



The Knights' Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

As we enter the holiday season, I am sure everyone has many blessings to be thankful for at Thanksgiving. We do need to remember to give thanks all year long, and I for one am always thankful for the Knights in our council that continuously step forward to support our council, our parish, our community, and our brother Knights. A special thanks to Larry Burgart and his team for another successful Spirit Run, and to all those who helped at the pancake breakfast. Thanks to Dave Dykstal, who in addition to being our newsletter editor, stepped up to help with the Convention Booklet. One last acknowledgement to Mike Riester who volunteered to be our council's representative on the Giving Tree Committee.

On Sunday, November 14th, we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Council 11460. This will be both a chance for current Knights to re-dedicate themselves to the works of our fraternity, and a chance to find new members. If you know someone who is interested, and just needs to be asked, now is the time to do so. We will have a membership table in the narthex after each mass on that day.

We are still looking for a few people to help Dave with the convention booklet for the 2005 State Convention. 1013 helped us out, so let's step up and help them. Let Dave Dykstal know if you are interested in helping.

As you see in this newsletter, we have several events coming and to be discussed, so please try and connect with the rest of your brother Knights at the monthly meeting.

Vivat Jesus

Brad Brech

Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Eric Van Norman was the lucky winner for October. He and his understanding wife, Mary, have 2 boys, Jonathan and Thomas. They are charter members of the parish. Eric is also a charter member of our council and works at IBM. He actively involved with the Boy Scouts and the Rochester Amateur Radio Club.

Birthday Celebrations

The following Knights have birthdays in November: Patrick Blum, Scott Helt, Dave Hubka, Paul Klugherz, Mike Koranda, Steve Kunkel, Kevin Lenz, Dan Moravec, Bill Reiland, Pete Schommer, and Kevin Weber. If you see them this month wish them a very Happy Birthday and thank them for being a member of Council #11460.

Fr. Dale's birthday is also in November so if anyone is travelling to Austin stop by and wish him a Happy Birthday.

Calendar

Officer's Meeting.....	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, November 11, 7:00pm
Council Meeting.....	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, November 11, 7:30pm
10th Anniversary Celebration.....	Holy Spirit Church.....	Sunday, November 14
Major Degree.....	Owatonna.....	Sunday, November 21
Christmas Anonymous Senior Boxes.....	Assisi Heights.....	Saturday, December 4
CA Truck Unloading.....	Christ United Methodist.....	Saturday, December 4, 5:30pm
CA Delivery.....	Assisi Heights.....	Sunday, December 5
CA Packing.....	Christ United Methodist.....	December 6&7, 6:00pm
Light Up for Christ!.....	Holy Spirit Courtyard.....	Wednesday, December 8
CA Store.....	Christ United Methodist.....	Saturday, December 11, all day
Major Degree.....	Winona.....	Saturday, February 26, 2005
Major Degree (mark your calendars now!).....	Rochester.....	Sunday, March 20, 2005
Tootsie Roll Drive.....		April 29 -- May 1, 2005

Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to all of the Knights who worked the pancake breakfast at the end of October. The proceeds, with matching dollars, will be split between Queen of Angles flood relief and Timothy Hall, a seminarian from our Diocese studying in Rome.

10th Anniversary Activities

There will be several activities going on the Sunday we celebrate of our Council's 10th Anniversary. For starters, we will be making a special effort to recruit members that day. Brad Brech will be making a Communion Invitation at all the Masses for new members. There will be a recruiting table set up in the Narthex. Feel free to hang around and help and answer questions for the prospective members. If you know of anyone who you would like to encourage to become a Knight, this is the perfect opportunity to get them signed up!

Other special happenings include the first appearance of our new permanent council awards display in the Narthex; a Knight's-sponsored Donut Sunday; and lastly the Men's Choir will be singing at the two early Masses that day.

Men's Choir To Sing At 10th Anniversary

All men of Holy Spirit parish are invited to join the Men's Choir. We will sing on November 14th at the 8:00 and 9:30am Masses. We still have one more rehearsal scheduled on November 9th. If you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are especially invited, as we will include the celebration of the Holy Spirit council's 10th anniversary on November 14th. We look forward to having you sing. Please contact Neil Stiller (252-9678) or Frank Vondrashek for more information.

Upcoming Christmas Anonymous Opportunities

Christmas Anonymous is one of our Council's primary community service activities during the year. The dates have been set for this year's doings. On December 4th during the day we'll be packing the boxes of food for delivery to Seniors at Assisi Heights and, at 5:30pm, unloading the toy truck for the store at Christ United Methodist Church. On December 5th we'll help deliver the food we packed. On December 6&7 at 6pm we'll be packing more food boxes. On December 11th we'll be helping in the store beginning at 8am and loading throughout the day. More details will be available at the November council meeting. Contact Frank Vondrashek or Brad Brech if you have any questions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Anonymous Needs New Board Member

If you are interested in becoming an active member on the Christmas Anonymous planning board, please contact Frank Vondrashek. It is not as much work as you might think, as it is a very active group already. Frank could really use some help filling a few roles. This is a great opportunity to get involved in an extremely worthwhile community and Christian event.

Light Up for Christ!

As part of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Campaign, Light Up For Christ is a national event traditionally held the first Tuesday of December. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the order are invited to throw the switch and officially light a nativity scene or Christmas tree. Holy Spirit's Light up for Christ event has been partnered with the EMBERS program for the past several years, but this year will be slightly different. We'll begin at the Church on the evening of December 8th at 6:15 with the Rosary, followed by the nativity lighting at 6:45, and then a Mass at 7:00 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Knights, their families, and parishioners are all welcome to attend this event. Final details will be in the church bulletin so keep watching!

Spirit Run Another Great Success

Larry Burgart

The Spirit Run experienced strong support from Rochester's running family again this year. The Knights of Columbus and the Holy Spirit community have made a very positive impression on our guests over the past 10 years.

On October 30, dozens of young children ran an untimed 1K with each wearing a race number and receiving a ribbon and sporting smiles aplenty. This was followed by 187 runners from ages 8 to 72 finishing the 5K or 10K race. Bobby Chokdee took advantage of the mild temperatures and occasional light mist to post a blazing 35:05 10K time. Tamara Berg-Beniak outpaced the women's 10K runners by almost 2 minutes at 43:34. The overall 5K winner was 14 year old Travis Beniak. The fastest woman overall was Melissa Roehm at 20:34 with the fastest 19 and under woman was Jenny Johnson, 23:27.

The cast of supporters are almost too numerous to mention but it is important to mention the following:

- ◆ Sponsors: Stone Barn Dentistry (Duane Price), Bill Oertli CPA, Chateau Theatres (Charyl Letourneau).
- ◆ "Friends of KC" volunteers: Julie Burgart, Katie Brady-Schluttner, Carol Wells, Amy Heimer, Jim Parry, Mary Oertli, Ben Oertli, Phillip Oertli, Kathy Gaines, Melanie Parry, Cheri Block, Maggie Burgart, Caroline Smith and Dan Laska (Century Cross Country team).
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Numerous boy scouts in key positions of course safety, finish line and child care.
- ◆ Holy Spirit School Parents: provided homemade cookies, candy and cash for prizes.
- ◆ Rochester Track Club for their unwavering support.
- ◆ Special thanks to Ken White for laying out and certifying a new course this year.
- ◆ ...and of course the Knights of Columbus: Duane Price, Jim Decker, Tom Sand, Brad Brech, Steve (Joe) Kluck, Jeff Block, Eric Van Norman, Mark Schluttner, Jerome Lensing, Steve Kunkel, Ryan Kemmerick, Brent Samb, Pete Bushman, Dewayne Gallenberg, Eric Rowenkamp, Jim Bier, Steve Wasz, Mark Vanderwiell, Steve Nelson and Dave Kooistra.

Sorry to whoever I forgot!!!!

Major Degree Ceremonies

All current 1st degree members should plan to eventually participate in the 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonials. Do it this year and put it behind you! It's a one-time commitment, and definitely worth the time. The 2nd/3rd degrees planned in the nearby area are listed above in the Calendar. Please mark the local Rochester one on your calendar now. And if you have a conflict then or would otherwise like to attend the ones in Owatonna or Winona instead, please contact Brad Brech, Dave Hubka, or Bob Taraba.

MN Knights Offer Student Loans

Did you know that the Minnesota Knights of Columbus has a student loan program for family members? The max each year is \$2500, total of \$12,500. Interest rate is low, and is interest is deferred during school. For more information and application forms contact:

Minnesota Knights of Columbus
Student Loan Fund, Inc.
PO Box 126
Belle Plaine, MN 56011
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(952) 873-2213

Words From The Lecturer

Dave Rossman - 282-5316

Brother Knights,

It's time to start thinking about the Annual Men's Retreat. It is held at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. There are several of us Holy Spirit Knights who are planning on attending this year, so join the car-pool and ride along. The date is the same weekend as the Super bowl, but don't worry, we are back home in time for the kick-off.

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David Dykstal

The current and previous issues of the newsletter will be kept there as well as council officers, history, and current activities. Visit <http://www.holyspiritrochester.org/> and look for us under "Groups" on the left of the page. Let me know of any corrections or things you like to see there. Each month I will email those who signed up for e-mail distribution of the newsletter a monthly reminder with a pointer to the newsletter page.

A Bit Of History -- In The Beginning

Dave Dykstal, Dave Hubka

Holy Spirit's Council 11460 was established in November 1994, only four years after Holy Spirit became a parish and just after our move into our new church, through the efforts of eleven parishoners who were already Knights. They were encouraged by Don Ahlstrom, a parish member and a past Grand Knight of Council 1013 here in Rochester; Doug Cederholm then the district deputy; and our pastor, Fr. Dale Tupper. They saw the need for organizing the men of our parish into a group that could work for the good of Holy Spirit and the surrounding community. The Knights were a natural fit for this need.

Our first First Degree ceremony was held November 1994 and the second held in January 1995.

These new Knights along with the existing ones became our charter members: Damian Ahlstrom, Don Ahlstrom, Francis Aning, Jim Bier, Jeff Block, Ray Bressel, Mark Brickl, Larry Burgart, Pete Bushman, Kevin Coughlin, Mitchell Dahl, Jim Decker, Greg Eaton, Lee Erdmann, Tom Fox, Bruce Fujan, DeWayne Gallenberg, Paul Graff, Don Hoerle Jr., Dave Hubka, Jonathan Jones, John Kalwasinski, Greg King, Marv Kulas, Greg Laughland, Jim Lehman, Bob Loechler, Mike Madden, Jim Mathews, David Meyer, Chuck Mosier, Glen Nelson, Steve Nowakowski, Bill Oertli, Duane Price, Kevin Rademacher, Dave Rossman, Greg Rowekamp, Brent Samb, Tom Sand, Brian Uhlenkamp, Eric Van Norman, Steve Wasz, and John Wilke.

By 1998 we had 100 members in the council. Our current membership is just around 150.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

October 14, 2004 General Business Meeting

Submitted by Jerome N. Lensing, Council Recorder

Opening

Steve Kunkel presented the check from the Tootsie Roll Drive to Marion Imhauser, Special Events Coordinator for ARC. She gave a brief update on ARC.

Deputy Grand Knight called meeting to order at 7:34 PM. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight Brad Brech, Deputy Grand Knight Dave Hubka, Chancellor Greg Kapraun, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Lecturer Dave Rossman, and Guard Steve Kunkel were present. Previous meeting minutes were read and approved. No Form 100s were read.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight Brad Brech – No Report

Treasurer Bill Oertli – No Report

Financial Secretary Jim Decker – No Report

Director's Reports

Program Director Dave Hubka – No Report

Church Activities Director Brad Brech – Light Up For Christ will be either December 1 or 8, depending on Embers schedule. Watch for further details.

Community Activities Director Steve (Joe) Kluck – No Report

Council Activities Director Pat McCarty – No Report

Family Activities Director Tom Dube - No Report

Youth Activities Director Paul Daley - No Report

Membership Director Brad Brech – November 14 will be the start of our annual membership drive in conjunction with our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration.

Newsletter Editor Dave Dykstal - No Report.

Old Business

November 14 – Council Ten Year Anniversary Celebration – developing a history of the council, activities of the council and other comments about our council.

Steve Kunkel summarized the latest meeting about the storage shed. Eric Van Norman may be able to donate a small storage container for smaller items.

We need to supply manpower for the convention booklet that will be developed for the upcoming State KC

Convention. Talk to Dave Dykstal if you can help.

Holy Spirit Youth Group received \$500 from the last Pancake Breakfast, \$350 was used for Laser Tag equipment.

New Business

Ed Robinet, member of 1013, discussed the financial needs of Timothy Hall, a seminary student from Byron. He is asking for funds to help defray the cost of a retreat to the Holy Land, which is part of his process to his ordination. We indicated that would consider this at this meeting.

October 31st Pancake Breakfast – Motion made, seconded and passed to proceeds will be split between Queen of Angels Parish in Austin for flood relief and Timothy Hall, seminarian from Byron.

Spirit Run – Larry Burgart will be contacting people to help with the event.

Greg Kapraun discussed the purchase of Bibles for the second graders; Dave Hubka mentioned that he had visited with Mary Margaret about the KC helping with this also. Motion made, seconded and passed to provide \$500 for the purchase of Bibles.

Brad discussed the possible 2nd Annual Super Bowl Booya Fundraiser. Will be discussing at future meetings.

Brad mentioned the upcoming dates for Christmas Anonymous – December 4 – Senior Boxes, December 11 – Store, more details at upcoming meetings.

Plans will be made for a First Degree in December or January.

Steve Kunkel discussed the need for more cabinets for the school. Will delay project till next spring.

District Reports

District Deputy Berry Hobbs – There is a new council in Berry's area – 13609 in Spring Valley. He thanks us for all the work that we did 3 years ago for the State Convention and what we are doing for the upcoming State Convention – convention booklet, Men's Choir participation. October is Month of the Family and Prolife.

Field Agent Steve Winkels – No Report

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered for Berry Hobbs' dad who is in Hospice. Meeting ended with the Our Father and Hail Mary at 8:41 PM.