



The KNIGHT'S FLAME

Holy Spirit Council 11460 • Rochester MN

Vol. 11 No. 12 • December 2006

Council Officers

Grand Knight

Dave Hubka - 282-6090

dhubka@magnaspeed.net

Chaplain

Fr. Don Schmitz - 280-0638

Deputy Grand Knight

Greg Kapraun - 292-9368

Chancellor

Paul Daley - 775-7012

Recorder

Jerome Lensing - 286-8693

Financial Secretary

Jim Decker - 282-5227

Treasurer

Bill Oertli - 288-0756

Lecturer

Dave Rossman - 282-5316

Advocate

John Lawson - 289-7006

Warden

DeWayne Gallenberg - 281-1656

Guards

Steve Kunkel - 289-5068

Lynn Berning - 288-8668

Activity Directors

Program Director

Greg Kapraun - 292-9368

Church Activities Director

Mike McDermott - 367-2545

Community Activities Director

Ken Lentz - 367-4786

Council Activities Director

Mike Riestler - 536-7468

Family Activities Director

Joe DiCecco - 281-2621

Youth Activities Director

Paul Daley - 775-7012

Membership Director

Larry Burgart - 288-5227

Pro-Life Activities Coordinator

Steve Kunkel - 289-5068

Newsletter Editor

David Dykstal - 288-3528

dykstal@acm.org

District Deputy

Berry Hobbs - 529-9059

Insurance Field Agent

Steve Winkels

P.O. Box 911

Faribault, MN 55021

(507) 333-2977

winkels@cvtel.net

Grand Knight Message

The December meeting is cancelled! Spend the extra time this month with your family! Hope to see you at our next meeting on January 11.

A Knight Before Christmas. Perhaps a little corny - but hey, I'm not the one that came up with it - it's the December recruiting slogan for the Knights of Columbus. Well, there is still time to make it come true! We are having another 1st degree on Monday, December 11, at St. John's. Get your candidate(s) there by 6:30pm. If you've got somebody you've thought about asking to join (did your son recently turn 18?), there's no better time than NOW. Just bring them there and we can do the paperwork on the spot.

Last month in the newsletter, I asked if anyone could give a ride to a long-time Knight who needed a ride to church. A big thanks to Marvin and Judy Kulas, who live near the man and have brought him to Sunday Mass every Sunday since! Paul and Ruth Daley have agreed to be a back-up if needed. My thanks to all of them for answering the call! If you are willing to be another back-up, please contact me.

One other need I'd like to post up. Our food events (e.g., pancake breakfasts, Booya soup sales, Youth Choir appreciation brunch, etc.) are some of our most visible activities at Holy Spirit. While we always seem to get enough workers, we have a short list of kitchen crew chiefs who know where everything is, how all the equipment works, and are familiar with all the details of the sanitation rules. We need to get a few more folks fully qualified in this regard in order to keep all these activities happening. I've asked and gotten a few more folks interested in taking on this role, and we'll likely run a training session for them in January. If anyone else has the kitchen skills and is willing to join this group of kitchen crew chiefs, please let me know!

And I've been saving the most important message to last: *A Joyous Christmas and Terrific New Year to each of you and your families!*

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Stephen Loutsch is our winner for November. Stephen and his family have been members of Holy Spirit for 5 years. He and his lovely wife Shirley have 3 sons, Justin, Shawn and Andrew. Stephen works at the Mayo Clinic.

Milestones

Knights with birthdays this month are Dan Brossoit, Tom Dube, Dick Goetzman, Scott Johnson, Ken Lentz, John McGuire, Roy Musselman, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Stephen Wasz, Chet Welle, Michael Yaszemski, James Henriksen, and Jessie Martinez. Congratulate them and wish them a happy birthday the next time you see them.



Calendar

First Degree	St. John O'Day Room	Monday, December 11	7:00 PM
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 21	after morning Masses
Council Free Throw Contest	HS Gym	Sunday, January 28	registration at 6:30 PM
Men's Retreat	Buffalo, MN	February 2, 3, 4	
First Degree	HS School	February 8	6:00 PM
Light Night	HS Commons	February 8	7:00 PM
District Free Throw Contest	Lourdes HS	Sunday, February 11	registration at noon
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, February 18	after morning Masses
Regional Free Throw Contest	Lourdes HS	Sunday, February 18	registration at 12:30pm
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, March 18	after morning Masses

New Councils

District Deputy and council member Berry Hobbs has been instrumental in starting two new councils in Rochester this year - 14145 at Pax Christi and the shiny new 14170 at St. Francis. This brings to five the number of councils in Rochester alone. This is excellent news for the Knights! Thanks Berry!

Light Up for Christ

About 15 extremely hardy souls gathered for our annual Light Up for Christ blessing on November 29th after our FiRE program. It was about 12 degrees but a brisk wind brought the wind chill down below zero. Fortunately all the electrical bits worked the first time! Thanks to all who braved the cold and thanks to Mike McDermott for coordinating this again this year.

Thanks from a new Eagle Scout

We received the following from Allen Vanderwiel regarding his Eagle Scout project.

Thank you for making my advancement to Eagle Scout a little easier. You took the time to read and discuss my Eagle project needs. By answering my request for funds you helped with the final steps I needed to take for the project. To finally wrap up my entire path to Eagle was a good feeling. Thanks for your help.

I decided on making bird and bat houses for Holy Spirit because as a student there I remember using the old bird houses as boundary markers for sports. So, when I was thinking of ideas for my project I thought that it would be nice to put up a few new bird and bat houses.

Now that I knew what I wanted to do for my project, I had to figure out what and how many to build. I chose to build swallow, wren and bat houses

because all three of these species live in southern Minnesota and because all three eat mosquitoes. Also, another reason was that the students at Holy Spirit could now maybe see some bats. After I gathered my supplies, I scheduled a few days for making and installing the houses. Many younger scouts helped me construct the houses. I had a few scouts and volunteers help with the installation. All together there were 4 wren, 4 swallow, and 2 bat houses made and put up at Holy Spirit. For some of the younger scouts



this was their first time seeing and building a bat house. The older scouts had a lot fun using a earth auger which worked well making the holes for the posts of the houses.

Thank you once again for helping me out with my Eagle Scout Project. The project was a great success and I hope that Holy Spirit can enjoy the bird houses for years to come.

See some pictures of Allen's project on our web site!

Spirit Run Thanks!

Duane Price

The Spirit Run was a great success due to the wonderful volunteers. We generated \$1180 to benefit Holy Spirit. I would like to thanks the Knights and community volunteers who made this possible.

Knights: Larry Burgart, Tom Sand, Jeff Block, Steve Kluck, Ken Lentz, Dave Dykstal, Dave Loechler, DeWayne Gallenberg, Mark Schluttner, Mike Ross, Steve Kunkel, Brad Brech, Pat McCarthy, Glenn Nelson, Mike McDermott, Pete Bushman, Pete Schommer, Jim Decker, Mike Koranda, Jim Bier, Eric Van Norman, Frank Vondrashek, Steve Nelson, Jim Buntrock and Bill Oertli.

Community Volunteers: Peg Arnold, Carol Wells, Kevin Wells, Sharon Sieracki, Robert Sieracki, Ann Anderson, Sara Spelhaug, Julie Burgart, Jane Bushman, Cassie Bushman, Joe Ross, Michelle Rolsch, Sydney Valentine, Val Tracy, Reed Bjork, Nikki, Pearson, Louie Hansen, Laura DeVinny, Emily Kluck, Jacqui Seidl, and Debbie Price.

Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sale

Mary Nowakowski

Thank you to all the Knights for purchasing and donating the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets to youth ministry. Response was very positive. Youth have sold 160 of the 200 magnets thus far, raising over \$800 for youth ministry activities that will help our Holy Spirit youth attend mission trips or other activities where they can be Christ's hands and feet in our world today. Young people were reminded to resist the secular hype, and people like the idea of being able to silently evangelize that Jesus is the reason for the season. If you haven't had a chance to purchase a magnet, they are available in the church office at a cost of \$5 each.

Thanks, again, for sponsoring this fundraiser and for all the Knights do at Holy Spirit.

“Forever Christmas”

Looking for something in family entertainment with a real Christmas theme this year? You might want to check out the Minnesota Theatre Company’s “Forever Christmas”, running throughout December. See <http://www.minnesotatheatrecompany.com/> or call the box office at 507-696-3043 for more information.

Words from the Lecturer

Dave Rossman

Fellow Knights, it is time to send in your registration for the annual men’s retreat to be held February 2, 3, 4 of 2006 at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. There is room in the car pool if you sign-up now. This is a great chance to enjoy a weekend, hear some inspiring talks, meet fellow Knights from all over the state, eat some of the best cooking in the Midwest and get back to the basics of spiritual change and growth. Don’t miss it. Call me at 282-5316 for a registration form.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

Our saint this month comes from an unusual place - Joseph Makhoulf, hermit and ascetic, was born in 1828 at Beqa-Kafra, Lebanon, to a family of strong faith and great devotion to Mary.

Joseph entered the Maronite monastery at the age of twenty-three, choosing Charbel as his new name. He was ordained in 1859.

For the next few years, Charbel lived in the Monastery of Saint Maroun in Annaya, working there with humility and obedience. In 1875 he was given permission by his superiors to retire to the hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul where he spent the next twenty-three years in complete solitude leading a life of contemplation, prayer, and fasting. He died there on Christmas Eve, 1898.

Charbel had a reputation for humility, austerity, obedience, and chastity. At times, Charbel was gifted with levitations during prayer, and he had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

In all things, Charbel maintained perfect serenity. He was beatified in 1965 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1977. His feast is December 24th.



Knights of Columbus Council 11460

November 16, 2006 General Business Meeting

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

Lecturer Program

We prayed the rosary during this month of devotion to Our Lady.

Opening

Grand Knight Dave Hubka called the meeting to order at 7:30PM 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, Warden DeWayne Gallenberg, and Guard Lynn Berning were present. The minutes of the October 2006 meeting were approved. One Form 100 was read for the first time and five Form 100s were read a second time.

Officer Reports

Financial Secretary's Report - Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for September, 2006 (Receipts - \$3560.00; Payments - \$1199.60). We are down to 4 memberships not paid.

Grand Knight - Thank you for the help provided for a very successful Spirit Rock concert.

Director Reports

Church - Dave Hubka mentioned that Light Up For Christ will be held after the FiRE event on November 29th.

Community - Dave Nissen thanked those that helped with the 2nd Highway Clean Up on October 14th. All went well. Dave mentioned that we may look for groups to help with the clean up in the future and provide them a stipend for helping out.

Council - Dave Hubka announced that Light Night will be held February 8th. Jerome Lensing indicate the there will be a First Degree conducted before the Light Night activities. Rooms have been reserved for the First Degree.

Youth - Paul Daley outline the details for the KC Free Throw Contest to be held the evening of January 28th in the Holy Spirit School Gym. We will extend to Pax Christi an offer for their council to participate in our event. District and Regional events will be held at on February 11th and 18th. If you would like to help contact Paul Daley at 775-7012. Get the word out to any boy or girl who will be between the ages of 10 – 14 as of January 1, 2007.

Membership - Dave Hubka reported that we had one Form 100 read due to the Blitz Sunday. Our newest members, Matthew Nigbur and Steve Decker participated in the November 9th First Degree at St. Johns. We also have 2 new Fourth Degree Knights at Holy Spirit, Paul Daley and Deacon Dick Quinn joined the Fourth Degree in Mankato on October 28th. Congratulations to these 4 men! Call Jerome Lensing for the opportunity to join the First Degree Team, he is waiting for your call at 507-251-5626!

Program - No Report.

Old Business

Duane Price thanked all that helped make the **Spirit Run** a very successful event again. We will make a profit of nearly \$1200. Extra shirts will be donated to the school. Duane is looking for help for next year's Spirit Run on October 27th, 2007!

Everything is a "go" for the upcoming **Pancake Breakfast on November 19th**. Funds will go to the Lourdes Band and Color Guard. Pancake Breakfasts are scheduled for January 21st, February 18th, and March 18th.

The sales of the "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" magnets have been excellent for the youth group.

If you have not provided your **email address** to Dave Dykstal, please do so!

New Business

Motion was made, seconded and passed to provide funds for **lunch for the Holy Spirit Staff** for all they do for the parish.

Brad Brech and Frank Vondrashek discussed the upcoming **Christmas Anonymous** project. Help is needed for delivery of Senior Baskets, December 1st and the Store on December 9th. Frank provided us with Mission Statement and challenged us to provide more help than the other councils in Rochester! Brad Brech stated that this is an entirely volunteer organization. Brad is the current President. They are looking for help on this very important project to help the needy at Christmas time. If you have not every helped with project please consider give of you time and talents!

Motion made, seconded and passed to provide \$500 to the teen portion of Christmas Anonymous.

There was a discussion on **Souper Bowl Sunday**. It was decided to go ahead with the project, look for further details.

Dave Hubka discussed the foundation the was created from the **sale of the KC Hall**. The foundation will be looking for requests from the Rochester Councils. Greg Kapraun will be our representative.

There was a request from **Tori Brech** for funds for here Girl Scout Gold Award (Similar to an Eagle Scout project). Tori built a number of bluebird houses for Quarry Hill as well as teaching a class on bluebirds. Motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$150 to Tori for her Gold Award.

Lecturer Program

Dave Rossman discussed the Spiritual Retreat the will be held on February 2-4 at the Christ the King Retreat Center. Dave and Dave Hubka have attended this retreat a number of times. They are encouraging each us to consider joining them in 2007 for this retreat. Talk to one of the Dave's for more details!

For the Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.