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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. I am sure we all have a lot to be thankful for as we count our blessings. Please continue to pray for those less fortunate than us that they may find some hope and happiness soon.

As we enter and prepare for the Advent and Christmas season, one way we can directly help out those in need would be to take part in a Christmas Anonymous activity. As you can imagine, this has been a growing need in our community over the years. Please note the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details and contact information. There are many opportunities to choose from.

Thanks to all who took part in our November Pancake breakfast. As always, Gary Moore and his crew did a great job. The Cub Scouts were great to partner with and were very appreciative of our support. We will take a break from the pancakes in December but will be eager to get going again in January.

In closing, please remember the true meaning of the Christmas season. We can all get caught up with the shopping, office parties, decorating the yard, etc. Take a moment or two to reflect on what Christmas truly means to you and your family. Enjoy your family and friends and be safe.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,

Paul Daley, Grand Knight



Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in December are Roy Musselman, John McGuire, Randy Vrabel, Tim Tracy, Frank Vondrashek, Chet Welle, John Orbeck, Marco Rizzo, Robert Larson, Alan Speltz, Ken Lentz, Tom Dube, Dan Brossoit, Brian Uhlenkamp, Joseph Armstrong, and Stephen Wasz. Gentlemen, we wish you a happy birthday!

Calendar

Christmas Anonymous Senior Box Packing

Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m to noon
RCTC Heintz Center

Christmas Anonymous Senior Box Delivery

Saturday, December 4, noon to 5 p.m.
RCTC Heintz Center

Christmas Anonymous CUMC Setup

Monday, December 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church

Christmas Anonymous Food Packing

Monday, December 6, 6 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church

Council Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit School Library

Christmas Anonymous Store Day!

Saturday, December 11, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church

Men's Retreat

January 14-16 or January 21-23
Christ the King Retreat Center
Buffalo, MN

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 16, after morning Masses
[Sign up](#) to help

Christmas Anonymous

Council 11460 has a long history of serving Christmas Anonymous in all its operations: food packing, senior box packing and delivery, and Store Day. We've received a request this year to also help with set up for the food packing on December 6th, so if your help at Christ United Methodist Church that day will certainly be appreciated. On Store Day we are looking for Knights who can work outside loading boxes and bikes on Store Day. Please contact Christmas Anonymous at volunteers@christmasanonymous.org or 285-3940 if you can help on Store Day. See our calendar for dates and times!



Men's Retreat

Dave Rossman

The retreat is being offered on two weekends this year: January 14-16, and January 21-23. Pick a weekend that fits your schedule or clear some other items of your schedule to make a retreat this year. Register directly to Christ the King Retreat Center at (763)682-1394 or online at <http://www.kingshouse.com>. Contact Dave Rossman at 282-5316 for carpool options.

The retreat theme this year is "Jesus Heals Our Darkness." At times each of us experience disappointment and discouragement in life. At these times we become more aware of the many dark areas of our life where we need healing. This retreat focuses on the healing strength that Jesus offers.

4th Degree

Berry Hobbs, Faithful Navigator

The next exemplification will be April 16, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in St. Paul, MN. During this exemplification, Bishop Bernard Harrington will be inducted into the Knights of Columbus Hall of fame. Let me encourage all of you to consider making the 4th Degree a part of your life. Make contact with SK Rob Larson (280-4481) or SK Greg Sanders (287-8606) to sign up for the up coming exemplification.

Donor Advised Fund

Greg Kapraun

Do you know of a worthy organization in town or the surrounding area that might be looking for a helping hand to fund a project? The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus Donor Advised Fund is seeking applications for consideration of a donation. Please see our website <http://www.kofc11460.org> for a Donor Advised Fund Request Form and have the organization submit an application. They can also contact Greg Kapraun at 269-2520 or any of the councils in town. Last year donations were provided to the Gift of Life Transplant House and to the St. Julian's coffee shop project.



Little Known Saint of the Month

David Dykstal

Paula di Rosa was born in Brescia Italy in 1813. She was one of nine children of the industrialist Clement di Rosa and the Countess Camilla Albani. Clement owned a large spinning mill, and Mary grew up in a happy and pious family. She was educated by Visitandine nuns. Mary's mother died when the girl was still young, and she left school to help manage her father's estate. Her heart set on a religious life, she turned down many suitors, much to her father's chagrin. Taking Jesus' words to heart she began working with the downtrodden women and girls in her community, those who worked in her father's mills, and the sick in local hospital, including endless work during a cholera epidemic in 1836.

At the age of 27 she and her friend, the widow Gabriela Bornati, founded the society of the Handmaids of Charity. Their mission was to attend to the material needs of those afflicted with poverty and disease. She then founded a home dedicated to the spiritual needs of young girls, and a school for deaf children. In 1840 she became the superior of the Handmaids of Charity and took the name Maria Crocifissa. The community received their bishop's approval in 1843, papal approval in 1850, and Paula (now Maria) led them until her death in 1855 having never left the town of Brescia.

St. Maria Crocifissa di Rosa was canonized in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. Her feast is on December 15.



Editor's Note

David Dykstal

We are actively looking for a new newsletter editor. The work takes a couple of evenings a month and with such a great group of contributors the articles pretty much write themselves. All the work is final layout and editing. If this is something you'd like to do, drop me an email (dykstal@acm.org). Also negotiable are the roles of webmaster and database maintenance.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on November 11, 2010
submitted by Jerome N. Lensing.*

Opening

Grand Knight Paul Daley called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 Officers was called. Grand Knight Paul Daley; Chancellor Gary Moore; Recorder Jerome Lensing; Financial Secretary Jim Decker and Guard Ken White were present. No Form 100s were read. September 2010 Minutes were approved.

Grand Knight Report

Paul thanked Gary for filling in at the last meeting. Thank-you's were received from Possibilities, Hiawatha Homes and the American Red Cross for donations that we recently provided them. Paul thanked all who helped make the Spirit Run another very successful event! Fall Classic will be November 14 in Lakeville. The annual KC Spring Social Event will be April 29, 2011, at the Rochester Event Center – Mark your calendars for this fun event! Help will be needed to put up and take down the stage for a play the Holy Spirit School will be presenting, help is needed November 19 at 6:30 p.m. and November 22 at 8 p.m. Paul mentioned that Dave Dykstal will be stepping down as our newsletter editor, please call Paul if you are interested in this opportunity. Dave has done a super job as our editor! Paul discussed "The Posada" an Advent and Christmas Celebration.

Officers Reports

Financial Secretary Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for October–November, 2010 (Receipts–\$5739.00, Payments–\$4808.57).

Directors Reports

Membership – Paul Daley – Dave Hubka will be coordinating a Membership Blitz, Sunday, November 21 in conjunction with our Pancake Breakfast. He will be asking Father and Mary Margaret to make announcements at all Masses the week before about our breakfast which is to raise funds for the Cub Scouts. Jim Decker will have

Form 100s. Our goal is for 12 new members – just ask! There will be a Major Degree November 20 in Owatonna. Resurrection will be having a First Degree on December 15. We will be having a First Degree on February 10 the evening of our Light Night – mark your calendar to attend the Degree and then enjoy the hospitality after the Degree. At the Owatonna Fourth Degree there were 13 Rochester KC's that were initiated!

Programs – Steve Kunkel will be filling out the Mid-Year Survey and Annual Fraternal Survey for Supreme.

Church – Rob Larson will be contacted to help line up help for the stage set up for the school.

Youth – Free Throw Contest is the next event, Paul will visit with Dan Kennedy about setting a date.

Old Business

Paul mentioned that the Golf Tournament was successful, numbers were down slightly but a great time was had by all!

Ken White provided a summary of the very successful Spirit Run. There were 151 5K, 71 10K and 51 1K participants! Ken thanked the 25 KC's, 5 Boy Scouts and 1 Confirmation Candidate for the help that provided to make for a well run event! Ken will check with Cheri Block on how to handle the proceeds. Duane and Deb Price did a stellar job. Paul thanked the Spirit Run Committee for the excellent job.

Gary reported that he has things line up for help for the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 21 that will benefit the Cub Scouts. He mentioned that the January, February, and March breakfasts are open for groups.

The decision has been made to start our Council Meetings at 7 p.m., starting in January, 2011. Paul will visit with Joe O'Toole about the use of Emmaus Room.

Charity Committee – Paul reported the he attended the Donor Advised Committee meeting; no location has been located yet for the St. Julian

Coffee House. Applications for the fund need to be to the Donor Advised Committee by December 31. The protocol to submit applications will be sent to all parishes.

New Business

Brad Brech and Jim Decker updated us on the upcoming Christmas Anonymous. They mentioned that all KC Councils in Rochester have been very generous with volunteering for this. There are many opportunities to help with this! Help is especially needed on Saturday, December 4 for Senior Basket packing and distribution as well for the Toy Drive; December 6-10 for set up of the

Store and on December 11, the Store Date. Call Brad or Jim today if you can help out.

Brad Brech discussed how we could help out the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. The idea was prompted since Brian Mulligan, member of Holy Spirit and our Council is attending the Seminary. One idea was to provide help once a month at the Seminary. It was suggested that this may be an excellent project for the District. Paul will discuss it at the next District Meeting.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

