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Grand Knight Message

I hope this message finds you well. We had another active March and I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with our final pancake breakfast for the year. I'd also like to thank the 6 members who were able to take their 2nd and 3rd degrees at Lourdes. All first degree members should complete their degrees to learn the lessons and have a better understanding of the history of our order.

We need all members to consider stepping forward and becoming an officer, director or activity lead in the council. Maybe you have been watching the activities from afar, or you have been volunteering for an activity here and there and might have the time to help lead that activity in the future. We need all members to support Paul Daley and help him fill the various positions in the council. Some key positions we need to have filled are leaders of our Golf Tournament and Spirit Run. We would be happy to have Co-chairs if a couple people want to partner up to run these events. Between these two activities we generate the majority of our funds that we are able to use throughout the year to support the many requests for charitable contributions that we get. If you have any questions on what it takes to be in any of these positions, please contact me or the person in that position and I'm sure they'd be glad to let you know.

I'd like to thank the many members who consistently pay their dues when the bill shows up. We have created a bit of our own issue with a lack of following the proper procedures in dues collections. We are now trying to follow that process closer for the future. One way to avoid this, of course, is to pay your dues soon after you receive your initial notice. Many of you may not know, but almost all of your dues go to support charges that are assessed to our council for each member and standard expenses the council has. It breaks down something like this: Supreme Assessment: \$4.50 (plus a special \$3.00 assessment for 2009), State Assessment \$7.50, Dues collections / membership cards \$1.75, Other Council Operations (mailings, supplies, Light Night, Roses for Baptism, etc.): \$7.25, State Student Loan Board: \$1, Jim Campbell Fund: \$1, Pennies for Seminararians: \$1. This takes \$27 of the \$30 that you pay each year. Just thought you'd be interested to know where your dues are spent and understand why it is important to pay your dues as we get these charges for the current year even if you decide to drop your membership. Of course you get benefits like the \$2,500 of life insurance for you and your spouse along with many more.

Finally, I hope everyone has a happy and joyous Easter season. I'd also like to encourage you to consider attending the 1st Annual Rochester Area K of C dinner dance that will be Friday April, 24th. The tickets are \$15 apiece and include a dinner buffet and entertainment from the NOTOCHORDS. Jim Decker has volunteered to be on the committee from our council and he can be contacted to purchase your tickets.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in April are Dennis Clark, Alan Benjamin, Gary Moore, Richard Stevens, Jeff Fague, Ron Schmerbauch, Richard Dettinger, Jeffrey Huebert, Pat McCarthy, Berry Hobbs, Lynn Berning, and Greg Eaton. Older and wiser is the norm here. Wish them well the next time you see them. Thanks for being members of our council!



Our April Council Meeting is on Tuesday the 7th!

Calendar

Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

4th Degree Exemplification

Saturday, April 18 – Sunday, April 19
Brooklyn Center

4th Degree Meeting

Tuesday, April 21
St. Francis McCarthy Hall

KC Dinner-Dance

Friday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.
Rochester International Event Center

Youth Choir Appreciation

Sunday, April 26, after 10:00 Mass
Holy Spirit Gym

1st Degree (tentative)

Monday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.
St. John's

Jim Decker STILL Needs Your Help (Really!)

The dues billings have been out for a while and Financial Secretary Jim Decker would like me to remind you that payments are due. Jim tells me that there are still 15 Knights with unpaid dues. If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please do it now to save Jim from hunting you down. He's very tenacious.

Never a Better Time to Call!

Here is the single most important thing we all have to remember as we navigate these very difficult economic waters: Our view of the financial services industry does not change our need for financial products. Nothing that has happened on Wall Street impacts the amount of money you will need when you retire; or how much life insurance you need to protect your family; or whether a long-term care product has a place in your life. Regardless of whether or not you feel confident in the nation's stock brokerage or investments firms, remember that your family's needs have not changed! If anything, your needs have increased.

Many of us are frozen with uncertainty. We are aware of the crisis and aware of the ongoing need to plan and protect, but we are still waiting it out and hunkering down.

By now, you likely know that Knights of Columbus Insurance is doing just fine rated as one of the top four out of 1,900 companies in North America. We still guarantee our retirement product interest rates; we still sell quality whole life insurance that has paid a dividend every year (including 2009); and we still have never raised premiums on our long-term care products.

If you are interested in saving money, time and taxes, don't be afraid to call, the Financially Strong Knights of Columbus may have what you are looking for.

Please contact Jim Motz (507-206-6216) to get more information on the programs available to Brother Knights and their families.

Spring KC Membership Activities

The following members attained their 3rd degree on March 22 at Lourdes: Stefano Barreto, Dan Renier, Dan Kennedy, Aaron Civil, John Orbeck, and Marco Rizzo. Congratulations! Every Knight should aspire to the higher degrees. There are opportunities to do this throughout the year, but our Rochester Major Degree ceremony always takes place in Spring. If you are still at the 1st degree take this into consideration for next year.

Pancake Breakfast News

Gary Moore

Brother Knights, we have just wrapped up another very successful "Pancake Breakfast Season"! This year we did 5 breakfasts from October through March and were able to contribute a total of approximately \$3200 to some very worthwhile causes. The groups we helped this year were: Interfaith Hospitality Network, Holy Spirit Cub Scouts, Holy Spirit Church office (new computer monitors), Holy Spirit Giving Tree, Lourdes Softball, and the Holy Spirit Youth Mission Trip. None of these breakfasts would have been possible without the many Knights volunteers who willingly stepped up, pitched in and worked hard. THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered your time and support in making these breakfasts possible!



First Annual Knight's Dinner Dance

Tickets are now available for the First Annual Rochester Area K of C Dinner Dance. They are \$15 each and you can get them from Jim Decker. This is not a 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. A cash bar will be provided by the Event Center. Dress will be casual. Entertainment provided by Gene Eiden and the Notochords.

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 Continues!

Paul Daley, Deputy Grand Knight

Every council runs on the strength of its leadership and so I am looking for a few good, practical Catholic gentlemen to do so for our council. 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. I am specifically looking for someone to step up and fill the very rewarding position of Chancellor. Please contact me if you have any questions about these positions. I can be reached at 775-7012 or orsurfmnturf@aol.com. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

This month we advance nearly 1000 years from our brother Saint Chad. The year is 1577 and Mark Rey has just been christened in the principality of Sigmaringen in what is now southern Germany. The boy grew to a man and entered law school. While there he eschewed the usual student antics and remained sober and modest. Upon graduation, he traveled through central Europe, visiting Switzerland and eventually practicing law at Colmar in Alsace. His charity and honesty earned him the reputation of being the counsellor and advocate for the poor. Growing disenchanted with the law and the way it was practiced, he entered the Capuchin friars in 1612 in Eriburg, Switzerland, taking the name Fidelis.

Switzerland was a Calvinist state at the time and a dangerous place for a Catholic. Nevertheless, Fidelis was appointed to be a missionary and preached in the canton of Graubünden converting many and earning the enmity of the powerful there. He was murdered by Calvinist soldiers at Seewis (near Davos) who unsuccessfully demanded that he renounce his faith.

We remember St. Fidelus of Sigmaringen on April 24th.

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. As far as I can tell the following folks on our hardcopy mailing list have not signed up: John Attinella, Terry Barker, Alan Benjamin, Jeremy Bodensteiner, Douglas Cederholm, Dennis Clark, Kevin Coughlin, John Devlin, Tom Dube, Greg Eaton, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, Jeffrey Huebert, Brent Johnson, Scott Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Dave Kulzer, Gregory Laughland, John Lawson Sr., Curtis Louwagie, James Mathews, William Medlyn, Roy Musselman, Pete Myszkowski, Kevin Rademacher, Paul Schneider, Judson Stiglich Jr., Tom Suther, Larry Swantko, Tim Tracy, Kevin Weber, John Wilke, and Ken Mueller. If you see your name please send me a note (dykstal@acm.org) with your email address and I'll make sure you are added to our NOTICES and NEWSLETTERS mailing lists. Thanks!



Prayer Requests

For David Stockinger, the father of Gordy Stockinger of our council, who passed away on March 15.

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This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on March 12, 2009

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing.

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM in the Library of Holy Spirit School. Greg started the meeting with 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; Recorder - Jerome N. Lensing; and Financial Secretary - Jim Decker were present. No Form 100's were read.

Officers Reports

Grand Knight Report

Greg Kapraun reported that Thank you's were received for support that we provide to caroling at the Cancer Unit at Mayo, upgrade of computer equipment and Holiday Luncheon for Holy Spirit, and the Student Loan Fund.

Greg mentioned that \$10,000 was donated to the Lourdes Foundation for the KC Scholarship from the Donor Fund.

Greg read a letter from Donald R. Kehoe, Supreme Secretary, in regards to the Culture of Life Fund.

He also mentioned a note from Mark Zangs to send any Council events to him to be included 4th Degree Website and newsletter, The Anchor.

He thanked Mike Riester and his wife as well as Rob Larson for a very successful Light Night.

Greg also thanked the 1st Degree Team for their willingness to help out the other Parishes in the area doing 1st Degrees.

Update on the Pancake Breakfast for the Lourdes Softball Team - \$400 was contribute to the team for new uniforms.

Financial Report

Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for February - March, 2009 (Receipts - \$1,759.50; Payments - \$1,939.78).

23 members have not paid their dues as of 3/12/09. Those members will be contacted by a number of us to discuss payment of dues.

Directors Reports

Program Director – Paul Daley – Will check with Dan Kennedy to see if Free Throw Contest paperwork was submitted.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka – Dave will be calling 1st Degree members to encourage them to take part in the Major Degree to be held on March 22 at Lourdes High School. Greg also encouraged all 3rd Degree members to consider joining the 4th Degree. There may be a possible 1st Degree on May 11th at St. Johns.

Old Business

Brian Mulligan will present his Eagle Scout report on his project at an upcoming meeting.

Paul Daley is looking for a number of members to set up and take available positions as Directors, call Paul today to join his team!

Reminder to all Knights to think about helping with the final Pancake Breakfast to be held on March 22 to provide funds for the Youth Mission Trip this summer.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$250 for the Annual Youth Choir Brunch to be held on April 26th.

Delegates for the State Convention were selected: Greg Kapraun – First Delegate; Paul Daley – Second Delegate; Jerome Lensing and Berry Hobbs – Alternates.

Dave Nissan will be setting up the Spring Highway Clean Up.

Lecturer Program

Mark Zangs, Faithfull Navigator for the 4th Degree Assembly provided a very informative presentation on the 4th Degree.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

