



The Knights Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday and that all was well with you and your families. Christmas is fast approaching and we'll once again be taking some time to spend with our families and other loved ones. For all of you who are driving please be careful so that you arrive at your destination and return back to Rochester safely. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In this Christmas spirit I'd like to thank Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker for all of the good work they are doing with Christmas Anonymous. If any of you have not been contacted yet about helping out, I am sure that Jim and Frank will not turn down any additional help. Please give them a call and volunteer some of that Christmas Spirit.

Don't forget that we'll be having our annual "Light up for Christ" night on Tuesday, December 7th at Holy Spirit Church. We'll once again be lighting up the nativity scene in the boulevard in the church driveway. Please bring your families as this has been a favorite for all ages over the past 4 years. Cookies and punch will be served in the Church narthex before and after the lighting. My thanks to Frank Vondrashek for once again setting up this event and to Tom Sand for taking on the duties of making sure the nativity scene is in place and ready for the evening.

I also have a belated thank you to Brad Brech who took advantage of some IBM remodeling earlier this year to cut up some pieces of carpeting to be placed into the Holy Spirit School lockers. This carpeting should keep the lockers free from snow melt which would lead to rusting. Brad took on this project on his own and represented the Knights well. This kind of activity is exactly what the Knights are all about. Thanks again Brad!!

Once again, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jeff Block
Grand Knight



Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Bill Oertli

Bill is a charter member of the KC Council # 11460, and has been our treasurer the entire time. Bill is a CPA and has an accounting firm on the Highway 52 frontage road just south of 55th street (he is a great tax man and accountant!). Bill and his beautiful wife Mary have 5 children who attend school at Lourdes, St. Pius and Holy Spirit.



Birthday Celebrations

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

Daniel Brossoit, Tom Dube, Steve Felton, Richard Goetzman, Don Hoerle, Scott Johnson, John Mcquire, Roy Musselman, Mark Sawyer, Bryan Talik, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Chet Welle, Steve Wasz, and Michael Yaszemski.

Welcome New Knights

We would like to welcome the newest members to Holy Spirit Council #11460. Participants in the 1st Degree on November 4th: Pat Blum, Paul Daley, Tom Hunt, Pat Mulligan, Thomas Poterucha, and Mark Sawyer.

Welcome to the recent transfers to our council: Dennis Clark, and Scott Helt.

Calendar of Events

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| Lighting of Nativity Scene | Holy Spirit..... | Tuesday, December 7 th , 8:00 p.m. |
| Feast of the Immaculate Conception..... | | Wednesday, December 8 th |
| Officers' Meeting | | Thursday, December 9 th , 7:00 p.m. |
| Council Meeting | | Thursday, December 9 th , 7:30 p.m. |
| Christmas | | Saturday, December 25 th |
| Knights Flame Deadline | | Thursday, December 30 th |
| Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God | | Saturday, January 1 st , 2000 |
| Officers' Meeting | | Thursday, January 13 th , 7:00 p.m. |
| Council Meeting | | Thursday, January 13 th , 7:30 p.m. |

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 to all who worked at and attended the pancake breakfast on November 21st. The money raised from this breakfast went to the Parish Retreat Fund.

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

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.

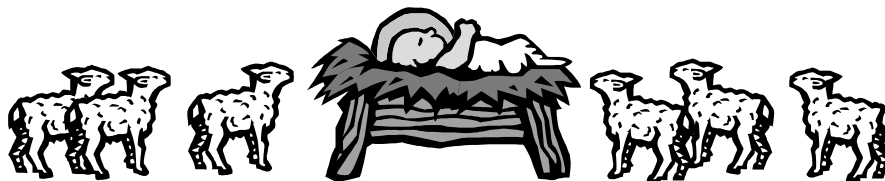
There are two activities open for volunteers to help in the Spirit of Christmas. The first is helping to load food baskets (boxes) for delivery to seniors and shut-ins. The second is helping to hand out new toys at the Christmas Anonymous 'Store'. Both of these activities are very worthwhile and rewarding. 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. 12/5/99 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 frankvo@ibm.net, or Jim Decker at 282-5227.





Toys for Tots

Submitted by Frank Vondrashek

Toy's for Tot's has a real need for people to help pick up toys and other donations. The items to be picked up are at various spots around town from now until Christmas. Any questions, call Frank Vondrashek at 281-3051 or frankvo@ibm.net.

Holy Spirit School Furniture

Submitted by Frank Vondrashek

The Knights were called upon to help out recently for a unique opportunity to serve our school. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) wanted to donate some office furniture to Holy Spirit School, but there was a limited time in which to move it.

Dick Goetzman made the call to the Knights on Friday and by the following Tuesday evening he and 7 other Knights were moving several desks, credenzas, bookcases and some tables. The whole lot filled up a 24-foot truck rented for the event and the entire move was done from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Thanks to the following Knights for helping: Brad Brech, Tom Dube, Al Faupel, Richard Goetzman, Steve Kluck, Jerome Lensing, Frank Vondrashek and Steve Wasz.



The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice - that time of the year when the sun reaches its southern most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all the usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls. There they waited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun - the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life" the nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for his saving birth.



Spirit Run '99

Basketball Uniforms & DARE

Unbelievable! We continue to be amazed at how the people of Holy Spirit pull together in work and play each Halloween for this event. Many thanks to all the families and runners who worked, ran, played and ate candy at the Spirit Run last Saturday! The many volunteers and parents produced an atmosphere of fun for the children and warmth for the runners while raising funds for our youth. A few items to note:

- Over 400 registered participants
- 221 runners finished the 5k or 10k runs
- 38 1k runners led by Jim and Tracie Daly (a soggy success!)
- 60+ volunteers including many of the older Holy Spirit students
- 70 dozen homemade cookies, 300 bananas, 50 BIG bags of candy
- 320+ T-shirts
- 4 trophies, 72 medals
- Great hot dog & chili lunch provided by youth group
- Only one fire alarm and two evacuations
- NINE Holy Spirit students finished the 5k run – CONGRATULATIONS!

| NAME | Age | Time |
|-----------------|-----|-------|
| John Sand | 12 | 23:37 |
| Joseph Cossette | 11 | 25:57 |
| Tim Burgart | 11 | 26:43 |
| Zach Loken | 11 | 29:21 |
| Jennifer Flynn | 11 | 30:37 |
| Jena Block | 12 | 31:23 |
| Katie Ross | 11 | 31:41 |
| Maggie Burgart | 9 | 35:23 |
| Jessica Sand | 9 | 35:24 |

- Many creative costumes, awarded as below:

| Age Group | Winner | Costume | Prize |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Grades K-4 | Nicole Bowers | hippie | Shopko \$10 |
| Grades 5-8 | Catherine Smith | Brittney Spears | Shopko \$10 |
| Young adult | Kevin Hagen | waiter | Target \$20 |
| Adult | Linda Brech | gypsy | Rockin' Bobbin \$20 |

Spirit Run '2000 will be held Saturday, October 28th. We hope to continue to have more children in the running events. The “grown up” runners who come from around Minnesota, Iowa & Wisconsin love the youth and community of Holy Spirit School and Parish. It is rare at a running event to have so many runners hang around for so long afterwards (maybe it's just the cookies!). The 1k run around the athletic fields is the perfect intro into the running events.

A benefactor donated \$2 for each child running in the 5k or 1k - \$94 total. Over \$2000 was raised in total and will be used for junior high basketball uniforms and to fund a significant portion of the DARE program.

Again, thanks to everyone. Special thanks to the planning committee from the Knights of Columbus: Jeff Block, Jim Buntrock, Duane Price, Tom Sand, and Eric Van Norman.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Duane Price of Stone Barn Dentistry, Tod Bellrichard of Appliance Village, Bill Oertli CPA, Sheri White of Carpet One, Coca Cola, and Norwest Bank.

Sincerely,

Larry and Julie Burgart

Editor's Note: Thanks to Larry and Julie for their leadership and hard work they do in putting the Spirit Run together. Without their leadership and hard work, the Spirit Run would not be the SUCCESS that it is. THANK YOU Larry and Julie!

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

November General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held November 4th, 1999.

Submitted by Larry Burgart

Grand Knight Jeff Block called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes from the previous meeting, October 14th, 1999, were approved.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Block

1. A thank you was received from Mary Ann Doyle on behalf of the Holy Spirit Youth Group for the pancake breakfast proceeds they used to aid in their travel to a Catholic youth rally.
2. A 3-step program for families to use in their homes during advent was introduced. The program is called "Open wide the doors of Christ".
3. The annual Catholic Schools Scholarship Banquet will be held March 3rd, 2000. This fundraiser costs \$75 per couple and includes dinner and entertainment. Contact Jeff Block if you are interested (blocker@millcomm.com or 281-5526).
4. Miscellaneous newsletters were circulated.

District Deputy Report: Ken Mueller

1. In September, throughout the United States, there were 323 KC First Degree ceremonies resulting in 1,168 new members.
2. In 1998, the free throw contests sponsored by KC councils throughout the country hosted 232,907 participants!
3. A midwinter meeting will be held for Grand Knights in Minneapolis during December.

Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Minor expenses incurred over the last month were reviewed.

Treasurer: Bill Oertli

1. A year-to-date report of council finances through October 31st was provided. Current assets (cash in bank) are \$6210.61.



Director's Reports

Membership & Recruitment: John Lawson

1. A First Degree ceremony was held before this monthly meeting. Six new members were inducted including Pat Blum, Paul Daley, Tom Hunt, Pat Mulligan, Mark Sawyer, and Tom Poterucha.
2. Candidate names were read for consideration of future induction: Jay Furst, Neil Stiller, Brian Kotajarvi, Stephen Gudgell, Gary Miller, Kris Lake, Jack Lane and Matt Latchum.
3. Individuals sometimes receive recruitment points from the KC Supreme Council for bringing in new members. These points can be used to "purchase" KC related items (e.g. stationary). Several Knights in our council have donated their points for the benefit of the council. If any other Knights have recruitment points they would like to donate contact John Lawson (jlawdds@aol.com or 289-7006).

Church: Frank Vondrashek (in absentia)

1. December 7th is the annual "Light up for Christ" date. At 8:00 p.m. all families are welcome to join in the lighting of Holy Spirit Nativity Scene. Refreshments will be served.

Youth Director: DeWayne Gallenberg

1. A reminder was provided that the annual free throw contest will be held in January for boys and girls, ages 10-14 (as of January 1st 2000). This event is free with trophies awarded to the gender/age group winners. The winners also advance to a district contest. The free throw contest will be held on a Sunday in January to be determined.

Old Business

1. **First grade desk upgrade:** John Lawson reported that the parts to level the presently slanted 1st grade desks are cheaper than expected (\$10.50 per desk) and the Home and School Association will pay half of the material cost. Therefore, our council will pay less than \$300 and provide labor for replacing this key part. The parts have been ordered.
2. **School library shelves:** Jeff gave an update on the library shelves that our council has assembled over the past 5 months as materials were available. The final assembly was attempted in the past 2 weeks but a couple of pieces were not available for the last shelf, so we are waiting on materials to finish.
3. **KC logo coats:** Baseball-type jackets are \$54 and wool jackets are \$110. This cost includes your name and a small KC logo on the front. For an additional \$25 a large KC logo will be embroidered on the back. Contact John Lawson (jlawdds@aol.com) if you're interested.
4. **Pancake breakfast:** November 21st will benefit the Holy Spirit Retreat Fund. The annual retreat was held this October. The fee for this past year's Parish Retreat was a free will donation. The remaining costs for the retreat are paid from this fundraiser and by the church.
5. **Spirit Run:** This fundraiser for the youth of Holy Spirit was held October 30th at Holy Spirit. Information is provided elsewhere in the newsletter. Over \$2000 was raised which will fund reusable basketball uniforms and the DARE program at Holy Spirit for starters. Many Knights and their families helped with this event. Several council members provided key financial support through sponsorship: Bill Oertli, CPA, Duane Price, dentist and Tod Bellrichard, appliance sales. The following KCs helped at the event (I apologize for missing anyone!!!): Steve Wasz, Mark Schluttner, Jim Decker, Mike Madden, Duane Price, Joe Kluck, Eric Van Norman, Jeff Block, Tom Sand, Tim Tracy, Pat McCarthy, Brad Brech, Maury Zipse, Jerome Lensing, Ray Bressel, Glenn Nelson, Steve Nowakowski, DeWayne Gallenberg, Frank Vondrashek, Pete Bushman, Chuck Mosier, TomDube, Steve Kunkel, and Ryan Kemerick. Many Home and School Association members and parish members also helped. THANK YOU!



New Business

1. **Santa Claus and Caroling:** DeWayne Gallenberg received council approval to fund Santa Claus suits to be used for caroling at the Mayo Clinic oncology inpatient unit on December 14th. The council has helped with this activity under DeWayne's direction for the last couple of years. Any KC is invited to join in the caroling which typically starts at 6:30 p.m. Contact DeWayne (adamant@infonet.isl.net) if you are interested.
2. **Boy Scout Troop:** Tom Poterucha, a scoutmaster at St. John's and a new member in our council, generously offered his assistance in forming a Boy Scout Troop at Holy Spirit. Several other council members have expressed some interest in the past but no meetings have been held. Contact Larry Burgart if you are interested in helping form this new Troop (ljburgart@home.com).
3. **Tootsie Roll Drive:** The annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money for developmentally handicapped will be held April 28th – 30th. This activity raises thousands of dollars and goes totally and directly to the nonprofit organizations providing services to these individuals. The Tootsie Roll drive requires a lot of manpower so please mark these dates on your calendar so you can say YES when called next spring to help.
4. **Rides from airport to Mayo Clinic:** Jeff Block described a service provided by pilots in Kansas City, headed by Don Martin, who provide their time and airplanes to bring needy individuals to the Rochester airport when they are in need of care at the Mayo Clinic. These pilots appropriately call themselves Earth Angels. The issue was raised as to whether our council might be interested in providing transportation from the airport to downtown. The volume is estimated at 0-4 trips per week. The issue was left open for consideration. Contact Jeff Block with questions, comments or interest (blocker@millcomm.com).

Prayers for Special Intentions and the Good of the Order

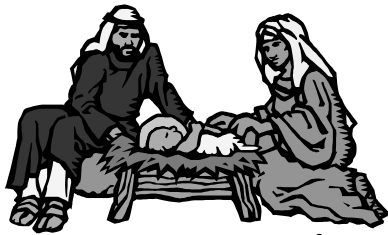
In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, and Sister Jane,
IBM vendors and employees who have lost their jobs or are at risk of doing so (offered by Jeff Block).

Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.



The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Christmas is Christ



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nativity Scene Lighting; Tuesday Dec. 7th 8:00 pm; Holy Spirit
Connect with monthly meetings
Please come to the next Council Meeting
Thursday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School - Room 205

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