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Grand Knight Message

There has been a lot of activity with the Knights this past month. I'd like to thank Ken White and all he did to organize the Founder's Day Ministry Fair activities. I'd also like to thank all those who spent some time after each Mass answering any questions that parishioners had regarding the Knights. Hopefully as we reenforce with our October Blitz, we will be able to get several new members to join. Finally, I'd like to thank those who helped serve the 125th Anniversary Cake during the picnic – especially my wife Sue and Ken's wife Mary who did a lot of the serving. I'm sure Dan and Paul will provide an update on the Soccer Challenge. I saw several participants lined up to give it a kick!

We held our first pancake breakfast of the season as well to support the parish youth who will be traveling to NCYC. Thanks to Gary Moore for his organization and everyone who pitched in to serve another excellent pancake breakfast – even without the help of the Grand Knight who forgot about it until it was mentioned during the pre-Mass announcements. Oh well, there is always next time! This next one will be for our general funds and to support our various donations throughout the year. I expect to see a lot of red shirts helping out!

I'd like to thank Aaron Berg and all those Knights who helped with the 12th Annual Golf tournament. I'd also like to thank the hole sponsors and those who provided the many door prizes. I'm sure Aaron will have a full accounting of the big winners in his write up.

As you can see, September has gotten off to a bang with many activities. October will be no less active. Please find an activity that you are interested in and step up and pitch in. We will need many hands near the end of the month for the Spirit Run and Pancake Breakfast activities that are back-to-back on Saturday and Sunday. Any help during our October Blitz Weekend would also be appreciated. As always, ask a fellow Catholic to become a Knight and we can continue to do the good works of the Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

GTKAK drawing winners were Berry Hobbs and Ken White.

Berry and his gorgeous wife Linda have one son and 3 grandsons. Berry has been a member of this council for almost 2 years, is Lecturer, former District Deputy, and former Grand Knight of Resurrection.

Ken and his lovely wife Mary have 3 children, Cari who works in youth ministry, and twin sons - Kevin and Christopher - who are sophomores in college at ISU and RCTC. Ken moved to Rochester for a job with IBM many years ago, but now works at Mayo. Ken mentioned that his dad was very active in the KCs and held most if not all officer positions.

Birthdays

The following Knights have birthdays in October. A super "Happy Birthday" to these gentlemen! Phil Germann, Ryan Kemmerick, Steve Kluck, Kevin Rademacher, David Rossman, Paul Schneider, John Wilke, Rich Hartmann, Jack Mattson, Louis Jelinek, Michael Wehr, Jeffrey Waldbillig, Fr. Louis Studer, Brian Burns, and Allen Vanderwiel.



Calendar

Officer's Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, October 11, 7:15 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.
Blitz Weekend		October 13-14, see article
Spirit Run	Holy Spirit School	Saturday, October 27, 8 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, October 28, after morning masses

Soccer Challenge

Paul Daley

The winners of our council Soccer Challenge Contest held at Holy Spirit on Sunday, September 9th:

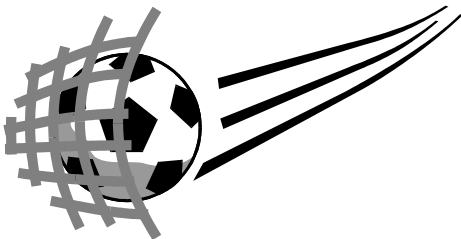
Girls

- 10 no entry
- 11 Sammy Hanson
- 12 Carly Hanson
- 13 no entry
- 14 no entry

Boys

- 10 Logan Daley
- 11 Callum Hubka
- 12 Kyle Kapraun
- 13 Spencer Daley
- 14 Michael Nowakowski

Thanks to all who helped with this event. The winners advance to the district level of competition held here in Rochester. Good luck to all the participants!



Golf Tournament

Our annual golf tourney was held on September 19. More on this in the next newsletter!

Pancake Breakfast

Our next Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, October 28, following the 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. This month it is for the benefit of our Holy Spirit Knights general fund, and for the many financial needs throughout the school year.

Once again, we need a lot of volunteer help from the Knights to support the breakfast, 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 269-2818.

Spirit Run

Our annual Spirit Run this year will be on Saturday October 27th. Duane Price assures me that things are moving along and that **he needs volunteers**. This is a fun event to help on. If you've never volunteered for it before consider giving it a go. Duane (289-1972, dpprice@myclearwave.net) is waiting for you to call.

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline will be more normal - Sunday evening October 28th.

Consider the 4th Degree

Berry Hobbs

On February 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification or degree ceremony was held in New York City. The fourth Degree imparts a lesson the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship. Today there are some 300,000 Fourth Degree Knights out of the total 1.7 million member Knights of Columbus.

Local units, called assemblies, draw their members from Knights of Columbus councils. The qualifications for membership in the Fourth Degree are membership in the Knights for at least one year and being a Third Degree Knight. A Fourth Degree Knight may become a part of the assembly's color corps. These members are widely recognized by their distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. The various colored capes and chapeau feathers denote different officer positions.

The Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Assembly, our local Fourth Degree group, meets at St. Francis Catholic Church on the third Tuesday of each month. Following a business meeting, all members join with their ladies for fellowship and dinner.

Our assembly draws its membership from the five local councils, Plainview, Spring Valley, and Preston. On April 19, 2008 an exemplification (degree) will be held here in Rochester. All third degree members are invited to join with us and receive the fullness of knighthood. Currently, 28 have signed membership documents, but many more will be joining this group. When contacted, please give favorable consideration to this invitation, and say YES. You may contact Jim Decker at 282-5227 or Berry Hobbs at 529-9059.



Membership Blitz

Dave Hubka

Our council's annual membership blitz will be October 13-14. We'll have an information table staffed in the narthex after all Masses that weekend. If you've got someone in mind that you think would make a good Knight, please encourage them to stop by - even better, bring them to our table! We'll likely be scheduling a 1st degree within a month or so to pull the new members in from the Ministry Fair and Blitz weekend, so stay tuned!

Dues Proposal

Dave Hubka, Trustee



The motion carried at the September meeting to raise our annual council dues from \$25 to \$30 starting in 2008. 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. This would be a change to our bylaws, which

requires approval at 3 separate council meetings to be effective, so I'll bring it up again at the October and November meetings. 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

Secrecy?

Berry Hobbs

As we ask others to join with us it pays to be informed about the kinds of things we represent and the things that we do not represent. Here are just a few of the reasons that I've heard for not becoming a Knight: time, young children, work, and current age are most common. Once, however, when I was trying to sign a particular gentleman, he stated, "I can't join because the Knights of Columbus are a secret organization, and I will not join a secret organization." This gentleman was honest, and his concern was quite sincere.

During my first degree, I took an oath never to talk about the degree unless it was with an equally qualified brother. Why would I be asked not to openly discuss these ceremonials?

Ceremonials are designed to teach specific lessons to the new members. The presentation of these lessons is beautiful, unique, and impressive. Degree teams are employed to give each new member an in-depth look at the particular concept and hopefully impress this lesson on him for the remainder of his life. If these ceremonials were made public, the lessons would have little or no value to the new member. The instruction given to a new member would, at best, be meaningless.

But does the secrecy of the degree ceremonials mean we are a secret organization? Absolutely not! All business discussed at a council meeting is recorded in the minutes, and these minutes

are open to public scrutiny. So, when someone tells you that we are a secret organization, you can properly respond to this misconception.

Little-Known Saint-of-the-Month

Dave Dykstal

Little Known Saint returns this month after a short hiatus. This month we are in Central Europe. Alas! This month we have no martyrs or mystics, just a hard working and holy academic - Saint John Cantius.

John was born at Kenty (hence Cantius) in Poland in 1403. An excellent student, he studied philosophy and theology at the University of Kraków. After proving himself as a teacher, he was appointed to the Chair of Theology at the University. He was ordained a priest and was for a short time in charge of a parish, where he manifested great concern for the poor at his own expense. At the University's request, he resumed the professor's chair and taught there until his death.

John's penchant for serving the poor was obviously influential



at the University. Once he found a poor man one winter day, dying of hunger and cold; he clothed him in his own coat and took him to the rectory to dine at his table. As a result every professor of the College of Varsovie was obliged, once every year, to invite a poor man to dine with him. Not a bad model for charity!

He visited Rome and Jerusalem, always traveling on foot. On one of his pilgrimages he was robbed by bandits. Finding he had a few gold pieces sewn into his cloak he called them back to give them to the robbers. They were so astonished they refused to accept the offering, and even returned to him what they had taken.

Saint John Cantius is a patron of both Poland and Lithuania. He was canonized by Clement XIII in 1767. He was a favorite saint of another Polish native we all know - Pole Pope John Paul II. His feast is on October 20.

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September 13, 2007 General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting

Submitted by Dave Hubka (Trustee)

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Holy Spirit School. Greg started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officers was called. Grand Knight – Greg Kapraun; Deputy Grand Knight – Paul Daley; Financial Secretary – Jim Decker; Lecturer – Berry Hobbs; Warden – DeWayne Gallenberg were present. No Form 100s were read.

Officer Reports

Grand Knight Report – Greg Kapraun sent around a thank you note from Warren Lopour, who rode in the MS ride across Minnesota and represented Fr. Don when he was unable to make the ride; a thank you note from Ronald McDonald house for our donation of leftovers from our Family Picnic; and a program from the Guest House Bishop's Banquet that Dave Hubka attended with our council serving as a sponsor. Greg mentioned a suggestion from Mary Margaret Yeager that perhaps we combine our Family Picnic with Founders Day – we decided to keep our Family Picnic separate. With Steve Kunkel not here due to a soccer injury, Greg indicated he would get some Pro-life info and dates directly to Dave Dykstal for the newsletter. Greg also reminded folks about the reception at the St. John Vianney College Seminary on the campus of The University of St. Thomas on September 27th – see the newsletter for more information.

Financial Secretary Report – Since we didn't have a regular meeting in August, Jim Decker present income/payment reports for the past 2 months. See his reports for details. Jim commented that the July 1st balance for 2005 was approximately \$14,000, and our July 1st balance for 2007 was \$7,000. A couple of years ago, we noticed that our balance was a bit too high, and we have spent it down. At the same time, our 2 major fundraisers – the Golf Tournament and Spirit Run – have both been bringing in less revenue in recent years. We are to the point that we need to be a bit more careful about spending our money so we don't continue the downward trend in our balance much further.

Chaplain – Father Don Schmitz – no report.

Directors Reports

Program Director – Paul Daley – no report.

Church Activities Director – Ken White reported that he put together the council display for Ministry Fair – there was a round of thanks and comments as to how nice it looked. There are a few names on the sign-up sheet which he will get to Dave Hubka. Dave will also be the keeper of the council display for future recruiting activities.

Community Activities Director – Ken Lentz and Gordy Stockinger – no report.

Council Activities Director – Greg Kapraun reporting for Mike Riester – Thanks to the folks who helped put together the Family Picnic this year. Attendance was down a bit to around 25, but we hope to have it back up next year. Family of the

Year and Knight of the Year awards were announced but not presented at the picnic, since none of the winners were present.

Family Activities Director – Rich Dettinger – no report.

Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley for Dan Kennedy – The council Soccer Challenge was held the afternoon of Founders Day. Discussion ensued that maybe next year we should start a little earlier, since soon after the food is done being served, many families leave, and we could have likely had several more participants had we started even 30 minutes earlier. District level competition will be September 23rd – Paul will work with Dan to get the word to our council winners.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka reported he hasn't had any takers yet on the major degrees this Saturday in Caledonia. Dave will follow up on the leads from the council display at the Ministry Fair. Also, Dave is working with Greg to get a Blitz scheduled this fall at church.

Pro-Life Activities Coordinator – Steve Kunkel – no report.

Newsletter Editor – Dave Dykstal – no report.

Old Business

Fall Road Clean-up – Coach Kessler had talked to Greg Kapraun and requested this as a fund-raiser for the Lourdes Football team to help pay for some recording equipment they needed. Motion made and seconded to have them do the work and give them \$300. Some discussion ensued about the funding level, since we had funded the youth group to the tune of \$200 for the same thing in the spring, and especially in the light of the FS report about needing to watch expenses closer. Motion passed at the original \$300 level.

Pancake Breakfasts – This Sunday's will be for the parish youth traveling to NCYC in Ohio in November. Rochester Birthright has requested one in 2008. Chuck Mosier shared information about the Birthright organization, which provides help for people with unwanted pregnancies, included support after birth up to when the child is age 2. Brad Brech suggested maybe we should hold one back as a council fund-raiser in light of the FS report. Brad also mentioned that in the past we have often paid out more than we made to some of the organizations, but recently we've pretty much just donated the profits. Berry Hobbs mentioned we might want to consider just splitting the profits for a breakfast and keeping some for our own use. Mention was also made of giving the organization the first so many dollars, and keeping the extra for ourselves. General consensus was to continue donating the entire profits to the group we are sponsoring to provide them with motivation to get people to come. After the general discussion:

- We decided to keep the October 28, 2007 pancake breakfast for ourselves as a council fund-raiser. We expect to see lots of red shirts that day!
- The December 2, 2007 pancake breakfast is unallocated as of yet.
- Rochester Birthright will work the January 27, 2008 pancake breakfast and get the profits.

- The March 2, 2008 pancake breakfast is unallocated as of yet.

Golf Tourney – Aaron Berg reported all systems are go as far as preparations for the event coming up on Wednesday, Sept 19. Aaron reports we are currently down 1-2 teams from last year, though we might still get some more teams. Discussion ensued about ideas for future years:

- Hold on Monday or Friday so people can make it into a 3-day week-end. Especially if done on a Friday morning, then they can start their week-end Friday noon.
- Start prize patrol earlier, as many business go through there annual charity allocations by mid-year.
- Drop the parish mailing – a \$150 expense with no clear payback.
- Maybe explore different courses. There was mention of the Zumbro Valley course providing incentives.
- Combine with another tournament, or partner with a charity so there is a cause. It was noted that the golf tourney the Steve Kluck family has been the core of for many years is ending this year, and perhaps we could combine forces, and give half the funds to their cause?

New Business

DeWayne Gallenberg brought forward a request for funding of \$150 for the **Christmas Party in the cancer area of Methodist Hospital** that he heads up as an annual event. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to fund this request.

Plans are in motion for the annual **Spirit Run** on October 27 – getting permits, doing the mailing, etc. This needs many workers, and Duane Price is a little concerned because this is on the day before a pancake breakfast, so workers may not want to do double duty. A plea was made for workers to make themselves available.

Dave Hubka made a motion to **raise council dues** from \$25 to \$30 beginning in 2008. As a change in by-laws, this needs approval at 3 separate council meetings in order to be effective. There was some discussion about whether we should raise dues even higher, perhaps to \$35, but the consensus was this would be too drastic a change. The original motion was seconded and passed unanimously. We also discussed the idea of a special

one-time 1Q2008 offer to pay 2008-2011 dues for \$100 – this proposal will not be brought up for a vote until after the raise in dues is approved 3 times. FS Jim Decker said his FS guidebook gave no guidance as to whether something like this was allowed or not, and it was recommended that Dave get guidance from State or Supreme through our District Deputy before bringing this other proposal forward.

FS Jim Decker brought forward **4 members delinquent** in their dues that need to be contacted by our Retention Committee. Membership Director Dave Hubka took the forms for follow-up before the October council meeting.

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun then presented some awards:

Family of the Year award to **Berry and Linda Hobbs**

Knight of the Year co-winners **Ken Lentz and Gordy Stockinger**

A “Past Grand Knight” lapel pin to **Brad Brech**

A “Former District Deputy” lapel pin to **Berry Hobbs**

A “Past Grand Knight” lapel pin to **Dave Hubka**, along with a desk clock with the order of the emblem imprinted on it

Lecturer Program

Berry Hobbs reported that in the interest of saving time, this month the Lecturer Program was printed in the newsletter.

District Deputy Report

None.

Good of the Order

Prayer intentions voiced for:

The family of Past State Deputy Willard Strand, who passed away September 4

Steve Kluck and family – his mother Margaret passed away September 4

Greg Van der Hagen and family – on the death of his granddaughter

Speedy recover for Steve Kunkel from his soccer injury

Continued healing for Barb Decker

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun led the council in a Hail Mary and closed the meeting.

