



The Knights' Flame



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Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year to all!! I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season filled with the joy of Christmas with their family and friends. Many thanks to all the Knight's that made December such a great month for our council. Your participation in all of the activities at such a busy time of the year proves again that our council is full of great men. The pancake breakfast, our recruitment Sunday, Christmas Anonymous, Caroling at Methodist Hospital, Church Decorating, helping Catholic Charities move, and coming to the aid of a Brother Knight's family and helping them move. And this only covers the bigger items that I remembered to list. And this is all on top of the everyday support you all give to the Parish and our schools with all of your volunteer time in ministries, coaching, and parental support.

After a month like that, it is easy to look forward to 2004 with excitement for what is to come. We are working out the details of our Chicken Booyah & Chili sale on Super Bowl Sunday, Light Knight, Free Throw Contest, Pancake Breakfasts, and other events for the first quarter. Also, we have work ongoing for both First and Major Degrees, so come and support new brothers and if you are a First Degree Knight, please consider attending the Major Degree. If you want to participate in any of the above events, please see the related articles in the newsletter to find out who to contact.

Yours in Christ,

Brad Brech
Grand Knight

Birthday Celebrations

We wish a very Happy Birthday to those Knights who have birthdays in January: Larry Burgart, Kevin Coughlin, Jim Decker, Joe DiCecco, Al Faupel, Tom Fox, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, James Hebl, Brent Johnson, Kristopher Lake, Gregory Laughland, Steve Nowakowski, Mark Pfeifer, Brent Samb, Mark Schluttner, and Tom Suther.



Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.
Booyah and Chili orders.....		Sunday, January 18 and 25
Booyah and Chili pickup.....		Sunday, February 1
Light Night with the Knights.....	Holy Spirit Commons.....	Thursday, February 12
Major Degree (Winona).....		Saturday, February 28
Major Degree (Rochester).....		Sunday, April 4

Past Events

Christmas Anonymous

Submitted by Frank Vondrasbek

This year 605 families were helped at the Christmas Anonymous store with the assistance of all three KC councils in town. By far, 11460 lent the most help both at the store and loading/unloading before and after. This year, several Knights recruited the help of their wives and thanks to a group from Holy Spirit School, many others from our church and school participated as well. Special thanks go 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 190 bikes were distributed that day thanks to Jim and his KC and Kiwanis volunteers including Greg Kapraun, Jeff Block, Ryan Kemmerick, Paul Daley, Ken Lentz, Jerome Lensing and Steve Kluck.

This year, Brad Brech did another excellent job coordinating the car-loading department, which was 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 problems overall at what is one of the more complex logistical areas of the whole store. Great job Brad!

It was a fantastic year and with your help we were able to provide a wonderful Christmas for over 605 families, 274 seniors and 80 folks in group homes in the Rochester area. This amounts to over 3,000 people that were touched by your generosity. What a great way to celebrate the Spirit of the season!

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

Pancake Breakfasts

Submitted by Brad Brech

The December breakfast was a huge success. We had great attendance to help welcome Father Don to the Parish. We had several comments on how good the eggs were. Funds raised were for the Elizabeth Ministry. We even sold 10 Christmas Balls and a Hat. Someday those inventories will be gone. We are planning dates for 2004. We will discuss them at the meeting in January.

Upcoming Events

Booyah and Chili

Submitted by Brad Brech

Details for the sale will be discussed at the Jan meeting, but currently the plan is to have sales on Sunday 1/18 and 1/25, cook on Friday 1/30, and pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 1. We will need volunteers to sell after Masses on 1/18 and 1/25, cook/package on 1/30, and distribute on 2/1. If interested in helping, Contact Brad at 282-5229 or Mnbrech@charter.net.

Major Degree

Submitted by Brad Brech

For those First Degree Knights that want to become Third Degree Knights, there will be a major degree in Rochester on Sunday 4/4/04. We are working to have Father Don attend, so if you have yet to make Third degree, this may be a good one to put on your calendar, as you can support Father Don at the same time. I am sure he will appreciate having a large group of supporters. There is also a major degree on Feb 28th in Winona. If you are interested in attending and traveling via a car pool, get in touch with Bob Taraba.

District Meeting

Submitted by Brad Brech

On January 17th, our Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary will be attending a District meeting.

2005 State Convention

Submitted by Brad Brech

The 2005 State Convention will again be in Rochester, this time hosted by Council 1013. As they helped us with our convention, they are seeking some help with the planning of their convention. If someone is interested in working on Ladies Events for them, their next meeting is January 14th, at the KC Hall at 7PM. Some of our convention committee will be attending as well to pass on any wisdom we gained from our efforts.

Newsletter News

Submitted by David Dykstal

The new web pages for the Knight's that were to appear in December should appear sometime later this month (I hope).

Council #11460 - December General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held December 11, 2003

Submitted by Jeff Block

- Grand Knight called meeting to order at 7:30 PM
- The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chaplain, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, and one Guard were present.
- Previous meeting minutes were approved.
- Reading of from 100's included 4 new members, 2 transfers, and a reactivation

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight Report – Brad Brech

- We received a Christmas card from Fr. Dominic in Ghana. He needs some help to make ends meet and requested \$500 from the Knights to help out. We discussed holding the next pancake breakfast for Fr. Dominic.
- The Rochester Lourdes color guard has requested to help run a pancake breakfast.
- The February meeting will once again be our light night with wine and cheese. More details to come.
- Christmas Anonymous store is this coming weekend. Thanks to all those who have helped and will be helping this weekend.
- The caroling in the cancer center will be Tuesday night at 6:30. Meet in subway level room S-79
- Dave Rossman discussed the retreat for men that will be taking place January 30th/Feb 1st in Buffalo, MN at the Kings house. It is well worth your effort in attending. Please see Dave for details.

Chaplain's Report – Fr. Don

- Fr. Don Spoke about the importance of the Knights within the church and how he was surprised that Holy Spirit had its own council. He has heard glowing reports from Fr. Dale.
- His council at Caledonia was an older crowd not able to attract many younger members. He complimented the wonderful spirit the Knights have here at Holy Spirit.
- He thanked us for the wonderful pancake breakfast.
- He'll try to stop in often at our meetings as he would like to make the role of Chaplain more practical vs. Honorary.
- He really likes the roses for baptism program.
- He also thanked those that helped worked on getting the rectory ready for his move.

Treasurer – Bill Oertli

- No Report.

Financial Secretary – Jim Decker

- Jim passed out reports showing last months receipts and income.

Director Reports

Program Director – Dave Hubka

- No Report

Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

- No Report

Community Activities Director – Steve Kluck

- Steve thanked those that helped move the catholic charities from Assisi Heights to their new home.
- Steve also helped moved a family's items out of storage and into their new home in Stewartville. Thanks to all those who helped out.

Family Activities Director – Tom Dube

- No Report

Council Activities Director – Pat McCarthy

- No Report

Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley

- Paul discussed the upcoming free throw contest. Paul has been asked to move the local date up this year to the weekend of Jan. 20th. We'll continue to do trophies and will hold the contest following 6:00 Mass in the gym. The state finals will be held following a Timberwolves game on their floor in March.
- Dave Hubka discussed a meal the Knights plan to prepare and serve for the youth choir the last Sunday in April. The meal will be held in the gym. He'll work with the youth choir in January to see what kind of meal they would like prepared. Look for more details to come.

Membership & Recruitment – Bob Taraba

- Fall membership was a success as we attracted 5 new members to our council. Thanks to Dave Hubka who helped Bob in the back of the church on Sunday after the masses.
- There will be a 1st degree held at Holy Spirit during the January meeting. (Note: later communications indicate tha this has been postponed.)

Old Business

- **State Convention** – Council 1013 will be hosting the 2005 State convention. Our council has been asked to help. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 7:00 at the KC Hall. Brad, Jim, and Greg will plan on attending to give details of how we ran the convention 2 years ago.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – The Elizabeth Ministry did a great job helping at the last breakfast. It was a very big success netting them about \$1000.
- **Light up for Christ** – A great crowd was on hand for this years light up for Christ. Thanks to those of you who attended.

New Business

- None.

District Reports

Field Agent Report – Steve Winkels

- KC financial products are doing well.
- If you need an IRA call Steve. Currently going at 3% to 3.5 %
- Life insurance, 9% dividend on whole life with a 4.5% guarantee
- The Knights will surpass 5 billion in life insurance this past year.
- Currently the Knights would rank as the 941st largest company overall in the US

District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs

- Council 11460 is doing a good job as a council. Berry will attend our meeting when needed as he has other more pressing needs within his district.
- There is some interest in beginning a Squires group at Lourdes. Berry has met with Denny Nigon (Principal at Lourdes) and they are interested. Will need plenty of Knights to offer support and sponsorship. This will be a great feeder system into all councils. Will look into reactivating an inactive 1013 Squires council number.
- Berry will be attending the mid winter meetings Jan. 9th - 11th. State Deputy Willard Strand is asking all councils to get their paper work in on time.
- Berry will be holding two district meetings per year. The first will be on Jan 17th from 10 to 2 for training of Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries. Lunch will be provided.
- Berry discussed the free throw contest. Local competitions do not require medals/trophies. District winners will receive a medal, and region winners will get a trophy. District will be at Lourdes old gym from 1 - 3 on February 8th, and regions at Lourdes old gym from 1 - 3 on February 22nd.
- February 6th will be the 6th annual RCS Catholic Scholarship Banquet. Bill Lower, director of development at Lourdes, will be heading up this effort. Cost will be \$100.00 per couple and \$500.00 per table.
- State convention meeting will be held Tuesday Dec. 9th. Jeff Bagniewski will be heading up registration and would like our information. There will also be a meeting January 14th, 7:00 at the KC Hall. It was determined that the State staff handles the convention minutes and that the local council will hire the stenographer.
- Fr. T along with Deacon Mangun (Asst. Chaplain at 1013) will have a day of reflection at St. Francis on March 6th. More information to follow. He is very interested in the spirituality of the council.
- 1013 wants to begin weekly fish fries. They need the Resurrection council and 11460 to take one Friday a month to make this work. This is a good way to make money. Dick Witzke is the 1013 contact. You could have various ministries sign up to help and split the profits. Similar to what is done with pancake breakfasts. The fish fries need to be staffed from 4:30 to 8:00 with a serving time of 5:00 to 7:30. Councils will receive \$2.50 per plate up to 300 plates, and \$3.00 per plate if more than 300 people attend.
- Membership - Needs information on all new members starting from July 1st of 2003. Send copies to Phil Harter and Berry Hobbs. After each first degree this information also needs to be sent in. We must get our membership from first degree to third degree. The next major degree is April 4th at Lourdes. There will be a major degree in Faribault on February 8th.

Special Intentions

- Chaplain Tom Loomis lost his mother
- Steve Nelson's wife Dawn who had thyroid surgery
- A nephews daughter born at 23 weeks and awaiting heart surgery

Closing

- Brad Brech offered the closing prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

