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Grand Knight Message

I hope everyone had a wondrous and joyful holiday season. Since it's the season for resolutions and giving the state of things, I thought I would reflect on the State of our Council as we enter 2008 and begin moving through our 14th year as a council.

I would characterize the State of our Council as steady. Unfortunately, at the end of 2007 we had to clean up our membership of those who were no longer paying their dues and/or had moved away from our council, but hadn't transferred to a council near their new home. This is truly unfortunate as the K of C's do great work on a local, state, national and world level and every member has something worthy of contributing. As we go into the New Year, I look forward to replacing those members we have lost and growing our membership for the first time into the 200s. With everyone's help I know we can achieve that. All you need to do is ask a fellow Catholic man to become a Knight.

As I said, the State of our Council is steady. We have several activities that we continue to support as each season comes and goes. Some of these are doing well and others may need changes to increase our participation, or we may need to come up with something new to reinvigorate our membership. We have grown through the starting of our school and parish and have done many projects to assist. Now we are in a support and maintain mode, but still can do new projects. If you have ideas please let us know. I would like to encourage all our new and established members to continue to stay involved. Our ongoing programs and activities such as Roses for Baptism, Pancake Breakfasts, Free Throw Competition and others still need your help to be successful. Father Don mentioned to me that a couple of times when a Knight did not step forward during a baptism to present the rose, the family expressed their disappointment to him. We may not always hear the thanks when we do the presentation, but now we know it is missed if we don't.

As far as finances, again I'd say our State is steady, but there is some concern that several of our larger money makers are no longer bringing in the funds they once did. This will either require us to provide less support to the various causes we have been able to support in the past, or we'll need to find other ways to raise funds. While our overall checking account balance has remained steady (end of 1999 @ \$6,700 and end of 2007 @ \$7,300), in the past 8 years our council has donated nearly \$40,000 from our general funds to worthy projects and causes from the Eagle Scouts and Gold Awards to Youth Mission Trips, to Sr. Jane and her Africa Mission, to Christmas Anonymous and Free Throw competitions. If you also include the tremendous work of our Tootsie Roll drives during these 8 years, then our council has provided a positive impact to the community of over \$90,000 in charitable contributions. Every member is to be commended for upholding the principle tenant of our First Degree - Charity. This is an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations! A lot of lives have been touched and continue to be touched by our good deeds. I'd ask each member to re-commit themselves to supporting our various activities so we can continue to touch those who need our help.

I'd like to close this message with some of the positive signs I see. We continue to gain new members and welcome the opportunity for them to bring their ideas forward to take our council from steady state to growing once again. I also think we have an excellent set of leaders in the council. Whether it is someone who takes on a major project or those who are officers



or directors; we have a great group of Knights leading the way. I am encouraged by the opportunities we have to support our community and especially our youth. If you'd like to find ways that you can help or have ideas for something the Knights might want to be involved in, please make it a New Year's resolution to join us for one of our monthly meetings and get involved. As I began my term as Grand Knight I resolved to increase the number of members I can put a name and a face to. I'd like to thank all of those members who have helped with this. I believe I am up to 60% or so which is 20% higher than I started. Have a great New Year and I look forward to seeing you at a meeting, or at our February Lite Night (which is Valentine's Day this year - so set aside the date and treat yourself and/or spouse to a special evening with the Knights), or one of the many other activities around church, school or town.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Calendar

Officer Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, Jan 10, 7:15pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, Jan 10, 7:30pm
Men's Retreat	Christ the King Retreat Center	Jan 18-20
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit School Gym	Sunday, Jan 27, after morning Masses
Men's Retreat	Christ the King Retreat Center	Feb 1-3
February Newsletter Deadline		Sunday, Feb 3
RCS Tuition Scholarship Banquet	Rochester International Event Center	Friday, Feb 8, 6:00pm
Light Night	Holy Spirit Commons	Thursday, Feb 14, 7:00pm

Prayer Intentions

For August Hageman, Jr., 71, husband of Janela Hubka's cousin died of an apparent heart attack. He was Grand Knight of the Ossian, Iowa council,

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Our Knight for December (and the last one to receive \$5 off his dues) is Brad Brech. Brad is a past Grand Knight and current trustee of our council. Brad and his family are charter members of Holy Spirit. He and his lovely wife Linda have two daughters, both at Century High School.

Birthdays

Knights who have birthdays in January are Larry Burgart, Kevin Coughlin, Jim Decker, Joe DiCecco, Tom Fox, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, Brent Johnson, Gregory Laughland, Steve Nowakowski, Brent Samb, Mark Schluttner, Gordy Stockinger, Tom Suther, Adam Bleess, and Judson Stiglich Jr. If you happen to see any of these worthy gentlemen wish them a happy birthday and thank them for being Knights.

New Members

Congratulations to Marc Betting, Bernie Carlson, Andrew Higgins, Andy Koch, Fritz Kvaternik, Robert Larson, Stephen White, Tim Burgart, and John Orbeck who have completed their First Degree ceremonials in the past few months. Welcome to the council, gentlemen!

Pancake Breakfast

Our first pancake breakfast of the new year will be on Sunday, January 27. It will be for the benefit of Birthright. We need a lot

of volunteer help from the Knights to support these breakfasts! We have needs in the kitchen, dining room, and clean-up on both early and late shifts. If you can help with any of these jobs, please contact Gary Moore (gmoored@charter.net, 269-2818). This is an easy way to get involved and delicious too!

Free Throw Contest Coming Up

The gym is reserved and the nets are ready. Are **you** ready for the next Knights Free Throw Contest? Dan Kennedy and Paul Daley have informed me that the next FTC is set for the evening of Sunday January 27. Registration begins at 6:30 and the competition begins at 7:15. Boys and girls ages 10-14 can participate. Knights willing to help with scoring, rebounding, and registration should contact Dan (285-5183, manorwoods@aol.com) or Paul (775-7012, orsurfmnturf@aol.com).

Men's Retreat Invitation

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 Dave Rossman at 282-5316.

FORE!

We are looking for one, two, or a committee of Knights interested in heading up our annual Golf Tournament. Aaron Berg is transferring to Pax Christi and we need to replace

him. Please contact Greg Kapraun if you or a group of you are interested in leading this important activity.

Lite Night

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lite Night with the Knights on February 14th. That's right, it's Valentine's Day!

New Web Sites!

We've moved our web site to a new provider and have registered domains for our own council and the city as a whole. Our council site (<http://www.kofc11460.org/>) looks pretty much the same as the old one for now, but the city site (<http://www.kofc-rochester-mn.org/>) is new. We expect to be able to add new services to our site over time - mailings lists, activity sign ups, event notifications, ... Check 'em out!

Roses for Baptism

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 (especially at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday) 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

A Reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe

Berry Hobbs

When we reflect on the December 12th feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we learn two important lessons, one of faith and one of understanding.

Missionaries who first came to Mexico with the conquistadors had little success in the beginning. After nearly a generation, only a few hundred Native Mexicans had converted to the Christian faith. Whether they simply did not understand what the missionaries had to offer or whether they resented these people who made them slaves, Christianity was not popular among the native people.

Then in 1531 miracles began to happen. Jesus' own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. The signs -- of the roses, of the

uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle -- convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans had themselves baptized as Christians.

The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus. No matter what critics may say of the devotion of Mexicans (and Mexican descendants) to Our Lady of Guadalupe, they owe their Christianity to her influence. If it were not for her, they would not know her son, and so they are eternally grateful. The second lesson we take from Mary herself. Mary appeared to Juan Diego not as a European Madonna but as a beautiful Aztec princess speaking to him in his own Aztec language.

If we want to help someone appreciate the gospel we bring, we must appreciate the culture and the mentality in which they live their lives. By understanding them, we can help them to understand and know Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas.

Little-Known Saint-of-the-Month

Dave Dykstal

Our Saint this month is a plain man chosen by God to lead the church. St. Fabian was a farmer who came to Rome to observe the election of a new pope in the year 236. During that election a dove descended from the ceiling and settled on Fabian. Suddenly those deliberating found Fabian to be worthy of being pope and he, a stranger to them all, was elected.

Fabian's leadership began at a time of relative calm for the Church. The emperor, Philip, was friendly to Christians and had halted their persecution. Fabian was able to build up the structure of the Church of Rome, appointing seven deacons and helping to collect the acts of the martyrs.

The kind treatment of Christians bred envy and there were many incidents of pagans attacking Christians. When Philip died the persecution began again. The new emperor ordered all Christians to deny Christ. Many Christians didn't have the courage to stand up to the renewed attack and fell away. Fabian, however, refused to deny and died a martyr in 250. He is buried in the Cemetery of Calixtus that he helped rebuild and beautify. A stone slab with his name can still be found there.

We celebrate the Fabian's memorial on January 20th, the same day we celebrate the death of another martyr of the Roman persecution - St. Sebastian.



Knights of Columbus Council #11460

December 13, 2007 General Business Meeting

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

Submitted by Recorder Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 8:07 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, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, and Advocate John Lawson were present. The minutes of the November, 2007 meeting were approved. No Form 100s were read.

Officer Reports

Financial Secretary Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for November - December, 2007: receipts - \$1123.15, payments - \$1189.48.

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun reported that Aaron Berg will be transferring to Pax Christi Council, therefore we are looking for a new Chairman for the Golf Tournament. If you are interested, please call Greg.

If you attend the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and there is a Baptism, please take the opportunity to present the Roses, there has been a number of times that Knights have in attendance, but no one present the rose. This is a great Ministry that the Knights serve for the Holy Spirit Parish.

John Tanaka from Pax Christi is exploring having all the Rochester councils combine for liability Insurance for all KC events. We currently do not have liability insurance.

Director Reports

Chaplain - Father Don Schmitz - No Report

Program Director - Paul Daley - Mid-year report for Supreme needs to be filled out.

Church Activities Director - Ken White - Some took Mary from our manger display, a replacement was purchased.

Community Activities Director - Ken Lentz - No Report

Council Activities Director - Mike Riester - No Report

Family Activities Director - Rich Dettinger - Organized a number of Knights to put up the stage for the Holy Spirit Christmas program. Stage will be taken down at 6:30 a.m. on January 14.

Youth Director - Paul Daley - Holy Spirit Council Free Throw Contest will be last Sunday in January, will help Dan Kennedy with event.

Membership Director - Dave Hubka - 7 new members have been installed. He thanked the 1st Degree team for they work that they do. There will be another 1st Degree in January. Greg introduced new member Fritz Kvaternik, welcome Fritz!

Pro-Life Activates Coordinator - Steve Kunkel - No Report
Newsletter Editor - Dave Dykstal - Discussed the possibility of moving our website to new domain, he is checking in prices.

Old Business

Motion made, second and passed to provide \$170 to Larry Bodensteiner for supplies to build shelves in the school basement. His son will help.

Duane Price thanked all for their efforts on the very successful Spirit Run! Suggested that next year we avoid having a pancake breakfast the same weekend. 2008 Spirit Run will be October 24, 2008.

New Business

KC points were used to purchase an American flag set for the 1st Degree Team and a kitchen set for the pancake breakfasts.

Discussed donating the remainder of Holy Spirit ornaments to the youth group to sell.

Mark Schluttner's son will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, December 16th at Holy Spirit. We will provide him \$50 for the charity of his choice.

Lecturer Program

None.

District Deputy Report – Jeff Bagniewski

No Report

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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