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Grand Knight Message

We are well into the busy fall season, with many, many of our major council activities happening September through December. I almost run out of breath thinking about all of them. Thanks to the individuals and small core groups that lead each of these activities, and thanks to the incredible number of folks (both members and their families) who step forward to volunteer their time and talents to work at all the activities. We need each of you contributing in your own large or small way to make it all happen. Thanks to each of you for what you do!

Congratulations to our Knight of the Year, Steve Kunkel, and to our Family of the Year, the Steve and Mary Nowakowski family. They are good examples for each of us to follow – read more about them later in the newsletter.

I would like to spend a few minutes talking about one particular way that we are able to be an effective council. We have an e-mail distribution list that covers about 2/3 of our council. I try hard not to overuse it, but maybe 3-5 times a month we have a need for volunteers on short notice, and a fairly effective way to get the word out is to send an e-mail to that list. It's maybe a little impersonal and not quite as effective as a calling tree, but it is immensely simpler and quicker to do. Matter of fact, I have to hold the line on other Holy Spirit groups that are in need of workers who ask me to send out a note to our e-mail distribution list. I try to make sure it is for a worthy cause and that those other groups have tried hard to get workers through their own networks first. And primarily, I try to use our distribution list sparingly so that when you get a note that is sent to all the KCs, you'll know that it is meaningful and worth your time to read.

Well, we have something that is effective, but there are two things we can do to make it more effective. First, I'd like to increase the coverage from 2/3 to nearly 100% of our council members. If you have an e-mail address that you check regularly (that you can use for e-mails of this type), please make sure we have it so that you can be added to our distribution list. Don't know if we have your e-mail address? Well, check the article on this later in the newsletter, and if you find your name listed then we don't have a valid e-mail address for you. Please drop an e-mail to Dave Dykstal so he can add you to the e-mail list. And while I am on the topic, I want to give Dave Dykstal a big thanks for leading our council into the internet age over the past few years, setting up our webpage and our e-mail distribution list and mechanism. In this regard, we are the envy of the other councils in the area!

Second, I would like to consider setting up a calling tree, but perhaps just for the council members not on our e-mail distribution list. I know many of you in this category would willingly volunteer more if asked, but are missing the invitations sent out by e-mail. I'm hopeful that we can set up a fairly small calling tree only 2-3 levels deep requiring only 2-3 phone calls per person. To make this work, I need a volunteer (or two) willing to head up this effort. If you are interested, please let me know!

Lastly, I'd like to highlight a couple of schedule changes. Our November meeting is rescheduled from November 9 to November 16, due to a conflict with parent-teacher conferences on our regular night. And our December meeting is cancelled to give everyone a break during the busy holiday season.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Calendar

Officer Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, October 12	7:15 pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, October 12	7:30 pm
Adopt-a-Highway	meet at Holy Spirit	Saturday, October 14	9:00 am
Spirit Rock	Holy Spirit Commons	Saturday, October 21	
4th Degree Ceremony	Mankato	Saturday, October 28	
Spirit Run	Holy Spirit	Saturday, October 28	
First Degree	St. John O'Day Room	Thursday, November 9	7:00 pm
Officer Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, November 16	7:15 pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, November 16	7:30 pm
Major Degree Ceremony	Owatonna	Sunday, November 19	

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Neil Stiller was selected this month. Neil is an electrical engineer at Rochester Public Utilities. He and his lovely wife Joan have 3 children, Erica, Rene and Jaclyn. Neil is the director of our Men's Choir.

Eric Van Norman was selected for last month. Eric is a software engineer at IBM, and is a charter member of the church and council, and is the council representative to the Holy Spirit Boy Scout troop. He and his lovely wife Mary have 2 sons, Jonathon, also a brother knight and currently attending Purdue University, and Tommy.

Milestones

Welcome and Goodbye

George May has transferred to 11460 from Council 2964 in Essex Junction Vermont. Welcome George!

Goodbye and Godspeed to Mike Wehr, who is moving to Nashville Tennessee.

Birthdays

The following Knights have birthdays in October: Mitchell Dahl, Phil Germann, Kevin Hafner, Ryan Kemmerick, Steve Kluck, Kevin Rademacher, David Rossman, Paul Schneider, John Wilke, Rich Hartmann, Jack Mattson, Louis Jelinek, Michael Wehr, Jeffrey Waldbillig, and Brian Burns. One year older makes them one year wiser. When you see them congratulate them on making it through another year.

In Memoriam

Charles Mulligan, the father of Patrick Mulligan, died August 31, 2006. Charles was a devoted father and grandfather and a big Notre Dame football fan.

Knight and Family of the Year

Dave Hubka

It is my pleasure to announce to you who won this year's awards for Knight and Family of the Year,

Steve Kunkel is our Knight of the Year. Steve has been an officer for several years, and has done an excellent job chairing our Tootsie Roll program since 1999. Over the years, he has been active in many of our council activities, including working regularly at pancake breakfasts and the Spirit Run, and helping with many building projects, etc. In the past year, he has stepped forward to help make sure some of the Eagle Scout projects that our council provided funds for were done in an economical way, and he has taken on the new position of Pro-life Coordinator for our Council. Congratulations Steve!

The Steve and Mary Nowakowski family is our Family of the

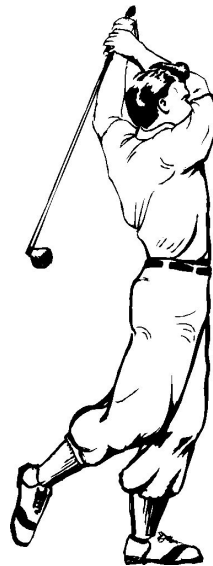
Year. Steve is a charter member of our council, and though he hasn't stepped forward to take on an officer or director position (yet!), he has been a regular worker and crew chief at countless KC activities, and always with a smile on his face. Mary has volunteered at church for many years. She is currently on the church staff in charge of Youth Ministry, and has been very active in figuring out how to leverage the Knights to work together on several youth activities. Steve and Mary have four children who also volunteer in various ministries. They value our parish community and all the contributions the Knights have and continue to make. Congratulations to Steve, Mary, and the rest of the family!

Please join me in congratulating Steve Kunkel and the Steve and Mary Nowakowski family on these well-deserved awards!

Golf Tournament

Jeff Block

The 11th annual Knights of Columbus golf tournament was held on Wednesday, September 20th. It was the 3rd straight year of great weather. Coincidentally it was the 3rd straight year that Fr. Don was associated with the tournament. We only had 17 foursomes this year (66 golfers). This is down a lot from the past few years, but we were still able to make around \$1,000. This total would not be possible without our hole sponsors. Three of our very own Knights deserve special thanks in sponsoring a hole for our tournament - John Lawson, Bill Oertli, and Duane Price.



The top golfing honors this year went to team Grip & Rip. Theories of cheating were rampant, but once again could not be proven.

Many Knights helped make this a great day and deserve our thanks. Big thanks go out to our new tournament director, Aaron Berg, who was a big help from start to finish this year. Jeff Swantko once again came through with lots of door prizes to keep the masses happy. Kevin Coughlin was again able to round up 4 one night stays to the Holiday Inn downtown, and last but not least, Steve Strickland also helped out on the door prize front. Thanks to Brad Brech and Tom Sand for helping during the setup and registration. Our total moneys collected were also helped by our putting and on the green contests, so special thanks to Scott Helt and Ryan Kemmerick, respectively, for spending the afternoon on the course and doing a fantastic

job selling those chances.

As mentioned previously, Aaron Berg has volunteered to take over coordinating the golf tournament. Please support him in the same manner as you have supported me over the last 10 years. This is especially true on the foursomes front. Please attempt to keep an active foursome in next years tournament even if you cannot not attend yourself. Losing 4 golfers because one person misses causes quite a drop in revenues and limits what we need to accomplish over the year as a council. Also, anyone interested in helping Aaron with next years tournament are encouraged to give him a call. Speaking from experience, it really helps when you get supportive volunteers throughout the year.

I look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year. Thanks to all of you for all the great support over the last 10 years.

Get on the List!

Dave Dykstal

As Dave mentioned in his GK Message, our council is finding email to be a valuable way to let our Knights know of opportunities and special needs. I don't have email addresses for the following members. If you find yourself below, please consider dropping me a note at dykstal@acm.org or calling me at 288-3528 to get yourself added to our list. All Knights on our list will get at least one message a month when the Knight's Flame is available on our web site.

Damian Ahlstrom

Terry Barker

Gary Benike

Alan Benjamin

Patrick Blum

Jeremy Bodensteiner

Dennis Clark

Karl Corrigan

Mitchell Dahl

John Devlin

Tom Dube

Lee Erdmann

Jeff Fague

Peter Freiburger

Bruce Fujan

John Graves

Steve Gudgell

Kevin Hafner

Steve Hansen

James Hebl

James Henriksen

Jeffrey Huebert

Jonathan Jelinek

Louis Jelinek

Brent Johnson

Scott Johnson

Jonathan Jones

John Kalwasinski

Bernard King

Dave Kulzer

Gregory Laughland

Robert Loechler

Stephen Loutsch

Curtis Louwagie

Leroy Machulda

Dennis Madden

William Medlyn

Roy Musselman

Pete Myszkowski

Tim O'Keefe

Kevin Rademacher

Steven Strickland

Fr. Louis Studer

Tom Suther

Lawrence Swantko

Kent Thielen

Sean Valentine

Jon Van Norman

Todd Villeneuve

Martin Volk

Kevin Weber

John Wilke

Chris Wood

Michael Yaszemski

Soccer Challenge

Paul Daley

We held our council level of soccer challenge on September 10th as part of Holy Spirit's Founder's Day activities. Although it was a cool and blustery day we had a good turnout with many close matches. All of the winners moved on to the regional competition held on September 24th at Century High School. It was a nice sunny day with eager contestants from all the other councils ready to compete. It was fun to watch all the different strategies used in the competition. Unfortunately, none from our council moved on to the state level this year. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with scoring and shagging balls.

Laptop Provided for Seminarian in Nigeria

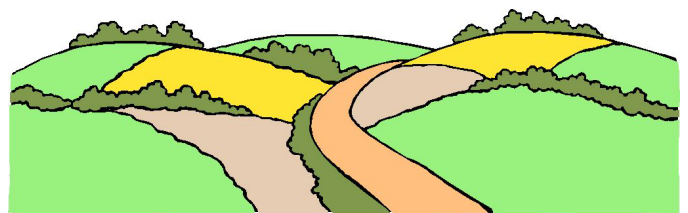
Dave Hubka

On September 10, Sister Jane (former pastoral associate at Holy Spirit) came to us with a request. A seminarian where she teaches in Nigeria was soon to be going to England to study. His diocese is poor, and can just barely afford the tuition and travel. A laptop would be a great asset for him – was there any way we could provide it? We discussed at our meeting on September 14, and approved the purchase. Dave Hubka and Greg Kapraun priced several options, and we ended up getting a nice machine for a base price just under \$500, that with taxes and expedited shipment was still well under \$600. Greg handled the purchase, and it came on September 22 – so in time for Sister Jane to pick it up on September 24 before she returned to Nigeria. Greg also donated a carrying case, which rounded it out nicely. Sister Jane was thrilled, and she passes on her appreciation, and I'm sure we'll hear from the seminarian in the near future. Thanks to Greg for taking care of all the details!

County Road 14 Fall Clean-up

Dave Nissen

I am looking for volunteers for our adopt-a-highway clean-up. The date for the project is Saturday October 14, 2006. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am for brief instructions and will car pool to our section of highway. If we can get 10 volunteers age 12 and up, the project should only take three hours. Bring a pair of gloves. The ground will probably be wet, so wear shoes, boots or tennis shoes that you don't mind getting wet. If it rains, the alternative date is Sunday October 15th 2:00PM. Call me to sign-up. I can be reached at 252-1096 after 6:00 PM.



The Spirit Rocks Again!

DeWayne Gallenberg

The Second Annual Spirit Rock rock concert for parish teens will be held the evening of October 21st in the commons area of Holy Spirit. Proceeds will be directed to parish youth activities. The Knights have been asked to assist in assembling and taking down the stage and providing chaperone and building security support during the concert. Youth members will be attending the October council meeting to discuss this further. For anyone wishing to volunteer or for further information, please contact DeWayne Gallenberg at 281-1656 or at gallenberg.dewayne@mayo.edu.



Spirit Run Update

Duane Price

Preparations for the Spirit Run are in full swing. The success of the Spirit Run is attributed to the great effort put forth by the Knights of this council. Race participants have routinely commented that our race is one of the best in the area. So the Spirit Run can build on its successful history, I am asking for Knights to volunteer their services again.

We need 25-30 Knights from 8:00AM to 1:00PM on Race day Saturday, October 28. If you can't work the entire event I can use early and late part time help. Please consider volunteering for this council event. I'll begin contacting Knights on the first or second week in October or you can contact me (289-1972, dpprice@myclearwave.net) before then. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Men's Choir needs you!

The men's choir is gearing up for singing at the morning Masses on October 22. Practices are set for October 12 and 19. We've got a great group, but are always looking for new folks. We have a lot of fun. Contact Neil Stiller at 252-9678 or njrochmn@charter.net if you want to find out more.

Council EZ-Up is Found

A few months ago, I put out a plea for folks to search around and try to find the EZ-Up shelter that our council owns. It is now found, and Tom Sand is the keeper of it (thanks Tom!). If anyone is running an outdoor KC event and would like to use it, please contact Tom Sand, 289-7912, trs60@magnaspeed.net.

Degree Ceremonies

On November 9th we will have a first degree at the O'Day room at St. John's. The degree will begin at 7:00 pm, and the Holy Spirit team will conduct the degree.

Council 4909 in Owatonna is having a major degree on Sunday November 19th. This is a great chance to get some of your new members and first degree members to a major degree and permit them to enjoy the fullness of Knighthood. We should try to support 4909, for they do bring several of their members to our major degree ceremony in spring.

Roses for Baptism

Brad Brech

We no longer schedule a Knight to present the Rose at the end of Mass. If you are at a Mass with a baptism, please make sure someone presents the rose. If you do not see someone doing it, step forward and do so. It's very easy. The certificate and rose will be in the sacristy. All you need to do is read the certificate and hand it and the rose to the parent or Godparents. Thanks.



Words from the Lecturer

Dave Rossman

Fellow Knights: Most of you are still young enough to get requests from your Mother's to do things for her, small things that don't take much time. Well, we all have a Heavenly Mother who has asked us to pray the Rosary often. Therefore, we will be including a Rosary during the October meeting. Please come to the meeting and join your fellow knights in the request from our Mother. If you can not attend the meeting, plan one evening during the month and lead your family in this beautiful prayer.

Also, mark your calendars for the Annual Man's retreat at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN on the first weekend of February 2007.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

Our saint this month is Margaret Mary Alacoque, religious of the Visitation Order, patron of polio patients and devotees of the Sacred Heart. She was born in 1647 in France.

As a child Margaret was devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and preferred silence and prayer. Some time after her first communion she was afflicted with a paralysis that confined her to bed for four years. She was miraculously restored to health after making a vow to Mary to seek the religious life. But as she grew older, she thought she could satisfy this vow by serving her family and the poor and began to enjoy a more worldly life. One night, upon returning from a ball, she had a vision of the scourged Jesus reproaching her for her infidelity.

In 1671, she fulfilled her vow and entered the Visitation Convent at Paray. She went through many trials but our Lord appeared to her frequently and relieved them, confiding to her the mission to establish the devotion to His Sacred Heart. These occurrences drew the adverse criticism of the community, but over time her obedience and her humility convinced even those who were her greatest critics. Eventually she was able to establish the devotions requested by Christ including the receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month and the appointing the Friday after the octave of the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart.

Margaret Mary died in 1690. She was canonized by Benedict XV in 1920. Her feast is celebrated on October 17th.

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September 14, 2006 General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg

Opening

The meeting opened at 7:30pm in the Holy Spirit School Library. Officers present were Grand Knight Dave Hubka, Deputy Grand Knight Greg Kapraun, Chancellor Paul Daley, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, Treasurer Bill Oertli, Warden DeWayne Gallenberg, and District Deputy Berry Hobbs. Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Officer Reports

Grand Knight's Report - Dave Hubka presented thank you notes from the Till family, SPRED, the American Cancer Society, and Hiawatha Homes. He shared a congratulatory note from the Supreme Knight for achieving Star Council.

Treasurer's Report - Bill Oertli shared the July and year to date financial reports, showing \$9392 in the account currently.

Financial Secretary's Report - Jim Decker shared the August and September Financial Secretary's reports.

Directors Reports

Membership - Other councils are forming at Pax Christi and St. Francis parishes as noted in the newsletter.

Church - Light Up For Christ will be held in early December.

Community - Council members provided assistance to a parishioner during a recent family relocation. The family picnic in August was successful.

Youth - The council co-sponsored a trip for youth ministers to Valley Fair. Displays on the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Contest were shown at the Youth Choir kickoff event. The Soccer Challenge was held at the recent Founders Day Picnic, with regionals to be held at Century High School on September 24th.

Old Business

The council involvement in the church tile project as noted in the newsletter was highlighted.

Aaron Berg and Jeff Block requested additional door prizes for the golf tournament. Sign up is slower than past years.

The November meeting will be moved to the third Thursday (11/16), and the December meeting cancelled.

New Business

DeWayne Gallenberg presented a request for funding for the Cancer Center holiday caroling event. \$150 was approved.

Gary Moore will coordinate pancake breakfasts this year, 9/17, 11/19, 1/21/07 and 3/4/07. The September event will fund general Holy Spirit youth activities. The November event is dedicated to the Lourdes color guard, the January event to the Holy Spirit Youth group, and the March event is as yet undesignated.

Duane Price will come to the October meeting with more information regarding the Sirit Run, scheduled for 10/28.

The Adopt-a-Highway clean up project will be coming yet this fall.

Neil Stiller joined the group to invite interested men to join the mens choir singing 10/22 morning masses. He also shared that he and S. Kluck are part of the Envision team developing a resource binder for those involved in parish ministries. The Knights will be listed as a ministry.

Softball Day, 9/23, sponsored by another local council was announced.

Dave Hubka presented a request from Sister Jane for funds to purchase a laptop for a seminarian in her local diocese in Nigeria. Dave was authorized to purchase a laptop for her, with a \$500 target and authorization to spend up to \$800 if necessary.

District Deputy Report

Berry Hobbs shared that Council 1013 has affiliated with St. John's Church as a parish based council. The Pax Christi council formation is nearly complete. The fourth degree is no longer meeting in the former 1013 council hall, and have agreed to begin meeting at St. Francis. All council members are invited to consider fourth degree membership.

Ongoing membership recruitment needs to be a focus of all members.

Finally, District Deputy Berry Hobbs presented Grand Knight Dave Hubka, on behalf of the council, with the Star Council award.

Prayer Intentions

As listed in the newsletter, plus Don Stiller, father of Neil, recovering from pancreatic surgery. Cheryl, 18, a friend of Brad Brech, with terminal cancer. Fred Moore, father of Gary, recovering from colon surgery.

