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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord” was the cry of John the Baptist. Even today, that cry calls us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. What do you need to do to prepare for Christ’ coming this Christmas season?

I would like to thank all of those that helped at the November pancake breakfast for the Lourdes group that is going on a mission trip to work with Habitat for Humanity in Latin America. While I was working in the gym I had the pleasure of meeting a few of these wonderful people.

I would also like to thank Tom Sand and Mike McDermott for setting up the nativity scene in the church courtyard.

Once again the Knight’s set up and took down the stage in the church for the Christmas recital. Thanks to all that helped. It’s a big job, but well worth the effort.

Speaking of being worth the effort, I would like to thank all of those that helped with Christmas Anonymous. I saw many of you there. What a great event.

Finally, I would like to ask any of you that will be attending the Christmas masses of Holy Spirit to help out with usher and handing out the book ‘*Rediscover Catholicism*’.

Of course, do not forget to keep Christ in Christmas. It is a wonderful reason to celebrate.

Thanks,
Steve Kunkel – Grand Knight

Calendar

Council Meeting

Thursday, December 20th at 7PM

Knights Insurance Agent

Kevin Downie is our Knights insurance agent. Kevin can be reached at 507-202-5304 or e-mail kevin.downie@kofc.org

The web site is:

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

Contact Kevin 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 December!

Joseph Armstrong, Tom Dube, Robert Larson, Ken Lentz, John McGuire, Roy Musselman, John Orbeck, Marco Rizzo, Alan Speltz, Brian Uhlenkamp, Randy Vrabel, Stephen Wasz, Chet Welle

Wish all these gentlemen a Happy Birthday!

Annual Men's Retreat

Submitted by Dave Hubka

Several years ago, former brother Dave Rossman introduced me to the silent men's retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. I think I have made such a retreat for 8 of the past 10 years, and have always found it immensely refreshing and fulfilling. I will be making my annual retreat on January 18-20, 2013, and can give anyone else a ride. If interested in attending, please contact me at djhubka@charter.net or 507-282-6090 with questions and to arrange for carpooling. There is also much more information available on their website at <http://www.kingshouse.com/> (a reservation is required – you can print off a brochure including a reservation form at <http://www.kingshouse.com/pdf/2013Calendar.pdf>).

Christmas Anonymous 2012

Submitted by Brad Brech

Thanks to all the Knights that helped with Christmas Anonymous this year. We had great weather which made things easier. Knights helped with packing and delivering 350 Senior Baskets on December 1st, and then several came to help pack food on Monday Evening. On Store day, December 8th, many Knights helped in many parts of the 'Store'. In the end we serviced 629 families and 1771 youth. Thanks to all the Knights that helped with any aspect of Christmas Anonymous. It is truly God's work to help so many families enjoy celebrating the birth of our Lord.

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

OPENING: Grand Knight Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order at 7:05 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; Financial Secretary, Jim Decker, Pat Mulligan, Bernard Carlson, Treasurer, Steve Decker; and Guard, Ken White were present. No forms 100's were read.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT: Steve Kunkel

- Introduced the 2 new Financial Secretaries – Pat Mulligan and Bernard Carlson plus thanked Jim Decker for the great service and guidance that he provided as the Financial Secretary since the start of our Council – 17 years!
- September meeting minutes were approved.
- Thank-you notes were read and passed around
- Nativity Scene will be place in the Courtyard per Father Don's agreement. Steve will discuss with Tom Sand the new location.
- Our help was not needed this year for the Fall Classic, thanked those that were willing to help.
- Thanked the Council members who helped with the Assisi Heights Arts Festival.
- We have a new Field Agent, Kevin Downie, if you have not visited with a KC Field Agent for a while, you may want to contact Kevin at 507-202-5304 or e-mail kevin.downie@kofc.org .
- Steve mentioned that today was the days the MN state funds were available via Givernn.org website to maximize donations to various groups.
- Updates on the State Convention, plans are to have the Friday evening in the Peace Plaza, still looking for a location in case of inclement weather. Website for information, registration, etc will be activated after December 18th, 2012.
- Steve encouraged all 3rd Degree members to consider joining the 4th Degree, Rochester Assembly will be host the 4th Degree Exemplification in April, 2013.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Jim Decker presented the income and expense reports for:

October, 2012 – November, 2012 receipts = \$5960.00, payments = \$4054.07

Jim mentioned that we have 3 Eagle Scouts that have designated a charity for the donation that we provide once they achieve the Eagle Scout honor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SPIRIT RUN** - Ken White provide an summary of the Spirit Run – great weather, energetic participants, enough fantastic volunteers, will be close to \$2400 in net proceeds! One more sponsor to collect money form. Ken will be stepping down as the Chairman of the event, so if you are looking at a great opportunity to Chair one of our great events, call Ken today at 507-289-0917!
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Thanks to all the help, we were light on help on the late shift, proceeds of \$500 will be donated to the Holy Spirit Youth Group, we did not have as much help from the youth as in the past. Brad Brech is in the process of looking for a new grill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the January Pancake Breakfast for the Sacred Heart Haiti Mission Trio and the February Pancake Breakfast for the Holy Spirit Giving Tree.
- Jim Decker provided an update on all the opportunities to help with Christmas Anonymous, call Jim or check out their website for opportunities to help out!
- Steve mentioned that Dave Hubka has Dave Rossman's wool KC jacket, size large with the name Dave on the jacket, if you name is Dave and would like a nice looking KC wool jacket contact Dave Hubka!
- Christmas Recital stage set up and takedown help is needed – set up December 9th after 6 PM Mass, takedown December 13 about 8:15 PM