridegroom. The Church can be messy at least on this foreign land but she is worth fighting for.

God bless you, Fr. Michael Barsness



Happy New Year

UltraSound project

Late fall we were asked to help our District 52 to raise funds for the Robbinsdale Women's Center new Ultrasound Machine. We said that we would try to take this on as a project in the spring of 2016 and raise funds. This meant as the District we would need to raise \$10,000 among four councils. Then with the matching grant of \$10,000 from Supreme, we would have enough to purchase this ultrasound machine. I would like to inform the council that I have secured funds from a private donor of \$10,000 and started the process in getting the funds from Supreme. The **picture below** is the new machine at Robbinsdale Women's Center and their old machine will be donated to a new outreach program in Fergus Falls, Mn.

Paul Greninger Grand Knight



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Dan Spanier, Peter Crego, Wendy Thorson (Gregg Johnson's daughter); Evan Steeves, son of Mark Steeves; Seminarian Bryce Evans, Bob McCaffrey's sister, Anna Hoffman; Tony Jochim, Arlene Niles (Bob Fashing's daughter), Marty Whatmuff (Dave's wife), Tom Cameron, Rich Grugal, Bill Peloquin Sr., Frank & Leona Butina, (Russ Funk's mother-in-law & father-in-law), Bob Vogelpohl, 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 deaconate. 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

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.

Jan. 1, New Year's Day
Jan. 5, Membership meet. 7 p.m.
Jan. 10, Membership dinner
Jan. 24, Waffle Breakfast
Jan. 26, Planning meet. 7 p.m.
Jan. 30, Major Degree

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Free Throw Contest

The KC Free-throw Contest for St. Vincent's School is set for Thursday, Jan. 21st from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At least 6 Brother Knights are needed to help keep score. Any other youth ages 9-14 can shoot Free throws on Jan. 24th during the Waffle breakfast.

Girls and boys ages 9-14 will participate, with the winners moving on to the District Contest in February. If you can help call Dan Modeen at 763-576-1585.

Coats For Kids

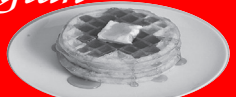
Osseo Knights would like to thank all who contributed to this program: St Vincent's CCW, Osseo Lion's, Maple Grove Lion's and Osseo Fire Dept. Relief Association.

On Fire Nov 27th we gave out about 500 coats to kids in need. These kids came from Maple Grove, Osseo, Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park communities. We also donated coats to the respective Police Departments, St Vincent's Church and School, CEAP and CROSS. We would like to thank all who helped out in this process.

Co-Chairs Paul Greninger & Kevin Ahlers



Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast



On Sunday, January 24, 2016 we will be hosting another Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast from 8:30-12:30. The breakfast will be in the St. Vincent de-Paul gym and cafeteria with a menu of sausage & all you care to eat waffles with flavored syrups. Beverages will be coffee and either juice or milk.

Don't miss this great breakfast, if you were at the breakfast the last few years you know how good Dad's Belgian Waffles are. Bring your family and friends.

Anyone that would like to help please call Kelvin at 763-391-5700 or Jack, 425-8065.

Kelvin Landeis, Jack Barr, chairmen

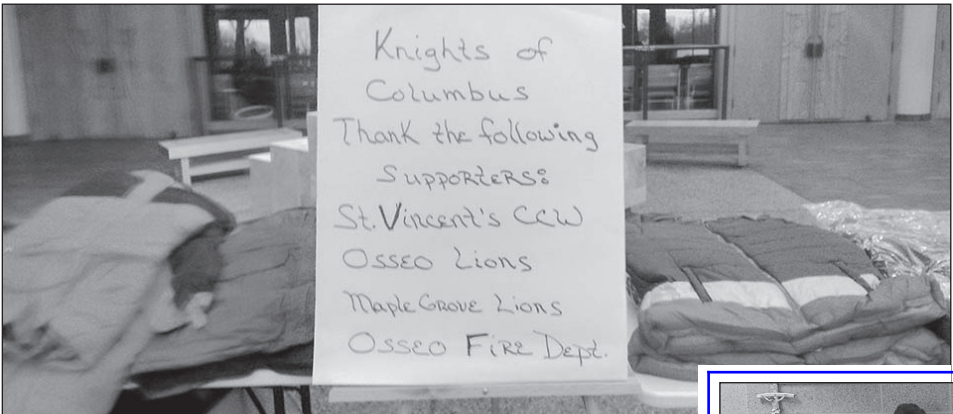
Communion Breakfast

The *Communion Breakfast* at St. Vincent de Paul's Regan Hall on *Sun., Dec. 13th* was well attended. Fr. Paul and Fr. Barsness along with Deacon Larry also were at the breakfast.

Jim Doroff was awarded the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month was awarded to the Dave & Julie Wilhelm family.

Kevin Ahlers, Lee Billbro chairmen

COATS FOR KIDS: Stacks of coats pictured below were given out the day after Thanksgiving at St. Vincent's church.



COATS FOR KIDS: About 30 coats were given to Sharing and Caring Hands. Pictured above (right to left) are (Mary Jo's husband, Richard Copeland), Tom Clifford & Tom Heltemes.

Seminarian update

My name is Nicholas Froehle, and I was born on June 22, 1991 in Littleton, Colorado. Though my family has roots in Minnesota, my parents, Tom and Maryjo, moved out to Colorado in the mid-80s, so I grew up in the suburbs of Denver at the foot of the Rocky Mountains! My only sister, Mikaila, was born in 1994.

My parents instilled in both of us a love for traveling, and our yearly family vacations were always something I looked forward to! In addition, I grew up enjoying coming back to Minnesota to visit my grandparents in St. Cloud. When I was in high school preparing for Confirmation, I received a letter from my grandparents encouraging me to pray about my vocation. At the time, I didn't think much of it, but looking back I realize they planted a seed in my heart that would take several years to grow.

I came to the University of St. Thomas in the fall of 2009 to pursue a degree in philosophy and Catholic Studies. Through the encouragement of my friends, professors, and some holy priests, I began to pray seriously about the plan Jesus had for me. Eventually, I discerned that priesthood was where our Lord was drawing me, and so I finally took the plunge and entered seminary the fall of my senior year. The last four years of seminary have been an immense joy and I look forward to the day that I may lay my life down at ordination. God willing, I will be ordained to the diaconate this May at the Basilica of St. Mary.

When I'm not studying, helping out at my teaching parish (Our Lady of the Lake in Mound), or resting, I enjoy playing cards with my friends, cooking, reading, and singing in our seminary's choir.



"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" poster/coloring contest judges: Front row (l to r): Carol Ampe, Patty Landeis, Marge Long, Bernie Souvignier, Jan Martin, Judy Borkovec. Back row (l to r): Jean Clifford, Shirley Fleischhacker, Mary Lee Ruegemer, Shirley Homan, Molly Nord and Sue Kuske. Pics of winners and story next month.