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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we enter into December we finally have started to get our share of good old-fashioned Minnesota snow and cold. The Advent season is also upon us now so please take the time to enjoy your family and friends and remember to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. There is still time to act from the heart, to be generous with your Christmas spirit, and don't worry about trying to find that "perfect" gift.

Thanks to all who took part in last month's pancake breakfast. It was a great turnout and we took in a very generous donation to the Giving Tree. What a wonderful way to celebrate our 15 year anniversary.

I want to borrow a slogan from Dave Hubka that he used several years ago. Now is the time to ask a fellow Catholic man to join our Council and become an official "Knight Before Christmas." Look for the next First Degree ceremony place and date elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a quote from one of my favorite Christmas season moments:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Merry Christmas and God Bless

Paul Daley, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with Birthdays in December are Chet Welle, Robert Larson, Roy Musselman, Dan Brossoit, Stephen Wasz, John Orbeck, Joseph Armstrong, Tom Dube, Ken Lentz, Brian Uhlenkamp, Marco Rizzo, Randy Vrabel, Dick Goetzman, John McGuire, Tim Tracy, Scott Johnson, and Frank Vondrashek. Have a happy birthday, gentlemen!

Men's Retreat

Dave Rossman

The annual men's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of February 5-7, 2010 at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. The theme this year is "Jesus Conquers Fear". Learn that Jesus wants to help unburden our fears if self, other and even of God and instead fill our hearts with trust and hope in the God who is our refuge and strength. Mark your calendars for this weekend and join fellow Knights from multiple councils across the state. A carpool will be provided.



Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 17, after morning Masses

Tuition Scholarship Banquet

February 5, 2010
Rochester International Event Center
6:00 p.m.

Men's Retreat

February 5-7, 2010
Christ the King Retreat Center
Buffalo, MN

Light Night with the Knights

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Commons

Men's Choir Sing

Sunday, February 14, morning Masses

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 28, after morning Masses

New Charity Committee Formed

We have now established a new Charity Committee. As Immediate Past Grand Knight Greg Kapraun serves as committee chair. All members of our council are invited to attend the meetings. Greg will post the first meeting time, date, and location on the web site. It is likely to be in early January before our January council meeting. The committee will begin the work of setting a budget and any other business that may come up. We do have our first request passed on to us from the Grand Knight.

The current Charity Committee members are:

Greg Kapraun - Chair/Trustee

Dave Hubka - Vice Chair/Trustee

Brad Brech - Trustee

Steve Kunkel - Tootsie roll Chair / Deputy Grand Knight

Gary Moore - Pancake Breakfast Chair / Chancellor

Paul Daley - ex-officio non-voting member / Grand Knight

We have spots open for members-at-large, please contact Grand Knight Paul Daley if you are interested in becoming a member. Paul will appoint any additional members from those interested in serving on the committee. You can contact Greg if you have any questions.

4th Degree News

On April 17, 2010 there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Duluth MN. If you have not already become a 4th Degree member, we invite you and your spouse to take this opportunity to travel to beautiful Duluth and experience the patriotic degree. As a 4th degree member you will have the opportunity to join honor guard, meet

brother knights from other councils, and bring your spouse to the monthly meetings. So mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful and exciting weekend. For more information on the exemplification, and being a 4th degree member, please contact Greg Sanders (507-287-8606, sanders3665@gmail.com) or Rob Larson (507-280-4481, pucket8888@yahoo.com).

Picture Time!

Thanks to all the Knights who were able to make it to our picture session on our 15th Anniversary! The picture came out great thanks to Andy Koch, who did an excellent job in the time constraints we had. We should be getting this hung on our "Knight's Wall" by the sacristy soon. In the meantime you can see a larger version on our web site. What a great looking bunch of guys!



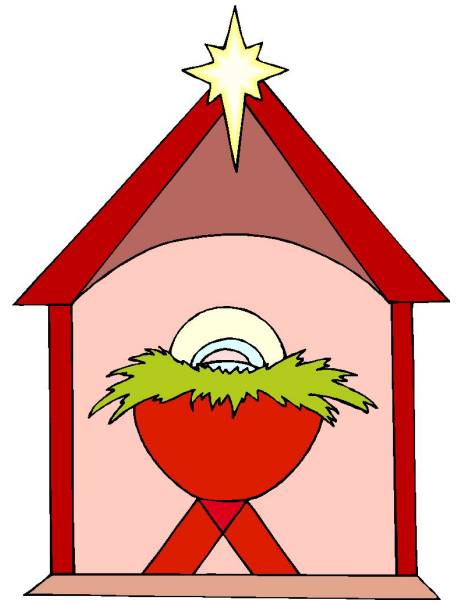
Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will be singing again at both morning Masses on February 14th, Valentine's Day. We are always looking for more members. The songs are good; the parts are not too hard; and practices are reasonable (even fun!). We sing 3 or 4 times a year so the schedule is not too strenuous. Contact Neil Stiller (252-9678, njrochmn@charter.net) or Frank Vondrashek (281-3051, frankvo@magnaspeed.net) to get on our mailing list.

Christmas Anonymous

Brad Brech

A big THANKS to all my Brother Knights that were able to come and help us at Christmas Anonymous this year. From senior baskets, set-up, food packing, and of course the store, Brother Knights were everywhere devoting their time to those less fortunate. This year we serviced 375 Seniors, 596 families, and 16 local group homes. The true meaning of Christmas is definitely alive in the hearts of the Knights of Columbus. Happy Holidays to all. Yours in Christ, Brad.



Little-Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

This month we travel from America to England and again to the persecution of the Church at the end of the 16th century where we encounter Edmund Campion: Anglican, Catholic, scholar, priest, writer and orator.

Edmund was born in 1540 in London, the son of a bookseller, and though raised a Catholic, was given a scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford when fifteen, and became a fellow when only seventeen. His brilliance attracted the attention of such leading personages as the Earl of Leicester, Robert Cecil, and even Queen Elizabeth. His rhetorical skills were unequalled and earned him the moniker "The Diamond of England". Even today he is sometimes named as a possible author of Shakespeare's work.

He took the Oath of Supremacy which acknowledged the Queen as the head of the church in England and became an Anglican deacon in 1564. Those in power had hoped to use him as an Anglican apologist, but doubts about Protestantism beset him, and in 1569 he went to Ireland where further study convinced him he had been in error, and he returned to Catholicism. Forced to flee the persecution unleashed on Catholics by the excommunication of Elizabeth, he went to Douai, France, where he studied theology, joined the Jesuits, and then went to Brno, Bohemia, the following year for his novitiate. He taught at the college of Prague and in 1578 was ordained there.

In 1580 he and Father Robert Persons were the first Jesuits chosen for the English mission and both returned to England. His activities among the Catholics, the distribution of his *Decem Rationes* at the University Church in Oxford, and the premature publication of the famous "Campion's Brag" (which he had naively written to present his case if he was captured) made him the object of one of the most intensive manhunts in English history. He was betrayed at Lyford, near Oxford and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He was accused of treason and subjected to a sham trial. He refused to apostatize when offered rich inducements to do so. He was sentenced to death and was tortured and then hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn on December 1, 1581.

Edmund Campion was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the forty English and Welsh Martyrs. His feast day is December 1st.



Knights of Columbus Council #11460

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

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Grand Knight Paul Daley called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Library of Holy Spirit Grade School. Paul started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight Paul Daley, Deputy Grand Knight Steve Kunkel, Chancellor Gary Moore, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, and Financial Secretary Jim Decker were present. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the October minutes. No Form 100's were read.

Spirit Run Report – Duane Price – Spirit Run was very successful again, 27 more runners than last for a total of 227, 37 for the 1K Fun Run. Profit will be around \$2400! He indicated that without the help of Matt Klebe and the rest of the school, other volunteers and the Knights the event would not be as successful as it is plus run as smoothly as it does. Disappointed in the low number of youth that helped this year. He will not be running the event next year. He will develop a list of all the details to handoff the next chair, and he will help out. He will be getting the date and school lined up for next year for the new chairman.

Officers Reports

Grand Knight's Report - Paul Daley

Read a number of thank-you's. Mentioned that at the last District meeting, a number of other councils have committed to conduct First Degree's on their own. Resurrection, St. John's and Pax Christi all have times during the month that the KC's lead the parish in the Rosary. February 13, 2010, St. Francis will be having Wine Tasting event. 2009-2010 is the Year of the Priest for the Knights of Columbus. It was decided at the Supreme Convention that each council will be have an assessment of \$2/member for the Cultural of Life Fund.

Chaplain's Report – None

Treasurer's Report – None

Financial Secretary's Report - Jim Decker

Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for October - November 2009 (Receipts - \$4,721.00 Payments \$1,780.95) Jim mentioned that it would be good to mentioned in the Bulletin about the donation we made to the Giving Tree from the Anniversary Pancake Breakfast.

Directors Reports

Programs Director – Steve Kunkel - will fill out the required forms.

Membership Director - Paul Daley - Membership Blitz will be the November 15th in conjunction with our Anniversary Pancake Breakfast. November 21st there will be a Major Degree in Owatonna.

Church Activities Director – Rob Larson set up a time for Lite Up For Christ activity.

Council Activities Director – Paul Daley – Mentioned we will be doing a First Degree the night of Lite Night.

Youth Activities Director – Dan Kennedy - Requested \$100 for an event for the Youth Ministries. Motion was made; second passed for the request. Free Throw Kits have been ordered, will be working with Bob Taraba of Pax Christi to do the event together.

Community Activities Director – None

Family Activities Director – None

Old Business

Discussion on the upcoming 15 year Anniversary Council Pancake Breakfast. First shift is covered, second shift help is needed. Paul will work with Gary Moore to call members. Council will provide the labor and supplies. Motion was made, second and passed that the January pancake breakfast would benefit paint for the Lourdes Weight Room - \$150 with \$300 match to the Lourdes Girl's Softball team. February pancake breakfast will be for the Boy Scouts. The March one will benefit the Youth Mission Trip.

Dan Kennedy asked about the Charity Committee – Greg Kapraun will be visiting with St. John's about their committee. Greg mentioned that our Council does not have any by-laws.

Frank Vondrashek and Brad Brech gave an update on Christmas Anonymous. 51st year, Senior Baskets – 375. Provided a handout on all the dates that they are looking for help.

New Business

Ryan Kemmerick and Brad Brech discussed the possibility of a KC dinner, first Friday after Easter, the 2nd Annual City Wide KC Dinner/Dance will be held.

Dan Kennedy is going to check in the possibility of teleconferencing our meetings.

Barb DeCramer was at the District meeting to discuss the upcoming Tuition Scholarship Banquet. We have in the past had 2 tables, we will consider an offer to pay for Father Don and Mary Margaret to attend.

District Reports

4th Degree Report – None

Field Agent's Report – None

District Deputies Report – Jeff Bagniewski - Dave Silker is the new Grand Knight at Pax Christi. Mentioned the upcoming Degree's in the area. Need for help at the Fall Classic will not be needed this year. Awarded the Council with the Columbian Award.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Deputy Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM