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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights

Many of us are looking out the window wondering “why are my tulips up?”. Do I dare uncover the rose bushes? It’s only mid-march. I’ve seen big snow in April. What a crazy non-winter we’ve had. I guess all of those donations to Minnesotans for global warming are paying off. 😊.

Thanks to Mike and Pat Riestler for organizing the Light Night with the Knights. It was a wonderful event as always. Also, thanks to Jeff Swantko who not only supplied the wine but also got one of his employees to serve it since he was not able to attend.

We now have a new insurance agent – Bryan Streefland. He can be contacted at 272-7986 or bryan.streefland@kofc.org.

Once again the Pax council is hosting a dinner and dance at the International Event Center on April 13. Contact Ryan Kemmerick (281-8743 or kemmerick4@charter.net) for tickets.

Finally, Remember to send in your dues.

Thanks,
Steve Kunkel – Grand Knight

Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, April 19th at 7PM.

Warrior Dash Opportunity

Saturday June 30th 6AM-12:30PM – Holy Spirit Council. 12:30PM – 8:00PM for Assembly 548.

Knights Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 18th for Youth Ministry.

Dinner and Dance

April 13th at International Event Center hosted by Pax Christi church

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in February!

Larry Bodensteiner, Michael Branson, Brad Brech, John Kalwasinski, Leroy Machulda, Jim Motz, Joseph Mueller, Tony Rossman, Steven Strickland, Joe Weigel, Chris Wood

Knights with birthdays in March!

Marc Betting, Jeremy Bodensteiner, Jim Buntrock, Aaron Civil, Steven Decker, John Devlin, Steve Hansen, Bernard King, Greg King, Dave Loechler, William Medlyn, Kevin Mulligan, Joe O'Toole, James Owens, Duane Price, Jim Rogers, Andrew Streit, Bill Towey, Chris White, Ken White

Wish all these gentlemen a Happy Birthday!

New Knights Insurance Agent

Submitted by Steve Kunkel

It has been a while since our district has had a Knights Insurance agent in our district. Bryan Streefland is our insurance agent. If you are interested in life insurance, long term care insurance, annuities for retirement, K of C Scholarships or Careers, Bryan has a contact form on this page. <http://www.kofc.org/en/insurance/faa.html>

Annual Silent Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center

Submitted by Dave Hubka

On separate weekends in January, Dave Rossman and I made a men's silent retreat to Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. It was a great time of reflection and relaxation, as always. And we can hardly wait to go again next winter. Stay tuned – in November and December, we will invite you to join us for a weekend in January or February 2013. For information, contact me at djhubka@charter.net or 282-6090, or check out the retreat house directly at www.kingshouse.com or 763-682-1394.

Upcoming Training Session

Submitted by Steve Kunkel

There will be an upcoming training session for Grand Knight, Deputy grand knight and financial secretary on March 28 at 7 pm at Resurrection Church.

The Holy Spirit Knights were presented with the Columbia Award from the first degree in Winona.

9th Annual Youth Choir Appreciation Brunch on April 22

Submitted by Dave Hubka

The Youth Choir wraps up their season by singing at the 10:00 AM Mass on April 22. Once again, after Mass 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, Joe DiCecco and Neil Stiller will be head chefs, and Paul Daley will 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 djhubka@charter.net or 282-6090.

Dinner and Dance at International Event Center

Submitted by Ryan Kemmrick

Pax Christi Church council is once again hosting a dinner and dance at the International Event Center on April 13. Contact Ryan Kemmrick (281-8743 or kemmerick4@charter.net) for tickets.

Holy Spirit Science Fair

Submitted by Richard Dettinger

On February 2nd, the 4th annual Holy Spirit Science Fair was held. Many Knights pitched in as reviewers and in other helpful roles to make this event a big success. Perhaps the best measure of a success is the response of the kids. 100% of those responding to the post event survey said they enjoyed the experience and would participate again. Each year since the event was started, the numbers of participants has grown and the Knights have been a big part of helping meet the increasing numbers of volunteers needed. I extend my sincere thanks to those that have helped in the past. For everyone else, please consider joining the fun next year. The 5th annual event will be the Thursday night of Catholic Schools Week again.

Knights Membership dues are PAST due

Submitted by Jim Decker

The 2012 Member Dues billings statements were sent to each member in January 2012. We would like to remind you that payments are **PAST DUE**. If you have not sent your dues yet, please do it now to save the Retention Committee the trouble of hunting you down. Thank You to all who have sent their dues.

*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on November 20, 2011
Submitted by Jerome N. Lensing.*

Opening – Grand Knight Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Emmaus Room. Steve started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight, Steve Kunkel; Deputy Grand Knight, Gary Moore; Recorder, Jerome Lensing; Financial Secretary, Jim Decker and Guard, Ken White were present. No Form 100's were read.

Grand Knight Report – Steve Kunkel - December minutes were approved. It was mentioned that our website needs to be updated. Steve thanked those who helped with the Nativity set up and taken down. Provide an update on the upcoming State Convention that Holy Spirit Council is responsible for - Take Away gift will be an insulated cooler and lanyards have been settled on, Golf Tournament is set, Steve is asking for help on talking with prospective people to purchasing ads for the Convention booklet. We will be helping with one of the Hospitality Rooms also. Thanked a number of the members for taking part in the saying the Rosary before the meeting. Greg Sanders, District Deputy brought the Our Lady of Guadalupe portrait for the Rosary. The portrait is currently in the district for the month of January, he explain the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Officers Reports: Jim Decker presented the income and expense reports for January, 2012 – (Receipts \$3166.00, Payments - \$2926.39).

Directors Reports:

Youth Director – Steve Decker – Council Free Throw Contest will be January 29th. Mike Sheehan has developed an excellent handout on all the opportunities for the Free Thrown Contest in Rochester. Steve will be in contact with the Holy Spirit School to promote our contest.

Membership – Steve Kunkel – Next First Degree will be before Lite Night on February 16th, candidates at 5:30 PM, Degree at 6 PM. Major Degree will be on March 4th with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree that day. If you do not have your 2nd or 3rd Degree we encourage you to attend, for those that have their 3rd Degree, we encourage you to attend all 3 Degrees! Adam Bless will be provided a list of all 1st Degree members to contact for the Major Degree.

Charities Committee – Motion made, seconded and passed to provide \$500 to the Support Our Catholic

Schools functions. This year there will be a noon luncheon as well as an evening happy hour event, all at the Rochester Event Center on February 3rd.

Old Business – Gary Moore discussed a price change for the Pancake Breakfast - \$5 – adults, \$4 – Age 6-12, 5 and under free with a maximum of \$20/family. February 12 – Boy Scouts and March 22, Youth Group. Jim Decker updated us on the Warrior Dash; we need to have a coordinator for our Council, please save June 30th to help with fundraiser! Great time and way to raise money for our Council.

New Business – Lite Night – motion made, seconded, passed to approve \$220 for door prizes. Steve will be in contact with Rob Larson on the program. Mike Riestler is handling the beverages and setup for the event.

Donor Advised Fund – Paul Daley – The deadline has been extended to February 15th to submit projects. Currently 6 groups have submitted projects. Up to 5% of the currently balance will be used for projects - \$15-16,000. March 21st the committee will decide on which projects will get funded for 2012. Paul provided and update on the Coffee House project that was approved in 2010, due to a number of issues a location has not been identified. They will have 2 more years to locate a spot, after that the funds will go back and they will have to reapply for the funds.

District Deputy Report – Greg Sanders – Presented Steve Kunkel with our Columbia Award; thanked the Holy Spirit Team for going to Winona to conduct a 1st Degree on January 12th; mentioned the upcoming Degrees – February 16th – Holy Spirit and Major Degree, Lourdes – March 4th; there will be Grand Knight training on March 28th – if are thinking about or currently are an office, you may want to consider attending this training; KC Dinner/Dance will be April 13th at the Rochester Event Center and he mention that there is currently 799 KC's in the District – will you be the person to bring in number 800?

Good of the Order: Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

