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Grand Knight Message

Wow, what a year 2008 was! While there were many things in the church, school, community and world that could be dwelled on I'd like to focus mostly on the positives. For the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus, we had an excellent year with one exception. We were successful in resurrecting our golf tournament under new leadership and continued to have excellent leaders handle our Pancake Breakfasts, Spirit Run, Light Night, Family Picnic, Youth Programs and other activities the council supports. Our one exception was that we needed to clean up our membership of those men who were no longer paying their dues. With all the charges that we pay to Supreme and State we cannot afford as a council to linger on our dues collections unless there is a known hardship. So when you see that statement come in the mail this month, please pay it right away and contribute to the health and vitality of our council and the good works it does.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN!!!

While we've had excellent leaders as I noted above, we need to get some additional members involved in the leadership positions within the Council. Currently we have some strong leaders in the key officer positions, but it takes many additional leaders to successfully run all the activities of our council. More specifically, Dr. Duane Price has announced that 2009 will be the last year for him to lead our Spirit Run program. He would like to train a new leader in 2009 that would then run it for 2010 and beyond. Dr. John Lawson would like to do the same thing for the 2009 Golf tournament - training someone to take it over in 2010. These events are very important to the council and account for more than 50% of the funds that we are able to use for various charitable causes throughout the year. Please consider stepping forward by yourself or with a partner to lead one of these major activities. Some of our other activities are also looking for new leaders. These include Adopt-a-highway, pancake crew leader, and even activities like our Roses for Baptism activity. Brad Brech and Jim Decker have been doing the certificates and ensuring the roses are at church since this program began. While Brad and Jim would never complain, this would be a great activity for some new Knights to be involved in.

In addition to the activities above, we are looking for members to fill our next set of Officer and Director Positions. Please contact Paul Daley who will be our next Grand Knight if you are interested in filling any of these positions. For those members who currently hold positions and wish to continue, please let Paul know that too I'm sure he'll be grateful for the support and experience you bring to the position. Now is the time to step forward and become more involved in your council.

Finally I would like to encourage new members and established members who are not currently insurance members to consider participating in the Knights of Columbus insurance programs. You can participate for as little as \$100 as a new member for an annuity or a \$300 annuity for other members. We need to get at least 4 new insurance members in order to achieve Star Council status for our council. Jim Motz our new insurance Field agent would be happy to sit down with you and assess your needs. Please note that the insurance program is also an important part of how the Knights of Columbus is able to generate funds to support many wonderful causes that the Supreme Council directs.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in January are Peter Freiburger, Larry Burgart, Dan Renier, Mark Schluttner, Tom Fox, Bruce Fujan, Adam Bleess, Chris Adamson, Bernie Carlson, Joe DiCecco, Gordy Stockinger, Kevin Coughlin, Steve Nowakowski, Gregory Laughland, Brent Samb, Judson Stiglich Jr., Jim Decker, Tom Suther, and Brent Johnson. Happy Birthday and Thank You for being members of our council!

Calendar

Officer Meeting
Council Meeting
Pancake Breakfast
Men's Retreat
RCS Scholarship Banquet
Council Free Throw Contest
Light Night
Pancake Breakfast
District Free Throw Contest
Regional Free Throw Contest
Pancake Breakfast
Major Degrees

Thursday, January 8, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday January 18
January 30 - February 1
Friday February 6
Sunday February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday February 12, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday February 22
Sunday March 1
Sunday March 15
Sunday March 22
Sunday, March 22 (see article for times)

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

Light Night with the Knights!

All Knights or prospective Knights and spouses/dates are invited to our Light Night to be held February 12th at 7:00pm in the Holy Spirit Commons. Please join us for some wine, beer, cheese, and snacks. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. It's a great time to socialize and learn more about the Knights. Babysitting will be provided. Any questions? Contact Mike Riester at 398-3528.

Pancake Breakfast Update

Gary Moore

THANK YOU for your support in the completion of two successful pancake breakfasts in October and November. We have three more to go this season, and THANK YOU in advance to those of you who will volunteer to support the remaining three!

Our next breakfast is Sunday, January 18, following the 8:15 and 10:00 Masses, so if you can help, please contact Gary Moore, gmoored@charter.net, or 507-287-6550. (The minutes from our December meeting mention a move of this breakfast to February 1st. That is not happening and we are keeping to our original schedule.)

Following is the outline of this year's breakfasts and who they benefit:

- October 5th – Interfaith Hospitality Network
- November 16th – Holy Spirit Pack 110 Cub Scouts
- January 18th – New parish office computer monitors, plus the Giving Tree
- February 22nd – Beneficiary group is open (suggestions to Gary!)
- March 22nd – Holy Spirit Youth Mission Trip

Please note the upcoming breakfasts on your calendars and contact Gary Moore if you are able to volunteer your help. Thank You.



Spring KC Membership Activities

Thinking of asking someone to join but haven't done so yet? Now is the time to welcome in the New Year by recruiting another member! Here are some great opportunities to take advantage of in the coming months.

- There will be a First Degree on Thursday, February 12, at Holy Spirit just prior to our annual Light Night with the Knights that evening. Have candidates there at 6:00pm.
- Our annual free pizza buffet open house will be scheduled in late February or early March. A special focus will be on recruiting younger members, especially the sons of members. Plan to attend and invite that person you think would be a good member!
- The major degrees will be offered in Rochester at Lourdes High School on Sunday, March 22. First degree candidates should be there at 9:00am. Second/third degree candidates there at 10:30am. If you are still just a first degree member, plan to attend the major degrees (for free!) and learn so much more about what it means to be a Knight!

For more information on any of these activities, contact Dave Hubka at dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.



Men's Retreat Scheduled

The annual Men's Retreat is set for the weekend of Jan 30-Feb 1 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

Marguerite Bourgeoys was born in Troyes, France, in 1620. She was a devout child, believing always that she had a vocation to a religious life. Her mother died when she was 19 years old and at the age of 20 she attempted to enter the Poor Clares but her application for the cloister was rejected. She continued to care for her father, brothers, and sisters. Her father died when she was 27, but the family was raised and Marguerite was searching for purpose in her life. The governor of Montreal was in France looking for teachers for the colony and invited her to come to North America. Marguerite gave away her inheritance to the others in her family and left for New France at the age of 33.



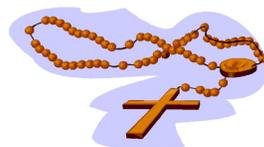
In Canada, she began construction of a chapel to honor Our Lady of Good Help. Opened her first school in 1658. Returned to France in 1659 to recruit more teachers, and returned with four; in 1670, she went to France again, and brought back six more. These women became the first sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame.

Marguerite and her sisters helped people in the colony survive when food was scarce, opened a vocational school, taught young people how to run a home and farm. Marguerite's congregation grew to 18 sisters, seven of them Canadian. They opened missions, and two sisters taught at the Native American mission. Marguerite received the first two Native American women into the congregation.

In 1689, at the age of 69, Marguerite walked from Montreal to the city of Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters there.

In 1693, Mother Marguerite handed over her congregation to her successor. The order became officially recognized when Marguerite's religious rule was approved by the Church in 1698. Marguerite spent her last few years praying and writing an autobiography.

Marguerite died on January 12, 1700 at the age of 80. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982 by Pope John Paul II. She is remembered on the day of her death - January 12. She is considered a patron of those rejected by religious orders and provides protection for the poor and orphans.



Prayer Requests

For Marge King, the wife of Ambrose King of the St. Pius Council - She is in intensive care, and the entire family is at her bedside.

For our Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley for his continued recovery from his pulmonary embolism.

For the continued recovery of Ray Wojtysiak, State Program Director.

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This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held on December 11th, 2008

submitted by David Dykstal

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, and Financial Secretary Jim Decker. Recorder Jerome N. Lensing was attending the installation Mass for our new Bishop Quinn and arrived later. The minutes of the November 2008 meeting were approved. No Form 100s were read.

Officers Reports

Grand Knight Report - Greg Kapraun

Tootsie Rolls to be delivered to Jeff Bagniewski at Jeff's Little Store on Marion Road. All TR checks are due to state by May 15.

State Convention materials received. Will be in St. Cloud @ Holiday Inn. May 15-17.

Tuition Scholarship Banquet - Barb DeCramer wants to see the Knights be more active. \$50/person on Friday February 6. There has been talk of splitting the proceeds to fund a KC named scholarship for Lourdes. It was moved, seconded, and passed to sponsor two tables @ \$100/table. This is what we did last year. It guarantees seating at the same table for those attending from our council.

There is a State Poster Contest for drug and alcohol abuse. We've not sponsored this in the past. If sponsored, it would be done in the Holy Spirit School.

The Knights are requested to help set up the stage for the Christmas program after Mass this Sunday.

Special Olympics is looking for help with their basketball tournament, contact Greg for more info.

Light Night is coming on February 12. There is a 1st Degree at 6:30. Candidates to arrive by 6:00. Light Night begins at 7:00.

Donor advised fund is looking for recommendations for donations. These are due January 16 to be awarded in March. Form is on web site.

St. Pius Council is considering starting a city-wide Squires Circle. Contact Greg if interested in helping.

"Thanks" for a great pancake breakfast turnout!

"Thanks" to 1st Degree team.

Financial Secretary Report - Jim Decker

Receipts: \$1613.00, Payments: \$2805.14.

State Convention Raffle: There will be 10 winners. Encouraging each member to buy two tickets. Tickets are \$5 each. Council receives 1/2 of proceeds. This will fund a state foundation for council development and matching grant programs.

Director's Reports

Membership Director - Dave Hubka. Blitz netted four new members and some other applications were generated. One, Chris Adamson, was present at the meeting. Chris is owner of

Truckin' America, his sons are involved in Scouts and Scouting has kept him busy for some time. Looking forward to being active in the Knights. New Form 100s will be available in January. Old forms will continue to be accepted.

Program Director - Paul Daly. Midyear report has been submitted. Fraternal Survey is due January 31.

Church Director - Greg Kapraun for Ken White. Light up for Christ was held. Very cold. Went well.

Community Director - Ken Lentz and Gordy Stockinger - No report.

Council Directory - Greg Kapraun for Mike Riester. Light Night coming up 7:00 pm on February 12.

Youth Director - Dan Kennedy. Youth Ministry Event - 11 kids - spent \$186. Moved to support transportation of up to \$100 for upcoming Youth event in the Twin Cities. Seconded and passed. Free Throw contest coming up in February. District is on February 22 (Update: changed to March 1). Will schedule ours in January.

Old Business

Pancake Breakfast - The breakfast that was to be held on January 18 is moved to February 1 to coincide with Catholic Schools Week. HS HSA is sponsoring and providing a free breakfast. Knights to provide labor and expertise. HSA to serve. (Update: this breakfast has been moved back to January 18th due to an RCS-wide initiative. HSA thanks us for our willingness to help. Maybe next year?)

Spirit Run and Golf Tournament are looking for assistants to help with this year with the intention of taking over next year.

Adopt-a-highway is also looking to transition to new leadership in the next year or two.

Grill was sold and netted \$200.

Walkie-Talkies for school - no purchase made yet.

New Business

It was decided that we should be able to stop printing and mailing hard copies of the newsletter to those who have email addresses in our database. We will be providing copies in the kiosk in by the church office. Eventually we will stop mailing altogether and let folks pick up the newsletter from the kiosk.

District Reports

District Deputy Report - Jeff Bagniewski - No Report.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight: for Fr. Don and Staff for all the work they do; for a friend of Jerome Lensing whose father has recently passed away; and For SK Norbert Fitzpatrick who recently passed away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.