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Grand Knight Message

A Happy New Year to everyone!

This is the time of the year to look back and understand what went well in 2005, and to look forward and see what is coming up in 2006 and what can be done to make it a great year.

For me, 2005 was a good year, and 2006 looks to be even better. On the personal front, I've done pretty well in 2005 except for failing to reduce my weight a bit. This coming year, I'll renew my efforts on the weight loss, and will celebrate major events as my oldest child graduates from high school and moves on to college, and I turn the big five-oh. On the KC front, I've enjoyed my first 6 months as your Grand Knight, and hope you have felt I've been doing a good job. I'm ready to hit the ground running for an exciting year ahead, and want to invite any of you to give me any suggestions you may have for how I can do my job better. And thanks to all of you - this is a great council, and while some small credit does go to the top leadership, the bulk of the credit goes to all of you that organize the various activities and provide the manpower to do all that we do - THANKS!

As for each of you, I would ask you to keep the KCs in mind as you look ahead to 2006. The KCs provide many opportunities for you to get as involved as you want, and the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it. The best way for you to get involved is to pick a couple of activities that most interest you and to volunteer to help. We've got lots of things coming up in the next few weeks, with a pancake breakfast on January 22, the youth free throw competition on January 29, the Souper Bowl sales for the week-end of February 4-5, the annual retreat on February 3-5, and the Light Night on February 9. All of these could use your help if you have a couple of hours to help - pick up the phone and call the organizer listed in separate write-ups in the newsletter.

And a hearty welcome to the 4 new members of our council as of the orientation ceremony on December 15: Dick Quinn, Sean Valentine, Michael Wehr, and Joe Weigel. Join me in helping them feel welcome!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

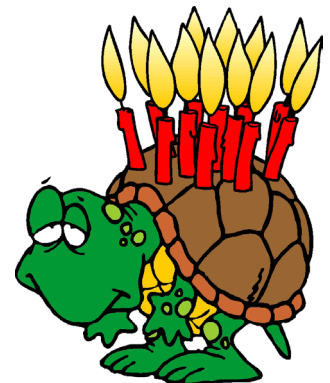
There is no Get-To-Know-A-Knight this month since the December meeting was cancelled. Stay tuned for next month's winner.

Birthday Celebrations

Knights with birthdays in January are Larry Burgart, Mark Pfeifer, Mark Schluttner, Kevin Coughlin, Peter Freiburger, Jim Decker, Joe DiCecco, Tom Fox, Gordon Stockinger, Tom Suther, Bruce Fujan, Brent Johnson, Kristopher Lake, Gregory Laughland, Brent Samb, and Steve Nowakowski. Wish them a very happy birthday the next time you see them! Thanks to all for being Knights in our council.

Light Night

Join us for a fun evening of wine, cheese, and conversation. Our annual Light Night with the Knights takes the place of our regular council meeting on February 9th, beginning at 7:00pm in the Holy Spirit Commons. Spouses and guests are invited and we are intending on providing babysitting. Put this on your calendar - this is a great time to invite prospective new members to come and check us out.



Calendar

Officers Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, January 12	7:15pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, January 12	7:30pm
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 22	after morning Masses
Bible Study Seminar	Church of the Resurrection	January 27-28	see article
Free Throw Contest	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 29	6:30pm (see article)
Men's Retreat	Buffalo MN	February 3-5	
Souper Bowl Booyah!		Sunday, February 5	after Masses
Light Night	Holy Spirit Commons	Thursday, February 9	7:00pm
Major Degree	Lourdes High School	Sunday, April 9	TBD
Toosie Roll Drive		April 28-30	

Light Up For Christ

Mike McDermott

The Light Up For Christ was held on Thursday, December 8th after the Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thanks to Fr. Don's promise of hot cocoa and freshly baked cookies, many people braved the cold weather to walk down for the lighting. After the lighting, we returned to the church to enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and conversation. We had plenty of extra candy canes which Frank Vondrashek took for Christmas Anonymous.

My thanks to the following people: Tom Sand for his expertise in setting up the Nativity scene; Fr. Don and Mary Margaret for the hot cocoa; and especially my wife, Mary, for baking the cookies and setting up the cookies and candy canes.

Christmas Anonymous

Frank Vondrashek

Thank You to everyone who helped with Christmas Anonymous this year. On Saturday December 10th we had our 'store' at Christ United Methodist Church and it was an overwhelming success by serving 640 Families!!

The previous weekend we sent out Seniors Baskets to 345 Seniors in need. These results surpass the numbers of Families and Seniors we've been able to help in recent years, and is both an indicator of the need that is out there, and the generosity of your help.

Holy Spirit Church and School and Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus are some of our greatest supporters!! Holy Spirit School penny wars collected \$3,000, and the KC council contributed \$500 for food. The scouts and youth groups and many others donated and volunteered as well. Please be comforted in the thought that so many families are enjoying Christmas this year because of your help.

Thank You for our community success!

January Pancake Breakfast

Our next breakfast is on January 22nd and our youth group is sponsoring it. They are raising funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Brad Brech is always looking for new folks to help. The jobs are easy and there are plenty of experienced folks to show you the ropes. There is a special need for folks on the late shift after the 10:00 Mass. Contact Brad at mnbrech@charter.net or 282-5229.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Our annual "Souper Bowl" is fast approaching. We will be selling soup after Masses on January 21-22 and January 28-29. Booyah and chili will be made on February 2-3 and distributed the weekend of February 4-5. We need volunteers for all these jobs. Contact Brad at mnbrech@charter.net or 282-5229.

Bible Study Seminar

Alan Schollmeier

Family Activities director

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A "Learn to Read and Understand the Bible" seminar will be held this coming January 27th and 28th at the Church of the Resurrection. The speaker is Jeff Cavins who is an excellent Bible study teacher. I really recommend this seminar. Parents, especially fathers, are primarily responsible for teaching the faith to their children, and an excellent way to do this is to understand how to read the Bible yourself. Please consider this great opportunity.

All are welcome. Bring a son, daughter, father, mother, friend, a confirmation candidate, or an RCIA candidate. This will be a great gift that will last a lifetime. You decide for yourself if their age is appropriate. I myself will bring my 13 year old son.

Pick up registration sheets as soon as possible at Resurrection Parish, or call Bev Loftus at the parish office at 288-5528. Save \$5.00 per person with advance registration before January 14th.

This is not a Knights of Columbus sponsored event but we sure can support it. In doing so we are supporting the Church.

Times:

Friday 27th 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Saturday 28th 8:45am – 4:00pm.

Advance registration:

\$40.00 per person (breakfast and lunch included)

\$35.00 per person (lunch not included)

Registration after January 14th or at the door:

\$45.00 per person (includes breakfast only)



Free Throw Contest

The KC free throw contest will be held in the Holy Spirit gym on Sunday, January 29th. Registration starts at 6:30 with the competition starting at 7:15pm. Anyone interested in helping with the event please contact Paul Daley at 775-7012.

Words From The Lecturer

The Men's Spiritual Retreat is all set for Feb 3,4,5-2006 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo Minnesota. Here are the details. Registration is \$25 and includes a chance to car pool with other Holy Spirit men. We will leave around 3:00 PM on Friday and return by 5:00pm Sunday just in time to watch the Super Bowl. The theme this year is "On The Way: Our Journey To God". Contact Dave Rossman at 282-5316 if you are interested in joining other Knights from across the state for this weekend experience.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

Saint Bernard Latini lived from 1605 to 1667 in Corleone, Sicily. He was a shoemaker by trade, but was also considered to be one of the most expert swordsmen and duelists of his day. As such he had several brushes with the law. After mortally wounding a police officer and seeking sanctuary in a church in Palermo, he experienced a true conversion. He became a Capuchin lay brother taking the name Bernard at that time. He lived an extremely austere life to make up for the ways of his youth and is known for his supernatural gifts of the healing of animals, prophecies, ecstasies, and levitation.

He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 10, 2001. His memorial is on January 12th.

Minutes

There are no minutes from December.

