

# The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

1999 is here and each year many of us make resolutions for the New Year and each year many of those resolutions come and go with little or no effect. One of my resolutions for 1998 is still a resolution for 1999. I won't say which one it is, but I am sure a few of you can guess. So this New Year's message is not about resolutions. What I would like to do is thank all of the Knights who stepped into leadership positions in 1998 and all of you who have continued your leadership from years past. I would like to name all of you, but someone would be first, someone would be last and I know someone would be missed. When the statement comes for your 1999 dues, you will receive the 1999 survey. Please take the time to fill out the items you would like to do in 1999 and return it with your check. The leaders and committee members for each activity could sure use your help. Your help is the best "Thank You" that you could give them.

May the New Year bring you peace and happiness,  
Tom Sand  
Grand Knight

## Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Gary Benike

Gary joined the parish last March and joined the council several months ago. Gary's 2 boys are in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at St. Francis. Gary, a widower, is a farmer near Elgin. Many of us have first hand knowledge of how handy Gary is with tools; he organized the construction for the Parish Dinner Theatre set last spring.

## February "Light Night with the Knights PLUS"

*Submitted by Tom Sand*



Bring your spouse or guest and enjoy a "Wine and Cheese Party". Yes, this year's "Light Night" is for both of you. Each winter we have an informal meeting consisting of a very short business meeting followed by a social time for all the Knights to get to know each other. Each year it has been a very good time, as well as a very good time to get to know each other and this

February should be no different. If your guest is unable to come, you are always welcome to come by yourself. I am sure we are going to have a few Knights without guests. Note that we are starting the February meeting at 7:00.



## First Degree at the January meeting

There will be a First Degree at the January Meeting. Note that the start time is 7:00 and that there will be no officers' meeting. If you are arriving with a candidate, please arrive at 6:45. New candidates are still welcome, just arrive a few minutes earlier. We will be again be meeting in the far SW corridor of the school.

## Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at the Marriott Grand Ballroom. The cost is \$80 per couple. Proceeds go to help students who cannot afford tuition for the Rochester Catholic Grade Schools as well as Lourdes. If you are interested in helping with or attending this dinner, please contact Tom Sand at 289-7912.

## *Calendar of Events*

Council Meeting - (*Note time change due to 1<sup>st</sup> degree*).....SW corridor of school.....Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Council #11460 Free Throw Contest.....Holy Spirit Gym.....Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 6:45 p.m.  
Knights Flame Deadline .....Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Officers' Meeting - (*Note time change*).....Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
Council Meeting - (*Note time change*) - Light Night with the Knights PLUS.....Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner (contact Tom Sand for info)..Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (*see article*)

### **Celebrations of Knight Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following Knights who have birthdays in January: Bruce Fujan - 2<sup>nd</sup> ; Mark Schluttner - 4<sup>th</sup> ; Joseph DiCecco - 5<sup>th</sup> ; Steve Nowakowski - 6<sup>th</sup> ; Greg Laughland - 7<sup>th</sup> ; Jim Decker - 8<sup>th</sup> ; Kevin Coughlin - 13<sup>th</sup> ; Mark Koch - 14<sup>th</sup> ; Don Ahlstrom - 19<sup>th</sup> ; Tom Fox - 22<sup>nd</sup> ; Larry Burgart - 22<sup>nd</sup> ; Brent Samb - 24<sup>th</sup> ; Al Faupel - 25<sup>th</sup> ; Mark Pfeifer - 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **In Memorium**

In memory of family members of Knights who have recently passed away:

Ken Loechler, father of Dave Loechler.

JoAnne Johnson, mother of Scott Johnson.

We apologize if we missed any family members, please let us know so that we may include them in future newsletters.

### **Hope Lodge Presentation**

The December meeting was preceded by a 30 minute presentation by Joan Rose, a representative of Hope Lodge. Hope Lodge is a home away from home for cancer patients in Rochester for treatment. The local committee needed to raise 2.5 million dollars and has only \$140,000 to go. The structure is well under way and should be completed in February. All Hope Lodges in the country are debt free when they open and the American Cancer Society provides all operating costs. Patients (guests) pay nothing! There are 28 rooms and large common areas. The Hope Lodge is at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW.

JC Penney has provided much assistance to the Hope Lodge and has provided the use of their Wedding Registry for people to donate the bedding, etc. needed to furnish the facility.

## *The December Meeting*

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1998.

Submitted by Larry Burgart

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Tom Sand at 8:00 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes of the previous meeting, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1998, were approved.

## *Officer's Reports*

### **Grand Knight Report: Tom Sand**

Tom will be attending the mid-winter meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis Park.

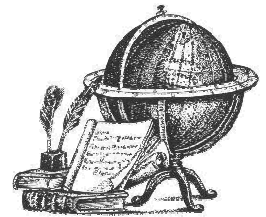
An interest survey will be coming out with dues invoices early in 1999. The 1998 interest survey was very successful, matching individuals' interests with projects, saving calling time and spreading effort across the council. Please make an effort to complete them!

### **Financial Secretary's Report: Jim Decker**

The general balance is \$7000. A special account for a parish storage shed (from 1997 Rochesterfest) has \$4000.

\$171.38 was spent on Bibles for the Embers program.

We lost 6 members in 1998. One was a transfer to Council #1013, 4 moved out of town, and 1 dropped.



## *Director's Reports*

### **Membership: Dave Hubka**

A 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony will be held by one of the Rochester councils early in January. Call Dave Hubka or Tom Sand if you have a candidate. (Editors Note: This will be at our January meeting.)

Several candidates' names were read for approval of future enrollment: Jeffrey Fague, John Attinelle, Raymond Wiest, Richard Goetzman and John Wald.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is an extremely important fundraiser in April with proceeds going to local organizations for the support of

developmentally disabled individuals. Dave Hubka has organized and grown this by himself for several years. Additional volunteers are needed to help organize this effort.

### **Church Activities: Tom Sand for Frank Vondrashek**

Christmas Anonymous - The KC's enthusiastically agreed to participate in this program again this year. Frank passes along his thanks!

- 1) Basket loading went well the first weekend in December.
- 2) The KTTC toy drive trucks got unloaded.
- 3) Our slots at the Christmas Anonymous store are totally staffed this weekend.

Toys for Tots - several KC's have been helping with this Marine Corps Christmas charity by collecting toys from the drop sights in the evening.

The KC family mass will be held April 11 at 11am. Mark your calendar!

A pitch was made for direct deposit to even out church donations.

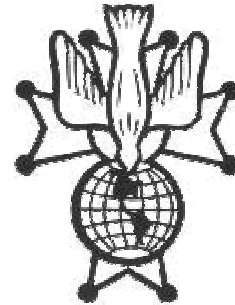
### **Council Activities: Tom Sand for Mike Madden**

The date is not yet set for the KC Spring Dinner.

### **Youth Activities: DeWayne Gallenberg**

The youth free throw contest will take place January 24<sup>th</sup>.

DeWayne invited anyone interested to participate in caroling for cancer patients Tuesday, December 15, 6:30pm. Singers meet in dining room 6 at Methodist Hospital. KCs provide funding for the Santa and Mrs. Claus costumes.



## ***New Business***

### **Hope Lodge**

A committee will coordinate efforts to help with furniture assembly and settling in when things come together in early March (refer to above article). Gary Benike, Brad Brech, Jim Decker, Tom Sand and Tim Tracy will head this effort. Again note the JC Penney plug in the Hope Lodge article if you are interested in making a personal donation. Contact Brad if you would like to help.

A \$250 donation was approved to the Hope Lodge from the general fund.

### **North Korea Starvation Alleviation Program**

DeWayne Gallenberg made a brief presentation about the devastation in North Korea and one individual's efforts to alleviate some of the starvation occurring throughout the country. A national program is being organized to buy and ship dairy goats that will be owned by individual families.

A \$250 donation was approved to the North Korea starvation alleviation program from the general fund.

### **Donation**

Dave Hubka donated \$50 in appreciation for the help that he received from brother Knights when his house flooded last summer.

### **Donation Guidelines**

A preliminary discussion was initiated and left open as to the eventual development of guidelines for types and levels of donations from the council to various organizations. Members are encouraged to think about this topic for future discussions.

### **February meeting - Light Night with the Knights PLUS!**

This will be a social meeting with wives/guests welcome. 7-9pm.

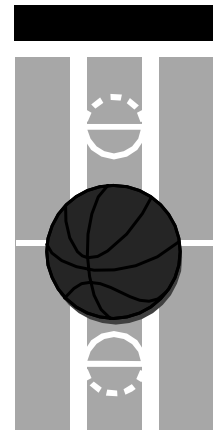
### **Prayers for special intentions and the Good of the Order**

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper and Sister Jane.  
For Scott Johnson's mother who is ill.  
Grand Knight Tom Sand offered closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned.



*Knights of Columbus  
Free-Throw  
Contest*



*January 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Setup-6:30pm Registration  
Holy Spirit Gym*

Connect with monthly meetings  
Please come to the Council First Degree and Meeting  
Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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