



# The KNIGHT'S FLAME

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## Grand Knight Message

**Key Message #1:** Our **April meeting is CANCELLED**. Our next meeting will be May 11.

**Key Message #2:** Celebrate Easter. It is THE liturgical high point of the year. This Easter season, take time to really celebrate and learn more what our faith is all about!

**Key Message #3:** Hope to see you on Sunday, April 9th at Lourdes High School. First degree orientation for new members will begin at 11:00am, and 2nd/3rd major degrees for those still needing them will begin at noon. And for those already having attained these degrees, come out and support your brother knights by observing the degrees.

Everything else I have to say is far less important than those key messages. So, I'll simply say to have a great Easter Season, and thanks to all of you for all you do to support this organization! Vivat Jesus!

*Dave Hubka, Grand Knight*

## Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Get To Know A Knight returns with a vengeance this month with three entries from our last meeting. All three gentlemen below were present at our meeting in March and will receive \$5 off their next year's dues.

Tony Rossman raises livestock, corn, and soybeans near Douglas. He and his lovely wife Michelle have a two year old son, Nick, and a baby on the way. They moved here two years ago from Colorado and began farming at that time.

Michael Wehr joined the Knights last December. He works at Mayo. His family is from Omaha, but he's lived here for six years now. Mike's father was also a Knight.

Dave Nissen heads up our "Adopt A Highway" cleanup program. Dave and his wife Amy have two children, Rachel and Sarah. Dave has lived in Rochester for 25 years.

A lifetime of fame and a small amount of cash can be yours for appearing in GTKAK.

All that's required is to show up at our next council meeting in May and have enough luck to have your name drawn.

## Birthday Celebrations

Knights with birthdays in April are Lynn Berning, Dennis Clark, Rick Dettinger, Greg Eaton, Jeff Fague, Berry Hobbs, Charles Kroll, Pat McCarthy, Gary Moore, Ron Schmerbauch, Rick Stevens, Jeffrey Huebert, and Alan Benjamin. They become one year older and wiser this Spring. Congratulate them on another year next time you see them!



## Calendar

No council meetings this month!

Fish Fry . . . . .	Holy Spirit Gym. . . . .	Friday, April 7. . . . .	5pm
1st Degree . . . . .	Lourdes High School . . . . .	Sunday, April 9. . . . .	11am
2nd, 3rd Degrees . . . . .	Lourdes High School . . . . .	Sunday, April 9. . . . .	noon
Combined Choir . . . . .	. . . . .	Easter Sunday, April 16 . . . . .	8:15am
Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. . . . .	meet at Holy Spirit . . . . .	Saturday, April 22 . . . . .	9am
Toosie Roll Drive . . . . .	. . . . .	April 28-30	
Men's Choir. . . . .	. . . . .	Sunday, April 30. . . . .	morning Masses
Una Feista Mexicana . . . . .	Holy Spirit Gym. . . . .	Saturday, May 6 . . . . .	after 4:30pm Mass
Youth Choir Appreciation . . . . .	Holy Spirit Gym. . . . .	Sunday, May 7 . . . . .	after 10am Mass
State Convention . . . . .	Moorhead, MN . . . . .	May 19-21	
Men's Choir. . . . .	. . . . .	May 28. . . . .	morning Masses

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## District Deputy Notes

*Berry Hobbs*

A few days ago, I had a brother District Deputy call and ask for my assistance for a brother knight, Brother Mike Scheurer and his wife Michelle. They came to the Mayo Clinic from the Cities to visit with a team of doctors about her current illness. Michelle has been diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer; she is 39 years old and the mother of 15 month twins. The doctors at the Clinic affirmed what they had been told, and now they realize there is nothing more that can be humanly done for them. They are in great need of help; please remember them in your prayers.

This past week, I received all of the Tootsie Rolls for District 37. I want to thank Fr. Don and Steve Kunkel for taking delivery of the 39 cases for Holy Spirit. We hope that all members of the Council will assist Steve with this task. The revenue derived from this great effort is for some very worthy groups who do very outstanding work.

A 92 year old gentleman recently joined the Order; he was asked why, and here is his response. "I have lived a full and wonderful life. I know that I don't need insurance, and physically, I am not going to be able to do much. I joined because when I pass on, I will have a mass said everyday for me and my wife. I can think of no other benefit as important as this." Well said. Shortly after the death of my own father, I received a note from our Supreme Knight telling me that he and my mother will be remembered in the daily Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, CT.

As many of you know, I do degree work, and a few weeks ago, our team conducted a degree ceremony in Sleepy Eye. I noticed that both the New Ulm and Sleepy Eye councils really focused on getting 18 year old gentlemen into their councils. There were 9 men who were 18 years old who joined, and these folks radiated so much energy and enthusiasm. Recently at the Holy Spirit Pizza Party, some 18 year old men were signed up, and I tend to think that so many have not been approached and made aware of the Order. I encourage all to contact these young men and invite them into our Council.

To those of you who are 1st degree only, please give serious thought to joining us at Lourdes High School on April 9th and complete your journey to full knighthood. You have or will be contacted and invited to become a part of the major degree; you need only to respond with a resounding "YES. Yes, I will be

there and complete my journey." I assure you that this will be a day you will never forget, and it will have a positive impact on you for the rest of your life. Please join us.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to three of our Council members who will be joining the 4th degree. They are Jim Decker, Jerome Lensing, and Bill Oertli. The exemplification will be held in Bloomington the last weekend of April. Should you be interested in joining these gentlemen, please give me a call at 529-9059 or email me at [b.hobbs@charter.net](mailto:b.hobbs@charter.net).

## 1st/2nd/3rd Degree Ceremonials

It's that time of the year again to hold the full set of ceremonials here in Rochester. On Sunday, April 9, 2006 (Palm Sunday) at Lourdes High School we'll hold a 1st degree at 11:00am for new members, and then at noon will hold the 2nd/3rd degree ceremonials. Please use the school entrance on Center Street.

All 1st degree members are reminded that they are expected to go through the advanced degrees soon after joining – we have a number of members who need to take care of this requirement yet. Those taking the 2nd/3rd degrees should plan to arrive at 11:30. There no fees for these advanced degrees, but you should have paid your 2006 dues and have your current membership card with you.

All current members are welcome to observe the 1st degree, and all current 3rd degree members are welcome to observe the advanced degrees. It's always nice to have a good showing of current members to support our members going through the degree ceremonials. Hope to see you there!

## 1st Annual Gary Vanselow Memorial Scholarship Fund Fish Fry

On Friday April 7th enjoy a great meal of fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, and other goodies to benefit the RCS Scholarship Fund in Gary's name. Tickets are available at the Holy Spirit School Office. Call 288-8818 and ask for Teresa Vanselow. Great door prizes, too!

## Membership Open House a Success!

*Dave Hubka*

Our Membership Open House on March 20 was a great success. Maybe it was the offer of information about the KCs, maybe it was a night out with the guys, maybe it was the inspirational speakers, or maybe it was the offer of free pizza

and pop at Valentino's. But whatever, it was enough of a success so I'll now put the 'First Annual' prefix on it!

We had 25 total in attendance – 13 Knights and 12 guests. 4 of the guests were not yet old enough to join. Of the other 8 guests 5 signed up to join and some others are thinking about it. Two of the new folks who signed up are sons of current members.

Thanks to Dave Hubka, Berry Hobbs, Fr. Don, and Greg Kapraun for speaking, to Larry Burgart and Jim Decker for helping with planning and paperwork, and for all the Knights who attended for bringing candidates and/or helping to talk to them about membership.

## Tootsie Roll Drive

This year's drive will be the weekend of April 28-30. As usual we will be collecting donations for area organizations that serve those with developmental disabilities. Steve Kunkel is again coordinating our work for this worth cause. He will be calling for volunteers just before and after Easter to fill the shifts at the various stores. Its easy work, and everyone likes the tootsie rolls. Please be generous with your time when Steve calls.



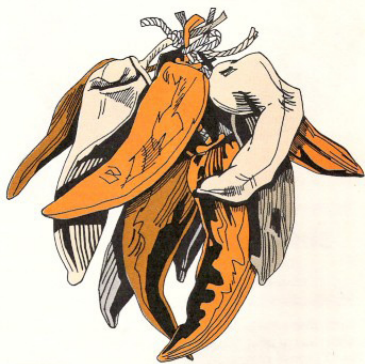
## 3rd Annual Youth Choir Appreciation Brunch on May 7

*Dave Hubka*

The Holy Spirit Youth Choir will sing for the final time of the season at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, May 7, 2006. Immediately following that Mass, we'll be serving them a brunch as a Thank You for all their efforts. Format and menu will be similar to past years. Pete Schommer will be head chef, Joe DiCecco will be in charge of the waffle bar, and for the pool of workers I plan to primarily ask the Knights who have a daughter or son in this year's Youth Choir – but I'll gladly accept other volunteers as well. We'll need some workers to start food preparation about 8:00 that morning, and then we will need many more workers to help serve and clean-up. I'll be calling for workers soon, but if you know now you would like to sign up to help, please send me an email ([dhubka@magnaspeed.net](mailto:dhubka@magnaspeed.net)) or call me (282-6090) and mark your calendar!

## Una Fiesta Mexicana Fantastica!

Come join us for an delicious South of the Border Dinner, sensational Silent Auction and extraordinary entertainment to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006. All proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will be used to offset the cost of our 3rd annual youth mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. On July 29th, a group of 24 youth plus



4 adult chaperones will be embarking on a Youthworks journey to Juarez, Mexico to finish building a modest, one room home and to lead children in activities at Club de Niños. With your help, this group of 24 young people will gain experience that will give them skills and confidence to go make a positive difference in the world!

For information on purchasing discounted tickets in advance and additional details regarding this festive fundraising celebration, please email: [cincodemayoplus1@yahoo.com](mailto:cincodemayoplus1@yahoo.com) or watch for future announcements either in the bulletin or at sales tables after Mass.

Date/Time of Event: May 6th, after the 4:30 Mass

Location: Holy Spirit Church

## Help Wanted for Una Fiesta!

If you you have anything to donate that know would sell or you can help in obtaining donations from area businesses or, MOST IMPORTANTLY, if you can HELP OUT WITH THE DINNER/AUCTION in any way (e.g. WARMING DONATED FOOD or COOKING RICE/BEANS, ASSEMBLING TACOS or HELPING WITH SETUP/TAKE-DOWN, please email Rick Stevens <[Rick en LaPaz@chartermi.net](mailto:Rick en LaPaz@chartermi.net)>, Stacey Vasquez <[staceylynnmc@yahoo.com](mailto:staceylynnmc@yahoo.com)> and/or Debbie Lampi Bocanegra <[dlbma@charter.net](mailto:dlbma@charter.net)>. We will forward your name to the appropriate committee. Muchas gracias!

## Volunteer Coordinators Needed

*Dave Hubka*

Interested in taking on some leadership, but not ready to step up and be a director or officer at this time? How about stepping forward to take the lead on one of the following? Please contact Dave Hubka, [dhubka@magnaspeed.net](mailto:dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or 282-6090 if interested.

- Life Events Recognition coordinator: This would involve coordinating cards, flowers, and other appropriate recognitions for various "life events" for council members and their immediate families. This would certainly involve marriages, births, adoptions, deaths, and possibly other events. Council funds would cover expenses. This has largely been done by the Grand Knight and a few other officers in the past.

- Pro-life activities coordinator: The pro-life theme is pretty strong in the KCs. There are several supreme and state level KC activities available to us in this area that today we are not participating in. If you feel strongly about pro-life, this would be an opportunity for you to take the lead and get our council involved in a few of these activities.

## Men's Choir

*Neil Stiller*

A combined Men's & Women's Choir will be singing on Easter Sunday (April 16) at the 8:15am Mass. We will have a practice after the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday April 9th. We will also be singing at both Masses on April 30th and May 28th. Please contact me at [njrochmn@charter.net](mailto:njrochmn@charter.net) or 252-9678 if you have questions.

All Holy Spirit men are welcome to join the Men's Choir. If you have ever been interested in joining us you can contact me, Frank Vondrashek, or Dave Dykstal.



## Adopt a Highway

*Dave Nissen*

I am looking for volunteers for our highway clean-up project. The date for the project is Saturday April 22, 2006. If it rains, the alternative date is Saturday May 6. We'll meet at the church at 9:00 am for brief instructions and car pool to our section of highway. If we can get 10 volunteers age 12 and up the project should only take about two hours. Bring a pair of gloves. We'll also need some donated 5 gallon buckets so if you can bring one or two that would be great. I can be reached at 252-1096.

## Words from the Lecturer

*Dave Rossman*

Brother Knights - You are on your own this month with the regular business meeting canceled. I leave you with my hope that we all participate in other parish events during Lent, especially events that involve prayer and faith in action. I would encourage all of you to pick something from the list in the bulletin and go at it. Give us officers some feedback on what you tried and how it went. And as always, take a friend with you.

## Little Known Saint of the Month

*Dave Dykstal*

This month we cross the pond and back in time to Italy just before the beginning of the last century. Gemma Galgani, visionary and mystic, was born in 1878 in Lucca in Tuscany.

By all accounts, Gemma was a frail person, always in ill health. It was her frailty kept her out of the convent that she desired so much. However, from a very early age Gemma exhibited supernatural gifts, including visitations by Our Lady and Jesus, great familiarity with her guardian angel, and the appearance of stigmata. The stigmata - the wounds of Christ - appeared on her hands, feet, and side every week for about 2 years beginning in 1899. They would open, issue a bright red blood,

and then abruptly stop and close leaving only white marks. Even when the stigmata stopped appearing the scars remained.

Her diaries and the writings of her spiritual director both provide a rich detail of her visionary life, including the rather unconventional practice of using her guardian angel as a messenger to others.

She contracted tuberculosis of the spine and died peacefully on April 11, 1903.

Gemma is a patron saint of pharmacists and of tuberculosis sufferers. Her feast is on April 11th.



# Knights of Columbus Council #11460

## March 9, 2006 General Business Meeting

*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting submitted by Jerome N. Lensing*

### Opening

Grand Knight Dave Hubka called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Library of Holy Spirit Parish. Dave led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight – Dave Hubka, Chaplain, Father Don Schmitz; Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Kapraun; Chancellor – Paul Daley; Recorder, Jerome N. Lensing; Financial Secretary, Jim Decker; Lecturer, Dave Rossman; and Guard Steve Kunkel were present. . The minutes of the February 2006 meeting were approved.

### Officers Reports:

Grand Knight Dave Hubka mentioned the **thank you from Sister Jane** for the \$500 donation for her purchasing a set of Catholic Encyclopedias for the seminary in Nigeria

Jim Decker, Financial Secretary presented income and expense reports for February, 2006 (Receipts - \$3,778.00; Payments - \$2,089.12) and March, 2006, (Receipts - \$944.50; Payments – \$96.89) which were reviewed by those present and approved. Paid memberships – 132 with 40 not paid. Jim discussed the status of 9 members and 2 potential withdrawals.

Discussion on **Pennies for Seminarians** and Student Loan Program. Motion made and seconded to provide \$492.00 for Pennies for Seminarians and Student Loan Program.

Discussion about **Tim Burgart's** Eagle Scout Award project.

### Directors Reports:

Membership Director: Dave Hubka discussed the **Membership Information Open House** that will be held on March 20th at Valentino's. Focus will be on younger members of the parish. Information will be available on Sunday at the Pancake Breakfast, postcards also available.

Discussion on possible **discount for full time students** that are KC's. Motion made and seconded to that full time students membership dues will be \$10/year, regardless of age.

**Major Degree** will be April 9th at Lourdes; First Degree at 11 AM with Second and Third Degree's at Noon. We have 52 members that have their First Degree, we encourage you to participate in the Major Degree on April 9th and complete your Second and Third Degree.

Jerome discuss the opportunity for fellow Knights to **join the First Degree Team**, he is waiting for your call at 507-251-5626!

Youth – Paul Daley thanked all for their help with the Local, District and Regional **Free Throw Contests**. State will be on March 26th at the before the Timberwolves game.

### Old Business:

Dave Hubka reported that the **Souper Bowl** Fundraiser cleared \$450. Chili was very popular this year

Brad Brech discussed the upcoming Pancake Breakfast for Juarez youth mission trip.

Brad Brech updated the council on the Eagle Scout Award Plaque and other plaques the need names added.

Dave Hubka provided an update on the retreat the he and Dave Rossman attended, encourage all to attend in the future.

Dave Hubka discussed the trip that a number of Knights made to Spring Valley for the Pancake Benefit for Mike Souhrada, excellent example of local council working with the local community.

Dave Hubka provided an update on the **Rochester Catholic School Banquet**, excellent meal, program with great message by Berry Hobbs at the event.

Dave Nissen indicated that the **Adopt A Highway** program in up and going. First clean up day will be April 22nd. Starts at Genoa for 2 miles to the west. Council will be providing dollars for beverages and snacks. Call Dave at 252-1096.

Dave Hubka presented the **Star Council Award** to Brad Brech for his leadership as the Grand Knight last year.

State Convention update – Greg Kapraun, Paul Daley, and Jerome Lensing are planning on attending.

### Lecturer Program

Dave Rossman led us in the Holy Rosary.

### New Business

1st Annual Holy Spirit Fish Fry on April 7th for the **Gary Vanselow Scholarship fund** was discussed; tickets will be sold at the upcoming Pancake Breakfast.

Steve Kunkel will be contacting Knights for the **Tootsie Roll drive** on April 28 – 30th.

### District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs

Rochester Catholic School Banquet was a great success, thank those who attended

April 9th, District First Degree Team will conduct 1st Degree at Lourdes major degree.

Jerome Lensing has become a member of the Second Degree Team as the rookie member!

All District First Degree Teams will get together at a later date to go over the new First Degree.

April 29th, Jim Decker, Bill Oertli, and Jerome Lensing will become Fourth Degree Knights.

Thank all those that helped with all the Free Throw Contests. A number of excellent participants!

Spring Valley **Pancake Breakfast for Mike Souhrada**, was a great success, 50 pound of sausage, 100 loaves of bread, 250 dozen eggs served 900. \$16,700 was generated with \$14,000 cleared. Great effort by Council #13609!

### Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM