



# The Knights Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

I want to thank John Lawson for a very successful membership drive over the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup>. It looks like we'll be welcoming around 13 or more members to our council either on November 4<sup>th</sup> or soon after. We appreciate all the hard work John put into this. A great big thank you also goes out to Larry Burgart who once again pulled off another exciting Spirit Run. Thanks to the many Volunteers who made this event a great time for all. One of our next big efforts will be for Christmas Anonymous. Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker will need many of the Knights to help out this year with the toy store (New and Used) on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot help out that day itself, there is much to do prior to the event as well. If you can help out, give either Jim or Frank a call.

I want to thank all of you for the many prayers for my wife's Aunt Evelyn. She finally lost her fight with Cancer on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. She was one of the greatest women I have ever met. Cheri felt as close to her as she does her own mother and will miss her very much. I ask that you continue to keep Cheri and the rest of Evelyn's family in your prayers as we all begin to deal with her loss. Thanks.

In God's Love,  
Jeff Block  
Grand Knight

## Get-To-Know-A-Knight: John Lawson

John has been in Rochester for 8 years and works as an Orthodontist on North Broadway. John has a beautiful family including his wife Maureen, daughter Megan (1<sup>st</sup> grade at Holy Spirit) and son Johnny, a preschooler. John is in the process of building a home in a new northern subdivision. John says he likes FLYFISHING, golf and the Knights. John has done a great job as Membership & Recruitment director.



## Birthday Celebrations



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

Pete Herold, Dave Hubka, Joe Kocer, Mike Koranda, Steve Kunkel, Kevin Lenz, Dan Moravec, Bill Reiland, Pete Schommer, Father Tupper, and Kevin Weber.

## 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](mailto:kf0s@att.net).

## Calendar of Events

Feast of All Saints.....	Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Feast of All Souls.....	Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Election Day .....	Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Officers' Meeting <b>NOTE DATE/TIME CHANGE</b> .....	Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting <b>NOTE DATE/TIME CHANGE</b> ..First Degree .....	Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Veteran's Day.....	Thursday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of Christ the King .....	Sunday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast .....	Holy Spirit Gym .....
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>
Knights Flame Deadline .....	Friday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>
First Sunday of Advent.....	Sunday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	Wednesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Officers' Meeting .....	Thursday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Thursday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Christmas .....	Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>

### In Memorium

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

Evelyn Brace – Aunt of Cheri Block who passed away Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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*

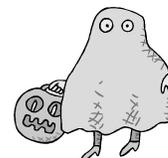
Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Knights of Columbus quilt lined nylon jacket. Cost for the jacket is \$54, which includes your name and small KC logo on the chest. You can buy a wool jacket for \$110. Both are navy with gold trim, the Holy Spirit School colors. If you would like a large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

*Call John Lawson at 289-7006 to order.*

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit Run and Festival



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit Run and Festival has proved to be another SUCCESS! Thanks to those who helped and/or participated in this year's event. More info on this year's event should be in next month's newsletter.



### Holy Spirit K.C.'s Pancake Breakfast



The Holy Spirit Knights will be having another pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now, and stop by that Sunday for a great breakfast.

*Please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229 or Mike Madden at 281-3177 if you are interested in joining the breakfast team and help with this or future pancake breakfasts.*

### Special Events Among Knights and Their Families

Congratulations to Amma Aning, daughter of Francis Aning, who was crowned Century High School Homecoming Queen.

## Knight of Columbus Christmas Anonymous Activity

*Submitted by Frank Vondrashek*

Do you ever feel that Christmas has gone too commercial? Are you as frustrated as I am by the crowds at the mall during the Christmas shopping season? Do you think folks have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas? Christmas Anonymous can show you the meaning of Christmas once again.

There are two activities open for volunteers to help in the Spirit of Christmas. The first is helping to load food baskets (boxes) for delivery to seniors and shut-ins. The second is helping to hand out new toys at the Christmas Anonymous 'Store'. Both of these activities are very worthwhile and rewarding. I've been involved with Christmas Anonymous for 8 years and look forward to it each year because it reminds me that giving is the spirit of Christmas. This year Jim Decker is also coordinating workers for the used toy section of the 'store'

Sun. 12/6/99 Loading Food Baskets for delivery.  
Assisi Heights - 2 times, 2 folks/timeframe

Sat. 12/11/99 Helping with the 'Store' (New toys or Used toys), Loading Cars, Cleanup.  
Christ United Methodist Church - Morning/Afternoon, 30+ folks/timeframe

Any questions, call Frank Vondrashek at 281-3051 or via e-mail at [frankvo@ibm.net](mailto:frankvo@ibm.net)

### Happiness

*Author unknown*

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married,  
have a baby, then another.  
Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are older.  
After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with.  
We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage.  
We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together,  
when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice vacation,  
when we retire, or when we have more money.  
The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now.

If not now, when?

Your life will always be filled with challenges.  
It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.  
One of my favorite quotes is from Alfred D. Souza. He said  
"for a long time it seemed to me that life was always about to begin --- real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. Then it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life"

This perspective helped me to see there is no way to happiness.  
Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment you have.  
And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time,  
and remember, time waits for no one....

So stop waiting until you finish school, until you get back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or house, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you sobered up, until you die to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy.....

Happiness is the journey, not the destination.

Thought for the day: Work like you don't need money. Love like you've never hurt and dance like no one's watching.

# ***Knights of Columbus Council #11460***

## ***October General Business Meeting***

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

*Submitted by Larry Burgart*

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Jeff Block at 7:34 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes from the previous meeting, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999, were approved.

### ***Officer's Reports***

#### **Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Block**

1. The November meeting will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> (FIRST Thursday) to accommodate Holy Spirit School parent-teacher conferences November 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. Jeff passed around newsletters from a) KC Supreme Council, b) The Vocal Knight from Rochester KC Council #1013 and c) ARC - an area organization dedicated to the developmentally handicapped who receive funds from our Tootsie Roll Drive.
3. Two of our council activities were honored to receive consideration at the KC National Meeting for 1999.
4. Information was distributed about the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild, a group of devoted volunteers working for canonization of the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Information is available from Grand Knight Jeff Block or District Deputy Ken Mueller.
5. St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers held a rally in Rochester Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Block attended and spoke briefly about the pro-Catholic pro-family presentation. Check out their website [www.dads.org](http://www.dads.org).
6. Our monthly meeting room will ALWAYS be room 205 in the Holy Spirit School.

#### **District Deputy Report: Ken Mueller**

1. Ken presented the KC Star Council award for 1998-99 to past Grand Knight Tom Sand. This award is in recognition for reaching goals in a broad range of council activities, including our projects, recruitment and insurance members.
2. Ken discussed a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremony yet this year in Rochester. A date was not set but 1st degree members of our council should anticipate this important step.

#### **Financial Secretary: Jim Decker**

1. Over the last month, the council had receipts of \$5549 (golf tourney and pancake breakfast) and expenses of \$5903.48 (golf tournament, pancake breakfast, state dues, youth group support, picnic, postage).
2. The net proceeds from the golf tournament reached nearly \$1700.

### ***Director's Reports***

#### **Membership & Recruitment: John Lawson**

1. A First Degree ceremony is planned for our November meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE this date changed to the FIRST Thursday.
2. Recruitment Sunday is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass mailings have been sent to all non-KC men in our parish. Jeff Block will make a pulpit invitation at each mass. John Lawson and Jeff will be available in the Narthex after masses to provide information and sign up candidates.
3. Five members have dropped during the last year.

#### **Church: Frank Vondrashek**

\$1300 has been donated for the maintenance of Guenther Field.

#### **Council Activities Director: Tim Tracy (Jeff Block presenting)**

Pennies for Seminarians will be kicked off sometime this winter. The plan is to invite a seminary student to address the parish. A "coin jar" of some type will be placed in the Narthex for ongoing collection of donations.

## ***Old Business***

### **Golf Tournament**

Golf tournament, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Northern Hills. Approximately \$1700 was raised for the council on a beautiful day. Jeff was congratulated for his successful efforts. The date is tentatively set for the third Friday in September 2000 (September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000). Everyone is encouraged to recruit golfers to participate next year. LET'S FILL THE FIELD!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit Run**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit Run will take place October 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999. There has been tremendous pre-registration and everyone available is needed to help that morning.

### **KC Logo coats**

Contact John Lawson ([jlawdds@aol.com](mailto:jlawdds@aol.com)) if you're interested. The first batch should be ready soon. Another order can be made anytime.

### **Marathon for Non-Public Education**

The Marathon for Non-public Education took place October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill Reiland coordinated our council's efforts. Numerous KCs worked at the event.

## ***New Business***

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Desk upgrade at Holy Spirit School**

Discussion was led by John Lawson regarding an identified need with 1<sup>st</sup> grade desks. The desks were put together with standard-issue slanted configuration. This has turned out to be problematic for these young students although it works well for older students. The desks can be made level by changing one \$23 part. There are 45 desks. A motion carried to provide the labor to change these parts, and pay half the costs. The Home and School Association and school will be contacted regarding the balance of the costs.

### **Christmas Anonymous**

Christmas Anonymous. As in past years, our council is supporting this community wide effort to help the less fortunate at Christmas. Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker are each playing a key roll in the effort. The major volunteer opportunity is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> when Christ United Church is turned into a huge "Christmas store" for qualified individuals. There will be morning and afternoon shifts with many hands needed. If you want additional information, or if you want to volunteer at a different time, contact Frank Vondrashek ([frankvo@ibm.net](mailto:frankvo@ibm.net)).

### **Pancake Breakfast**

The next breakfast is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Prayers for Special Intentions and the Good of the Order***

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, and Sister Jane,  
For Jeff Clock's Aunt Evelyn battling terminal cancer,  
For Larry Burgart's friend Millie Kolbet who had heart surgery,  
For Brad Brech's friend's dad with terminal cancer.

Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.



The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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# Happy Thanksgiving



Connect with monthly meetings

Please come to the Council First Degree and Meeting  
Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE)  
Holy Spirit School - Room 205

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