



# The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

Now that we are firmly into the year 2000, without any catastrophe's I might add, it is time to think about what your goals are for the Knights this year. I've added a new section to the newsletter this month that lists some areas where we need some people to step up and tackle some projects. Please take some time to look through that section to see if there is some way you can make use of your talents to help the Knights. Don't limit yourself to that list either. If there are any other activities that you really would like to get more involved in the way of organizing/leading such as Pancake breakfasts, the Spirit Run, Roses for Baptism, etc. please give me or the current Knight in charge a call to see how you can be more involved. There is plenty to be done and more that we can do if we get the help. Remember that you also don't have to limit yourself to any existing projects. If you have a new idea for an activity please bring it forward at one of the officers meetings to discuss. Without fellow Knights bringing up their ideas we never would have had the Spirit Run or the golf tournament, two of our biggest annual fund raisers.

Please make sure you take the time to submit your vote for family of the year. This honor will be awarded at our dinner/dance to be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> (*editor's note: this is now March 11<sup>th</sup>*) at Legends. Please get your votes into Pat McCarthy as soon as you can. Speaking of the dinner, please make sure you get your reservations with choice of entree into Mike Madden as soon as you can as well. If you haven't already done so, remember to mark down Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. This will be the annual Catholic Schools Scholarship Banquet. Those of you who have attended in the past will be getting their invites the first week of February. The rest of you will be contacted during February to see if you are interested in attending.

On a final note I would like to let all of the Brother Knights and their family members who worked for Western Digital and lost their jobs that you are in our prayers. Even though the news I've been reading on new jobs sounds promising, it is never easy to lose a job. We wish you all the best in your job search and hope that you all have a choice to remain in the area.

**Jeff Block**  
Grand Knight

### Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Brad Brech

Brad is our Chancellor and he is a very active member. Some of his projects have included taking over the Pancake Breakfasts, Roses for Baptism, and the Hope Lodge effort to name just a few. Brad and his lovely wife Linda are originally from out east. Brad moved here in 1982 to work at IBM. Brad and Linda have two daughters who are in the second and fourth grade here at Holy Spirit School. The Brech family is our current Family of the Year.

### Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to the following Knights who have birthdays in February: Damian Ahlstrom, Larry Bodensteiner, Brad Brech, Mark Brickl, Charles Johnson, John Kalwasinski, Charles Lancaster, David Meyer, John Wald, and Christopher Wood.

### New Council Members

We held a First Degree ceremony during the January General Council Meeting. We had 3 Knights participate in this ceremony and join our council. They were Jack Lane, Gary Miller, and Neil Stiller.

We would like to welcome these newest members of Holy Spirit Council #11460. We are happy to have these men on board and look forward to the new ideas and talents that they bring to our council.

## Calendar of Events

Presentation of the Lord.....		Wednesday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Officers' Meeting .....	Note: Time Change.....	Thursday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting.....	Note: Time Change.....	Thursday, February 10 <sup>h</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Valentine's Day .....		February 14 <sup>th</sup>
Knights Flame Deadline .....		Friday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.....	Holy Spirit Gym .....	Sunday, February 27 <sup>th</sup>
Catholic Schools Scholarship Banquet.....	Regal's Bistro .....	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ash Wednesday .....		March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Officers' Meeting .....		Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting.....		Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Knights' Parish Dinner and Dance .....	Legends .....	March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00 social, 7:00 dinner
St. Patrick's Day .....		March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Founder's Day .....	KC's 117 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ....	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.....	Holy Spirit Gym .....	Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>

### February "Light Night with the Knights"



Bring your spouse or guest and enjoy a "Wine and Cheese Party". This year's "Light Night" is for both of you. Each winter we have an informal get-together consisting of a very short business meeting followed by a social time for all the Knights and guests to get to know each other. Each year it has been a very good time and this February should be the same. If your guest is unable to attend, you are welcome to attend by yourself. Note that we are starting the February meeting at 7:00 p.m.

### Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 at Regal's Bistro (Ramada Inn) on South Broadway. The cost is \$75 per couple or \$40 per single. 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 Jeff Block at 281-5526.



### Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest

*Submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg*



The Council 11460 competition of the International Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Spirit. 39 competitors age 10 to 14 participated. Age group champions who will advance to the district level of competition include Ben Oertli, Sarah Kemmerick, David Timmons, Christine Reiland, Jace Indrelie, Sarah Gallenberg, Steven Crowley, Ann Cronin and Lindsay Jensen. Thank you to all the Knights who helped conduct the championship, and a special thank you to Pat Gallenberg for her assistance with set-up, registration, and organization during the event.

### Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Parish Dinner and Dance

The annual dinner is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at Legends. Social hour will start at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. See the flyer and signup sheet elsewhere in this newsletter.

Life is never so bad at its worst  
that it is impossible to live;  
it is never so good at its best  
that it is easy to live.

**Volunteers/Leaders Needed:**

*Submitted by Jeff Block*

We need to have some Knights step up and take on a couple of projects. If you haven't had a chance to lead a project yet, this would be a good opportunity to get your feet wet.

1. We need someone to prepare a scrapbook for activities held from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999 - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000. This book needs to be done in time for the state convention in mid May. I have existng books and many pictures/items from this past year that you could use. Please contact me if interested.
2. We need someone that can fix up the doublewide library cabinets that were built. These shelves need to have some inserts (15) made to help books from falling off the back end of the shelves.
3. I would like to have someone take on the coordination of the golf tournament. I would, of course, work closely with you on this for the coming year.
4. I would like to have someone work with John Lawson this coming year on membership. John is doing a most excellent job, but I would like to have different members rotate through that job on a three-year cycle. Year one you would train in under the previous membership coordinator, year two it would be yours to own and in year three you train in the next membership coordinator.

Please take time to consider these activities and call me for more information. We continue to need new members to take on these kinds of roles to prepare themselves for future officers positions.

**Minnesota State Council Website**

The Minnesota State Council has a web page at [www.mnknight.org](http://www.mnknight.org) for those of you interested.

**Tootsie Roll Drive Fact:**

The KC state organization orders nearly 20 tons of Tootsie Rolls for the statewide promotion. We average nearly \$125 of donations per case and collect over \$370, 000 to be distributed to Minnesota organizations who work with people with metal retardation.

**Family of the Year Nominations**

It is time to consider nominations for our council's 1999 Family of the Year. The Family Committee is starting the selection process and is looking for nominations.

The major selection criteria is not only service to the Knights of Columbus, but also service to the Holy Spirit Community and the Rochester Area. If you would like to nominate a family, please fill out the form below and send to Pat McCarthy, or give him a call to submit a nomination.

Thanks for your help.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family you wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Brief summary of why you feel this family qualifies for family of the year.

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Send to: Pat McCarthy  
 2129 Valkyrie Court NW  
 Rochester, MN 55901  
 281-0747

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

## ***December General Business Meeting***

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

*Submitted by Jeff Block*

Grand Knight, Jeff Block called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

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

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

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

1. Jeff passed the Supreme convention booklet around. This booklet contained the agenda for the Supreme convention held last August in Minneapolis. The book contained our ads for the Mayo Clinic, Hope Lodge, and The Guest House.
2. The Supreme newsletter and State Newsletters were discussed and passed around the room.
3. Other items distributed for review were the Father McGivney newsletter, The Vocal Knight, The Knights Report, and the Covenant Keepers newsletter.
4. A thank you note was received from Brother Knight Dave Kulzer, thanking us for sending him flowers while he was hospitalized.
5. A Thank you was received from the Holy Spirit teachers for helping get the First Grade desks fixed.
6. A Christmas card was received from ARC. ARC is one of the organizations we support through the Tootsie Roll program.
7. The Catholic Scholarship Banquet will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regal Bistro on South Broadway. Tickets are \$75.00 per couple and \$40.00 per single. Please contact Jeff Block (281-5526) for ticket details.
8. The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Wine and Cheese party to be held at 7:00 in the Commons. Please bring your wife or a guest.
9. A great big thanks went out to Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker for all of their hard work they did for Christmas Anonymous. They did a fantastic Job! Frank and Jim both also sent out a big thanks to all of the Knights who helped them out.
10. There will be major degrees on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lourdes. If you are still a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knight, make sure you plan on attending that day and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees.
11. Jeff discussed several topics from the Mid-Winter meetings held back in December.
  - There was a big emphasis on membership for the year. The membership program for the rest of the year is Y2K (Yes to Knights).
  - Year 2000 degrees are to be dedicated to Father McGivney
    - First Degrees are for Father McGivney the Priest
    - Second Degrees are for Father McGivney the Founder
    - Third Degrees are for Father McGivney the Circle of God
  - Celebrate the Jubilee 2000 with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. Contact Jeff Block if interested.
  - Tim Rothwell will be leaving the SE district and heading off to Duluth to be a field agent.
  - The State golf tourney will be held July 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> in Mankato at the North Links golf course. Details to follow later.
  - 85 % of all Knights of Columbus attend church regularly.

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

1. There is an account balance of close to \$7,000.
2. Jim passed out the monthly bills/receipts.

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

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

1. The next major degree will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lourdes.
2. John Lawson read applications for 4 new members - Matt Lachum, Steve Gudgell, Chris Lake, and Jay First.
3. John mentioned we have over 37,000 membership points that we will use to purchase a Knights of Columbus flag and a road sign.
4. The additional coats that were ordered should be in very shortly.
5. John mentioned that Brad Brech and Phil German helped fix the first grade desks. Thanks!!!
6. Please give any membership listing corrections to Eric Van Norman.
7. The 3 new Knights who went through their first degree earlier introduced themselves

1. Jack Lane - Works at the clinic after moving here from Great Falls Montana. His lovely wife is Fran and he has 4 children in the Rochester Catholic School system.
2. Gary Miller - Works at the clinic as well. His lovely wife is Joyce who works at Holy Spirit school as a teacher's aide. He has two daughters attending Holy Spirit school. Gary moved here from Detroit in 1986.
3. Neil Stiller - Works for the city of Rochester. He kept us safe during the transition to the year 2000. He and his lovely wife Joan live in NW Rochester with their daughters.

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

1. Frank discussed possible dates for the family mass. He is checking into May 7<sup>th</sup>. *Update - It will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.*
2. Frank again thanked all of the Knights that helped with both Christmas Anonymous and the basket deliveries. Christmas Anonymous served over 500 families this year.
3. Frank thanked those that helped with the light up for Christ display this year and discussed the possibility of doing that on a Wednesday evening instead next year so that all those at Embers can be involved.

### **Youth: DeWayne Gallenberg**

1. DeWayne spoke about the caroling in the cancer unit of Methodist Hospital during the last Christmas season. The Knights have funded this activity the last few years. It really brightens the day of those suffering from cancer.
2. The Free Throw contest will be held at Holy Spirit gym at 6:30 Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Family: Jeff Block for Pat McCarthy**

1. Please get your vote for family of the year to Pat McCarthy as soon as possible. Look for ballot within this newsletter.

### **Council: Jeff Block for Mike Madden**

1. The Council dinner dance will be held on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (*editor's note: this has been moved to March 11<sup>th</sup>*) at Legends. Please plan on attending and get your dinner choice sent back to Mike Madden as soon as possible.

## ***Old Business***

1. **Pancake Breakfast** - There will be a pancake breakfast on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this breakfast will go to help Father Dominic. Another pancake breakfast will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Girl Scouts are looking into helping us out as part of a service project.
2. **Boy Scout Troop** - Tom Poterucha gave an update on a Boy Scout troop. Progress is being made towards a fall term. Need to get a charter in place by then. It was suggested to use the church as the Chartered Organization instead of the council.

## ***New Business***

1. **Dishes for Pancake Breakfasts** - Brad Brech discussed getting the dishes up off the floor down in the basement. Neil Stiller mentioned that he may be able to get some palettes for us to use. Otherwise we would need to look into building some shelves.
2. **Upcoming Social events** - A reminder went out to make sure you all take advantage of the up coming events in order to get to know each other better. February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 is the Wine and Cheese party, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regal Bistro is the Catholic Schools Scholarship Banquet, and March 11<sup>th</sup> at Legends is our annual Knights Awards Dinner/Dance.

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

1. District free throw contest will be at Lourdes on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 1:30.
2. Our district will be hosting the Regional free throw contest and which will be at Lourdes on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 1:30.
3. The State free throw contest will be held in Wilmar on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. The 4th degree will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Brainerd.
5. Our annual report is due to Supreme by January 31<sup>st</sup> (Must be received by then, not postmarked).
6. Spring Valley's annual banquet will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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



In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, and Sister Jane,  
 For Ken's uncles, one is suffering from cancer and the other had a stroke (whose son also has brain cancer)  
 Jerome Lensing's step mom who has cancer  
 For friends and Brother Knights at Western Digital who lost their jobs  
 Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

# Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Parish Dinner and Dance



You are invited to join in the fun at the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Fifth Annual Council Dinner and Dance. We will once again open this up to the whole Holy Spirit Parish to allow everyone to enjoy a night out with excellent conversation, delicious food, and great entertainment. We hope you will be able to join us. The details of the evening are as follows:



*When:* Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000

*Where:* Legends (Rochester Athletic Club)

*Agenda:* 6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Dance

*Cost:* \$20.00 per person

*Menu:* Chicken Cordon Bleu or London Broil

*Attire:* Encouraged to dress up

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Keep this to Remember what you ordered:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ London Broil\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ London Broil\_\_

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Fill this part out and return it to: Mike Madden - 281-3177  
3520 9½ Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

Make checks payable to: **Knights of Columbus**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ London Broil\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ London Broil\_\_

# *Light Night with the Knights*

*Good Food*

*Friendship*

*Fun*



***February 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.***

Connect with monthly meetings  
Please come to the "Light Night with the Knights"  
Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit School - Commons

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