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Grand Knight Message

February was an active one for the Knights. I'd like to congratulate all the winners of the local free throw contest and those that have moved on at the District Level. Good Luck at Regionals and State! I'd like to thank everyone who was able to attend our Light Night activity. I hope a good time was had by all. I got there just in time to help close things down. A big Thank You to Mike Riestler and family for putting on another great event. Also, congratulations to all those who won door prizes during the evening. Finally Thanks again to all those who helped with the pancake breakfast in support of the Lourdes Softball team.

March is here and I'm really looking forward to seeing the signs of new life again. With all the snow and cold of the winter coupled with the droning on of bad economic news, it's a wonder we can remain sane. Of course we have the season of Lent and opportunity to look at our faith and relationship with GOD to help us through and by the time everything starts to grow we'll be celebrating Easter. For the Knights, March will again bring our final pancake breakfast to support the Youth Mission Trip. March also brings a push to all Knights to ask a fellow Catholic gentleman to join our order and an opportunity for those that are not yet full Knights to attend the major degrees offered at Lourdes on March 22nd. Please see the note in this newsletter for more details.

I'd like to make all of you aware of a decision that was voted on recently. The Donor Advised Fund of the Knights of Columbus has selected from a variety of worthy applications to award \$10K to begin a named scholarship with the Lourdes Foundation. This Knights of Columbus scholarship will help provide tuition assistance and support Catholic Education in Rochester. This fund will also be available for other Knights to add and contribute to as they consider projects to support the growth of the fund or individual Knights may consider it in their personal Charitable giving or Estate planning. This is an exciting development for the Rochester area Knights and Catholic Education.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Welcome!

Please welcome our newest members Keith Swetz and Marco Rizzo. Keith and Marco both joined us at our February First Degree that was held just before our Light Night.



Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in March are Jim Buntrock, John Devlin, Steve Hansen, Bernard King, Greg King, Dave Loechler, William Medlyn, James Owens, Duane Price, Jim Rogers, Andrew Streit, Ken White, Jeremy Bodensteiner, Mark Stopyro, Steven Decker, Kevin Mulligan, Aaron Civil, Marc Betting, Bill Towey, Joe O'Toole Jr., and Chris White. Excellent! March is a great month for a birthday. Thanks to all for being Knights in our council.

Calendar

Regional Free Throw Contest
Pancake Breakfast
Major Degrees
4th Degree Exemplification
KC Dinner-Dance
Youth Choir Appreciation

Sunday March 15
Sunday March 22, After Morning Masses
Sunday, March 22 (see article for times)
Saturday, April 18 – Sunday, April 19
Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 26, after 10:00 Mass

Lourdes High School
Holy Spirit Gym
Lourdes High School
Brooklyn Center
Rochester Int'l Event Center
Holy Spirit Gym

Jim Decker STILL 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.

Light Night Recap

Our Last Light Night with the Knights was held on February 12th. We had a good crowd, delicious snacks, superb wine and beer, and fabulous desserts. Allie Hostetter gave a very inspiring and delightful presentation about her experience as a Special Olympics participant. Door prizes were awarded to a lucky few. All in all we had a great time. Thanks to Mike Riester and Rob Larson for organizing!

Free Throw Contest Results

On February 8th we held our council's annual KC Free Throw Championship. 16 boys and 3 girls participated. The winners for the boys were Mark Pagel (14), Aaron Grad (13), Joshua Bakken (12), AJ Sather (11), and Ryan Nonn (10). The girl winners were Shannon Strickland (13), Katie Helt (11), and Hanna Walker (10).

They went on to the district competition held on March 1 where Mark Pagel, Aaron Grad, Joshua Bakken, and Hanna Walker took first place in their events. They now move to the Regional Competition to be held on March 15 at Lourdes. Good Luck to all!



Spring KC Membership Activities

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

Our next breakfast is on Sunday, March 22, following the 8:15 and 10:00 Masses. This breakfast benefits the Youth Mission Trip. We need 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.



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.

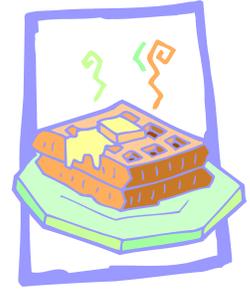
It will be on Friday April 24th at the Rochester International Event Center with a social hour beginning at 6PM, dinner at 7PM, and a dance to follow. The price is still TBD but will likely be from \$15 to \$20 per person. A cash bar will be provided by the Event Center. Dress will be casual. Entertainment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

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

6th Annual Youth Choir Appreciation Brunch

Dave Hubka

The Holy Spirit Youth Choir will sing for the final time of the season at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, April 26. Immediately following that Mass, the KCs will be serving them a brunch as a Thank You for all their efforts. Format and menu will be similar to past years. Pete Schommer will be head chef, Joe DiCecco will be in charge of the waffle bar, and for the pool of workers I plan to primarily ask the Knights who have a daughter or son in this year's Youth Choir – but I'll gladly accept other volunteers as well. We'll need some workers to start food preparation about 8:00 that morning, and then we will need many more workers to help serve and clean-up. I'll be contacting potential workers soon, but if you know you would like to sign up to help, please take the initiative to send me an email (dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or call me (282-6090) and mark your calendar!



The Search Has Begun

Paul Daley, Deputy Grand Knight

The council runs on the strength of its leadership and so I am looking for a few good, practical Catholic gentlemen. Please consider taking on a leadership role either as a council officer or as an activity director. For those of you who have been waiting for the right time to become more active in our council, now is your opportunity to do so. For the director positions, I will be contacting each of you that currently hold a position to discuss your intentions of continuing or not. Likewise, with officers, I will be in contact with you to discuss officer opportunities. If you have time and talent to offer contact me at 775-7012, orsurfmnturf@aol.com. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

If I mention the name "Chad" you might think I'd be referring to some poorly designed ballots. If so, let me introduce you to St. Chad, missionary, abbot, and bishop.

Chad was born in Northumbria, England in the year 620, ordained a priest in 653, and soon appointed abbot of the Lastingham monastery. Not long after Chad became abbot a compatriot, Wilfrid, was chosen Bishop of Lindisfarne, a see which was soon moved to York. Wilfrid went to Gaul for consecration, and stayed so long that King Oswiu declared the see vacant and procured the election of Chad as bishop of York. Chad felt unworthy, but threw himself into the new vocation, travelling his diocese on foot, evangelizing where he could. When Wilfrid finally returned in 666, Theodore, the Archbishop of Canterbury, decided that Chad must give up the diocese to Wilfrid. Chad replied that he had never thought himself worthy of the position, that he took it through obedience, and he would surrender it through obedience. Theodore, astonished at this humility, consecrated Chad himself, and appointed him bishop of the Mercians in Lichfield in 669.

He founded monasteries, including those at Lindsey and Barrow-upon-Humber, evangelized, travelled and preached, reformed monastic life in his see, and built a cathedral on land that had been the site of the martyrdom of 1,000 Christians by the pagan Mercians. Miraculous cures reported at the wells he caused to be dug for the relief of travellers.

Legend says that on one occasion two of the king's sons were hunting, were led by their quarry to the oratory of Saint Chad where they found him praying. They were so impressed by the sight of the frail old man upon his knees, his face glowing with rapture, that they knelt, asked his blessing, and converted. The pagan King Wulfhere was so angry that he slew his sons, and hunted down Saint Chad for the same fate. As Wulfhere approached the bishop's cell, a great light shone through its single window, and the king, blinded by its brightness, abandoned his plan for revenge.

Chad died on March 2 in the year 672 of natural causes and we remember him on that day.



The End Is Near!

David Dykstal

We plan on stopping our paper newsletter mailings after our June issue. We now have copies of the newsletter available in the green kiosk near the church office. The latest newsletter is, of course, always available on our web site and I try to have it there a few days before our council meeting. If you wish to be notified when it is uploaded send me a note or add yourself to the list by going to our site at <http://www.kofc11460.org/> and clicking on the "Add yourself to the newsletter mailing list" link under "Recent Newsletters".