



# The KNIGHT'S FLAME

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## Grand Knight Message

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you all well and surviving our wonderful winter season! With Lent only a few weeks away, that means that Spring can't be too far behind. It seems as I get older, the winter season appears to be colder and longer.

Hopefully many of you will be able to attend our annual Light Night with the Knights coming up this Thursday, Feb. 11th. This traditionally has been a well-attended evening of wine, cheese, soft drinks and a chance for fellowship and conversation. Be sure to bring along your wife/date for the evening!

This would be a great time to ask a fellow Catholic gentleman to consider becoming a Knight. There will be a couple of opportunities coming up in the near future for candidates to attend a First Degree ceremony. First, this Thursday, Feb. 11th right before Light Night we will be conducting a ceremony here at Holy Spirit. The next one will be Sunday, March 21st at Lourdes along with a 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony to follow. Remember, the number one reason a Catholic gentleman is not a Knight is because he has never been asked.

Thank you to everyone for all the time and effort you give to make our Council what it is. I have enjoyed watching the officers and directors fulfill their responsibilities and make my job so much easier. I look forward to a great year.

*Vivat Jesus*

*Paul Daley, Grand Knight*

## Birthdays

Knights with Birthdays in February are Nicholas Redmann, Tony Rossman, Joe Weigel, Steven Strickland, Jim Motz, Brad Brech, Chris Larsen, Leroy Machulda, Joseph Mueller, Larry Bodensteiner, John Kalwasinski, Chris Wood, and Michael Branson. Have a happy birthday gentlemen!



## Light Night

*Mike Riester*

Our Annual Light Night celebration is on February 11. Please join us for fellowship and fun at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Commons. There will be door prizes, wine, cheese, soft drinks, and desserts. Hope to see you there!

## Rosary for Haiti

*Mark Zangs*

On Monday February 8th, Council 1013 will be leading a Rosary for the souls and survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. The public is invited and we would love to see our brother Knights join us as well. We will begin at 6:40 p.m. in the St. John's Sanctuary. We hope to see you there.

## Calendar

### Rosary for Haiti

Monday, February 8, 6:40 p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist

### First Degree

Thursday, February 11  
Candidates Arrive - 5:30 p.m.  
Ceremonial Begins - 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit School

### 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

### Major Degree (1st, 2nd, 3rd Degrees)

Sunday, March 21  
Lourdes High School

## Insurance Corner

*Jim Motz*

This past year was a momentous one for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. Let me just highlight a few of the many milestones.

The Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.57 billion. Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$74 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 1999, just 10 years ago, we stood at \$38 billion.

Our annuity business saw record growth from 2008 to 2009. The number of annuity plans issued in 2009 more than doubled from those issued in 2008, with over 19,000 new annuities issued to our members and their families.

Our AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from Standard and Poor's was reaffirmed for the 17th consecutive year and our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed for the 34th consecutive year. Additionally, we were again certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for our ethical business and marketing practices. At the close of 2009, we were among only three U.S. insurers with all three of these distinctions. In Canada, we were the only insurer with these three.

Our number of associate members becoming insured members also grew, showing more of our brothers availed themselves and their families to our products. When the 2009 totals are included, we can claim that during the past five years, more than 103,000 members of the Knights of Columbus joined the ranks of our insured members by whether purchasing life insurance, long-term care or a retirement product.

What does all of this mean to you? First, it means that you can take great pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, in case you haven't already, this would be a great time to get on the bandwagon and have a discussion.

## 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](mailto:sanders3665@gmail.com)) or Rob Larson (507-280-4481, [pucket8888@yahoo.com](mailto:pucket8888@yahoo.com)).

## 1st Degree

*Jerome Lensing*

We will be having a First Degree ceremony prior to our Light Night festivities. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 5:30 p.m. The ceremonial starts at 6 p.m. If you know a Catholic gentleman who is not yet a member of our Order now would be a good time to invite them!



## Pancake Breakfast News

Gary Moore

Your help is needed! Our next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, February 28. The proceeds of this breakfast will benefit Holy Spirit Boy Scout Troop 110. As a reminder, our Council is the chartering organization for Troop 110, and it is important that we continue to support them. We will need KC volunteers anytime between 7:00 AM and 12:30 PM on Feb 28. If you can help, contact Gary Moore, [gmoored@charter.net](mailto:gmoored@charter.net), or 287-6550. Thank you in advance for your support!



## 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](mailto:njrochmn@charter.net)) or Frank Vondrashek (281-3051, [frankvo@magnaspeed.net](mailto:frankvo@magnaspeed.net)) to get on our mailing list.

## Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

Our saint this month is Gilbert. He was born between 1083 and 1089 in the village of Sempringham on the border of the Lincolnshire fens some ways north of London. His father, Jocelin, was a wealthy Norman knight, a holder of many lands in the area. Gilbert had some sort of deformity that prevented him from following his father into knighthood and thus chose to follow the scholar's road to France. He studied well and hard and eventually returned home to become clerk in the bishop's household in Lincoln. The bishop, rather against Gilbert's own will, had Gilbert ordained first deacon then priest. He was offered the archdeaconry of Lincoln, but refused. Being a man of simple needs he saw offices of this sort as temptation.

In 1131 he returned to Sempringham to take control of his deceased father's estate. He used this wealth to establish a school for boys and girls and, building on the small community of nuns approached him to build a cloister, he founded the Gilbertine order. From this point on he led a life of strict austerity and continued to build the order to 26 convents and monasteries. At this point the burdens of administration became too heavy and he approached the Cistercians to take over. They refused, because the Gilbertines admitted women as well as men. In 1165 he was accused of aiding Thomas Becket by Henry II, but was acquitted of the charge. He continued to administer his order until old age and blindness allowed him to name a successor. He died in 1189 at the age of 100 or better. He was canonized in 1202. The Gilbertine order survived until totally suppressed by Henry VIII. Almost nothing remains of Sempringham today.

Gilbert is remembered on February 4th.

# Knights of Columbus Council #11460

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on January 14, 2010

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

## Pre-meeting

Boy Scout Ryan Brandt presented his Eagle Scout project and asked for funding. He will be building benches on the Great River Ridge Trail that runs between Elgin and Plainview. He will be building 2 to 3 benches made of green treated wood. Cost per bench will be approximately \$70. He has discussed and has received an OK from the Trail Committee as received permission from the DNR for his project. His fellow Boy Scouts will help him the project.

## Opening

Grand Knight Paul Daley called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM 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 Officers was called. Grand Knight Paul Daley, Deputy Grand Knight Steve Kunkel, Chancellor Gary Moore, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, Lecturer Rob Larson, and Guard Ken White were present. No Form 100's were read.

## Grand Knight Report

Paul Daley thanked Steve Kunkel for running the last meeting. Paul read a number of thank you's. Paul reported that Sandy Melinda, Foundation Director at Madonna Towers will be our speaker for Light Night. She is working with a Home Depot grant for a landscaping project that she will discuss at Light Night.

## Officers Reports

Financial Secretary Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for January 2010 (Receipts - \$830.00 Payments \$975.43). There is one member that is delinquent. Jim reminded us that we need 12 new members and 3 new insurance for the year for the Council to make Star Council.

## Directors Reports

**Church Activities Director** Rob Larson discussed Light Up For Christ, he will contact Ryan Kemmerick to help out. Paul will contact Mike Riester as well.

**Youth Activities Director** Dan Kennedy – Things are set for the Free Throw Contest, Pax Christi will be partnering with us for our contest.

## Old Business

Gary Moore provided an update on upcoming Pancake Breakfast which will be for the Lourdes Softball and Football team. He put a notice in Rochester Post-Bulletin. Joe

O'Toole mentioned that the compressor has gone out on the kitchen freezer and he has received keys for the school walk-in freezer.

Joe O'Toole thanked the Knights for all their help at the Christmas Eve Mass and the set up of the Narthex and Commons. The big screen was a huge success and the same set up will be used next year. He mentioned the parish staff was very excited about staff dinner. He also mentioned that he will conduct a Lenten seminar at Assisi Heights during Lent.

Greg Kapraun reported on the **Charities Committee**. He will discuss with Bill Oertli what our council history of donations has been since the start of the council. There were questions on whether the Spirit Run and Pancake Breakfast funds will be administered through the Charities Committee.

Rochester Catholic School/Knights of Columbus **Scholarship Banquet** will be held February 5th. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sponsor one table. There was a discussion on who would go to fill the table.

## New Business

Jim Decker encouraged all to participate in the **KC Raffle** that was sent with the dues. He has the forms for Steve Kunkel to fill out.

Greg Sanders and Rob Larson gave a **4th Degree Report**. They mentioned that the next exemplifications will be held on April 16-17th in Duluth and October 22-23rd in Owatonna. Greg mentioned that the Assembly is looking for a fund raiser, such as selling Easter Lilies.

Paul Daley reported on the recent **District Deputy Meeting**. He mentioned that Resurrection held a First Degree on January 13th. March 21st will be the Major Degree at Lourdes. Greg Kapraun will attend the Donor Advised Fund on January 18th as our representative. The Free Throw Contest will be held on February 22nd (District) and March 14th (Region) at Lourdes. The Championship will be held on March 27th in Bloomington. State Convention will be in St. Cloud the weekend of April 15th. Pax Christi will be putting in a bid for the 2011/2012 State Convention. KC Dinner Dance will be held on April 9th.

## Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.