



The Knights Flame

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Grand Knight Message

I hope everyone had a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a Happy New Year. Since this is going out to all Catholic men, I guess I don't need to be politically correct!!!

I was at my brother Mark's wedding this week. He is a Captain in the Army and is stationed in Fort Stewart, Georgia. His Division has been called up to Kuwait, south of Iraq. One of his groomsmen is also a Captain in the Army, and is stationed in Colorado. He and my brother were stationed in Germany together. During the Groom's dinner on Thursday night, he received a call from his Commander asking when he was returning. His Division had just been called up and they are going to Turkey, north of Iraq. These men are very willing to go, but they are very nervous about what Iraq will do. They believe that Saddam Insane will use chemical weapons. What does he have to lose? When Brian and my brother parted ways, their last words were "see you in Baghdad". I hope that is the case if that is their mission, and they all make it to Baghdad to see each other and come home safely. Now I know that Mark and Brian are not the only two people that will be going to Iraq, but it makes you think when it hits this close to home.

Please make sure that you keep the thousands of Marks and Brians in your prayers so that they will return home safe to their families.

God Bless America,

Mike Madden
Grand Knight

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, James Hebl, Brent Johnson, Kristopher Lake, Greg Laughland, Ricky Lies, Steve Nowakowski, Mark Pfeifer, Brent Samb, Mark Schluttner, Patrick Schmitt, and Tom Suther.

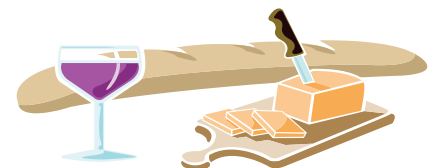
Best Wishes to our fellow Brothers! We wish each of them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each of them for being a member of Council #11460.

Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Bob Taraba

Bob has been living in Rochester for 3 years and has worked for IBM for the last 18, moving here from Illinois. He has a degree in Geology. Bob attended the 3rd degree during 2002. Bob and his precious, beautiful, and gorgeous wife Beth have 3 kids: Kristina, Eric, and Sarah. Sarah is a member on the Orca swim team.

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 will be the best yet! If your guest is unable to attend, you are welcome to attend by yourself. I am sure we will have a few Knights without guests. This is a great time to invite prospective individuals to come, meet members, and learn about our council. This will take the place of our regular meeting - February 13, 7:00 p.m.



Calendar of Events

Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit Library	Thursday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit Library	Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		Monday, January 20
Knights' Flame Deadline		Friday, January 31
RCS-KC Tuition Scholarship Banquet.....	Apache Best Western.....	Friday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.
Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit	Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.
Council Meeting "LITE NIGHT with the Knights"	Holy Spirit Library	Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Valentine's Day		Friday, February 14
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, February 23
Ash Wednesday		Wednesday, March 5
2 nd and 3 rd Degrees	Lourdes High School	Sunday, March 9

Knight of Columbus Christmas Anonymous Activity

Submitted by Frank Vondrasbek and Jim Decker



This year, 628 families were helped at the Christmas Anonymous store with the assistance of all three KC councils in town. By far Council #11460 lent the most help both at the store, and loading and unloading before and after. This year, several Knights recruited the help of their wives. Thanks to a group from Holy Spirit School, and many others from our church and school who participated as well. Special thanks to Julie Burgart and Deb Zipse for coordinating the volunteers from Holy Spirit School!!

As usual, Jim Decker did a super job coordinating the Used Toy and Bike department. Over 170 bikes were distributed that day, thanks to Jim and his KC and Kiwanis volunteers. This year, Brad Brech took over the car-loading department, which was a very popular place to help out for Council 11460 volunteers. I'm happy to say that the car loading has never gone better, there were very few times when folks even had to wait, and very few overall problems, at what is one of the more complex logistical areas of the whole store. Great Job Brad!

A very big THANK YOU to the following Knights for all the work they did in the Used Toys Area for Christmas Anonymous: Greg Kapraun, Jeff and Cheri Block, Ken Lentz, Steve Kluck, Paul Daley, Ryan Kemmerick, Ron Schmerbauch.

Thanks for the Great Job to all who volunteered, and Thanks for showing the **Spirit of the Season** to those in need!

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

Caroling at Mayo Cancer Center

Submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg

This year, our council again supported the Christmas caroling event held at the Mayo Cancer Center for hospitalized cancer patients. Over forty carolers and their families provided entertainment for over 60 hospitalized patients. Santa and Mrs. Claus, whose costumes were provided by the Knights, gave treats and took pictures with the patients and carolers. The evening ended with refreshments for everyone involved, again courtesy of the Knights. A special thanks to John Wilke, who served as Santa, and Dave Rossman, who helped lead the caroling.



24 Hour Vigil for Peace in Our World

Submitted by Jim Buntrock

On Wednesday, January 1, from 7:00-8:00am the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus lead a Rosary as part of 24 hour vigil for Peace in Our World at Holy Spirit Parish. Four Knights attended the hour of prayer: Jim Buntrock, Dave Hubka, Brad Brech, and Chet Welle.



Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest

Submitted by Paul Daley

The Knights of Columbus Council #11460 Free Throw Contest is set for Sunday, January 19 in the Holy Spirit Gym. Setup will start at 6:00, registration will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the competition will begin at 7:15 p.m. I could use some volunteers to help with registration and basket counting. Anyone willing to help, contact Paul Daley at 775-7012.

This event is free, and contestants will compete in age and gender specific groups from 10 to 14 years old (as of January 1, 2003). Trophies will be awarded to the gender/age group winners. The winners also advance to a district contest. EVERYONE is welcome!

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TUITION SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Friday, February 7, 2003

Apache Best Western
1517 SW 16th Street, Rochester

6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Dinner
8:30 pm Entertainment - Lourdes Hi-Lighters

Proceeds are directed to tuition assistance for RCS students of families in need.

YES!!! YES!!! YES!!! YES!!!

_____ I would like to purchase ___ tickets at \$75 per couple or \$40 per person for a total contribution of \$_____.

_____ I am unable to attend this event, but would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____ to support tuition assistance for students at Rochester Catholic Schools.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to Rochester Catholic Schools. Send completed forms to RCS Development Office, 621 West Center Street, Rochester MN 55902. Tickets will be sent upon receipt of reservation and payment; no reservations without payment. All sales are final. Call 280-0349 for more information.

Persons in party: _____

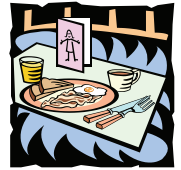
Entrée selection: _____ House Sirloin: _____ (#) Chicken Florentine: _____ (#) Vegetarian: _____ (#)

This is a terrific and fun event for a great cause. Gather your friends and purchase a table!

Thank you for your generous support of our students!

Pancake Breakfast

The next pancake breakfast is scheduled for February 23 and will benefit the Girl Scouts. If you can help, contact Brad Brech at 282-5229.



WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN!

We are still looking for a few individuals who are willing to help out with several roles within the council. If you are interested in helping with any of these jobs please contact Mike Madden or one of the individuals mentioned below.

Lecturer:

The role of the lecturer is to provide educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of the council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Membership Director:

The role of the membership director is to handle the membership and recruitment responsibilities of the council. The membership and recruitment are essential to continuing our active role in the parish and community. The responsibilities of Membership Director include: recruitment teams, retention, insurance promotion, membership drives, and helping the admissions committee, and 1st Degree Team. If you have any questions, you may also contact Ron Schmerbauch at 280-6259.

Editor:

The editor is responsible for the monthly newsletter and keeping the council up to date on the council activities and accomplishments. The editor collects submissions and articles from the officers, directors, the council members, and sometimes even those outside the council. The editor also has the responsibility to update the membership list in conjunction with the financial secretary. If you have any questions, you may contact Eric Van Norman at 289-7755.

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 12, 2002.

Submitted by: Greg Kapraun

The Deputy Grand Knight, Brad Brech, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

The Roll of Officers was called. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Recorder, Warden, and the District Deputy were present.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved with one amendment.

No Form 100s were read for new potential members.

Officer's Reports



Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Jim passed out the monthly receipts and expense report.
2. Please get your dues in. See the November Knights Flame for those who need to get up to date. Send your dues to Jim at: 8418 11th Ave NW Rochester, MN 55901.

Director's Reports

Church Activities Director – Brad Brech for Jim Buntrock

1. A successful Light up for Christ was held on Wednesday December 4. (There was No St Nick this year). Thanks to Tom Sand, Larry Burgart, and the others who helped out. There was good participation from Embers. Thanks for all the help from the Embers folks as well.
2. There will be a Prayer Vigil from 6pm New Years Eve to 6pm New Years Day held here at Holy Spirit Church. Council #11460 has signed up for the 7am hour.

Membership & Recruitment Director – Ron Schmerbach

1. There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree held on March 9. One of the most important things for our council is to get as many 1st degree members as possible to go through the 3rd degree. We need to find a way to really excite the membership. The suggestion was made that the February meeting would have some door prizes for the meeting. And a major prize if we get 10 or more for those who actually attend the Major degree in March. If we get 25 or more we will do two prizes. The District Deputy will kick in \$100 to the prize pot if the council does 40 candidates on March 9.

2. Ask a fellow Catholic Man to join the brotherhood of the Knights.

Old Business

1. **Christmas Anonymous Food Baskets – Greg Kapraun for Frank Vondrashek**

Thanks to Greg Kapraun, Alex and Kyle Kapraun, Karen Kulzer, Jim Decker, and all the people who distributed the baskets including Brad Brech, Frank Vondrashek, and Bob Taraba.

2. **Christmas Anonymous Thank You – Jim Decker**

Thank you to those who have helped out Christmas Anonymous and will be helping out over the next 2 or 3 days.

3. **DARE Donation**

A motion to donate \$500 to the DARE Program. The motion was seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

4. **Caroling**

A note from DeWayne Gallenberg was read. Thank you to the Knights for their funding of costumes and refreshments for the Christmas caroling event for cancer patients at Rochester Methodist Hospital on December 10. Over 40 carolers and their families sang to the more than 50 cancer patients and their families during the 2-hour event. A special thanks to brother Knights John Wilke for serving as Santa Claus and Dave Rossman for helping to head the caroling.

5. **Painting of the Commons and Narthex – Bob Taraba**

We would like to paint the commons and narthex on the 11th and the 18th, and we selected the 18th of January. We need 10-12 people to help paint. Bring your own pan and roller, and a ladder if you have them. Ken Mueller offered the use of scaffolding to assist in the painting.

New Business

1. **Church Holiday Luncheon – Brad Brech**

A motion was made to pay up to \$250 for the church staff holiday luncheon. The motion was seconded. Discussion on what the cap should be occurred, and then the motion passed without opposition.

2. **Additional Basketball Hoops for the gym – Jeff Block**

Mike Kessler would like to get some additional basketball hoops in the Gym. The estimated cost is \$5000. Discussion and questions about the project were answered. A motion was made and seconded to provide \$1000 towards this school project. The motion passed without opposition.

3. **Giving Tree – Greg Kapraun**

A motion was made for \$300 to help fund the Giving Tree. The motion was seconded, and discussion was held on why this is needed. It was agreed that this was a good use of K of C funds. The motion passed without opposition.

4. **Golf Tournament for IHN Fund Raising – Jim Buntrock**

Father Tupper approached the Knights to see if we would take on the responsibility to lead a golf tournament that is dedicated for IHN. A company that specifically works with other IHN's would help assist with the tournament for a percentage of the proceeds. There was discussion about stopping our tournament in favor of this, but we don't think that is something we would want to do. Also, we think that the other councils within Rochester should participate. The decision is that our council will participate with volunteers and probably golfers, but we are not certain that we can take the lead on sponsoring the tournament. We will have the District Deputy take this on to the other councils.

District Deputies Report

1. The mid-year report is due on December 20.
2. Communications regarding the parish roundtable coordinator for the state were discussed. Holy Spirit is covered.
3. Tootsie roll items need to be done by January 4th, if we need anything.
4. There is a major degree on March 9. The host council will be 1013 not 11460 as indicated in our letter. Going to have a major degree on the 11th of January in Winona.
5. For state convention there will be an auction. Ken requested that each council provide items to be auctioned off.
6. Free throw contest. Our kits have been ordered. Need to get Ken a date.
7. Rosary committee. Need more volunteers for call list to provide a Knight at local funeral homes for saying the rosary.
8. Non-public education scholarship banquet. Meeting on Monday 12/16 with Bill Lower, 5:15 pm Lourdes High School.
9. Those who did not have their rosaries with them were hit up for a donation to pennies for seminarians.

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,

Keep Teri Blanchard in our prayers as she goes back for more radiation treatment.

Grand Knight Mike Madden offered a closing prayer.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Knights of Columbus

Council # 11460 Free Throw Championship

Connect with monthly meetings
Please come to the next council meeting
Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

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