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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

With Lenten fish Fridays and baseball's spring training underway and March Madness just around the corner I await the arrival of warm spring rains and green grass! Speaking of Lent, I hope everyone takes time to attend one of the many fish fries in town and the surrounding communities. All of their proceeds benefit specific causes within the councils, parishes and schools. Most of all, remember to focus on the true meanings of Lent and the Easter Triduum and what it means to each of us.

We have many events/activities coming up in the next month or so. March 21st is the date of the last pancake breakfast of the season. Proceeds will benefit the youth attending the Youth Mission Trip. Also, on March 21st at Lourdes, there will be an opportunity for all 1st Degree members to attend 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies. A 1st Degree ceremony will be held prior to the major degrees. Please consider taking the step into full Knighthood. See article elsewhere in this newsletter for times and more details.

Thanks to all who attended Light Night last month. What a wonderful treat with the homemade desserts from the Riesters! We also heard from Madonna Living Community to tell us about their facilities and what they have to offer.

In closing, as Grand Knight I want to strongly encourage those who have not paid their 2010 dues to try to get them to our Financial Secretary, Jim Decker very soon! As it will save us time and postage. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, please contact me or Jim Decker.

See you at the meeting Thursday night.

Vivat Jesus

Paul Daley, Grand Knight

Birthdays

Knights with Birthdays in March are Marc Betting, Mark Stopyro, Aaron Civil, Steven Decker, Dave Loechler, William Medlyn, Jim Buntrock, Bernard King, Ken White, Bill Towey, Andrew Streit, Greg King, Jim Rogers, Kevin Mulligan, Chris White, Jim Owens, John Devlin, Jeremy Bodensteiner, Duane Price, Steve Hansen, and Joe O'Toole. Have a happy birthday, gentlemen!

Open House! Free Pizza and Pop!

Dave Hubka

Our Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus council will be holding our 5th annual informational open house on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 6:05pm at Valentino's (130 Elton Hills Drive in Rochester). If you've been thinking of asking anyone to join, what better way to do so than by inviting him to a free dinner (for both of you) to get more details!

As a special focus, do you have a son or know another young man who is 18 or getting close to that age? You've been a role model for him as a KC member — now is the time to talk to him about joining! Please bring him so he can hear the story about our council! Remember that our council's dues for students is only \$10 per year.

Attending does not imply any obligation to join. No RSVP is necessary — just show up at Valentino's by 6:05 that night. If you have further questions, please contact Dave Hubka, dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.

Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

Open House — Free Pizza!

Thursday, March 18, 6:05 p.m.
Valentino's Pizza

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 21, after morning Masses
Holy Spirit School Gym

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

Sunday, March 21 (See article for times)
Lourdes High School

4th Degree Exemplification

Saturday, April 17
Duluth

Youth Choir Brunch

Sunday, April 18, after 10 a.m. Mass
Holy Spirit School Gym

Upcoming Major Degree Attention 1st Degree Members!

Dave Hubka, Membership Director

We hold a "Major Degree" event locally just once a year, and that time is coming up soon!

The day begins with a 1st degree ceremonial at 9:30 a.m. — so if anyone has a candidate for membership, please bring him at 9:00 a.m. along with the Form 100 paperwork. All current members are welcome to observe this 1st degree!

The 2nd and 3rd ceremonials begin at 10:30 a.m. 1st degree members should plan to be at Lourdes High School (use the old main doors off Center Street) by that time. Just bring your current membership card and plan to stay through a free meal about mid-afternoon. You'll learn lots more about the organization. No additional fees or meetings are required for the 2nd and 3rd degree — just this one-time attendance of the ceremonials.

Jim Decker 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.

Donor Advised Fund News

Greg Kapraun

The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus Donor Advised Fund has awarded funds to two worthy recipients this year. Both of these requests impact our local community and support very good causes. The first award will be to support the furnishing of a room at the new Gift of Life Transplant House where the Knights will be recognized with the room named for us and a plaque in their front lobby as donors. The second award will go to the new Catholic Coffee house — St Julian's. This will be a place for estranged Catholics to reconnect with their faith. It will also be a place for others interested in learning more about becoming Catholic a spot to have some coffee and gather information to help them in their search. If you have any questions about these awards please attend the monthly meeting where they will be discussed further.



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).

Pancake Breakfast News

Gary Moore

Your help is needed! Our next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, March 21. The proceeds of this breakfast will benefit our annual Holy Spirit Youth Mission trip. 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, or 287-6550. Thank you in advance for your support!



7th Annual Youth Choir Appreciation Brunch on April 18

Dave Hubka

The Youth Choir wraps up their season by singing at the 10:00 Mass on April 18. Once again we will treat them to a fabulous brunch with our spectacular waffle bar, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fresh buns, etc. I'll organize the work crew, Pete Schommer will be head chef, and Joe DiCecco will again be in charge of the waffle bar. It promises to be a great event for the Holy Spirit Youth Choir and for those of us working the event! As in past years, I'll primarily ask for KC dads of Youth Choir members to be the workers but I will take any other willing volunteers! For more information or to sign up to help, contact Dave Hubka at dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.

From the Charities Committee

Greg Kapraun, Charities Committee Chair

Now that we have a Charities committee up and running we'd like to ensure that the membership knows that all requests for funds will be reviewed by the committee and then forwarded on to the council with it's recommendations. This may add some delay between the time of the request and when the council votes, so please plan requests accordingly. We have a form that will be available on our web site and an e-mail address to send the form to when completed. If you have any questions you can talk to anyone currently on the committee: Greg Kapraun (Chair), Dave Hubka (Vice Chair), Brad Brech, Steve Kunkel, Gary Moore and Paul Daley. We also have room for more members to be part of the committee. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Grand Knight Paul Daley.

Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

This month we have another saint native to the British Isles and one who just borders on being "little-known": David of Wales, the patron saint of Wales.

It is quite uncertain when David was born, estimates place it anywhere from 462 to 512 — a fairly large range and just after when that other March saint, Patrick, was said to live. Unlike most other patrons of the Isles, David was actually born in the country of which he is the patron. He was born to royalty, his father being King Sandde and his mother being Saint Non. He is said to be an uncle of King Arthur.

David was born on a cliff top during a violent storm. His mother was in such intense pain during his birth that her fingers left marks in the rock. The place is now marked by St. Non's Chapel.

David grew up in Wales and received instruction by St. Paulinus. He became renowned as a teacher and preacher and founded monastic settlements in Wales, Cornwall, and Brittany. He made several pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome and was eventually appointed Bishop. St. David's Cathedral stands on the site of the monastery he founded in Pembrokeshire.

One miracle associated with David was connected to his preaching. David was in the middle of a large crowd who were listening to him, but those in the back complained that they could not hear what was being said. David spread his handkerchief on the ground, stood on it, and the ground beneath him rose up so that all could now see and hear him. A white dove settled on his shoulder as he continued to preach. In works of art David is shown with this dove.

David died circa 600 at Mynyw in Wales of natural causes. This would have made him quite old, some estimates placing his age at over 100. He is buried at his cathedral in Pembrokeshire.

Besides being patron of Wales, David is also patron of poets and of doves. St. David's Day is March 1.

