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Grand Knight Message

Greetings! I hope everyone's summer is going well. It certainly has been a challenge staying cool with the very warm and humid days. August is here and that means the start up of our seasonal activities and events is not that far off. I am looking forward to another successful and exciting year. With everyone's leadership and involvement we can make this happen!

We had a good turnout for our council picnic last month. Special thanks to Ryan Kemmerick and grillmaster Rob Larson for preparing and organizing everything. The food and fellowship was great. Also, thanks to Fr. Don for attending and providing a perfect weather evening!

I want to recognize our successful landscaping project/partnership with Madonna Living Community this past month. It involved planting a variety of plants, flowers and shrubs and applying bark in one of their garden areas at the main Madonna Towers building. We provided a crew of four guys: Jim Decker, Bob Loechler, Mike Riestler and Paul Daley to work with their groundskeeper to get the job done. Thank you guys for all your hard work on that hot and humid day. They were very grateful for all the help we gave them.

I invite you to attend our upcoming August meeting to be held Thursday, August 12th 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit School library. We will be discussing many topics of interest that gives direction to our council. Your input and suggestions are very important. We will also be conducting the installation of officers. Officers, please try to attend to make this ceremony meaningful. Thank you to all the officers and directors for your continued service and leadership as we begin this fraternal year.

In closing, look for the many opportunities within this newsletter to become involved and a reason to be a proud member of this council.

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Daley, Grand Knight.

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in August are Gary Miller, Bob Loechler, Stephen Nelson, Stephen White, Galyn (Rocky) Grad, Curtis Louwagie, Tim O'Keefe, James Mathews, Mike Madden, Fr. Don Schmitz, Tom Sand, Eric Van Norman, Ray Bressel, Maury Zipse, Dale Brucki, and Randy Walker.

Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

Holy Spirit Founders Day

Sunday, September 12

Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 15, noon
Northern Hills Golf Course

[Sign up](#) to play

[Sign up](#) to donate a prize

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 17, after morning Masses

[Sign up](#) to help

Spirit Run

Saturday, October 30
Holy Spirit Church and School

[Sign up](#) to help organize

[Sign up](#) to help on Spirit Run day

Spirit Run Volunteers Needed!

Ken White (280-0917, kdw4409@charter.net)

Our October Spirit Run on October 30th is one of our major fund raisers and an event looked forward to by the runners of Rochester and kids of Holy Spirit alike. Ken White is coordinating this year with advice from Duane Price. We'd like to put in place a core group of volunteers to help Ken out. If you are interested in doing some of this early behind-the-scenes work, contact Ken White today!

Golf Tourney

John Lawson (289-7006, jlawdds@aol.com)

Greg Kapraun (269-2520, 292-9368, gaskkap@aol.com)

Get out your mirrors and start practicing that "not in the rough, AGAIN" scowl, our 15th annual golf tournament is beginning to roll! John Lawson and cohorts have mailed out the flyers. Prizes will be given for all manner of achievements on the links.

The tournament will be held on Wednesday September 15th at Northern Hills golf course. We begin at noon with a shotgun start. The format will be a 4-person best shot. The fee is \$65.00 per person which includes golf and a great steak dinner. Carts are \$15.00 per person extra. If you are interested in playing contact John Lawson or download the [signup form](#) from our web site.

This is the council's largest fund raiser, enabling us to fund our charitable activities throughout the year. Please be generous with your time and wallet. Do what you can to help out John and crew.

We really need Knights to donate door prizes. If you can donate a dozen golf balls or some other golf items or you have some can covers, towels, gift certificates, T-shirts, etc. from your business or where you work, please pass on those donations to John Lawson or Greg Kapraun. We would appreciate anything that you can offer. This is a great way to support this event, especially for those who are able to be there. We also need prizes to give away for the winning men's and women's teams, longest drive, closest to the pin and other competitions that we have on the course that day.

If you haven't sponsored a hole in the past and you are interested in doing that, please contact John or Greg and they will process your sponsorship.

Pancake Breakfast Schedule

Gary Moore (287-6550, gmoored@charter.net)

We are rapidly approaching another Pancake Breakfast Season! We have the following Sundays planned for the 5 breakfasts this fall and winter: October 17, November 21, January 16, February 27, and March 20.

Each breakfast requires between 10 and 20 Knights volunteers, depending upon the group we are working with. This is a great opportunity to get to know other Knights better, serve a great cause, and have some fun all at the same time! If you have never worked a breakfast, there is NO previous training required and your help will be welcome. Last year, we contributed over \$3400 to Holy Spirit Parish and Catholic community groups. Come be a part of this and sign up anytime by contacting Gary Moore. Watch for more specifics on each event in coming monthly newsletters.

Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

Our saint this month, Jeanne Jugan, also known as Sister Mary of the Cross, was born in 1792 in Brittany, France, the sixth of the eight children. Her father died when she was very young and her mother raised this large family alone. When Jeanne was 16, she took a job as the kitchen maid and her new mistress had Jeanne accompany her when she visited the sick and the poor.

In 1823, Jeanne began to discern her own spiritual call and started working in the town hospital of Saint-Servan. She worked hard at this physically demanding job but after six years, she left the hospital and went to work for an elderly woman. Jeanne and her employer, a Miss Lecog, shared a similar Christian spirituality and, until Miss Lecoq's death 12 years later, they taught catechism to youngsters and cared for the poor.

In 1839, Jeanne (then 47), 72-year old Françoise Aubert, and 17-year old Virginie Tredaniel formed a community of prayer, with a young priest, Fr. le Pailleur, as an advisor. They devoted themselves to teaching the catechism and assisting the poor. Two years later, Jeanne brought a blind widow (Anne Chauvin) to their home to care for her. From this act of charity Jeanne and her friends focused their attention on assisting abandoned elderly women. From this beginning rose the community called The Little Sisters of the Poor. Jeanne wrote a simple rule for this new community, and they daily went door-to-door requesting food, clothing and money for the women in their care.

Jeanne was to perform this mission for the next four decades. For some time she served as Superior for the new order, but in 1843 she was blocked from reelection by Fr. le Pailleur in 1843. He also did not allow her to be recognized as founder. The priest had seen the order grow, and, consumed by pride, wished to be recognized as founder and Superior General.

Jeanne took this with humility and continued to serve. In 1847 she established a house in Tours. She was much sought after when ever problems arose and worked with religious and civil authorities to seek help for the poor. Even though she lived among the sisters of the community she founded many did not know that she had established the order.

By 1879, the community Jeanne founded had 2,400 Little Sisters and had spread across Europe and into North America. That year, Pope Leo XIII approved the constitutions for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Jeanne died that year and is buried in the graveyard at the Motherhouse at Saint-Pern.

Abbé le Pailleur was removed from office by the Vatican in 1890 after rumors of his deception reached Rome. An investigation was begun and the historical record set straight.

Sister Mary of the Cross was beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II on October 3, 1982, and canonized less than a year ago on October 11, 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. We remember her on August 30th.

