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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights

I hope that everyone is finding some time to enjoy the summer. It was rather hot and dry for a long time early, but has been much more pleasant recently.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone that helped out with the RochesterFest Parade. I'd also like to thank Steve Decker for grilling at a youth gathering in the church courtyard.

We have several upcoming events. We have the parish festival coming up on the 9th. The knights will be providing the cake and serving it again this year. Get your foursome together; the golf tournament is also coming up on September 12th. Coming up on August 21 at 6:30 at Resurrection is a presentation on the Marriage amendment. Finally, this Saturday at 8:30, the knights will be spreading mulch at church. See you with your wheel barrel and rake.

Lastly, I'd like to ask that we all take a moment to remember the passing of Frank Vondrashek.

Thanks,
Steve Kunkel – Grand Knight

Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, August 16th at 7PM

July 2012 council meeting was the summer picnic!

18th Annual Family Camporee

August 24-26 in Ely, MN

Cost is \$50

Call Deacon Dick or Diana - 218-365-6249 to reserve campsite.

Knights Golf Tourney

Sept 12 at Northern Hills Golf Course

Cost is \$80 with cart

11am-11:45 Registration and Noon shotgun start

Knights Insurance Agent

Bryan Streefland is our **Knights insurance agent**. Bryan can be reached at 272-7986 or e-mail

bryan.streefland@kofc.org.

The web site is:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/insurance>.

Contact Bryan if you are interested in life insurance, long term care insurance, annuities for retirement, Knights of Columbus Scholarships or Careers.

Our Mission

Our Knights of Columbus council is dedicated to the aid and enrichment of Holy Spirit Parish, Holy Spirit School, the surrounding community, and the fellowship and support of that community. We accomplish these goals through work projects, social events, and fund raising to support the needs of the Parish, School, and the Community.

Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in July!

James Adamson, DeWayne Gallenberg, Steve Gudgell, Greg Kapraun, Marvin Kulas, Dave Kulzer, Stephen Loutsch, Randy Shelerud, Neil Stiller, Mark Vanderwiel

Knights with birthdays in August!

Raymond Bressel, Dale Brucki, Galyn Grad, Robert Loechler, Mike Madden, James Mathews, Gary Miller, Stephen Nelson, Tim O'Keefe, Tom Sand, Reverend Don Schmitz, Eric Van Norman, Stephen White, Maury Zipse

Knights Golf Tourney – 17th Annual Scramble

Dan Kennedy

Calling all Knights! Come on out and have fun with your brother Knights - 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner all for \$65 per person without a cart and \$80 with a cart. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year to fill our accounts for all those great charitable donations throughout the year. If you don't have a foursome, send your name in and we will arrange it for you.

Where: **Northern Hills Golf Course**

When: **Wednesday September 12, 2012**, Registration is **11AM to 11:45AM**. **NOON** is our shot gun start.

Prizes, Fun people and just plain Fun.

Give it a try! Charity, Unity, Fraternity

Contact Dan Kennedy @ 285-5183 with any questions or additional information.

Patronize our sponsors that make this Golf Tourney a success

Stone Barn Dentistry – Dr Duane Price

C.O. Brown Agency – Therese Armstead

Oertli & Pleschourt – CPAs

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Northern Hills Golf Course

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Pictures from Frank Vondrashek Funeral Mass at Holy Spirit

Steve Kunkel

Being a young council we've not had a knight die before. But, as most of you know Frank Vondrashek passed recently after a long battle with cancer. The first bought was 10 years ago. Unfortunately, it returned. I've known Frank for about 20 years. His son and mine went to school together for 13 years. We coached our son's soccer team together for years until he got cancer. I'm sure many of you have similar stories. Frank was not only very involved in the knights, but was involved in many things at church and in the community, particularly Christmas Anonymous. He was a great guy in so many ways. He will be dearly missed.



*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on June 15, 2012
Submitted by Jerome Lensing*

Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Josh Fritzjunker – Josh present to the Council his project of redoing 2 of the golf holes at Camp Victory. During the floods in recent years the wooden framework of the holes have been destroyed and being replace over time with concrete holes. The cost of concrete for Josh's project is \$400 of which Leitzen Concrete will be providing half the cost of the concrete plus framing material for the holes. Josh is asking the Council for \$200 to cover the other half of the cost of the concrete required for his project. 7 other Scouts will be helping him with the project.

OPENING: Grand Knight Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the Emmaus Room. Steve started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officers was called. Grand Knight, Steve Kunkel; Chancellor, Dan Kennedy; Recorder, Jerome Lensing; and Financial Secretary, Jim Decker, were present. No forms 100's were read.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

- The **May Council Meeting** minutes were approved.
- Provided an update on the upcoming **State Convention** which went very well resulting in a net return of \$1700.
- **Peace Plaza Dinner** was a success despite the wind
- **Registration** – interesting opportunities, talk to Steve!
- **Post Convention Meeting** – State Officers were extremely happy with the Convention, Dave Silker who was Chairman this year will be looking for someone else to lead the 2013 Convention which will be held in Rochester. Dave Silker will Chair the 2013 Spring Exemption for all 3rd Degree Knights is a chance to join the 4th Degree locally!
- Steve thanked all the helped with the set up and take down of the stage for VBS.

DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE:

District wide officer installation will be held, Greg Sanders, District Deputy is working on the date. There will be Leadership Training in Owatonna in November with a possible date also in Rochester; this is an excellent training for all Knights. Watch for details for the next Rochester Leadership Training. There will be a District wide Fund Raiser Calendar developed to let all Council's know what all Council's are doing for fund raisers and other activities.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

- Jim Decker presented the income and expense reports for April - May, 2012.
- **May - June 2012 receipts** = \$54.40 and payments = \$689.70. Correction Dave Hubka had an additional \$24.70 not \$30.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – We currently have 151 members, lost 9 this past year. Our current membership is the same as February, 2004 or 40 less than what our membership was the first Quarter of 2007. We had a discussion on membership – we will state the Council Mission Statement in each issue of the newsletter; a number of ideas were discussed on how to gain members and retain members. We have many projects that are available to help with a minimum of time commitment. We will update a pamphlet that provides great information on our Council; we will provide updates in the Bulletin of the funds that we contribute. All great ideas please forward to Steve Kunkel.

DIRECTORS REPORTS: Charity Committee – Motion made, seconded and passed to provide \$300 to the Youth Group for Food for Kidz project. Motion made, seconded, and passed to provide \$500 to Brian Mulligan for his continued studies at the St. Mary's Seminary.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Block will be presenting the Tootsie checks at the September meeting; Steve Kunkel provide an update on Mary Nowakowski's request for our help for 2 movie nights (one in July and August) Steve Kunkel will contact Steve Decker and Rob Larson to follow up with Mary for details; 5 members will be Parade Marshalls at the Rochester Fest Parade

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charities Committee – Motion made, seconded, passed to provide \$200 to Josh Fritzjunker for his Eagle Scout project upon approval; motion made, seconded, passed to provide \$166 for an ad in the convention booklet for the Catholic Medical Association upon approval.
2. Mary Margaret mentioned to Steve Kunkel that we should encourage Mayo blood donors to list Holy Spirit or our Council when donating blood due the number of units that Frank Vondrashek needs.
3. Motion made, seconded, passed to accept the current slate of Officers for the upcoming year.
4. Brad Brech discussed a volunteering opportunity with the National Junior Disability Championships, July 3-13, 2013. Brad feels this would be a great chance for exposure of the MN KC's to the city of Rochester and the participants. He will continue to update us on how we can help.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS in June won a \$10 SCRIP Card are Brad Brech and Dan Kennedy. The only way to win is to be at the meeting!

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight for Dave Rossman, Frank Vondrashek, Father Don, Chuck Vos's wife and a Saint Francis student. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM with the Hail Mary.