



The Knights' Flame



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Grand Knight Message

As we start a new year and continue to celebrate the Christmas season, we are reminded of the greatest gift of all, God's love. I hope you were all able to share this gift with your families over the last few weeks of festivities. Each New Year brings fresh hopes, so lets hope that 2005 is a year we see his love spread to all corners of our world, especially the Middle East and the devastated areas in southern Asia.

Thanks to all that worked to make the holidays a bit brighter for us all:

- Jim Buntrock, Tom Sand, Father Don, and the rest of the *Light up for Christ* team. Other than the muddy feet, it was a great event. (I was sure glad I didn't have holes in my socks for Mass).
- Frank Vondrashek, Jim Decker, and all of their *Christmas Anonymous* team. It was another success.
- Mary Margaret and her Church decorating team. It looked wonderful again.

Several events will be occurring in the next month or so, such as Souper Bowl Sunday, Free Throw Contest, and a First Degree. Please support the council and participate where you can. More hands make the work lighter for everyone. I know we all have busy calendars, so let me also remind you that March has a Major Degree, April is Tootsie Roll drive, and May is the State Convention.

One last note, remember to contact Steve Winkels, (his information is in the left column) our Insurance Field Agent. Besides the insurance program, Steve can provide you with information on many fraternal benefits of the Knights of Columbus. In addition to being well informed and helpful, he is a great guy just to have a conversation with. Hopefully he will be able to join us for Light Night being we had to move the date to Wednesday, February 2nd.

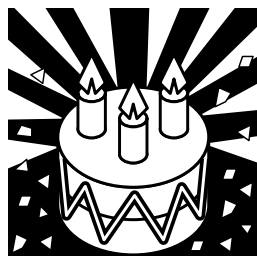
Vivat Jesus

Brad Brech

Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Since our December meeting was canceled to give us all some much needed Advent time, *Get-to-Know-a-Knight* will return next month!



Birthday Celebrations

The following Knights have birthdays in January: Larry Burgart, Kevin Coughlin, Jim Decker, Joe DiCecco, Al Faupel, Tom Fox, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, Jim Hebl, Brent Johnson, Kris Lake, Greg Laughland, Steve Nowakowski, Mark Pfeifer, Brent Samb, Mark Schluttner, Gordon Stockinger, and Tom Suther. Congratulations to all and thanks for being a Knight and a member of council 11460.

Light Up for Christ!

On Wednesday, December 8th the Knights of Columbus held their *Light Up for Christ* event in conjunction with Holy Spirit Embers and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The evening began in the church with a rosary lead by one of the Embers' class. After the rosary over 60 children and adults made the procession to the northeast corner of the church property for a special blessing, caroling, and lighting of the Nativity scene. The weather was warm, and despite

Calendar

Officer's Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, January 13, 7:00pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, January 13, 7:30pm
Booyah Orders	Narthex	After Masses, January 22 and 29
Men's Retreat	Christ the King Retreat Center	January 21-23
Free Throw Competition	School Gym	Monday, January 30, 6:30pm (tentative)
Light Night	Commons	Wednesday, February 2, 7:30pm
Booyah Cookin'	Kitchen	Friday, February 4
Booyah Delivery	Commons	After Masses, February 6
Pancake Breakfast	School Gym	Sunday, February 27
Major Degree	Winona	Saturday, February 26
Major Degree (mark your calendars now!)	Rochester	Sunday, March 20
Tootsie Roll Drive		April 29 -- May 1

some muddy conditions, the event was a success. The Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed the event.

A special thank you goes to Embers Coordinator Carolyn Real and Father Don Schmitz for hosting and coordinating this year's event. Also a thank you to Tom Sand and Larry Burgart for setting up the Nativity scene.

Christmas Anonymous - Thank You All

Frank Vondrashek

Christmas Anonymous would once again like to say 'Thank You' to all the Knights of Columbus for working with us to provide for needy families of Rochester and Olmsted County. This year we were able to help 65 people in group homes, 312 seniors & shut-ins, and 617 families have a wonderful Christmas.

How do you help? The KC volunteers that help set up, and run and escort at the Christmas Anonymous store, where for one day, families in need come and select new and used toys, bikes, clothing, hats, and gloves, coats and boots to wrap up and give to their children as gifts for Christmas. Also provided is enough food to make a generous holiday meal for the entire family.

We know that the biggest impact is on your time. The Christmas season is busy for everyone, and to give up your time, even a few hours is difficult. Yet by doing so, you make it possible for thousands of children to enjoy a wonderful Christmas, and to keep those memories for a lifetime.

Again, Thank You so much for all you do.

"Souper Bowl" Sunday

We are starting to plan the Booyah event for Super Bowl Sunday. We will be taking orders on both January 23rd and January 30th, after the morning masses. We will prepare the Booyah on February 4th, and distribute it on February 6th after the morning Masses. We could use 3 or 4 Knights after each morning Mass on the 23rd and 30th. I also need one or two people to help clean, roast, and cut chicken on Wednesday evening February 2nd, as well as 6-10 people to make the soup, chili, and muffins on Friday evening, February 4th. Prices will remain as last year, \$5 per quart or \$2.50 for a dozen muffins. If you want to help with any of the slots, please let Brad know (MNBRECH@CHARTER.NET or 282-5229).

Free Throw Championship

It's nearly time again for our annual free throw competition. We have set Sunday January 30th at 6:30 p.m. as the tentative date pending confirmation with the school for use of the gym. The district and regional dates have also been set. The district competition will be held Sunday February 13th and the regional competition will be held on Sunday, February 20th. Both will be held at Lourdes beginning at noon. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14.

February Light Night

As always, our February meeting is for fellowship. Because of the early Lenten season this year, we are moving the Light Night to Wednesday, February 2nd, at 7:30PM in the Commons. We wanted to have our Wine and Cheese event before we all started our Lenten fasting.

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. If you have a conflict or would otherwise like to attend the one in Winona, please contact Brad Brech, Dave Hubka, or Bob Taraba.

Words From The Lecturer

Dave Rossman - 282-5316

Men of Holy Spirit, now is the time to act and sign up for the annual Men's Retreat at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. Some of the men from the council have committed to attend the retreat on the weekend of January 21-23, 2005. The theme this year is "Who do you say I am?"

If you are interested talk to myself or Dave Hubka and we can get you registered, or call the retreat center directly at 763-682-1394. There will be transportation available at no charge and we should be back in town by 5:00 PM. Say "yes" and join your fellow Knights for this faith enriching weekend! The next person to call me to sign up will receive a Free Registration.