



The Knights Flame



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Grand Knight Message

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's golf tournament on September 24th. Everyone had a great time. The effort put forth by so many Knights was evident to those who attended the event. In fact, Diane Schwinghammer (Our Catholic Schools Superintendent) mentioned that her husband thought it was a very well organized event and he even felt a "Spirit" there, that he has not felt at other golf events. So thanks again to all who helped out.

I want to remind everyone that our fall recruitment drive is underway. Mailings to all eligible members of Holy Spirit will go out in early October inviting them to join the Knights of Columbus. We'll then use the last two Sundays in October for pulpit announcements to personally invite men to join the Knights. If you know of anyone that would like to join the Knights please let myself or John Lawson know. Did you know that the biggest reason that someone does not join the Knights is that they have never been asked? So please ask a friend to join the Knights. You may be asked to explain what the Knights are and what they do. The book you were given "The Men They Call Knights" will do a good job of explaining this for you. As far as what we do, just telling them about a number of our events (Tootsie Roll Drive, Spirit Run, Golf Tournament, Family picnic, building cabinets, putting together furniture, etc.) and how they help the church, school and community would be a good answer. You may be even asked why you joined the Knights. There is no one answer for this question as it may be different for each one of us. In my case, I saw it as a way in which I could easily work with others in the church for the common goal of helping out the church and school. I also saw the Knights as a way of meeting and getting to know other men and their families. I am happy to say that for me, both of my goals for joining the Knights were satisfied.

Before I sign off, I'd like to thank a few Knights for stepping up and volunteering their services for some upcoming projects. Thanks to Al Faupel for being our contact with Father on getting the shed built. Thanks to Dave Nissen for working with Habitat for Humanity and finding a Saturday where the Knights can help with the finishing work on a house or two. And thanks to Tim Tracy who will get the Pennies for Seminarians campaign off the ground. Thanks again to all of you for all you do.

In God's Love,
Jeff Block
Grand Knight

Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Jim Decker

Jim is a charter member of Holy Spirit Parish and KC Council #11460. Jim is the only Financial Secretary we've ever had and we all pray to God he never quits his post! The Financial Secretary is a very busy organizational position, which Jim handles in an unbelievably efficient manner. Jim is a long time IBMer. Jim and his wife Barb have 6 children, including 2 daughters with 1999 weddings.



Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to the following Knights who have birthdays in October:

Mitchell Dahl, Phil Germann, Ryan Kemmerick, Steve Kluck, John Laivell, Kevin Rademacher, David Rossman, and John Wilke.

Calendar of Events

Columbus Day Observed.....	Monday, October 11 th
Officers' Meeting	Thursday, October 14 th , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, October 14 th , 7:30 p.m.
Lourdes Auction	Saturday, October 23 rd
“Make a Difference Day”	Saturday, October 23 rd
Recruitment Sunday	Sunday, October 24 th
Knights Flame Deadline	Friday, October 28 th
Spirit Run.....	Saturday, October 30 th
Feast of All Saints.....	Monday, November 1 st
Election Day	Tuesday, November 2 nd
Veteran’s Day.....	Thursday, November 11 th
Officers' Meeting	Thursday, November 11 th , 6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting	First Degree
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 25 th

In Memorium

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

Howard Swanek – Father-in-law of Dave Dykstal who passed away Thursday, September 30th.

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

Knights of Columbus Jackets

Submitted by John Lawson

Here’s your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Knights of Columbus quilt lined nylon jacket. Cost for the jacket is \$54, which includes your name and small KC logo on the chest. You can buy a wool jacket for \$110. Both are navy with gold trim, the Holy Spirit School colors. If you would like a large embroidered KC logo on the back, the cost is an additional \$25.

Call John Lawson at 289-7006 to order.

Holy Spirit K.C.’s Pancake Breakfast Thanks

Submitted by Brad Brech



Thanks to all that worked and attended the pancake breakfast on September 19th. We were able to raise \$430 for the National Catholic Youth Conference attendees! The youth did a great job helping out, and we received many positive comments. Also special thanks to those that stayed to scrub down the kitchen, Carrie the school cook also extends many thanks. A note to John "Benni Hanna" Lawson, we're docking your pay to cover the equipment damages. We're sure a celebrity like you can afford it.

Thanks also to the pancake committee for your work, and I also invite anyone interested to join our team, to help plan our next breakfast, which is November 21st. Our November event will be used to help defray costs of the parish retreat.

Please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229 or Mike Madden at 281-3177 if you are interested in joining the breakfast team.

Holy Spirit School Cabinets

Submitted by Tom Sand



As many of you know, Holy Spirit Catholic School was expanded again this past year. With expansion, comes more furniture. The Knights have built many of the teacher cabinets and books shelves used in the classrooms. This time around only teacher cabinets were needed. After a little discussion, it was decided to complete all the teacher cabinets needed for the school, not just the two needed this year (one for the new 4th grade and one for the 8th grade). This meant six teacher cabinets would be needed to complete the K-8 school. Six cabinets may not sound like much. But when you consider that each cabinet uses 4 1/2 sheets of 4 x 8 oak plywood, six cabinets quickly becomes twenty-seven sheets oak plywood. Thanks to Mike Koranda, Tom Dylla, Mike Madden, Dave Nissen, Steve Nelson, Greg Rowekamp, Pat McCarthy, Rich Dettinger, Steve Kunkel, Jeff Block,

Larry Burgart and Eric Van Norman. Many of these Knights worked more than one shift, thanks to all of them for volunteering. 150 man-hours were expended to complete this project. If you get to Holy Spirit School, you can check out the Knights handy work in the classrooms.

Golf Tournament Summary

Submitted by Jeff Block



The 4th annual Knights of Columbus golf tournament was held on Friday, September 24th. For the 4th year in a row it turned out to be a beautiful day. We had 23 four-somes register this year (89 golfers). A great time was had by all during the tournament and afterwards during the great steak dinner. We served 91 people for dinner as a few of the knights wives joined in the fun. The tournament this year netted just over \$1,600. This total would not be possible without our many hole sponsors. Four of our very own knights deserve special thanks in sponsoring a hole for our tournament - James Lehman, Mike Madden, Bill Oertli, and Duane Price. It should also be noted that Mike's wife Susan also sponsored a hole. Thanks Susan!

The top golfing honors this year went to team Haugen's Hackers. The winning score again this year was an incredible 14 under par. Unfortunately Hack and Slash (last years winners) were unable to match last years total. Their score last year wasn't a fluke, however, as Lawson's team shot a 60 this year and finished 2nd.

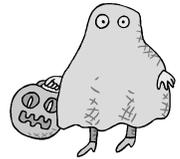
A big thanks go out to many Knights who helped make this great day possible. A special thanks goes out to Tom Dube who single handedly produced about one fourth of the door prizes given away. Thanks Tom!!

5th Annual Spirit Run and Festival



Plans are underway for the 5th Annual Spirit Run and Festival to be held at Holy Spirit on October 30th, 1999. Many volunteers are needed each year to make this event a success! Please consider helping out. More information will be available at the October Council meeting.

If you would like to help, please contact Larry Burgart at 288-5227.



E-mail Address List

The Knights are compiling a current list of names and phone numbers. We would also like to include e-mail addresses. If you have an e-mail address and would like it added to the list, please e-mail me at kf0s@att.net.

Farewell and Blessings to Father Dominic

On October 14th, Father Dominic will be returning to Ghana. We wish him well and thank him for his guidance and support of our projects.

Presentations

Two presentations were made before the September Council meeting.

Rochester Habitat for Humanity

Judy Wasser presented on behalf of Rochester Habitat for Humanity (HH). The HH philosophy centers on giving a helping hand, not a handout. Houses are built by community volunteers with professional guidance and sweat equity from the eventual habitant. 4000 hours are put in per house. Worldwide, 34 houses per day are finished. Since 1991, 15 houses have been finished in Rochester. Houses 16 & 17 are being built now. One house (#2) was donated back to the program by the original recipient. House #18 is planned yet for 1999. The goal is to grow the program 20% per year. At 20-22 houses the program becomes financially self-sufficient. The family "buying" the house gets a 0% interest mortgage.

You can get involved in Habitat for Humanity by helping with construction, but there are also many non-construction jobs including committees, organization, recruiting, providing lunch, shoveling snow and praying.

Get involved by calling one of the following people:

Volunteer Coordinator: Allison Benike, 252-0849

Lunch Coordinator: Pat Taylor, 281-1892

Fundraising HH office, 252-0849

Judy Wasser, 285-0953

Website: www.rah.org



Saint Joseph's Covenant Keepers

Mike Kelley spoke on behalf of the St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers. This national group, analogous to Catholic Promise Keepers, is holding a Men's Conference entitled Christian Fatherhood by Steve Wood. This will be held October 12th, 7-9:30 (I think at Resurrection Church, but double check this before you go!).

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September General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held September 9th, 1999.

Submitted by Larry Burgart

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Jeff Block at 8:10 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes from the previous meeting, August 12th, 1999, were approved.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Block

Thank you's were received from several organizations for past help and donations: PossAbilities (John Flanders), Ronald McDonald House (Kim Cluck), mass servers (Kathleen & Megan Coughlin), Catholic Aid Association (Cheri Rowenkamp), Holy Spirit School (teaching staff).

A letter was read from Dave Hubka, a member who is presently in Germany for an extended period with his family on a work assignment. Dave contributed his recruitment points, which the council can use to "buy" items from Supreme.

Newsletters from the Minnesota State KCs and Supreme KCs were circulated.

Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Over the last month, the council had receipts of \$1295 (mainly from the golf tournament) and expenses of \$364.61 (golf tournament and server appreciation event).
2. As of June 30th, 1999 our council has approximately \$5000 in cash assets.
3. Two members have withdrawn from the council, Mark Koch and Charlie Lancaster.

Director's Reports

Church: Frank Vondrashek

1. An update was presented on the final payment from our council toward the parish athletic fields.
2. Thanks offered to the participants for the server appreciation day.
3. The men's choir does not have a practice currently scheduled but a notice for one will be coming this fall.
4. Discussions regarding KC involvement in building a parish storage shed continue.

Membership & Recruitment: John Lawson

1. A First Degree ceremony is planned for our November meeting, November 11th, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Recruitment Sunday is October 24th.

Old Business

1. The Golf tournament is September 24th at Northern Hills. Room is still available for late sign ups.
2. Stainless steel table for large coffeemaker is being fashioned under direction of Brad Brech.
3. KC logo coats. Contact John Lawson (jlawdds@aol.com or 289-7006) if you're interested.
4. The Pancake breakfast is September 19th and will benefit the Holy Spirit Youth Group as they plan a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in St. Louis.

New Business

1. Bob Loechler, on behalf of the Holy Spirit prayer committee, requested proceeds from a pancake breakfast in support of the parish retreat. As background, the retreat costs \$130 per couple. This year to keep cost from being an issue, the prayer

committee is charging a \$25 deposit and taking good will offerings after the retreat. A motion was made and approved to provide a pancake breakfast in partial support of this project.

2. Bill Reiland is the coordinator for the Marathon for Nonpublic Education, which will be held October 2nd. Volunteers can contact Bill (breiland@gateway.net or 281-2549).
3. David Nissen is coordinating a KC weekend sometime this fall or early winter to work on a Habitat for Humanity project. Interested individuals should contact David (nissen.david@mayo.edu or 252-1096).
4. Larry Burgart is coordinating the Spirit Run the morning of October 30th, 1999. Volunteers can contact Larry (ljburgart@home.com or 288-5227).
5. \$100 was approved in support of a state fair booth by the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.
6. \$400 was approved to support a portion of the DARE program hosted by the Sheriff's department at Holy Spirit school.
7. It was agreed to provide some form of financial support for Chris DeRienzo, a Lourdes graduate who is a student at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at St. Mary's College. Discussions are ongoing on appropriate ways to get parish wide support of this mission.

Prayers for Special Intentions and the Good of the Order

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, and Sister Jane
For Larry Burgart's Uncle Clayton undergoing bypass surgery
For Jeff Block's Aunt Evelyn battling terminal cancer
For the family of Katie Poirer

Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.



The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the rosary. Proper praying of the rosary can make the life of Christ very personal to us and can focus our personal lives into his mystery.

Generally speaking, the fifteen decades of the rosary touch three very significant elements of our lives, namely our home and family life (Joyful Mysteries); the heart-ache and suffering in our lives (Sorrowful Mysteries); and the meaning of our existence (Glorious Mysteries).

The five joyful mysteries relate to the very human and family experience of all of us. The expecting of a child; two expectant mothers meeting and sharing; the birth of a child; a dedication of an infant to God; and joy over a lost child who has been found.

The sorrowful mysteries call attention to the inevitable pain or anguish that is in every human life; be it physical pain, mental and emotional strain, a broken heart or disappointment. Meditating on these mysteries makes us sensitive to all human cruelty. It makes us able to face our own death.

The glorious mysteries settle us into the deeper mysteries of Christ and of our own mysteries. Christ's victory over evil and death; His dependence on His Mystical Body; the Holy Spirit as the Sanctifier and Effector of a renewed world; Mary as the first Christian garnered into glory as a model for us.

The 7th of October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. October is the month of the rosary. The rosary itself, well prayed, is the daily meditation that brings God's mystery into our daily lives and our daily mysteries into God's eternal one.

Jim McLaughlin, Deacon
State Church/Vocations Director





Spirit Run and Family Festival



October 30th, 9:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit School

5K Run • 10K Run • Family Fun Walk • Games • Food

Connect with monthly meetings
Please come to the next Council Meeting
Thursday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m.

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