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## Grand Knight Message

### *Greetings Brother Knights*

As we approach the end of the calendar year, and our Knights of Columbus mid-year, I want to say thank you to every single Knight in 11460 for what you do to make our Council, our Parish and our community what it is....a pretty good place to be. Everyone contributes in some way and to the extent they are able, even it is simply coming to Mass and being part of our faith community. This past weekend was a classic demonstration of the human spirit in Rochester. Dozens of volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, church groups, youth groups, high school clubs, and individuals joined together to help make a wonderful Christmas for hundreds of local families through Christmas Anonymous. This is a year-long effort by many people which culminates in the “store” weekend, where needy families can shop for toys, clothing and food for their families at no charge. Much of the key leadership for this awesome effort comes from members of our Council...Brad Brech, Jim Decker, Steve Kunkel and Jeff Block, to name just a few. Thanks guys!

I have referred multiple times in past newsletters to the “busy-ness” of life as a challenge for us all. My hope is that during this Holiday Season, despite the frenetic activity, you all can take some time to relax and enjoy the season with your family and friends. It is a good time to reflect on our many blessings, and as we go into next year, think about what each of us might be able to do to make someone else’s life better.

Thank you again, and I wish you all a very holy, reflective and blessed Christmas!

*God Bless you all.*

*Gary Moore – Grand Knight*

## Calendar

### Council Meeting

Thursday, December 19 at 7PM

### Knights Insurance Agent

**Aaron J Jelinek** is our Knights insurance agent. Aaron can be reached at 952-513-8784 . The web site has a contact form:

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

Contact Aaron 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.

## 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 these gentlemen a Happy Birthday!

### New Members Message

*Submitted by Gary Moore-Grand Knight*

Welcome to the newest 11460 Council member, Craig Schmerbauch! Craig turned 18 a few months ago, and went through the first degree ceremony on November 26<sup>th</sup> that was held at Resurrection. He has been a regular in the kitchen at our pancake breakfasts for some time now, and we're glad to have him as a member. Welcome Craig!

## 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 have made such a retreat for several years, and have always found it immensely refreshing and fulfilling. I plan to make my annual retreat on **January 17-19, 2014**, and can give other folks coming a ride. If interested in attending, please contact me at [DaveAndJanela@gmail.com](mailto:DaveAndJanela@gmail.com) or [507-282-6090](tel: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 and deposit is required – you can print off a reservation form at [http://www.kingshouse.com/index\\_13\\_2813982836.pdf](http://www.kingshouse.com/index_13_2813982836.pdf) ).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST DATES**

*Submitted by Gary Moore*



Sunday January 12 is your next opportunity to help! We will be doing a breakfast following the 8:15 and 10:00 AM Masses with the proceeds benefitting our Pre K – Grade 5 Faith Formation at Holy Spirit. As always, we will need many volunteers. Come join us! It is a great way to get to know other Knights and a productive use of a couple hours of your time, helping raise money for a parish need. Contact Gary Moore any time if you would like to get involved, and watch your email in early January requesting volunteers. NO previous experience is required, so we hope to see you there!

The following are the minutes of the Council 11460 Business Meeting held on November 21, 2013.

Submitted by Jerome Lensing

**OPENING:** Grand Knight Gary Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. Gary started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officers was called .Gary Moore-Grand Knight, Dan Kennedy-Deputy Grand Knight, Bo Gazley-Chancellor, Jerome Lensing-Recorder;; Pat Mulligan and Bernie Carlson-Financial Secretary, Steve Decker-Treasurer, Pat McCabe-Lecturer and Jim Decker-Guard were present. One form 100 was read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Ann Loomis Fund for Children and Aging in India** – Father Tom Loomis and Father Marreddy Pothireddy provided the Council with the history and the purpose of the fund in honor of Father Tom's Mother, to avoid a number of expenses that fund is managed through the Winona Diocese. Following is an overview of this fund which has become the Holy Spirit Advent Project.

India is home to over 1 billion people, 60% of whom live in poverty. While Catholics are less than 3% of the population, the Church is the largest provider of aid and assistance to the poor. Fr. Tom Loomis has seen this most human of tragedies with his own eyes and felt the call to do something about it. Inspired by his mother and supported by his family, **The Ann Loomis Fund for the Children and Aging in India** was established to assist needy children to obtain an education and to assist the poor and elderly with the basic necessities of shelter, food, clothing, and medical care.

Fr. Tom Loomis got the opportunity to witness firsthand the poverty, hunger, and living conditions of these families when visiting with his friend, priest, and native Indian, Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy. This visit opened his eyes to the great needs of these Children of God. With the memory of his late mother, Ann Loomis, fresh in his mind and her belief that education was the way out of poverty, Fr. Tom, with the support of his family, answered the call by establishing this special fund.

The enormity of the situation can be overwhelming and the most basic needs that you and I take for granted are unobtainable for our brothers and sisters in Christ. By providing an education, we are able to help these children grow, learn and change their future to one of hope and possibilities. By providing the tools these children need to receive an education, we give them the hope of a brighter future. By providing the poor and elderly with shelter, food, clothing and medical care, we bring love, joy and hope to some of God's most needy and vulnerable people.

**GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:** Gary Moore

- Outstanding 11/17 Pancake Breakfast – Thanks!
- Roadside cleanup done on 11/16 – Thanks to Jim Motz
- Lourdes Baseball Comedy Night – Nov 30 @ Rochester International Event Center - Tickets available from Lourdes athletic office
- Owatonna Major Degree this Sat, 11/23 at KC Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 9:30; 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree 11:00
- November 26 First Degree at Resurrection – 5:30 for candidates
- Positions we need to fill, Gary has a number of people he will contact
  - o Spirit Run organizer
  - o Pancake breakfast coordinator(s)
  - o Membership/retention team leader

**Old business:**

- Spirit Run Recap – Ken White, total number of runners was down, but still and very successful event, thanks to all who helped make the Spirit Run an very successful event for the Council

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**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Treasurers Report – Steve Decker:** \$20,254.97 in the account with checks totaling \$3430.92 outstanding, ending balance of \$16,824.05

**Financial Secretary – Pat Mulligan:** August –September, 2013 Receipts - \$4,694.00, Expenses - \$468.52; September- October, 2013 Receipts - \$1,113.00 Expenses - \$2005.93; October-November, 2013: Receipts - \$6,398.00, Expenses - \$3,715.32

**Program Director – Dan Kennedy:** Report to Supreme. Also mentioned to discuss Council providing sponsorship at the Holy Spirit Science Fair with Rich Dettinger who coordinates the Holy Spirit Science Fair.

**Community Activities Director:** Gary Moore had Jim Decker discuss Christmas Anonymous with the numerous opportunities to volunteer.

**Youth Activities Director – Steve Wasz –** Free Throw event will be in January, ages will be 9-14.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nov 17 Pancake proceeds – Motion made, seconded and passed to donate \$1365 to the Ann Loomis fund.
- Request from Youth Ministry –
  - o “In the past the Knights of Columbus have generously donated money to help pay for Bibles for those preparing for Confirmation. Because about half of the Confirmation class already has the Bibles, the parish will be giving each youth a copy of the Youth catechism book. This is the Youth Catechism. Would the Knights still be willing to make a donation to help pay for these books? Motion made, seconded and passed to donate \$500 for the Youth catechism Book.
- Future Pancake requests – Charity Committee reviewing – Vote in December
  - o January 12 – K-5 Faith Formation
  - o February 23 – Holy Spirit Giving Tree (St Vincent De Paul?)
  - o March 16 – Holy Spirit Youth Group – Mission work next summer
  - o Holy Spirit Boy Scouts – Annual high adventure trip
- Dan Kennedy will talk to Bruce Pervin about having his crew come in to possibly clean the gym floor after our pancake breakfasts.

**District Deputy Report – Bo Gazley:**

- o Thank you from Madonna Towers for all the work the various Councils did in the past year, Holy Spirit Council was mentioned!
- o First Degree in November
- o KC Essay Contest will be offered to Lourdes
- o Donor Advised Rep for Holy Spirit Council – Steve Kunkel
- o Philippines Relief Fund – check out the KC website for details
- o St Pius is considering forming a Squires Circle at Lourdes
- o KC Dinner Dance will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester Event Center, Gary has tickets.

**Gift Card Drawing –** Greg Kapraun and Bernie Carlson were this meeting's winners. Only way you can win is to attend!

**Good of the Order:**

- Those among us who are seeking employment
- Mary Beth Kunkel
- Allen Vanderwiell
- Jeff Block's brother-in-law – colon cancer
- Pat Mulligan's Mother-in-law
- Bo Gazley neighbor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.