



# The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

'Tis the season we get busy! There are a lot of activities that will be taking place over the next two months. Holiday parties with friends & co-workers, trips to the relatives, school concerts, and holiday shopping. Make sure that you save some room on your calendars for a few Knights' activities. Check inside the newsletter to see what is taking place.

We had Recruitment Sunday the other day and it got me to thinking about all of the people that we all must know that would make good Knights. Our council is growing but so are the needs of the church and school. Take a moment to think about friends that you have. Ask yourself if they would be a good addition to the Knights, and then ask them if they would like to join. If you feel uncomfortable asking them, give their name to Ron Schmerbauch or I and we will talk to them. It is important that we try to bring new people with different ideas into our group otherwise we will become stagnant. If it weren't for new ideas, we wouldn't have such things as the Spirit Run. All it takes is a good idea every once in a while to keep things rolling.

We are looking for someone to take the position of Lecturer. This person is responsible for getting speakers for the meetings. We have a few people that ask to come and speak at our meetings so it isn't that time consuming. There are some of you that indicated on your survey that you would like to see more speakers with a variety of subjects. Now is your chance to step up to the plate!! Please contact me if you are interested.

Speaking of surveys, I have a whopping **20** back out of **150** that were sent out. If you still have yours, we would like to get them back. Most of you have said that you would like to be e-mailed a reminder for the meetings. We would like to build an e-mail list so we can notify those that want to be reminded. We might even look at sending out the Flame via e-mail.

Our meeting on November 8 will also be a First Degree. If you haven't observed one, please come to the ceremony, and the short meeting afterwards.

**Mike Madden**  
Grand Knight

## November Meeting First Degree and Time Change

Note that we will be having a First Degree prior to our November business meeting. The First Degree will be at 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting following the ceremony at approximately 7:45 p.m. Jim Decker and Frank Vondrashek will talk about Christmas Anonymous and other Christmas activities where we can provide help.



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

Jim Decker is our Financial Secretary (the only one we've ever had!), and a charter member of our council. Jim and his lovely wife, Barb, are charter members of Holy Spirit Parish, and were charter members of Pax Christi when it was started. Jim and Barb have six grown children. This past year, they became first time grandparents with their beautiful granddaughter. Jim also grows prizewinning pumpkins!

## Calendar of Events

Election Day .....	Tuesday, November 6
Officers' Meeting ... (Note time change!) .....	Holy Spirit Room 212 ..... Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.
First Degree and Council Meeting ... (Note time change!) .....	Holy Spirit Room 212 ..... Thursday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.
Veteran's Day .....	Sunday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day.....	Thursday, November 22
Knight's Flame Deadline .....	Friday, November 30
First Sunday of Advent.....	Sunday, December 2
Pancake Breakfast.....	Holy Spirit Gym ..... Sunday, December 2
Light Up For Christ .....	Holy Spirit ..... Wednesday, December 5, 6:25p.m.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception .....	Saturday, December 8
Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 212 ..... Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 212 ..... Thursday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas .....	Tuesday, December 25

### In Memoriam

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

Agnes Buntrock – Grandmother of Jim Buntrock, passed away October 4, 2001.

Randall Birkel – Father-in-law to Joe Kocer, passed away October 11, 2001.



### Pancake Breakfast

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

The next pancake breakfast is Sunday, December 2. If you can work a shift, please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229. The proceeds from this breakfast are for the general council use.



### Light Up For Christ

*Submitted by Jim Buntrock*

On Wednesday, December 5, the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus will "Light Up For Christ" with a ceremony to officially light the nativity scene in front of the parish. We will be singing a few songs and prayers as part of the activity. The time of the event will start at 6:25pm. Ember's participants from first and second sessions as well as parishioners and Knights of Columbus families are invited to this event.

### Roses for Baptism Reminder

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

Please remember to continue to check the Baptism Rose signup sheet on the Ushers table in church. So far the new process is working, but we want to make sure that we continue the great tradition. Thanks for those who have volunteered already, and those ready to volunteer in the future.



### Knights of Columbus Jackets

*Submitted by John Lawson*

Coats - LAST CHANCE!!! I only have 1 order and that is not enough! Please call John Lawson by November 8 or you won't get a coat this winter.

### Holy Spirit Hats

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Holy Spirit hat. More information will be available at the meeting or call Jim Decker at 282-5227.



### Community Thank-yous:

*Submitted by Steve Wasz*

Thank-yous go out this past month to Eric Van Norman and a co-worker who moved some items for Catholic Charities on October 25.

### Caroling at Mayo Cancer Center

*Submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg*

An evening of caroling at the Mayo Cancer Center will be December 12. Call DeWayne Gallenberg for details (281-1656). All Knights and their families are welcome to join in!

## Christmas Anonymous and TOYS FOR TOTS

*Submitted by Frank Vondrasbek*

The month of December is a joyful time for families and friends, with its holidays, religious services, gift giving, and great dinners. However, this year some families with children, senior citizens, and group home residents in Olmsted County may not receive a gift or sit down to a holiday dinner unless you can find it in your heart to help.

In 2000, over 530 families with children, 300 senior citizens, and numerous group home residents were served by Christmas Anonymous. This organization, now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year, is a totally volunteer, nonprofit, local charity with over 90% of donations going directly to needy families and seniors.

We need your help; it can be in the form of donated items, cash, and/or volunteer time.

This year the Christmas Anonymous Donation Center will be located at Assisi Heights, 1001 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW. It will be open from Monday, November 26, to Friday, November 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also on Saturday December 1 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. The Donation Center will accept new and used toys, skates, boots, and outerwear (please no other clothing). The entrance will be around the back of the building, at the rear loading dock (just follow the signs).

Cash donations are always welcome and can be sent to Christmas Anonymous, P.O. Box 791, Rochester MN 55903. All donations are tax deductible.

This year there are many opportunities to help out with volunteer time; some are even great ways to get your kids or spouse involved.

Looking for a different way to celebrate Christmas this year? Finding it hard to visualize the spirit of Christ in Christmas? Then consider helping out at one of these Christmas Anonymous activities. All of these activities are very worthwhile and rewarding. Christmas Anonymous is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of serving the people of Olmsted County this year! Its mission is to ensure that needy families and seniors have a wonderful Christmas. I've personally been involved with Christmas Anonymous for 10 years now and look forward to it each year!

To sign up for any of these, just give me a call (Frank V. 281-3051) or e-mail me at [frankvo@attglobal.net](mailto:frankvo@attglobal.net)

- UNLOAD TOY DRIVE TRUCK** (December 1) 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
We need 3-4 guys to help unload the truck of toys collected by the KTTC Toy Drive.
- BASKET LOADING** (December 2) 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Help load food/gift boxes (baskets) into cars for delivery to seniors.  
This happens at Assisi Heights in the back parking lot. There are two shifts available, 1:00 - 2:30 pm and 2:30 – 4:00 pm.
- BASKET DELIVERY** (December 2 & 3)  
Help deliver food/gift boxes (baskets) to seniors.  
Folks often ask me what activity they can do with their children, this activity is great for kids accompanied by father Knights!  
This happens at Assisi Heights. You sign up to deliver to 4-10 seniors, then load baskets in back parking lot and deliver throughout the city.  
Sunday Pickup 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Monday pickup 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- MOVING TABLES & FOOD** (December 3) 8:00 am - Noon  
We need help transporting tables and foodstuffs to Christ United Methodist Church.  
Most of the crew is made up of retired guys and any new blood is Welcome.
- TOY STORE SET UP** (December 6 & 7) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Help unpack TOYS and Set Up our New and Used toy stores. No Crowds, No Pressure, just setting up toy displays/tables for the store. Sign up for any time you can make it.
- TOY STORE** (December 8) 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Help hand out toys to needy families in our "TOY STORE". Plenty of help is needed for this activity (adults only please).  
Again, we've split this into shifts:
  - 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Noon - 4:30 pm
  - 3:00 – 6:00 pm (Store Pack-Up, Loading/Unloading Trucks)
- TOYS FOR TOTS** (November 19 - December 19)  
TOYS FOR TOTS is a special partner with Christmas Anonymous in providing for a happy Christmas. This operation is run by the Marine Corp Reserve but is always in need of helping hands. Again, this activity is great for kids accompanied by father Knights! The task is to empty the toy barrels located at selected stores & other locations throughout the city. Then the toys are dropped off at Assisi Heights to be sorted. For the last few years I signed up for KMART, Hy Vee South, and Toys-R-US just so I could make one pass and pick up from all three. This is as easy as it gets folks!  
To sign up for this, please call Todd Egler of TOYS-FOR-TOTS (285-9059)

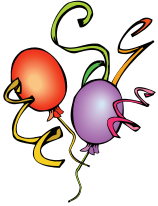
**Thank You** Brother Knights for your wonderful support.

## Marathon for Non-Public Education

*Submitted by Jeff Block*

The Marathon for Non-Public Education was held on Saturday, October 6. The Knights took full sponsorship of the event this year so that we could determine where the funds would be spent. This year's goal was to raise money to help pay for the linking of the library system to all 4 K-8 schools as well as Lourdes. We had a small crowd of around 60 or so this year and raised \$563.00. I'd like to thank Pete Bushman, Karl Corrigan, Ryan Kemmerick, Gary Miller, Mike Ross, and Mark Vanderwiell for helping with course safety and with helping serve the pop and hotdogs. We would really like to see this event build back up to something everybody looks forward to every year. If anyone has any ideas on how to make this an even better event next year, please give me a call. Thanks.

## Birthday Celebrations



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

Patrick Blum, Pete Herold, Scott Helt, Dave Hubka, Joe Kocer, Mike Koranda, Steve Kunkel, Kevin Lenz, Dan Moravec, Duane Pulford, Bill Reiland, Pete Schommer, Father Tupper, and Kevin Weber.

We wish each of them a very Happy Birthday!

## Activity Director Reminder

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

This is a reminder to all activity directors and event chairs to submit a short report to Brad before you forget what happened, and how much time was involved. Pictures are also very welcome. These will be used for building the council scrapbook for the spring convention.

# 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 11, 2001.

*Submitted by Greg Kapraun*

Deputy Grand Knight Brad Brech called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Opening Ode was sung.

The Roll of Officers was called: The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Recorder, Treasurer, Warden, Advocate, both Guards, and one Trustee were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting, September 13, were approved.

## Officer's Reports

### Grand Knight's Report: Mike Madden & Brad Brech

Brad/Mike reported the following

1. Form 100's were read for 5 prospective members.
2. Brad passed around a Thank you from Ronald McDonald House for Pancake Breakfast items.
3. Also thank yous from recipients of the Tootsie Roll proceeds were passed around.
4. If Knights participate in any events, record these and get them to Mike or Brad so we can include in them our annual report.
5. We have an opening for Lecturer. If anyone would be interested in this please contact Mike.

### Treasure Report: Bill Oertli

1. Bill reviewed the balance sheet.

### Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Lots of income and expense receipts were shown. Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfast were the main events.

## Director's Reports

### Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

1. Praise was given for option of the water park for the servers' appreciation event.
2. Light up for Christ is still being planned. A tentative date is the first Wednesday of December so we can include Embers participants.
3. Social concerns need additional men to stay overnight for the upcoming overnight hospitality at Holy Spirit. Any Knight who would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Buntrock.

## Membership & Recruitment Director – John Lawson

1. Membership drive on Sunday October 28 after masses.
2. Need to have Knights stop back at the Narthex table, to support the Membership drive.
3. John will get info into the Bulletin.
4. Four new members joined at Lourdes First Degree. James Goblisch, Wayne Vasilis, Kenneth Linn, and Steve Gudgell. Welcome new 11460 members!
5. John received the VIP 15 member award.
6. On November 8, there will be a First Degree. Need to contact the First Degree team.
7. Thanks to Ron Schmerbauch who will be the new Membership Director for Council 11460.
8. Ask a fellow Catholic Man to join the brotherhood of the Knights.

## Old Business

1. **Golf Tournament – Jeff Block**  
A new record for teams and dollars of about \$3400 was set.
2. **Marathon for Non-Public Education - Jeff Block**  
Had about 60 people attend the event.  
Thanks to the following Knights who helped out at the event this year. Gary Miller, Mark Vanderwiel, Pete Bushman, Karl Corrigan, Ryan Kemmerick, and Mike Ross.
3. **Storage Space - Brad Brech**  
Cabinets to be added in the commons area. Need to get this project completed hopefully before Christmas. If you would be interested in jump-starting this project please volunteer.
4. **Roses for Baptism – Brad Brech**  
Participation is difficult. So we will put a sign-up sheet with the Rose at the back of Church. If someone has signed up then we are covered otherwise sign up and present the rose during the mass.
5. **Science Fair - Brad Brech**  
Something being looked into for the spring.
6. **Jackets - John Lawson**  
If you are interested in coats please contact John for orders. Prices are \$110 for the heavy coat and \$59 for the lighter coat.

## New Business

1. **Christmas Anonymous Heads up – Jim Decker**  
Set-up dates for the Toy Store: December 6 and 7.  
Toy Store open: Saturday December 8.  
Gifts for over 500 families were provided last year.  
Basket distribution for seniors is December 2 and 3 at Assisi Heights.  
Please be thinking about volunteering for these worthy events.
2. **Proposal for supporting Cancer Center party - DeWayne Gallenberg**  
Cancer center caroling party, the council will provide funds to rent the costumes for this event.
3. **Boy Scout Committee - Eric Van Norman**  
Committee Members for the Boy Scouts are needed.

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

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, Mary Margaret Yaeger, Mary Ann Doyle, Sister Jane, and all the Holy Spirit Church and School Staff,  
For those involved or affected by the September 11 tragedy, for all the rescuers, families, and Armed Forces,  
For Jim Buntrock's grandmother who passed away, and  
For Mike Madden's aunt undergoing a biopsy.

Grand Knight Mike Madden offered a closing prayer.  
The Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary were recited.  
The closing Ode was sung.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.



*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.*  
Dr. Martin Luther King

Connect with monthly meetings  
Please come to the First Degree and Council meeting  
Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Room 212

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