



The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

Happy New Year!

A big thanks to everyone that volunteered this last month. I know there were many of you who took time out of your busy schedules this past month to help with Christmas Anonymous and the Pancake Breakfast. It is a tribute to you all that you can do this during what I think is the busiest month of the year. I especially want to thank Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker for the countless hours that they put into Christmas Anonymous. This is a huge undertaking and they have devoted many hours that they could have spent with their families, to put this event together. This event touches hundreds of people in our community and makes Christmas and Santa possible for many children who otherwise might not have anything. Please say thanks when you see them.

We are still looking to fill 2 positions within our council. We need a Community Activities Director and a Lecturer. Please contact me if you are looking for a way to become involved.

Please be aware that our February meeting date will be changing. It happens to fall on Valentine's Day this year. I don't believe that even the most understanding wives (which we all have) would take kindly to a meeting that night! We will let everyone know as soon as we can get a date that works for us and the church and school. A reminder that the February meeting is our annual Wine and Cheese Party!!!! No meeting, just wine and cheese. I'm sure Larry will be putting on his "Taste Test". Don't miss this rare opportunity to drink wine out of a brown paper bag. Remember, the wives are invited, and we have many new members. This will be a great way to meet everyone and make some new friends.

Mike Madden
Grand Knight

Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Paul Daley

Paul Daley is our Youth Activities Director. Paul has a lovely wife, Ruth, and 4 beautiful children: Alyssa 9, Spencer 8, Logan 4, and Olivia 9 months. Paul has been a Holy Spirit parishioner for the past 5 years, and owns a dairy farm north of Byron.



Birthday Celebrations

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



Don Ahlstrom, Larry Burgart, Kevin Coughlin, Jim Decker, Joseph DiCecco, Al Faupel, Tom Fox, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, Brent Johnson, Kristopher Lake, Greg Laughland, Ricky Lies, Steve Nowakowski, Mark Pfeifer, Brent Samb, Mark Schluttner, Patrick Schmitt, and Tom Suther.

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

Calendar of Events

Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.
Vocation Awareness Week		January 13-18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		Monday, January 21
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 27
Knight's Flame Deadline		Friday, February 1
Presentation of the Lord		Saturday, February 2
RCS – KC Tuition Scholarship Banquet.....	Comfort Inn & Conference Center	February 8, 6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday		Wednesday, February 13
Valentine's Day		Thursday, February 14
Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit Commons.....	To be determined
'Lite' Night.....	Holy Spirit Commons.....	To be determined
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, February 24
KC 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Degrees.....	Lourdes High School	Sunday, March 3
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, April 21
Tootsie Roll Weekend.....		April 26-28
KC State Convention	Rochester.....	May 17-19

In Memoriam

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

William Stevens – Father to Rick Stevens, passed away December 12, 2001.

Rita Reisdorf – Mother-in-law to Terry Lee, passed away December 25, 2001.



We apologize if we missed any family members; please let us know so that we may include them in future newsletters.

Knight of Columbus Christmas Anonymous Activity

Submitted by Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker

Thanks to you it was a Merry Christmas!



We would like to express our thanks for all the Knights and their spouses (and children) that supported Christmas Anonymous this year. We are impressed by the number of people that help who are Knights or their families. This year there were Knights helping to unload trucks, load and deliver seniors baskets, as well as run the Christmas Anonymous Store on December 8.

It was a fantastic year; with your help we were able to provide a wonderful Christmas for over 621 families, 326 seniors and 60 folks in group homes in the Rochester area. This amounts to over 3,200 people that were touched by your generosity! What a great way to celebrate the Spirit of the season!

Thanks again for your wonderful support!
Frank Vondrashek & Jim Decker

Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest

Submitted by Paul Daley



The Knights of Columbus Council #11460 Free Throw Contest is set for Sunday, January 27 in the Holy Spirit Gym. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the competition beginning at 7:15 p.m. Information posters have been placed in the school. Setup will start at 6:00 p.m. I am looking for volunteers, possibly a few veterans, to help me with my first contest. If you are interested, please contact Paul Daley at 775-7012. Thanks.

This event is free and contestants will compete in age & gender specific groups from 10 to 14 years old (as of January 1, 2002). Trophies will be awarded to the gender/age group winners. The winners also advance to a district contest. EVERYONE is welcome.



Holy Spirit Caps

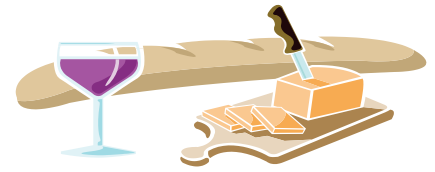
Submitted by Jim Decker

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Holy Spirit cap! Holy Spirit caps are available at a discounted sale price of \$10.00. You can order a cap anytime from the Knights. If you have any specific questions on the cap sale or would like to order a Holy Spirit cap call Jim Decker at 282-5227.



February "Lite Night with the Knights"

Bring your spouse and/or guest and enjoy a "Wine and Cheese Party". This year's "Lite Night" is for everyone. Each winter we have an informal get-together 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. I am sure we are going to have a few Knights without guests. This is a great time to invite prospective individuals to come, meet members, and learn about our council. Look for the time and date in the next newsletter.



Interfaith Hospitality Network

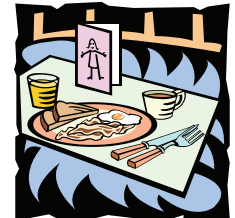
Submitted by Jim Buntrock

The December Interfaith Hospitality Network for Holy Spirit was a success. The Knights were well represented among the volunteers. Thank you to all who helped make this event possible.

Pancake Breakfasts

Submitted by Brad Brech

The remaining pancake breakfasts for this spring are scheduled for February 24 and April 21. Mark them on your calendar, and call Brad at 282-5229 and offer to work.



Rochester Catholic Schools - Knight of Columbus 2002 Tuition Scholarship Banquet

Submitted by Mike Madden

The 2002 Tuition Scholarship Banquet is planned for February 8, 2002 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center. The Social Hour starts at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00, followed by Entertainment and Dancing at 8:30. The cost is \$40/person or \$75/couple.

Activity Director Reminder

Submitted by Brad Brech

This is a reminder to all activity directors and event chairs to submit a short report on any activities 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 State Convention.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460 December General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held December 20, 2001.

Submitted by Greg Kapraun

The Grand Knight, Mike Madden, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

The Roll of Officers was called. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Recorder, and two Trustees were present. The District Deputy could not make the meeting since we changed nights do to the school Christmas program.

One form 100 was read.

Minutes from the previous meeting, November 8th, were approved.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight's Report: Mike Madden

1. We have an opening for Lecturer; if anyone would be interested in this please contact Mike.
2. State Convention planning. There was a meeting with the State Deputy and State Liaison on Saturday, December 15, 2001. Registration packets are ready, including a flyer. The committee will be continuing its efforts. We will bring information to future meetings for everyone to see how they can help. We also need to 'seed' the convention account with money from our council to pay for copying and postage. The convention will be held May 17-19, 2002. A motion was made and approved for the funds to be moved as needed.

Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Jim went through the monthly expenses. More revenue than expenses, yeah!

Director's Reports

Program Director – Brad Brech

1. Brad spoke about the Roses for Baptism procedures with the sign-up in the back of church. If no one is there by the second symbol, please step up and present the rose.

Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

1. Jim thanked everyone who helped with Light Up For Christ, especially Jim Lehman as St. Christopher.
2. Interfaith hospitality update for December 2001 - St. Johns is a buddy parish this time. Looks like everything is taken care of with the exception of men to stay overnight at Holy Spirit.

Community Activities Director – Open

1. We are still looking for someone to take on this directorship. If you would like to help, contact Brad Brech or Mike Madden. This director oversees the things we do for the community like helping Catholic Charities with the movement of furniture items.

Council Activities Director – Tim Tracy

No Report

Family Activities Director – Tom Dube

No Report

Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley

1. Free Throw contest. It will be held January 27. Registration at 6:30, contest to begin at 7:15pm in the Holy Spirit Gym. This contest is for 10-14yr olds. We need about 8 volunteers to support registration and basket counting.

Membership & Recruitment Director – Ron Schmerbach

1. Ron went through the membership signup list and the give away that we do.
2. Paul Daley was the big winner; see Get to Know a Knight!
3. Proposal to have sign up sheets done at back of room rather than passing them around. Then members can more easily choose which activity they want to commit their time to.
4. Be on the lookout for the spring 2nd and 3rd degrees. Some ideas were discussed on how to get more of our 1st degree members through the 2nd and 3rd degree. It was agreed that a section in the newsletter would benefit all.

Old Business

1. Pancake Breakfast – Brad Brech

Future breakfasts are February 24 and April 21. The participation has been down. Some ideas on how to get our attendance back up were discussed: Friday school folders flyer, getting a specific cause, possibly putting signs up on 55th street, and placing a note in Pax Christi bulletin.

2. Storage Space – Brad Brech

Cabinets to be added in the commons area. We are waiting to use the doors from the offices being torn down in the Church. We will probably put the cabinets up on an upcoming Saturday. If you would be interested in working on this project, please volunteer and talk with Brad.

3. Science Fair – Brad Brech

Meeting held with teachers. Going to build it into a Humanities Fair that is targeted towards each Grade level curriculum (Art, History, Science, etc.) Will need help with event, judges, etc. The Fair will probably run in the afternoon and evening for the school kids to see each other's projects and for the parents to visit after school.

4. Christmas Anonymous – Frank Vondrashek/Jim Decker

Big THANKS to all those Knights who helped out this year. 621 families went through the store. This made an impact to over 3200 people in the community. This was an increase of over 100 families from last year. Frank would really like to thank those who continue to help out year after year on this worthy cause. A big hand was also given to Jim and Frank for all their efforts.

New Business

1. Retention Committee

6 members have not paid their dues for 2001. Please get your 2001 dues in.

2. Newsletter – Eric Van Norman

The Minnesota KC organization sends their newsletter to all members quarterly.

We send out over 180 newsletters each month. The costs are still reasonable as we don't pay for copying, but it takes longer as we get more and more members. One way to reduce the time would be to go to an outside source to do the copying and folding, but this would be an added cost. This would also require getting newsletter items in when required. Another idea was e-mailing the newsletter to reduce postage and time. One problem mentioned would be what electronic format to use. We could send the newsletter to those who chose to receive it and/or start up a web site and post the newsletter there. We may be able to get a link off the Holy Spirit website.

3. **Post Bulletin Mass Schedules – Eric Van Norman**

We need a September reminder to make sure that we get our Christmas Masses listed in the Post Bulletin along with the other Catholic Churches next year.

4. **Church Completion – Greg Kapraun**

Greg proposed to have the Knights pick one of the needs to finish off the church. Discussion was held on what the Knights could sponsor, like the Stations of the Cross, etc. It was decided that Greg and Neil would talk with Father and see if there is a particular project on which we should focus on.

5. **Mens Choir – Neil Stiller**

The Mens Choir is singing on Epiphany, January 6. Anyone who would like to sing with the Mens Choir may contact Neil. Money was requested and approved for the purchase of music.

6. **Diocesan Initiatives – Neil Stiller**

From the Pastoral council, there are four diocesan initiatives being sponsored by the Bishop

- i. Initiation in RCIA
- ii. Adult Faith Formation
- iii. Stewardship
- iv. Evangelization

Neil read from the Bishop's letter what these items mean in terms of our Christian life.

(A summary of the Bishop's letter is enclosed.)

Neil opened up discussion on how the Knights could help support these initiatives and be role models.

What can the Knights do to support these items, making this spiritual side of the Knights have a more obvious presence within our church community?

Add prayers for specific groups like RCIA candidates during the monthly meetings.

7. **K of C Jacket for Father Ernster**

Motion to purchase a K of C jacket for Fr. Ernster was approved.

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,

Tim Tracy in his recovery,

RCIA candidates and their families,

For all those traveling over the holiday season, and

Mike Madden's Aunt Mary Sheehan who is dying of cancer.

Grand Knight Mike Madden offered a closing prayer.

The Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary were recited.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always, and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vocations Committee - Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus

*Knights of Columbus
Council # 11460 Free Throw Championship*



*Sunday, January 27
Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.
Competition start at 7:15 p.m.
(Come to 6:00 p.m. Mass and the Free Throw Championship after)*

**Connect with monthly meetings
Please come to the Next Council meeting
Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit Room 212**

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