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Grand Knight Message

Worthy Brother Knights – as we head into February and start to look towards Spring and the season of Lent, I'd like to remind everyone that we continue to need their support and also hope that you can take part in a few of the fun events we have planned. First and foremost will be our Light Night on February 12th in place of our regular meeting in the Commons. Please join the fun, enjoy some wine, beer, soft drinks, and cheese and maybe you'll win one of our door prizes to top the evening off. By the time you get this letter the RCS/KofC Tuition Scholarship Banquet will have been held on Friday February 6th and our local council free throw contest will be Sunday evening February 8th.

In addition to our Light Night on the 12th we will also host a 1st Degree ceremonial at Holy Spirit. If you know of anyone that is ready to join please encourage them to contact Dave Hubka or myself and we can get them in. While awards haven't been a major concern of the council, achieving Star Council would be a nice way to end my service as your Grand Knight. Our membership team has done an excellent job in meeting our goals. Our council activities are well established and also meet the criteria set by Supreme. Where we are lacking is in getting new insurance members. We have not gotten a single one for the year and we need four new members to achieve Star Council. Please contact our field agent Jim Motz and help us achieve Star Council once again.

A couple other fun activities during the month of February will be our next pancake breakfast on Sunday February 22nd. Then on Monday February 23rd we will have our pizza buffet to help recruit new members, especially targeting younger men in the parish. See write-ups on these activities elsewhere in this newsletter. Another fun activity to place on your calendars is going to be a city-wide Knights Dinner-Dance. Please place a hold on April 24th and join Knights from all the councils in town and the surrounding area to enjoy a fraternal evening with your wives at the Rochester International Event Center. The entertainment for the evening will be the Notochords. I need a volunteer to work on the committee to help with this event. Please let me know if you'd be willing to do this.

Finally, I'd like to thank those Knights who have stepped up to help at our pancake breakfasts. Gary Moore and crew did a great job in January and we were able to raise enough funds to pay for the new monitors that the Parish purchased. Please say "yes" when they ask for your help again in February and March for our last two breakfasts of the season.

Vivat Jesus!

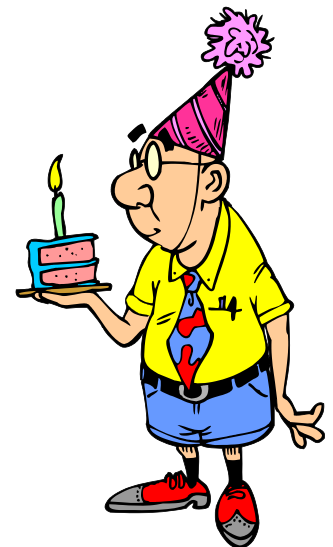
Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in February are Michael Branson, Joseph Mueller, Chris Wood, Glenn Opdycke-Hansen, Chris Larsen, Jim Motz, Tony Rossman, Brad Brech, Joe Weigel, Steven Strickland, Leroy Machulda, Larry Bodensteiner, and John Kalwasinski. What a great bunch of guys! Have a great birthday month and thanks for being a Knight in our council.

Thanks!

Thanks to Tom Sand, Tom Dylla, and Max Dylla for taking such great care of our Nativity scene this year!



Calendar

Council Free Throw Contest
Light Night
4th Degree Assembly Meeting
Wine Tasting
Pancake Breakfast
Informational Open House
District Free Throw Contest
Regional Free Throw Contest
Pancake Breakfast
Major Degrees
4th Degree Exemplification
KC Dinner-Dance

Sunday February 8, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday February 12, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday February 22, After Morning Masses
Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday March 1
Sunday March 15
Sunday March 22, After Morning Masses
Sunday, March 22 (see article for times)
Sunday, April 19
Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Gym
Holy Spirit Commons
St. Francis McCarthy Hall
St. Francis McCarthy Hall
Holy Spirit Gym
Valentino's
Lourdes High School
Lourdes High School
Holy Spirit Gym
Lourdes High School
Brooklyn Center
Rochester Int'l Event Center

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.

4th Degree News

Mark Zangs

Marge King, the wife of Ambrose King, passed away on January 18th. Member Joe O'Gorman has passed away at the age of 96 on February 1st.

The Spring 2009 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at that Northland Inn in Brooklyn Center on April 19th. Please contact Mark Zangs if you are interested in attending or if you would like to be a candidate for the 4th Degree.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, the meeting at 6:30 pm and dinner with our wives after that. We have been averaging about 25 members in attendance, which is about 9% of our membership, so I would like to request more members to come and join us. Please call Art Mueller at 289-3517 by 8:00 pm Sunday, February 15th to reserve your meals. We meet in the basement of St. Francis Church.

Please welcome our new member, Richard A. Hamann, who has recently transferred to our Assembly.

For those of you with computer access, our website changes often with new features added routinely. Please take the time to have a look at our website and let us know what you think.

Go to <http://www.KofCAsm548.org>.



Spring KC Membership Activities

Thinking of asking someone to join the Knights but haven't done so yet? February might just be one of the best times of the year for recruiting another member!

- There will a First Degree on Thursday, February 12, at Holy Spirit just prior to our annual Light Night with the Knights that same night. Have candidates there at 6:00pm. Ask a candidate to join and pick him up and bring him there at 6:00 so his wife can join later for Light Night and they won't have 2 cars there!
- Our annual free pizza buffet open house will be on February 23 (see separate article). Plan to attend and invite that person you think would be a good member! How about bringing your teen-age son? If you'd like to ask someone to join but don't feel comfortable doing the recruiting, just ask them to join you for a free pizza and pop buffet, and then bring them to our annual open house!
- 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 KC!

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

Pancake Breakfast News

Gary Moore

THANK YOU to all Knights who helped at the January 18 pancake breakfast. We had a good turn-out and were able to contribute over \$600 to the parish for the new office monitors that were needed, plus the giving tree. Our next breakfast is on Sunday, February 22, following the 8:15 and 10:00 Masses. This breakfast benefits the Lourdes Girls Softball Program ... yes, springtime is coming! We need many volunteers for this breakfast, so if you can help anytime between 7:00 AM and noon, please contact Gary Moore, gmoored@charter.net, or phone 287-6550.

Wine Tasting at St. Francis

The St. Francis Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a wine tasting on Sunday February 21st from 7-9 PM in McCarthy Hall of St. Francis Church. The proceeds all go to the "Rebuild My Church Campaign" to fund the repair and updating of the hall and the school cafeteria. There will be light hors d'oeuvre served. You can get tickets at the St. Francis Parish office, the St. Francis School office, or after Masses. Ticket Prices are \$15.00 in advance or \$18.00 at the door. More details can be found at <http://www.kofc14170.org>



First Annual Knight's Dinner Dance

Plans for the 1st Annual Rochester Area KofC Dinner Dance are coming together. This is a not-for-profit event. It is for KC's in the Rochester Area to get together with our wives and have a night out to socialize.

It will be on Friday April 24th at the Rochester International Event Center with a social hour beginning at 6PM, dinner at 7PM, and a dance to follow. The price is still TBD but will likely be from \$15 to \$20 per person. A cash bar will be provided by the Event Center. Dress will be casual. Entertainment provided by Gene Eiden and the Notochords.

Help is still needed to set this up, if you can help contact Greg Kapraun.

Open House! Free Pizza! Yum!

Dave Hubka, Membership Director

We'll be having our annual information open house to let potential members know all the good things about the KCs, and especially about our council. Like before it will include a free pizza and pop buffet at Valentino's! Mark your calendars now for Monday, February 23, 2009, 7:00-9:00pm at Valentino's located at 130 Elton Hills Drive.

If you've been thinking about asking someone to join, what better way to bring up the topic than inviting them to join you for a free meal! Besides the meal, a few of us will share some thoughts about the KCs, and then we'll have informal chat while eating. If anyone wants to sign up to join during the course of the evening, that will be fine, but coming to the open house does not commit them in any way. It is truly an invitation for them to get to know us better, with a free meal thrown in. To make it even better, offer to pick them up do the driving!



One special focus – I would like you Knights with sons (or sons-in-laws or grandsons) to come and bring them along. They've seen you involved – now bring them to hear the rest of the story about the Knights and our council! Even if they are a few years too young to join now, we'd like to treat them to a meal and have them get to know us so they are ready to sign up when they turn 18. Please bring them, and don't forget to bring along a friend or two of theirs that you also think might be open to joining. Remember, our council offers reduced annual dues of just \$10 for students.

I'd like to see a great turn-out for this. Given the free meal and the focus on bringing sons and other young men, I'd like to see at least 20 candidates there. Let's make it happen! See you at Valentino's on Monday February 23rd. Please plan to arrive no later than 7:00pm.

Jim Decker Needs Your Help

The dues billings are out, and Financial Secretary Jim Decker would like me to remind you that payments are due. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please do it now to save Jim the trouble of hunting you down.

Men's Retreat

Richard Hartmann

Fellow Knights: Consider attending next year's retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center at Buffalo Lake! You will have a spiritually enriching experience.

The weekend of 1/30 to 2/1 was a spiritual retreat in Buffalo Lake, MN at Christ the King Retreat House. The retreat house is run by several Oblate priests and a Franciscan nun. This weekend there were 57 men at the retreat in a house with a capacity of 67. The retreat focus was Jesus and Compassion. The topics that were presented brought many to a deeper understanding of compassion, in terms of their own feelings. Being compassionate means listening to someone in need without feeling like you have to fix it. Three Holy Spirit Knights were at the retreat: Rich Hartmann, Dave Rossman and Chet Welle.

The retreat started at 8PM Friday and ran until noon on Sunday. Activities on the agenda were prayer services, Eucharist, different conferences led by a member of the retreat staff, reconciliation, and rosary. Quiet time was a large part of the retreat to focus on particular themes. The sessions were very well attended but it is not a requirement that you attend all of them. There is a library at the retreat house with many books on the Bible, spirituality, faith, compassion and other topics. There were lots of areas in the retreat house for sitting down to read or just contemplate in silence. Delicious meals were provided by the staff on Saturday and Sunday. The cost was nominal (\$30) since the staff does not want it to be a factor in the decision to attend. They do welcome contributions for the running of the retreat house. Check the web site: <http://www.kingshouse.com> for more information.



Little Known Saint of the Month

"St. Serenus the Gardener" – that has a nice pastoral ring to it, doesn't it? Serenus apparently lived during the 4th century and was a hermit in the area around modern Mitrovica in the Balkans. Although a hermit he became well-known for the beauty of his gardens. He was forced for a time to hide during the persecution of Christians and, upon returning, scolded a woman for wandering in his garden at an inappropriate time. This was the wrong woman to scold. She went home and told her husband, a member of the imperial guard, of the disrespectful treatment she had received. He reported the event to Emperor Maximian who ordered a magistrate to look into the matter. Serenus was exonerated for his harsh treatment of the woman, but the magistrate learned that he was a Christian and, as Serenus refused to make sacrifice to the gods, the magistrate ordered him beheaded.

There is probably a lesson to be learned from this. Serenus is legendary, of course, but is remembered on February 23.



Knights of Columbus Council #11460

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held on January 8th, 2009

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

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, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, and Lecturer Rob Larson were present. The minutes of the December 2008 meeting were approved. 3 Form 100's were read.

Officer Reports

Grand Knight Report – Greg Kapraun

Membership report from Supreme – 177 total members with 9 net new members, however we have no new insurance members. New and current members should take advantage of the new annuity program; call Jim Motz at 507-206-6216 for more information. Greg discussed a number of forms that are due by the end of the month. For information on recruiting new members call Berry Hobbs or Dave Hubka. Berry indicated that each member who signs up a new member will receive the McGivney Medal. Tuition Scholarship Banquet is February 6th at the Rochester International Event Center, Greg encourages all to attend. Greg thanked Rich Dettinger & Steve Nowakowski for setting up and take down of the stage for the Christmas program. Greg mentioned that there needed to be repairs done to the shelves in the basement area.

Treasurer Report – Jim Decker

Jim handed out the treasurer's report and went over a number of items.

Financial Secretary Report – Jim Decker

Jim presented income and expense reports for January 2009 (Receipts - \$200.00; Payments - \$1,095.25). Dues have been sent out and your prompt payment is requested! Jim also handed out the new Form 100's.

Director Reports

Council Activities Director – Greg Kapraun discussed the upcoming Light Night on February 12th. There will be First Degree at 6:30 PM with candidates arriving at 6 PM. Light Night to follow. Rob Larson is lining up a speaker to speak on Special Olympics.

Youth Director – Dan Kennedy. \$100 has been donated to the Holy Spirit Youth Group for the recent bus trip to the Twin Cities. Free Throw Contest will be held February 8th after the 6 PM Mass.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka. Dave mentioned the upcoming First Degree on February 12th and the Major Degree on March 22nd. To accommodate a number of college students there will be a First Degree conducted during June. Watch for details for the upcoming Pizza Night for recruitment. Dave will be calling all First Degree members to encourage them to attend the Major Degree.

Old Business

The upcoming Pancake Breakfast on January 18th will be for upgrading the office computer monitors up to \$600, remaining proceeds will go the Giving Tree. Joe O'Toole will be putting together an application to Donor Fund for \$4500 for computer upgrades.

New Business

Upcoming breakfasts will be for the following groups: February 22nd is for the Lourdes Girls Softball team for uniforms and March 22nd will be for the Youth Mission Trip.

District Reports

District Deputy Report – Jeff Bagniewski – No Report.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



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