



# The KNIGHT'S FLAME

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## Grand Knight Message

This is Grand Knight Message #24 for me—my final one as I finish my term as your Grand Knight at the end of June. I'm filled with thoughts and memories—way too many to even to start to write about unless this June newsletter is to turn into a book.

So, let me say just a few words to summarize my view of the past 2 years. I worked hard, and did maybe quite a few things right and hopefully just a few things wrong. Our council continued most of activities we had already going, and added a few new ones. Things are good, the council is vibrant, and I am proud of where we are as I end my term.

But what's really important is for me to say THANKS to all of you. Yes, I did my part, but many, many, MANY of you carried on the affairs of the council by serving as officers, serving as directors, attending meetings, running committees, heading up activities, working in the trenches, etc. If I named any number of you, I would be slighting the next one that I didn't name. So many times I or other leaders would put out the call, and you always answered. I am truly humbled and filled with gratitude—to all of you, and to all of your spouses and families who supported you when you needed to make sacrifices. The success of the council is due in small part to its Grand Knight, but in large part to all of YOU. Thank you very much.

(OK, OK—I do want to single out my wife, Janela, and my children Leandra, Irissa, and Callum for the incredible support they've given me. I don't think anyone else will feel slighted as I single them out for tolerating all the time I've spent away from them. Thanks!)

And now, it's time for me to turn over the leadership of this council to someone who comes truly qualified with the right initials for the job—Greg Kapraun. Please give him the same level of support you've shown me!

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Dave Hubka, Grand Knight*

## Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Our chaplain, Father Don Schmitz, was the lucky winner of our Get To Know A Knight drawing for May.

As a layman Fr. Don worked in his parish with the youth. He learned much from the Rochester Franciscan community about the Franciscan approach to spirituality—particularly the love of nature and love of peace. He taught at Pacelli High School in Austin. His first 5 years as a priest were involved with youth ministry. He has served at St. Francis parish here in Rochester and was chaplain at St. Mary's University.

Fr. Don is an avid bicyclist and is planning to do the MS ride in the last week of July and has a goal of raising \$2500. He will be riding 300 miles and is training about 25-30 miles per day. He will also be leading a pilgrimage to Italy in November.

## Milestones

### Birthdays

Knights with birthdays this month are Bernie Allen, Terry Barker, Tod Bellrichard, Jim Bier, Jeff Block, Tim Burriss, Jim Chihak, Jonathan Jones, Dan Kennedy, Jerome Lensing, Dave Nissen, William Oertli, Russell Real, Greg Rowekamp, Lawrence Swantko, Aaron Jelinek, and Pete Myszkowski. Wish these great Knights a warm Happy Birthday next time you see them.

## Graduations

Congratulations to Knights Kevin Mulligan and Allen Vanderwiel who graduated from high school this June!

## New Knights

Tim Beyer joined our council this past April, celebrating his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees at Lourdes.

## Calendar

First Degree	Pax Christi	Wednesday, June 13th	7:00 p.m.
Officer's Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, June 14	7:15 p.m.
Council Meeting & Elections	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, June 14	7:30 p.m.
Stuebenville North I	Mayo Civic Center	June 15-17	
Donut Sunday	Holy Spirit	June 17	
Vacation Bible School	Holy Spirit	June 18-22	
Rochesterfest Parade		Friday, June 22	parade marshals meet at 5:15

## In Memoriam

For the father of Charlie Farrell who passed away in May.

## Prayer Intentions

For Irene Brumm, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Her husband, Don Brumm, is Grand Knight of Fillmore County 6896. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

## DGK Corner—Elections!

Brother Knights, my first duty to fulfill in becoming the future Grand Knight is to present a slate of officers for elections. I'm happy to announce that Steve Kunkel agreed to become our next Chancellor and am confident he will be a terrific future Grand Knight. This fills out the list with Tim Tracy backfilling Steve's former guard position. Thanks again Steve and Tim!

The following Slate of Officers will be presented for Elections at our June meeting:

Grand Knight	Greg Kapraun
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Daley
Chancellor	Steve Kunkel
Recorder	Jerome Lensing
Treasurer	Bill Oertli
Advocate	John Lawson
Warden	DeWayne Gallenberg
Guards	Steve Nelson, Tim Tracy
Trustees	Dave Hubka, Brad Brech, Jeff Block

The following positions are appointed and not up for election:

Chaplain	Fr. Don Schmitz
Financial Secretary	Jim Decker (Appointed by Supreme - Thanks Jim!)
Lecturer	Berry Hobbs
Program Director	Paul Daley
Church Activities Director	Ken White
Community Activities Directors	Ken Lentz & Gordy Stockinger
Council Activities Director	Mike Riester
Family Activities Director	Rich Dettinger
Youth Activities Director	Dan Kennedy
Membership Director	Dave Hubka

The following are some other key activity leaders in our council

Newsletter Editor	Dave Dykstal
Pro-life Activities	Steve Kunkel
Adopt-a-Highway	Dave Nissen
Golf Tournament	Aaron Berg

Spirit Run	Duane Price
Pancake Breakfasts	Gary Moore
Roses For Baptism	Brad Brech, Jim Decker
Tootsie Roll Drive	Steve Kunkel

I want to thank all these men for their commitment to these Officer, Director and Activity Leadership positions. As everyone can see, there is a lot of support provided by many in the Council. I look forward to working with everyone in the next two years to continue to grow our council and serve our Parish, school and community in all the many good deeds we will no doubt do. Just a reminder to all the officers (even those appointed), we will do the installation of officers immediately following the June 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Greg Kapraun, Deputy Grand Knight*

## Knight and Family of the Year Nominations

*Greg Kapraun*



It is that time of year when we are seeking out nominations for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Please contact Greg Kapraun with any Brother Knights and their families that you feel have done an outstanding job over the past year (we run these from July to July) representing our council and making a difference in our Parish, school and community.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

There will be a first degree on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the meeting room in Pax Christi beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Please continue to give thought about the need to bring new members into the order. Contact Dave Hubka, Greg Kapraun, or Larry Burgart if you know someone who wishes to become a member..

## A Visit to the State Convention ...

*Greg Kapraun and Dave Hubka*

The 2007 State Convention was highlighted with the elections of new officers. There appears to be strong leadership at our State level and our outgoing District Deputy, Berry Hobbs, was able to nominate the new Warden, Joe Konrad, who will start the path to State Deputy. There were several resolutions voted on, many of them affirming the Knights of Columbus in support of our leaders and our priests—especially Father McGivney our founder for Sainthood. Everyone should continue to join the Father McGivney Guild which is free.

The one resolution that affects us as a Council is that the State Dues will be raised for next year by \$2 per member. This has led us to make some considerations of also raising our council dues which has not been done in the almost 13 years of our existence. We'll be discussing this more in the coming months.

Several of the State awards for programs went to a concentrated set of councils. In talking with a couple of them, it is clear that they make it a priority to get all their activities paperwork in and try to be sure to include new activities if possible that year. We may want to try and work on this paperwork throughout the year rather than all at once.

The speaker at the Saturday night banquet was a Special Olympian from Rochester—a truly impressive speaker and athlete.

The Sunday Mass with Archbishop Flynn was quite impressive especially with the large number of 4<sup>th</sup> degree color guard that processed. If you have not had the opportunity to see this type of thing, you should put it on your list of K of C things to do at least once in your lifetime.

Next year's convention will be May 16–18 in Willmar, MN.

### ... Spawns an Idea For Council Shirts

*Greg Kapraun and Dave Hubka*

At the state convention we saw where several councils had purchased nice polo shirts with a council color and the KC logo on them. Both of us thought that might be a good idea for our council to do. Given that our church feast day is Pentecost and hence our church color is red, it seems maybe a natural to get them in a nice bright red. Knights would be encouraged to wear them to KC events they work at. We have some quotes from Superior Screening, and it looks like we could get a top quality shirt with the KC logo on it for somewhere in the range \$20-\$25, depending on the quantity ordered and whether or not we add a pocket. Both of us lean away from personalizing them by adding our names, as doing so would add to the price and require us to individually order them, as opposed to being able to order a batch and sell them as people want them. If you have any thoughts on this, feel free to contact either Greg or Dave (our contact info is on the front page).

### A Special Donut Sunday

This coming Donut Sunday will honor two of our long standing parish servants as they enter retirement: Holy Spirit School Principal Ron Gaines and parish administrator and fellow Knight Dick Goetzman.

### Retreat Opportunity

Mark Zangs, the Knights Blood Assurance Program Coordinator, will be making a Jesuit Retreat at Demontreville from July 12-15. He invites any Knights in the area to join him that weekend. The retreat is silent and the facility is quite beautiful in the summer.

The Demontreville Retreat House is located just east of Saint Paul near Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The cost of the retreat is whatever you can comfortably afford, and no one has ever been turned down due to the inability to pay. Your donation is private. The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening and ends at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening. The facilities are very nice, and you will have your own private room. The food

served is terrific and the menu can be altered to fit any dietary needs that you may have. Electronic communication and entertainment devices are strongly discouraged. A phone is available for emergencies. Mark is willing to organize a car pool.

If you'd like to attend or want more information, please contact Mark (289-6755, [markzangs@yahoo.com](mailto:markzangs@yahoo.com)).

### Blood Assurance Program

Mark Zangs from the Pax Christi Council has worked to reestablish the Knights of Columbus Blood Assurance Program with The Mayo Clinic. The program covers any Knight and their immediate family members (still living at home) who reside in Olmsted County, regardless of their ability to participate. Healthy donors may donate blood up to 5 times a year. This is the same program that Holy Spirit and IBM also participate in. All you have to do is to



indicate one blood donation a year to the Knights of Columbus when you donate and there is no penalty for your other groups.

Mark is the administrator of the program. Should you decide to participate, please send him an e-mail or letter so that he can create a list of participants. You can also contact Mark for questions or further information (289-6755, [markzangs@yahoo.com](mailto:markzangs@yahoo.com)).

### VBS Help Needed

The Knights are again helping with setup and take down for Vacation Bible School at Holy Spirit. Set up is Sunday, June 17 after 6 p.m. Mass, and take down on Friday June 22 at noon. If you can help, please contact Mike McDermott at 367-2545 or [mjmcdermot@aol.com](mailto:mjmcdermot@aol.com). Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for this. Please don't hesitate to give Mike a call.

### Rochesterfest Parade Marshals

Currently we have about 18 volunteers for parade marshals for the Rochesterfest parade on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone else is interested please let Gordy Stockinger (507-273-2632) or Ken Lentz (507-367-4786) know.

Each year the Knights work with the Rochester police to help keep the parade route clear. It is a great way to serve our community and show the Knights involvement. The parade marshals will be meeting at the same place as last year, the parking lot on Center Street just across from the Civic Center, around 5:15 p.m.. Brats, beer and pop are served to the volunteers.

### Steubenville North I

Partnership for Youth is sponsoring the Steubenville North I Youth Conference in Rochester on June 15–17. Tim Geisler of council 1013 coordinated finding the Knights to help with this event. Look for a summary in our July newsletter of this great new event for youth from around the country. The sister conference, Steubenville North II, is held in St. Paul and usually sells out its 2500 seats in a few days.

## Delinquent Dues

*Dave Hubka, Grand Knight*

The following members have not yet paid their 2007 membership dues of \$25: Lee Erdmann, James Henriksen, Greg Laughland, Pete Myszkowski, and Sean Valentine. Please attend to this and pay Financial Secretary Jim Decker, myself, or Deputy Grand Knight Greg Kapraun as soon as possible. You can also mail it to the Knights at the church's address—we have a mailbox there. Thanks.

## Words from the Lecturer

*Dave Rossman*

Fellow Knights: I encourage each of you to look to the teachings of our Holy Father, especially in his new book, *Jesus of Nazareth*. There is a special message to us as Knights that will help us understand the public ministry of Jesus. Find the book in your local Catholic Bookstore on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW or search the internet for it if you know how. But do your

self a favor and get it done this summer. Don't wait until the new Lecturer starts sending his message later this fall. Do it now. This is the last Words from your present Lecturer, Dave Rossman.



## Little Known Saint of the Month

*Dave Dykstal*

Our Saint this month is a medieval mystic woman from Belgium: St. Luthgard, sometimes called Lutgardis.

Luthgard, born in 1182, was a pretty girl and not particularly religious. She must have been disappointed and angry when she was sent to a Benedictine convent at the age of 12 because her dowry was lost in a bad business venture by her family. However, in her late teens she received a vision of Christ and at the age of 20, aware of her vocation, she took vows as a Benedictine nun. Her passion and love for Christ grew deeper and became tinged with mysticism. While deep in prayer over the Passion of Christ she would experience ecstasies, levitate, and drip blood from her head as if from a crown of thorns.

In 1208 she joined the Cistercian order at a convent near what is now Brussels where she lived out her remaining years. Her gifts were healing, prophecy, and spiritual guidance. She was known as an inspired teacher of the gospels. She was blind for the last 13 years of her life, and when Christ told her that her death was near she spent the remaining time in prayer for the conversion of sinners. She died on June 16, 1246.

Luthgard is a patron of the blind and physically challenged. Her feast day is June 16.

## Web Site News

Check out the pictures from the Youth Choir Brunch on our web site.

## Knight's Flame Deadline

This time I'll try to get it right. The deadline for items appearing in the July Knight's Flame is Sunday evening, July 1<sup>st</sup>.



YOUTH CHOIR APPRECIATION BRUNCH

# Knights of Columbus Council #11460

## May 10, 2007 General Business Meeting

*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting  
Submitted by David Dykstal*

### Guest Program

Tim Geisler of council 1013 made a short presentation during the meeting about **Steubenville North I**—a youth conference to be held this June 15–17 in Rochester put on by the group “Partnership for Youth”. He is looking for a Knight who can be volunteer coordinator to staff the three days of the event. Volunteer duties are relatively straightforward, but volunteers must go through a background check.

### Opening

Grand Knight Dave Hubka called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of Holy Spirit Grade School. 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; Deputy Grand Knight Greg Kapraun; Chancellor Paul Daley; Chaplain Fr. Don Schmitz; Financial Secretary Jim Decker; and Guard Steve Kunkel were present. The minutes of the April, 2007 meeting were approved. No Form 100s were read.

### Officers Reports

Jim Decker, Financial Secretary presented income and expense reports for April 2007 (Receipts—\$110.00; Payments—\$1171.15). Memberships not paid—10. Dave Hubka will have a note in the June newsletter about the delinquent members. There were two transfers into the council.

Grand Knight Dave Hubka commented on the many “thank you” notes in the newsletter.

### Directors Reports

Program Director—Greg Kapraun: All paperwork has been sent to Supreme and State.

Church Activities Director—Dave Hubka for Mike McDermott: Plea for workers for VBS setup and takedown. Fr. Don said the program chosen this year will have a more Catholic view than previous years.

Community Activities Director—Dave Hubka for Ken Lentz: Parade Marshals will be needed for Rochesterfest on 6/22.

Council Activities Director—Mike Riester: No Report

Family Activities Director—Joe DiCecco: No Report

Youth Director—Paul Daley: **Youth Choir Brunch** was a great success. The youth choir has 24 seniors graduating this year. Paul will be working with Mary Nowakowski on the **youth ministry appreciation** event. Greg Kapraun noted it would be best to have this before the last two weeks of August as school sports practices start then. **Soccer challenge** planning underway. Will probably do this along with the parish Founder’s Day.

Membership Director—Dave Hubka for Larry Burgart: 59 members present at the district 2nd and 3rd degree held at Lourdes with 9 attending from our council including 3 1st degrees. There will be another 1st degree at St. John’s on Wednesday.

Pro-Life Activities Coordinator—Steve Kunkel: No Report

Newsletter Editor—Dave Dykstal: Looking at web hosting that

can also do our membership email. Fr. Don mentioned that the parish is looking to upgrade their site as well.

### Old Business

Men’s Choir sang on April 29th.

Steve Kunkel reported the **Tootsie Roll Drive** raised nearly \$16,000 in the Rochester area, with our council raising \$5,300. We lost Shopko to the new council at Pax Christi but picked up Pump’n’Munch and Hobby Lobby so our net compared well to last year. We will donate about 3½ cases of tootsie rolls for the Rochesterfest Parade. Donation ratios changes a little from last year with Special Olympics getting a bit more.

MN KC **state convention** will be May 18–20 in St. Paul. Dave Hubka and Greg Kapraun will be attending.

**Adopt-a-Highway** Spring clean-up happened with the Holy Spirit Youth mission group working.

The **Eagle Scout** court of honor took place this month. We donated \$50 for the new Eagle Scouts to give to charities of their choice.

### New Business

Mark Zang has restarted the **KC Blood Guarantor program** with the Mayo Clinic. Details in the newsletter.

Greg Kapraun says we will likely have some sort of presentation/event at our family day picnic or the parish Founder’s Day picnic for the **KC 125th anniversary**.

Family of the Year and Knight of the Year nominations go to Greg Kapraun.

Fr. Don was chosen for Get To Know a Knight.

### Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight, in particular at the death of Charlie Farrell’s father.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. and closed with the Our Father.

