



# The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

I hope all of you had a very happy Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your families. It has been a great year with many things to be thankful for. There have been lots of activities taking place and many more to come. I'd first like to thank Brad Brech and his kitchen crew for putting on another successful pancake breakfast on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Boy Scouts and their leaders did a great job in staffing this event and I believe they raised a nice chunk of change for their coffers. Look for Brad's report for the details. My thanks to all of you who helped work the event.

Thanks go to Steve Wasz for his continued help with moving furniture in support of Catholic Charities. Steve continues to get many calls to help move and he needs a list of Knights that can help out on a day or two notice. I used this past year's surveys to give Steve names that showed interest in helping with these moves, but he could still use more names. If any of you are interested in this cause please give Steve a call.

Thanks to our first-degree team for initiating 6 new Knights into our council at our last meeting. Our first-degree team consists of Jim Bier, Ray Bressel, Jerome Lensing, Greg Uhlmann, and Jim Decker. These Brother Knights perform a very vital role for our council and requires a big effort on their part.

There is still a need for our help with Toys for Tots. Todd Egger needs help in gathering up the toys from all of the barrels located across the city. If you have not yet done so please give Todd a call and offer to handle a few stores.

A reminder that our annual Light up for Christ will be on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. up at Holy Spirit. Please plan on attending. This year we are holding the event on a Wednesday so that the Embers crowd can join in. It should be quite a night! We'll also hold our December meeting that night as well since the Holy Spirit Christmas concert will be taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all of your hard efforts last year our council was once again awarded the Star Council award. I've been very fortunate in this position in having so many of you so responsive when things need to get done. I've very rarely had to make more than 1 or 2 phone calls when trying to find coordinators for the various activities. This really does make my job much easier. Please also feel free to call me if there is something you would like to do to help out and have not yet been called upon. There are over 150 of us strong now and there is no way I can possibly call all of you.

In closing I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Jeff Block  
Grand Knight

## Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Jerome Lensing



If you don't know Jerome, you're just not paying attention! Jerome is a perennial drawing winner and coincidentally a regular at the monthly meetings. Jerome is also a regular at all KC volunteer opportunities and always the first with a smile. Jerome has been in Rochester for 6 years working for Pioneer Hybrids as a district representative. Jerome and his lovely wife Jeri Lynn are parents to Nick, Kathryn and Elizabeth. Jerome cites the Knights as a fun group that welcomes new members ... a great group of guys.

## Calendar of Events

First Sunday of Advent .....	Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Light up For Christ .....	Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:45 pm
Officers' Meeting ... (Note Date Change!) .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 ..... Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting ... (Note Date Change!) .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 ..... Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception .....	Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas .....	Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>
Knights Flame Deadline .....	Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>
New Years .....	Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2001
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God .....	Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 ..... Thursday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 ..... Thursday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest .....	Holy Spirit Gym ..... Sunday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>

### 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.



We wish each of them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each of them for being a member of Council #11460.

### Welcome New Knights



We held a First Degree ceremony prior to the November General Council Meeting. We had 6 new Knights participate in this ceremony and join our council. They were Edward Alexander, James Chihak, Dan Kennedy, Ricky Lies, Steven Loehr, and Ron Schmerbauch.

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.

### Marathon for Non-Public Education Ideas Needed

*Submitted by Jeff Block*

Larry Burgart and I have been asked to be on a committee that will be looking into how we can re-vitalize the Marathon for Non-Public Education. The last few years have seen dwindling support and with the \$50.00 mandatory donation this past year it fell off even more so. Some ideas so far have been to do some service projects instead, or do a dance, maybe make the Spirit Run a system wide event, or even do more than one event. If any of you have any ideas at all on what the Catholic schools can do for this event to better promote the school system please give myself or Larry a call or send us e-mail. Specifically we'd like to get your ideas on the types of service projects that students K-8 could perform during the early fall time frame.



### Knights of Columbus Selling Anniversary Ornaments



The Knights of Columbus are selling ornaments that commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Spirit Church. The Christmas balls are red with a gold picture and printing. They sell for \$6 and proceeds are going to a church project. There are a few left. Call Brad Brech at 282-5229 to get yours today.

### Pancake Breakfast

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

Thanks to all who helped at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast. The Boy Scouts did a great job in helping, and with the support of the parish, we raised \$503.50 for the Scouts. The total check to the Scout Troop will be \$1003.50, which includes the \$500 matching fund we agreed to. Our next breakfast is in February. Everyone have a safe and Happy holiday season.



## Knights of Columbus Jackets

*Submitted by John Lawson*

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Knights of Columbus quilt lined nylon or wool jacket. Both are navy with gold trim, the Holy Spirit School colors. The jacket includes your name and small KC logo on the chest. A large embroidered KC logo on the back is optional. More information will be available at the upcoming council meetings.

*Call John Lawson at 289-7006 for info.*



## Light Up For Christ

*Submitted by Frank Vondrashek*

This year we'll be having the annual Light Up for Christ event, lighting the Nativity scene, on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. We will meet in the narthex and proceed out to the Island for the prayer and lighting. Hopefully, the many folks from the Embers Program can also attend. Please plan to join us with your families for this reminder of what the Christmas season is all about.

## Knights of Columbus Website

For those of you with Internet access, you can find the Knights of Columbus Website at <http://www.kofc.org/>.



## ***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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

*Submitted by Larry Burgart*

Grand Knight Jeff Block called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes from the previous meeting, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2000, were approved.

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

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

1. A thank you was received from the Holy Spirit K-5 music teacher for the KC's building of a stage for Holy Spirit Parish. Its inaugural use will be the school Christmas concert, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This project was completed efficiently with many hands under the direction and leadership of John Lawson.
2. The annual Catholic Schools Scholarship Banquet will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001. This fundraiser costs \$75 per couple and includes dinner and entertainment. Contact Jeff Block if you are interested ([jablock@pobox.com](mailto:jablock@pobox.com) or 281-5526).
3. Jeff thanked Todd Egger for his pre-meeting presentation on Toys for Tots. A number of our council members, notably Frank Vondrashek and Tom Sand, have helped with collections in past years.

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

1. Jim reviewed 2 busy financial months related to receipts and expenses for the golf tournament, a pancake breakfast and the Spirit Run.

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

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

1. A First Degree ceremony was held before this monthly meeting. Six new members were inducted including Edward Alexander, James Chihak, Dan Kennedy, Ricky Lies, Steven Loehr, and Ron Schmerbauch.
2. Thanks to John Lawson for his hard work in the membership drive.

### **Church: Frank Vondrashek**

1. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the date we will hold our annual celebration to “Light up for Christ” at Holy Spirit. At 6:45p.m., all families are welcome to join in the lighting of the Holy Spirit Nativity Scene. There will be a brief prayer service followed by coffee and cookies. The event will coincide with Embers and will be followed by the December KC meeting.

### **Youth: DeWayne Gallenberg**

1. A reminder was provided that the annual free throw contest will be held January 21<sup>st</sup> for boys and girls, ages 10-14 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2000). This event is free with trophies awarded to the gender/age group winners. The winners also advance to a District Contest. The District Free Throw Contest will be held on a subsequent Sunday to be determined.

### **Community: Jeff Block and DeWayne Gallenberg for Steve Wasz**

1. DeWayne will again lead the effort to have Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus lead caroling on the hematology wards at Methodist Hospital December 14<sup>th</sup>. Funds were appropriated for costumes.
2. Steve Wasz commonly helps people in need, in and out of Holy Spirit, move household items. If you would like to help Steve with this good work, give him a call. Thanks Steve.



### ***Old Business***

1. **Pancake breakfast:** November 19<sup>th</sup> will benefit Boy Scout Troop 110 of Holy Spirit. In addition to hosting this breakfast, our council will match their profits up to \$500.
2. **Spirit Run:** This fundraiser for the youth of Holy Spirit was held October 28<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit. Information is provided elsewhere in the newsletter. A tremendous thank you to Jeff Fague for providing leadership at the Halloween party, EVERYONE who helped, and our tremendous sponsors including Duane Price and Bill Oertli.
3. **Men's choir:** Neil Stiller gave a brief overview and invitation for the Men's choir, to which many council members belong, and for which our council provides some funding for music. The choir performs approximately quarterly. New members are welcome. Talk to Neil at 252-9678.

### ***New Business***

1. **Electrical availability at 50<sup>th</sup> Ave and 55<sup>th</sup> St:** Neil Stiller reminded council members that RPU and Holy Spirit Parish made a handshake agreement at the time of original wiring to the new church that makes available electrical capabilities at the northeast corner of our property. This informational item was noted in relation to upcoming street renovation projects and signage issues on the property.
2. **Christmas Anonymous:** Jim Decker and Frank Vondrashek provided excellent overviews of the good works and volunteer opportunities related to this program. Christmas Anonymous is a 50 year old all-volunteer organization that serves group homes, >400 senior members in the community and 500 underprivileged families in our community during the holiday season. Opportunities include basket delivery to seniors, set up of the huge “department store” for poor families to pick up Christmas gifts, and “working” this store for part of the weekend it's open. Call Frank or Jim ASAP to participate.

### ***District Deputies Report***

1. Our council is encouraged to participate in a Marion hour of prayer between February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be related to an artifact of Our Lady of Guadeloupe being in Rochester.
2. A midwinter meeting will be held for Grand Knights in St. Cloud December 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper.

For the work of Sister Jane in Nigeria.

For the family of Eric Van Norman's uncle, John Streng, who recently passed away.

For William Perri.

Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.



The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



# O *Come Emanuel*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Nativity Scene Lighting; Wed. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm; Holy Spirit  
Connect with monthly meetings  
**Please come to the Next Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!)**  
**Holy Spirit Room 207**

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