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Grand Knight Message

Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone has a chance to "Keep Christ in Christmas" this year. If you haven't heard them, please listen for public service announcements from the Knights of Columbus on the local radio stations for their Keep Christ in Christmas campaign.

As Thanksgiving has just ended and the Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us, I am reflective of everything that we have to be thankful for as a Council. We have a lot of activities that support many wonderful causes for the Church, School, and Community. From our pancake breakfasts, to our Spirit Run, our golf tournament, the Tootsie Roll drive and our Adopt A Highway commitment I am thankful that we have many terrific leaders in our council that make all these activities possible. I am also thankful for all the other Brother Knights that volunteer their time for these and other worthy causes. If you haven't been involved lately and would like to become more active with any of our KC events, please don't hesitate to contact me, Paul Daley or one of our other activity leaders. I'm sure you'll get more out of the Knights than you put in, but you have to take the first step and get active in something that interests you.

One major part of our council that I am very thankful for is our First Degree Team! This team does an outstanding job of providing the lessons of our Degrees to all those who join, not just our council but all the councils in the area. In addition, many of our degree team are also on 2nd and 3rd degree teams. If you see any of the following members over the next month, thank them yourself for all their time and efforts. Jerome Lensing (Captain), Berry Hobbs, Jim Decker, Paul Daley, Larry Burgart, Joe Kluck and subs Jeff Block & Bob Capelle (Spring Valley). Without these men we wouldn't be able to continue to grow our membership and add new Knights to help in all we do. Thanks again Degree Team for all your efforts this past year.

Let me end my message by thanking God that we are able to continue to do his good works throughout these difficult economic times and that we may touch many lives in our acts and in our prayers this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in December are Robert Larson, Tom Dube, Chet Welle, Tim Tracy, Frank Vondrashek, Ken Lentz, Joseph Armstrong, Jessie Martinez, Brian Uhlenkamp, Randy Vrabel, Dick Goetzman, Stephen Wasz, Roy Musselman, John McGuire, John Orbeck, Dan Brossoit, and Scott Johnson. Thanks to all these worthy gentlemen for being Knights. Santa asks that you give them a hearty "Happy Birthday HO HO HO" next time you see them.



Membership

Have you asked another Catholic gentleman to join the KCs? Recruiting is the job of every member of our organization. Invite a friend to join, and then work on KC events with him! There will be a First Degree ceremony prior to Light Night on February 12. Contact Dave Hubka or Greg Kapraun if you have a candidate that can join.

Calendar

Christmas Anonymous Food Packing
 Officer Meeting
 Council Meeting
 Christmas Anonymous Store Day
 Pancake Breakfast
 Men's Retreat
 RCS Scholarship Banquet
 Light Night
 Pancake Breakfast
 Pancake Breakfast
 Major Degrees

Monday, December 8
 Thursday, December 11, 7:15 p.m.
 Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, December 13
 Sunday January 18
 January 31 - February 2, 2009
 February 6, 2009
 February 12, 2009
 Sunday February 22
 Sunday March 22
 Sunday, March 22, 2009

Christ United Methodist Church
 Holy Spirit School Library
 Holy Spirit School Library
 Christ United Methodist Church
 After Morning Masses
 Christ the King Retreat Center
 Rochester International Event Center
 Holy Spirit Commons
 After Morning Masses
 After Morning Masses
 Lourdes High School

4th Degree News

Mark Zangs

The Bishop Kelly Assembly in Winona has been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the welcoming of the new Bishop. They are asking our Assembly to help out. The event is Thursday, December 11th at the Cathedral in Winona. We need to meet there at 1:00 pm. If any 4th degree Knight is interested please contact Mike Kleinschmidt at 289-3323.

SK Norbert Fitzpatrick, a former Navigator, passed away on November 15th. He was 90 years old.

Our new website and "the Anchor" newsletter has been well recieved by our State Master Tom Grinnell and he is offering them as examples to other Assembly's who are interested in starting one. Here is a link to the website: <http://www.KofCAsm548.org>. Please remember to visit the web site often as it is updated frequently. Many new features and interesting articles are available to enjoy.

This month we will not have an "official meeting" but will have our annual Christmas Party at Michael's Restaurant on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm. Please call SSK Mike Kleinschmidt @ 289-3323 by 8:00 pm Sunday, December 14th to make your reservations. All spouses and widows of our members are invited to attend. If you need a ride, please contact SK Mark A. Zangs @ 289-6755.

The Officer's Renewal of Obligations has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Pius X Church in Rochester. More details will be available and posted on the web site as they become finalized.



Christmas Anonymous

The Knights of Holy Spirit have a long history of serving for Christmas Anonymous on Food Packing Day and on Store Day. We are looking again, especially, for Knights who can work outside loading boxes and bikes on Store Day. Please contact Christmas Anonymous at volunteers@christmasanonymous.org or 507-285-3940 if you can help on Store Day. See the schedule below for dates and times!

Date	Time	What	Where
Dec 8 (Mon)	6pm - 10pm	Pack Food	Christ United Methodist
Dec 11 (Thu)	8am - 9pm	Store Setup	Christ United Methodist
Dec 12 (Fri)	8am - 9pm	Store Setup	Christ United Methodist
Dec 13 (Sat)	8am - 11:30am	Store Day	Christ United Methodist
	10:30am - 1:30pm		
	12:30pm - 3:30pm		

Men's Retreat Scheduled

The annual Men's Retreat is set for the Weekend of Jan 31-Feb 2, 2009 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. Car pool arrangements are offered through the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus. Call Dave Rossman (282-5316) for details and reserving a seat in the car pool. Call on the phone, write by mail, or do it on line to register for this weekend.

Christ the King Retreat Center
621 First Ave. South
Buffalo MN 55313
Phone: (763) 682-1394

email: christtheking@kingshouse.com

or view the material on the web at <http://www.kingshouse.com>

The theme for August 2008 to July 2009 is "Jesus and Compassion." Jesus embodied and lived compassion each day of his life. But what does compassion mean and involve for us? As followers of Jesus, how do we live out the call to compassion in the world today?

With Jesus as our model, we will explore the many ways he lived a compassionate life, so that we can share the gifts of forgiveness and gentleness with our sisters and brothers. Join us for a deepening understanding and experience of the compassion of Jesus. It can change our hearts and the world!



Little Known Saint of the Month

This month we travel to northern Spain about 1000 years ago. There a boy named Dominic was born to a peasant family in the small town of Canas. Dominic was a shepherd as a boy, but when older was able to enter the Benedictine monastery at San Millan do la Cogolla where he eventually became abbot. The king of the region (Navarre) challenged him when he refused to surrender part of the abbey's lands to the crown. He was exiled and took refuge with King Ferdinand I of Castile who appointed him abbot of St. Sebastian Abbey at Silos.

The abbey had fallen on hard times and was in terrible shape. Dominic was both an able administrator and spiritual leader and was able to turn the house around. It became a spiritual center for the province of Burgos noted not only for its charity but also for its book design, printed art, and gold and silver work. Dominic was reportedly able to heal by prayer and was able to get many wealthy patrons to ensure the abbey's financial stability as well as ransom Christians who had been taken prisoner by the Moors.

Many miracles were attributed to him after his death, particularly with regard to pregnancy, and he eventually became one of the most beloved saints of Spain. His staff of office was even used to bless the queens of Spain when they were in labor.

The abbey that Dominic rebuilt survives to this day and is now named after him. It is considered a great architectural treasure and is still inhabited. The Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos are still in the news having released several albums of Gregorian chant beginning with "Chant" on CD in 1994.

Santo Domingo de Silos is a patron of shepherds, prisoners, and pregnant women. He also offers protection against mad dogs and rabies. We remember his life on December 20.



Knights of Columbus Council #11460

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held on November 13th, 2008

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Library of Holy Spirit School. Greg led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight Greg Kapraun, Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley, Chancellor Steve Kunkel, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, and Warden DeWayne Gallenberg were present. The minutes of the October, 2008 meeting were approved. No Form 100s were read.

Officers Reports

FS Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for October, 2008 (Receipts - \$4154.99; Payments - \$3095.35). There was a discussion about having regular treasurer's reports. Jim mentioned that for new members there is an excellent annuity program with a minimum of \$100 and pays 4.5% interest. Any with an annuity counts as an insurance member. Talk to Jim Motz about this opportunity at 507-206-6216.

GK Greg Kapraun presented a "Thank you" from Hiawatha Homes. Greg thanked Duane Price for his tremendous job on the Spirit Run! Football Frenzy was cancelled due concerns over the MN Statutes and money will be refunded. Jim Motz is the new insurance agent for all the Rochester Councils as well as Byron/Kasson and Spring Valley. Welcome Jim!

There will be an allocation of \$3/member to Supreme for the Culture of Life Fund.

Donor Advised Fund is looking for ideas for projects to fund. Greg has been in discussion with Joe O'Toole about money for an upgrade to the sound system for the church. Discussion about establishing a Tuition Scholarship Fund for Catholic Schools in Rochester and possible college attendees. There will be a 5 year commitment to the new Lourdes High School

Director's Reports

Program Director Paul Daley: Will be working on completing the Mid Year Report.

Church Activities Director Ken White: December 3rd at 7:15 PM for Lite Up For Christ.

Youth Director Dan Kennedy: Reported on the Youth Ministry Appreciation, a great time was had by the attendees who enjoyed pizza, pop and a movie. Total cost of the activity was \$186 which include \$85 of Culvers gift certificates. The weekend after the Super Bowl the Holy Spirit Council will hold the Free Throw Contest. Jim Decker will order the kit.

Membership Director Dave Hubka: Dave had copies of the update Holy Spirit Council Information piece – Great job! Jim Decker has a brochure on gaining new members. He

mentioned that Mary Margaret would like to see a Knight at each of the New Member Sessions that Holy Spirit conducts. December 4 there will be a First Degree at Pax Christi at 7:30 PM, candidates should be there at 7 PM. We will hold a First Degree before the Lite Nite on February 12, 2009

Old Business

Duane Price reported on the very successful Spirit Run and thanked all the Knights and the Rochester Track Club that helped out. Profit will be \$1709.78. Next year will be Duane's last year running the event, he is looking for someone to Co-Chair the event, call him you are interested in helping with this fun event for the School and the our Council!

Jim Decker reported on the Fall Classic for the Bowling for Special Olympics. Jim was joined by 8 other Rochester KC and 6 from the Byron/Kasson Council. Jim indicated this is one of the best run programs by the KC. Excellent program which was a very uplifting and positive event for him. He has a tremendous amount of respect for the athletes. He strongly suggested that more of us participate next year.

New Business

Mayo Cancer Christmas Caroling event – DeWayne Gallenberg requested funds. A motion was made, seconded and approved to provide DeWayne with \$100 for the event. This event provides much joy to the cancer patients at Mayo with the singing and the photos that are taken during the event.

Matt Klebe, Holy Spirit Grade School Principle has requested funds for carpet runners and a walkie talkie system for security on the school grounds. A motion was made, seconded and approved to fund the carpet runners at \$698.80. A motion was made, seconded and approved to fund one half of the cost of a walkie talkie system up to \$800 if partnered with another Holy Spirit group.

Brad Brech and Jim Decker provided an update on the upcoming events for Christmas Anonymous. Your help is need for this very important program that provides a good Christmas for those in Olmsted County that are in need. Our Council has been very generous in many ways; you will be greatly reward with your help! Motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide \$500 to the Christmas Anonymous.

District Reports

District Deputy Report – Jeff Bagniewski: Mentioned the First Degree to be held on December 4th at 7:30 PM at Pax Christi.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.