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Grand Knight Message

I am sure that you have been as busy as I have over the past month getting ready for school and fall sports. I have been working with the video technology for the Lourdes football program and nothing goes very fast when you are working with large video files. Hopefully I will get the process down to something more manageable.

I'd like to thank Mike Riester, Rich Dettinger and everyone else who helped out at the August family picnic. Our attendance was pretty small, but those who came enjoyed a beautiful summer evening. During the picnic I announced our Knight of the Year and Family of the Year award winners. Unfortunately the winners could not attend, so I'll have to give them their plaques the next time I see them. For Knight of the Year, we had two deserving Knights. Ken Lentz and Gordy Stockinger have been doing a great job as our Community Activities Directors. They have helped with the Hope Lodge furniture, with Catholic Charities, the Rochesterfest Parade Marshals and many other activities. Both of these men are deserving of this award and represent the Knights well. For our Family of the year, Berry and Linda Hobbs were chosen. The nomination I received for this one started out with something like: Behind every great Knight there is a great Woman....this is certainly true of Linda Hobbs and all the support that she has provided Berry during his tenure as District Deputy and his State Activities. Berry has given his heart and soul for the good of the order and we couldn't ask for a better example for Family of the year than Berry and Linda. Congratulations to all our award winners!

There are a lot of activities coming up in September: the golf tournament where we want to help out the SE Minnesota flood victims; our first pancake breakfast of the year; and our Soccer Challenge, our 125th anniversary celebration, and the Holy Spirit Founder's day picnic all on Sunday the 9th. Please become active in helping out with these many activities and as always ask a fellow Catholic to become a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

GTKAK will return next month with not just one, but two lucky winners for the months of August and September. You can be eligible by coming to the next meeting and winning the GTKAK drawing!

Birthdays

The following Knights have birthdays in September. Please wish them a hearty "Happy Birthday" and thank them for being a fellow Knight: Pete Bushman, Paul Daley, Dave Dykstal, Tom Dylla, Lee Erdmann, Terry Lee, Lynn McMahan, Chuck Mosier, Pat Mulligan, Michael Riester, Jeff Warfield, Aaron Berg, Stephen Czapiewski, Jon Van Norman, Matthew Nigbur, and Douglas Cederholm.



In Memoriam

Willard Strand of Owatonna, Past State Deputy, passed away on September 4th after a battle with cancer.

Margaret Kluck, mother of Knight Steve Kluck, died Tuesday September 4th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families in this time of loss.

Prayer requests

Please keep all the victims of the flood in SE Minnesota in your prayers this month.

Calendar

Officer's Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, September 13, 7:15 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.
Major degree	Caledonia	Saturday, September 15, see article for times
Pancake Breakfast	HS Gym	Sunday, September 16, after morning masses
Golf Tournament	Northern Hills GC	Wednesday, September 19, noon
Information Night	St. John Vianney Seminary	Thursday, September 27, see article
Spirit Run	Holy Spirit	October 27

Major Degree in Caledonia

Dave Hubka

We typically hold the major degrees here in Rochester on a Sunday in the spring. For some folks, either a Sunday or the springtime always seems to present a conflict. Well, here's an opportunity for those of you 1st degree members to participate in the 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies at a different time – a Saturday in the fall. The major degree ceremonies will be offered in Caledonia on Saturday, September 15. The candidates should be there 11:00 or earlier, so if we have a group going we'll probably carpool and leave Rochester about 9:30am, expecting to return before supper. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me at dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.

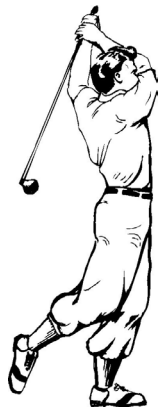
Seminary Information Night

The St. Thomas Aquinas Council 11949 invites Knights and their wives to a reception and program about the St. John Vianney College Seminary on Thursday September 27th. We will start with Mass at 7:00 p.m. with the program to follow. The event will be at the seminary which is on the campus of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul just off of Selby Ave, between Cretin and Cleveland Aves.

Please consider bringing young men who might be thinking about a call to the priesthood.

Come to catch a glimpse of the sweeping vision of the largest college seminary in the nation. We will hear from Fr. William Baer, Rector of the Seminary, as well as from other Knights and seminarians.

RSVP to Grand Knight Spencer Howe (sjhowe@stthomas.edu, 651.283.0930), a third year seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.



Golf Tournament

Don't miss our annual fall Golf Tourney on Wednesday 9/19 at Northern Hills GC. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at noon. The fee is \$50 per person and includes dinner. Golf carts are available for an additional \$20. Time is running out. Get those foursomes together and register now!

Door prizes are always needed so contact your friends at area businesses for a donation of a gift certificate or an interesting item, or think about providing something yourself. Give Aaron Berg (285-1039) a call if you'd like to help out, need

an idea for a door prize, or have any other questions.

This is one of our big fundraisers and we need you to participate. Sign up today!

Pancake Breakfast

It's time to get things going for another pancake breakfast season starting Sunday, September 16.

This first breakfast will be for the benefit of our Holy Spirit Youth travelling to participate in this year's National Catholic Youth Conference.

Once again, we need a lot of volunteer help from the Knights to support the breakfast on the 16th, both early and late shifts, in the kitchen, dining room, and clean-up. If you can help during any time, please contact Gary Moore at gmoored@charter.net, or at 507-269-2818.



Support for Guest House

Dave Hubka

On August 16, my wife and I had the privilege of representing our council at the 16th Annual Guest House Bishop's Reception. We had a great meal and listened to talks by a local priest who once got support from the Guest House Program, a guest speaker from the University of St. Thomas, and Bishop Harrington. This marks the 3rd year that we've supported this dinner, and our council was the only KC Council listed among the 13 sponsors listed in the program and mentioned during the evening – something we are to be proud of. Regular supporters Deacon Dick Quinn and his wife Lois were unable to attend this year, but were listed in the program as being on the reception organizing committee. Guest House is a unique facility that provides counseling and support for religious who have chemical dependencies, and it clearly is a ministry that is worthy of our support – see <http://www.guesthouse.org/> for more information. If anyone is interested in getting more involved or attending the banquet next year, please talk to Deacon Dick or myself.

Youth Ministry Appreciation

Mary Nowakowski

A group of Holy Spirit youth volunteers and chaperones enjoyed a great outing at Skyline Raceway on Sunday, August 26. The weather was perfect! Youth could keep cool on the water slides, drive the go-carts and play mini golf. Thanks to all the dads who chaperoned: Tim Valley, Gordy Stockinger, Pete Freiburger and Steve Nowakowski, and special thanks to the Knights for co-sponsoring this fun youth volunteers in ministry event!

Thanks Knights!

Pat Riester, Green Team

The Green Team would like to express their very sincere appreciation to the Knights for all the help they provided with the major planting project at Holy Spirit the weekend of August 25th. Because of the competent and knowledgeable assistance provided by the Knights and other volunteers, we were able to complete the planting in just one morning rather than needing to do it over two days as planned. So, again, thank you so very much!



Dues Proposal

Dave Hubka, Trustee

As I've mentioned the past couple of months, our dues haven't changed in the nearly 13 years since we've started our council, and in the meantime various expenses have been regularly going up. A case in point is that our per-member state assessment is going up \$2 next year. I am proposing raising our regular annual dues from \$25 to \$30, starting in 2008. This would be a change to our bylaws, which as I understand requires approval at 3 separate council meetings to be effective. I plan to bring this up for a vote at our meetings in September, October, and November. Assuming it is finally approved, then in November I will make a motion for a special one time offer for members to pay \$100 in 1Q2008 for 2008-2011 dues. If you have any thoughts on any of this, feel free to contact me at dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.

Words from the Lecturer

Saying Yes to Jesus

Berry Hobbs

In his State of the Order speech at the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson stated: "Father McGivney knew that the men he gathered together in the basement of St. Mary's Church were men he could count on to answer the needs of the families entrusted to his pastoral care. Today, there are thousands of priests who know they can place the same trust in their local K of C council. But we must do more. We must reach out to the millions of Catholic men who have the muscle and the desire to join in our works of charity and fraternalism. We must reach out into more parishes with an active presence to assist even more of our parish priests."

Our Order was founded to be a group who served others; this service would take the form of insurance benefits, time donated to a particular project or task, council revenues given in support of some charity or worthy project, and the donation of individual skills and talent for the betterment of our church, council, or community.

We are given so many opportunities to serve. Saturday, August 18th, will be a day all of us will remember. For those who live to the south and east of us, the rain destroyed property and took several lives. The horror is probably more than most can imagine. The result of these few hours has and will continue to cause incredible suffering. The storm has come and gone, but the poor souls so heavily impacted by this flood will be in need of prayer, and other forms of assistance for months to come. Please be sensitive to the opportunities to serve the victims of this disaster.

Jesus is calling us to get out of the boat, to have faith in Him, walk across the stormy seas, and get involved with those things that will enable us to serve the Mystical Body of Christ. Say yes to Jesus and ask your friends and acquaintances to join with us. In becoming a member of our Order, they will be given unique opportunities to live their faith and to become needed evangelist for Holy Mother Church.

Newsletter Deadline

The October newsletter will have to go out early so the deadline will be Thursday September 20th. Contributors be ready!

