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Grand Knight Message

Let me begin my message with a great big Welcome! Since my last message, we have held two first degrees and I enjoyed watching seven new members join our council. I'd like to thank everyone for continuing to grow our order and if you see one of the new members crossing your path, please welcome them as well. I'd also like to thank Dave Hubka and Jim Decker for all their work getting these gentlemen signed up and through their first degree. I'd also like to thank our excellent degree team for their work in putting on these degrees. Excellent job by all!

Besides the degrees, I'd like to thank Ken White and Tom Sand for getting our manger scene ready for Light Up For Christ. Unfortunately, the night before the lighting someone stole our Mary figure from the manger so we had to quickly get a replacement. Hopefully the vandals will see the resilience and unwavering support we Knights have for our faith. I'd also like to thank everyone who helped out with the third pancake breakfast of the season that supported the Boy Scouts. While the weather may have kept the numbers down somewhat, it was another great meal and great job none-the-less.

As we enter into Advent and the Christmas season, I hope everyone has time to reflect on the mysteries of our Lord and spend some time doing his good works. There are several opportunities to participate in activities with other Knights including the Men's Choir singing on the 23rd and January 6th, caroling for cancer patients lead by Dwayne Gallenberg, and Christmas Anonymous lead by Brad Brech, Jim Decker and Frank Vondrashek of our Council along with many others. Take time to enjoy your family and friends and please be safe in any travels you may take.

A final note: as a council we have been blessed with two excellent chaplains and a very vibrant parish. The parish is holding information meetings to learn about plans to take the next step in our growth and maturity. I'd like to encourage all Knights to attend one of these meetings and continue their leadership in supporting our pastor and the parish.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Our Knight this month is none other than our former District Deputy and our current Lecturer - Berry Hobbs. Berry and his lovely wife Linda are retired teachers. Berry joined the Knights in 1962. The Knights are a huge part of his life. Besides being a former DD, Berry is also past Grand Knight of the Resurrection council. He is currently the State Youth Program Director. Berry and Linda are our Family of the Year for 2007. Berry is proud to be a member of our Council.

Birthdays

We have a number of December birthdays. In alphabetical order I present: Joseph Armstrong, Dan Brossoit, Tom Dube, Dick Goetzman, Scott Johnson, Ken Lentz, Jessie Martinez, John McGuire, Roy Musselman, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Stephen Wasz, and Chet Welle. Wish them an excellent birthday the next time you see them!

December Meeting Change

We will be meeting at 8:00 instead of 7:30 due to the Christmas program at the school. The meeting should be a short one so attend if you can.

Calendar

Christmas Anonymous Food Packing	Christ United Methodist	Monday 12/10 6pm-10pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday 12/13 8:00pm
Christmas Anonymous Store Day	Christ United Methodist	Saturday 12/15 8am-5pm
January Newsletter Deadline		Sunday 12/30

Spirit Run

Spirit Run 2007 was again a great success due to the hard work of the Holy Spirit Knights. We had 23 Knights working the race. Again this year there were many comments about the Spirit Run being the best organized race in Rochester. We made approximately \$1500 to aid Holy Spirit School.

There were 68 10K runners and 128 5K runners, all had a good time especially on the last hill. I would like to give a special thank you to those Knights and volunteers that made this race a fun and successful event.

Holy Spirit Knights: Tom Sand, Brad Brech, Jeff Block, Larry Burgart, Mike Koranda, Jerome Lansing, Eric Van Norman, Mark Schluttner, Pete Bushman, Dave Dykstal, Steve Kunkel, Pat McCarthy, Jeff Fague, Jim Decker, Jim Buntrock, Ken White, Greg Rowecamp, Pete Schommer, Frank Vandrashak, Mike McDermott, Ken Lentz, Steve Kluck, Greg Kapraun. You guys are great!

Other volunteers: Peg and Wally Arnold, Carol Wells, Cheri Block, Lois Berscheid, Julie Burgart, Maggie and Alison Wasz, Thea Day, Eric and Jason Schluttner, Robert and Sharon Sieracki, Debbie Price, Ann Anderson, Sara Spelhaug, Cheri and Mark Rowekamp, Sara Thome, and Ann Stopyro. Thanks again to all these wonderful volunteers!

Christmas Anonymous

As many of you know our council has been one of the big supporters of Christmas Anonymous over the years. Now is the time to sign up to help again this year. You can volunteer to help in and around the store on Saturday December 15. The Knights are famous for their excellent work loading cars and helping with the bikes. You must be 16 or older to escort families in the store.

Christ United Methodist Church - 400 5th Ave SW

Shift times are 8:00am-11:30am, 10:30am-1:30pm, 12:30pm-3:30pm

To volunteer send an email to volunteers@christmasanonymous.org or call 507-285-3940.

Dues Proposal

Dave Hubka, Trustee

The motions carried at our September, October, and November meetings to raise our annual council dues from \$25 to \$30 starting in 2008. This update is now officially part of our bylaws.

We had a great discussion at the November meeting on the proposal to let members prepay for 4 years dues at the old rate. Some folks with accounting minds far better than mine recognized some interesting logistical problems with making this happen and reflecting it properly in our audit, so we passed a simpler proposal to discount the due from \$30 to \$25 for anyone paying their 2008 dues by the end of March 2008. This will help cushion the blow of raising our dues and hopefully

entice more folks to pay their dues in a timely fashion. We will evaluate after March and if this incentive seems to help getting more people to pay their dues on time then we may consider doing similar discounts in future years as well.

Shirts!

Need a Christmas Gift idea? How about getting your spouse or Dad a spiffy K of C shirt. If you'd like to order a shirt please send an e-mail to gaskkap@aol.com or call 292-9368 and let Greg Kapraun know the size you need.

Light Up For Christ

Ken White

The Light Up for Christ ceremony was held as part of the Wednesday evening FiRE program on November 28. Thanks to Tom Sand and Mike McDermott for setting up the manger.

Men's Retreat Invitation

Dave Rossman

Several Rochester Knights have already responded to the early Men's Retreat call and have signed up for one of the weekend retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo Minnesota. The theme this year is "IN GOD'S COMPANY: LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY." There is a group signed up for the weekend of January 18-20 and a second group signed up for the weekend of February 1-3. If you are interested in carpooling, contact your Grand Knight for details or call Dave Rossman of Holy Spirit Council at 282-5316. There are five weekends to choose from this year and more information can be found at the retreat center's website at <http://www.kingshouse.com>.

Roses for Baptism

Brad Brech

Brother Knights -- when you are at Mass and there is a baptism, *please step forward and present the rose*. There have been several occasions recently when no one went to get the rose and present it. Encourage your children to assist you. The rose and certificate are in the sacristy on the counter. If there is a single baptism, just read the certificate and present it. If there is more than one baptism there will be a white sheet there in the sacristy to read from with all of the names, and then individual certificates to hand to the parents or Godparents.

This is a simple, easy, and very visible way to show the Knights presence in our parish.



Words from the Lecturer

Berry Hobbs

From the very beginning we were asked to pledge our honor and devotion to our Holy Mother and her Holy Rosary. We are asked to keep the rosary in our pocket, to say it as often as we can, and to respond in a worthy manner to the graces that result. Yet, is this all there is to the Rosary? Absolutely not! We are asked to pray this very important prayer, and we have been given some very impressive incentives. Ever hear of the fifteen promises for those who give serious attention to praying the rosary? They are shown below, and it is my hope that you will spend a few moments in reflection on those gifts we have been promised if we only pray the Holy Rosary with great devotion.

Little-Known Saint-of-the-Month

Dave Dykstal

This month we venture from 12th century Ireland of St. Laurence O'Toole to 4th century Constantinople and to pre-congregation times. Saints of this era are not so much canonized as "live in the canon" - "grandmothered in" as it were. Our saint this month is Saint Olympias, noblewoman, deaconess, exile, and Saint of both the Eastern and Roman churches.

Olympias born into a wealthy noble Constantinople family. She was orphaned when a child and was given over to the care of Theodosia (a virtuous and prudent woman) by her

uncle, the prefect Procopius. She married Nebridius, also a prefect, but widowed soon after. Though still young (and wealthy) she refused several offers of marriage, and had her immense fortune put in trust until she was thirty by Emperor Theodosius. She refused the Emperor's choice for a husband saying, "If God had destined me to live in the married state, He would not have taken Nebridius." When he restored her estate in 391, she was consecrated deaconess and with several other women founded a community at the behest of Nectaius, then Bishop of Constantinople. She was so lavish in her almsgiving that her good friend St. John Chrysostom scolded her when he became Bishop of Constantinople in 398, "You must not encourage the laziness of those who live upon you without necessity. It is like throwing your money into the sea."

She established a hospital and an orphanage, gave shelter to the expelled monks of Nitria, and was a firm supporter of Chrysostom when he was expelled in 404 from Constantinople. She refused to accept the usurper Arsacius as Patriarch. For this she was fined by the prefect, Optatus. Arsacius' successor, Atticus, disbanded her community and ended her charitable works. She spent the last years of her life beset by illness and persecution but comforted by Chrysostom from his place of exile. She died in exile in Nicomedia on July 25, less than a year after the death of her friend and spiritual guide Chrysostom. Her feast day is December 17th.

Fifteen Promises of Our Lady to those who pray the Holy Rosary

Given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de La Roche

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
3. The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
10. The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

November 8, 2007 General Business Meeting

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

Submitted by Recorder Jerome N. Lensing

Lecturer Program

Don Ahlstrom, 4th Degree Knight and charter member of 11460, discussed the National Catholic Committee for Boy Scouts. Bishop Harrington has appointed Don to this committee which encourages Boy Scouts to work towards the various metals dealing with the church.

Opening

Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley called the meeting to order at 7:44PM in the library of Holy Spirit School. Paul started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, Treasurer Bill Oertli, and Lecturer Berry Hobbs were present. The minutes of the October, 2007 meeting were approve with one correction - the March Pancake Breakfast will be for the Youth Mission trip with the December Pancake Breakfast for the Boy Scouts. Five Form 100s were read.

Officer Reports

Financial Secretary Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for September. 2007 Receipts - \$5002; Payments - \$2567.33.

Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley read a number of thank you notes. Will talk to Steve Kunkel about the shelving project in the school basement as an Eagle Scout project.

Treasurer Bill Oertli reported that current dues barely cover the council's operating expenses. Bill provided a number of reports that provided details on the Profit & Loss Statement for 11460 for 2000 to 2007. The council is not in financial trouble at this time, but needs to evaluate its financial health with respect to income, expenses, and donations. Transaction detail by account from October 31, 1999 to December 31, 2007 suggests that we establish a Charitable Committee that would evaluate all requests. Berry Hobbs suggested that we establish a budget that would include a number of annual requests. He mentioned that the Plainview council has been doing this for years and is a very financially sound council. It was suggested that former Grand Knights would be good candidates for a committee to work on a budget.

Director Reports

Chaplain Report – Father Don Schmitz – No Report

Program Director – Paul Daley – No Report

Church Activities Director – Ken White – Founder's Day Committee would like the KC's to do the desserts again and have the Soccer Challenge. Light Up for Christ will be 11/28 at 6 PM.

Community Activities Director: Ken Lentz – No Report

Council Activities Director – Mike Riester – No Report

Family Activities Director – Rich Dettinger – No Report

Youth Director – Dan Kennedy – Youth will be selling the Light Up For Christ magnets like they did last year. Local Council Free Throw Contest will be last weekend in January.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka – 11460 had 4 new members at the First Degree held at Pax Christi on 10/30. He has a commitment from 1 potential member with 3-4 other potential recruits. There will be another First Degree at Pax Christi on 11/29 at 7:30 PM; the Holy Spirit First Degree Team will conduct the Degree. Membership Blitz went very well with a great display that was very informative and inviting!

Pro-Life Activates Coordinator – Steve Kunkel – No Report

Newsletter Editor – Dave Dykstal – No Report

Old Business

Duane Price provided a recap of the Spirit Run, very successful with 196 runners. He thanked all that helped.

Discussion on advertising the upcoming Pancake Breakfast in the Post Bulletin and other parishes. Paul will talk to Gary Moore about this. Discussion of possibly having a free will donation for our Pancake Breakfast.

Paul recapped the Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. He also lead a short discussion on improving the Golf Tournament, any ideas contact Aaron Berg.

New dues proposal to increase dues to \$30 a year, motion made, second and passed.

Motion made, seconded and passed that members will receive a \$5 discount if dues are paid by March 30th, 2008.

New Business

The Holy Spirit First Degree Team will be conducting a Degree on November 29th at Pax Christi.

December 2nd Pancake Breakfast will be for the Boy Scouts, motion made, seconded and passed.

Motion made, seconded and passed to discontinue the \$5 discount for Get-To-Know-A-Knight. Grand Knight will have the opportunity to select members for GTKAK as needed.

Frank Vondrashek reported that the Men's Choir will sing on 12/23, 1/6 and 2/3. They are always looking for new voices. Motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$75 for music expenses.

Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker discussed the upcoming Christmas Anonymous program and the opportunities to help with this volunteer organization that provides needy Olmsted County families with a wonderful Christmas. Frank and Jim thanked the council for their support of this program. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed!

Motion made, seconded and passed to provide funds for the Holy Spirit Church Staff for a Holiday lunch.

District Deputy Report – Jeff Bagniewski

No Report

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM