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Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights, as I write this message, my term as your Grand Knight is quickly coming to an end. It has been both a long two years and a short two years all rolled into one. I will talk more and say my piece for our June newsletter. For now, as is the case nearly every month, I have some Thank Yous to deliver for Knights in our council that do the great works we are able to accomplish. April brings us near the end of the school year and that means another Youth Choir Brunch. We had several Knights step up to help Dave Hubka who was busy making additions to his family. Thanks to Dave and all those who put on another great event for our Youth Choir. April also means Tootsie Roll drive time. Steve Kunkel and team put forth another fine effort in raising money for worthy organizations in our community that help the developmentally challenged. Thanks to all who helped out with this event. Last but not least, with the snow gone our stretch of road needed to be cleaned and Dave Nissen connected with the Boy Scouts to clean things up. This year, not only will the Boy Scouts get a donation from the council, but they also recycled much of the trash they picked up. See article below for details.

As I have noted a couple of times now, we need Knights to step forward to be leaders. While I seldom see issues with getting volunteers to participate in our activities, it does take some planning and organization for these activities. That's where our council directors and key activity leaders provide invaluable service to the Council. Please let Paul Daley know what you can help with so we maintain the great influence we have on the School, Church and Community.

As I close, I'd like to say that Sue and I enjoyed the opportunity to attend the first annual Rochester Area Knights Dinner Dance. Several Holy Spirit members were there along with those from all the other Rochester councils, the Spring Valley council and the Byron/Kasson council. The music and food were good and the company was terrific. Please consider attending this new event next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in May are Mike McDermott, Stefano Barreto, Glen Nelson, Thomas Sczepanski, John Lawson, and Michael Ross. Excellent Knights All! Wish them well the next time you see them. Thanks for being members of our council!



Milestones

Congratulations to Dave and Janela Hubka on their pending adoption of three children: Randall (7), Kindall (10), and Makayla (11). All are siblings.

Congratulations are also due to Phil and Julie Germann who have just adopted a little girl, Ellie, from South Korea. Check out Phil's blog at <http://pjgermann.blogspot.com/>.

Calendar

Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

VBS Stage Set Up

Sunday, June 14, after 6:00 p.m. Mass
Holy Spirit Gym

VBS Stage Take Down

Friday, June 19, beginning at noon
Holy Spirit Gym

Insurance Spotlight

Jim Motz

Life insurance is probably something you don't often think about—until the day you need it and may have to manage without it. For that reason, it's never too early to begin a comprehensive life insurance plan.

True, life insurance offers protection for your family and loved ones after you're gone, but it's more than that. Life insurance is a wise financial decision. Combined with investments and retirement as well as estate planning, life insurance is an essential component of a sound financial plan.

Knights of Columbus life insurance provides unsurpassed financial protection with solutions tailored to meet your needs, both now and in the future. Whether you're just starting out or nearing retirement, welcoming your first child, or enjoying your empty nest, you can choose a plan designed to meet your needs.

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney began an organization to help Catholic families devastated by the death of the family breadwinner. Today, Knights of Columbus Insurance is among the strongest insurance companies in the nation.

Whole life Insurance has an array of positive components that can be used for a variety of situations. Performance on cash values with the declared dividends has surpassed many investment options. Please ask any brother Knight with a KC policy for a testimonial.

VBS Help!

Ken White

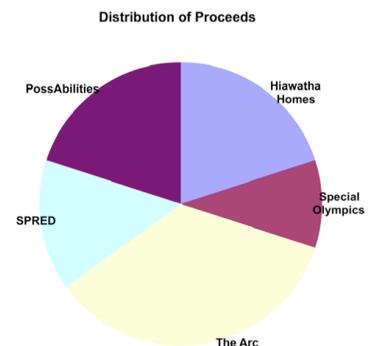
Vacation Bible School is coming up in the middle of June. Ken White is looking for volunteers to help set up and take down the stage. Set up will be Sunday June 14 after 6pm Mass. Take down will be the following Friday, June 19, beginning at noon. If you can help contact Ken now so that he doesn't have to do this himself! Ken can be reached at kdw4409@charter.net or 280-0917.

Tootsie Roll Drive

Steve Kunkel

Once again the weather was the most notable factor of the Tootsie Roll drive. It ranged from mid 80's and sunny on Friday (but it did hail briefly) to heavy rain and mid 40's on Sunday. If you helped on Friday, it was a glorious day to take off work and enjoy a beautiful spring day. If you worked on Sunday, I commend your dedication. It was miserable. Unfortunately, I can't control the weather, but I can give you a big Thank You for all your efforts. It was much appreciated. I know that those in our community with intellectual disabilities appreciate your willingness to help. Having given HyVee to the Pax council (their membership has grown enough to handle more than Shopko), it took a little less than half of our council members to make this activity a success.

We will again be distributing the proceeds to the same worthy organizations as last year. After paying a small amount for supplies, all of the proceeds go to charities that benefit people with intellectual disabilities. 90% of the proceeds are kept local with the other 10% going to the Special Olympics. The chart at right shows how the proceeds are distributed.



6th Annual Youth Choir Party Huge Success

Cathy Nelson

Once again our Youth Choir was treated to a fabulous lunch sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, along with the help of a couple other Youth Choir Dads and Moms as well. The food was fabulous! We feasted on a wonderful chicken dinner and tasty waffles. Thanks everyone for all your hard work and your generous service to our youth. You truly are a blessing to our youth and our whole parish. God bless you! (See the great pictures on our web site! - Dave D.)

4th Degree News

Mark Zangs

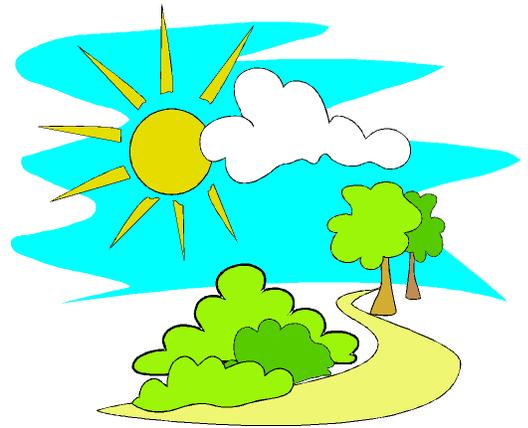
The 2009-2010 Bishop Fitzgerald Assembly 548 Slate of Officers is: Faithful Friar - Rev. Donald Connelly, Faithful Asst. Friar - Rev. William Kulas, Faithful Navigator - Berry Hobbs, Faithful Captain - Jeffrey Bagniewski, Faithful Pilot - Robert Voss, Faithful Comptroller - James Decker, Faithful Purser - Jerome Lensing, Faithful Scribe - William Brooks, Jr., Faithful Inner Sentinel - Joseph Rademacher, Faithful Outer Sentinel - Timothy White, Faithful Admiral - Mark Zangs, Trustee - 3 term - Arthur Mueller, Trustee - 2 term - Robert Degnan, and Trustee - 1 term - Michael Kleinschmidt.

The Assembly presented a gift of a United States and a Papal flag to St. John's the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Adopt-A-Highway

Dave Nissen and Bill Medlyn

Six boy scouts and three adults from Troop 110 cleaned the Knights of Columbus's section of county road 14 on May 3, 2009. This year, the boy scouts decided to collect separate from the trash any recyclable material. The boys collected 22.4 pounds of glass bottles, 13.8 pounds of aluminum cans (\$3.60 went to the troop fundraiser), 6.4 pounds of plastic bottles and seven bags of trash. All the recyclables went to the Olmsted County recycling center. A special thanks to all the boys for their extra effort in recycling this year. Also, thanks to Jim Decker for his assistance. This was a great way for the troop to earn some money for their Philmont trip, do a service project, and to help clean up the environment. The Scouts that helped were: Timmy Vanderwiell, Michael Painter, Chris Huhn, Zach Larsen, Eric Modjeski. and Michael Medlyn. The adults that accompanied them were: Terry Painter, Chuck Kroll, and Bill Medlyn.



Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

A woman named Magdalen was born to a noble family from Verona in Italy in 1774. Though noble and wealthy, she experienced much sorrow in her childhood. Her father died when she was five and her mother left the family to remarry when she was seven, leaving her and her siblings in the care of a governess. In her sadness she turned to Mary for comfort and guidance.

At the age of 17 she entered a Carmelite convent with the intention of leading a cloistered life, but she soon found that such a life was not for her. She returned to her family and managed the household through the upheavals taking place in Europe at the time. She began spending more of her time working with the displaced and the poor - especially young girls.

In 1808 she left the household again and began work in the poor area of San Zeno, gathering a group of like-minded women to herself. This became the nucleus of the Daughters of Charity, who worked directly with the poor, providing shelter and education. St. Maria Magdalen of Canossa died on April 10, 1835 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 2, 1988. We celebrate her life on May 8.

The End Is Near!

David Dykstal



We plan on stopping most of 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. If you see your name to the right 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.

John Attinella	Dave Kulzer
Terry Barker	Gregory Laughland
Alan Benjamin	John Lawson Sr.
Jeremy Bodensteiner	Curtis Louwagie
Douglas Cederholm	James Mathews
Dennis Clark	Pete Myszkowski
John Devlin	Kevin Rademacher
Tom Dube	Paul Schneider
Greg Eaton	Judson Stiglich Jr.
Peter Freiburger	Tom Suther
Jeffrey Huebert	Lawrence Swantko
Brent Johnson	Tim Tracy
Scott Johnson	John Wilke
Jonathan Jones	Ken Mueller

If you have a special circumstance that requires you to have a paper newsletter, let me know. I'll be happy to mail one to you. Call me at 288-3528 and leave a message for me.

Prayer Requests

For Jean Dube, mother of Tom Dube of our council. Jean passed away on April 24th.

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This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held on April 7, 2009

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing.

Lecturer Program

Instead of a Lecturer program, Brian Mulligan provided a summary of his Eagle Scout project. His project involved the building and placement of a number of bird houses, bat houses and platforms on the Great River Ridge Trail (Elgin to Plainview). Between family members and friends a total of 117 hours of time was spent. Materials amounted to a total of \$92.33, which our Council provided. Brian indicated that he learned the skills of building birdhouse and leadership skills leading a team.

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM in the Library of Holy Spirit Parish. Greg led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Officers present were Chancellor, Steve Kunkel; Recorder, Jerome Lensing; Financial Secretary, Jim Decker; Lecturer, Rob Larson; Advocate, John Lawson; Warden, DeWayne Gallenberg. The minutes of the March, 2009 meeting were approved. No Form 100's were read.

Officers Reports

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Report – Greg Kapraun – Greg thanked those responsible for the super last pancake breakfast and the work the Holy Spirit First Degree team has been doing. State Convention will be May 15-17, 2009, Greg and Paul will be going. He mentioned that Resurrection will be getting a bus to go to the KC Day @ the Dome on June 21st.

Financial Report

Jim Decker, Financial Secretary, presented income and expense reports for March – April, 2009 (Payments- \$1,590.30; Receipts - \$1,694.50).

Directors Reports

Church Activities Director – Ken White: Help will be needed to set up and take down the stage for VBS.

Youth Director – Dan Kennedy: Reported on the Free Throw Contest, 16 boys and 3 girls participated. All but one went on to District at Lourdes. Dan discussed the Soccer Challenge

program incorporating a skills program to be held on Founders Day Celebration. It was suggested to contact Brent Johnson, Century soccer coach, to possibly help with the program.

Membership Director – Greg Kapraun: Reminded all that for each 2 new members that a member recruits, the member will receive the McGivney Medal. Upcoming First Degrees will be April 15 in Austin, May 11th at St. John's with one in late June; Holy Spirit Team will be the Degree Team.

Old Business

Jim Decker mentioned that 12 members are still delinquent and the process of suspension. He has sent a letter to each plus a Notice of Intent to Suspend. He asked all to look at the list and contact any that a member knows to call the members on the delinquent list.

Youth Choir Brunch will be April 26th.

Steve Kunkel discussed the upcoming Tootsie Roll Weekend – April 24 – 26th. He has been successful at getting all locations filled.

Greg K and John Lawson provide an update on the how Scholarships are awarded from the Lourdes Foundation; \$10,000 was donated to the Foundation from the Donor Fund. John Lawson has been appointed to the Lourdes Foundation, congrats to John!

New Business

Greg mentioned the First Annual KC Dinner Dance to be held April 24th at the Rochester Event Center, Jim Decker has tickets to sell.

John Lawson led a discussion on the Golf Tournament to be held at Northern Hills. Tentative dates are September 16th or the 19th. He will contact participants on their interest in a Wednesday vs. Saturday for the date.

It was suggested to send an article to the Columbia Magazine on our Pancake Breakfasts.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

