

The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

Christmas is upon us. The shopping, the traffic jams, the lines, the sales, the bills, the friends, the family get together, the love and the Lord. We deal with all of it every year and every year we say "Next year I will do _____". Well, it is next year and it is not too late to do it. Spend a little less on yourself and a little more on someone needy. Give Frank Vondrashek a call and volunteer for Christmas Anonymous. Make peace with someone. Make peace with yourself. Go to Reconciliation. Go to mass. Say a prayer. Remember what the season is all about and celebrate Jesus being born to this world to save us.

May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas,
Tom Sand
Grand Knight

Drawing Winner: Steve Nelson



The membership drawing winner was Steve Nelson. Steve lives with his family across from church in Golf View Estates. Steve and his wife Dawn have 5 children, 4 girls and a boy (including triplet girls). Steve works at Western Digital.

Officer Announcement

Many of you know that Mark Brickl had sold his house in North Park and is currently living in his previous rental house near St Mary's. Mark's job is based outside of La Crosse, WI and his long-term plans were to move that direction after his Grand Knight stint. Well as the demands of his job grew, Mark has found himself moving up his move to a new home southeast of Winona. The house is not built yet and Mark has not left us yet, but he will be not be able to fill the Grand Knight position next July. So effective immediately, Jeff Block will move to the Deputy Grand Knight position and Mark will move to the Lecturer position. Mark has done outstanding things for this council and he will be deeply missed. Luckily we will not lose him until late next summer. Also, thanks to Jeff Block for stepping up and assuming the Deputy Grand Knight position. Jeff will do an excellent job as Deputy Grand Knight.

New Council Members

We held a First Degree ceremony before the November General Council Meeting. We had 10 new Knights participate in this ceremony and join our council. They are David Bailey, Chad Blomgren, Daniel Brossoit, Al Faupel, Steven Gansemmer, James Gostomski, Steve Kluck, Mike Koranda, Steve Nelson, and Mark Vanderwiell.

We also had 5 Knights transfer from other councils. They are Cal Christensen, Gregory Kapraun, Charles Kroll, Dennis Rodriguez, and Laurence Torsher.

We would like to welcome these newest members of Holy Spirit Council 11460. We are happy to have these men on board and look forward to the new ideas and talents that they bring to our council.

We would also like to welcome Father Dominic to the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus council.

Calendar of Events

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.....	Tuesday, December 8 th
Officers Meeting	Thursday, December 10 th , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, December 10 th , 7:30 p.m.
Christmas	Friday, December 25 th
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	Friday, January 1 st , 1999
Knights Flame Deadline	Saturday, January 2 nd
Officers Meeting	Thursday, January 14 th , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Thursday, January 14 th , 7:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast at Holy Spirit

A Holy Spirit Pancake Breakfast was held on November 15th after the 8:00 and 9:30 masses. Thanks to Mark Brickl for chairing this event. Thanks also to the Knights who participated in making this event a success. Special thanks to the **embers america restaurant**.



Christmas Anonymous: December events to plan for

Submitted by Frank Vondrashek



We have many opportunities throughout the year to help our parish and our Holy Spirit community. December is one time in the year when we can help out our Rochester and Olmsted County community as well. Last year our response to working with Christmas Anonymous was OVERWHELMING! We helped both in Seniors Basket loading and in the Christmas Anonymous store. When surveyed at the Sept mtg., the majority of Knights thought these were very worthwhile activities and should be pursued again. So we are looking for volunteers again for the following activities. If interested, please contact Frank Vondrashek at 281-3051 or email at Frankvo@ibm.net

Toys-for-Tots: This group provides most of the toys given away during the Christmas Season by organizations like Christmas Anonymous and the Salvation Army. They are looking for folks that could help out an hour or two any evening or weekend from December 1-23. Primarily, picking up donated toys from donation barrels and sorting them into age groups at Assisi Heights. This is a great family activity than can be shared with your kids!

Christmas Anonymous Store: The primary activity for the Christmas Anonymous organization is the 'Store' held each year to provide needy families with new and used toys, food, and new clothes for the Christmas Season. Volunteers activities include:

- 1) Setting up the Toy Store December 17 and 18 Evenings: this includes sorting of toys by age, adding batteries to toys and displaying toys in the toy store. Family activity.
- 2) Working the Toy Store on December 19: this includes restocking the Toy Store and Helping to staff the Toy Store (help parents find that special toy for each child). This also includes pack-up, inventory, and clean-up. Two Shifts of workers needed. 7:30am-1pm and noon-5: 30pm. Lunch is provided. Due to the confidential nature of serving those in need, this is an adult or mature teen only activity.

Thanks to all who helped last year, we are looking forward to a GREAT 1998!

Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Catholic School Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for February 12th, 1999. Any money raised goes to help students who cannot afford tuition. If you are interested in helping with or attending this dinner, please contact Tom Sand at 289-7912.

New Contact List

A new contact list is enclosed in the newsletter. Please contact Eric Van Norman or Jim Decker with any corrections.

The November Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held November 12th, 1998.

Submitted by Larry Burgart

A First Degree ceremony preceded the General Council Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Tom Sand at 8:10 p.m.

A Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called.

Minutes of the previous meeting, October 8th, 1998, were approved.



Officer's Reports

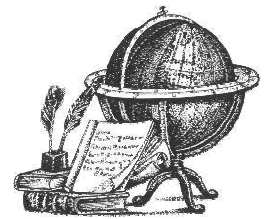
Grand Knight Report: Tom Sand

Tom will be attending the mid-winter meeting December 12th.

Our Council was inadvertently omitted from the list of Star Councils in the recent Columbia magazine. This has been rectified.

Jane Rose, a representative of Hope Lodge, will be the guest speaker at our December meeting.

November '98 marks our 4th anniversary as Council 11460!



Financial Secretary's Report: Jim Decker

Receipts were \$4811 with payments of \$2667. The majority of this balance is dedicated to the youth of Holy Spirit Church and School as Spirit Run proceeds.

Director's Reports

Membership: Dave Hubka

Several candidate names were read for approval for future enrollment:

Jeffrey Fague, John Attinelle, Raymond Wiest, Richard Goetzman and John Wald.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is an extremely important fundraiser in April with proceeds going to local organizations for the support of developmentally disabled individuals. Dave Hubka has done an excellent job organizing the Tootsie Roll Drive by himself for several years. Ryan Kemmerick, Bruce Fujan and Kevin Weber have agreed to take charge of this event.

Church Activities: Frank Vondrashek

DANA concert - This Christian singer performed in Mankato with the support of the KC council there. Our council bought several tickets and donated them to parishioners. We received a thank you and a tendered contribution from the Holy Spirit attendees. Reviews were very positive.

The Christmas nativity set will be set up at the Holy Spirit entrance on November 29th. The official lighting ceremony will take place on the evening of December 1st. This lighting coincides with the annual nationwide "Light Up for Christ" KC campaign.

Christmas Anonymous - The KC's enthusiastically agreed to participate in this program again this year. Frank organizes our involvement in this community-wide program. Loading food basket for delivery to senior citizens and shut-ins will take place the first weekend in December. Knights will also help staff a huge Christmas "store" full of donated goods December 19th. A final opportunity is participation in moving goods from the KTTC toy drive on 2 December evenings. Call Frank for details at 281-3051 or email at frankvo@ibm.net.

We are anticipating a Knights of Columbus family mass on April 11th or 18th.

Council Activities: Mike Madden

Two important items were mentioned: 1) Help wanted for pancake breakfast November 15th (keep in mind for the future). 2) Preliminary plan for the Spring Banquet is March.

Youth Activities: Dewayne Gallenberg

The free throw contest will take place in January. Money was approved for awards.

We also approved money for Santa costumes for the oncology Christmas night.

Old Business

Spirit Run

The Spirit Run raised over \$2000 this year for the youth of Holy Spirit Church and School. This was only possible to the work of many, many hands.

The organizational committee included Jeff Block, Mark Brickl, Julie Burgart, Larry Burgart, Duane Price, Tom Sand and Eric VanNorman. Sponsors within our council included Tod Bellrichard (Appliance Village), Bill Oertli (CPA) and Duane Price (dentist). Almost 30 Knights showed up to work the event, many for the 4th straight year. An equal number of school parents and interested parishioners worked the games. The Church Youth Group ran a concession stand with excellent chili. Over 400 participants paid the registration to fuel the project. THANKS TO ALL!!!

New Business

Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund

The KC student loan fund was described to the members. This program is available to KC children and the trust is funded by donation. A motion was made for our council to make a \$1 per capita contribution, similar to our contributions to the Pennies for Seminarians and Jim Campbell funds.

E-mail list of members

The attempt to generate an email list from members was revitalized. Over 20 addresses have been collected thus far. Send yours to lburgart@aol.com or lburgart@mayo.edu. The list will be distributed among the membership in the near future.

Prayers for special intentions and the Good of the Order

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper and Sister Jane.
Grand Knight Tom Sand offered closing prayer.

The Meeting Adjourned.





MARY

Source of Strength for Our Lives

Excerpt from source unknown

The big M on Pope John Paul II's coat of arms tells us much about the major place he gives to Mary in his life. It challenges us to look to her with childlike trust in her power with God.

"His devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a fundamental part of him," Lord Longford wrote in *Pope John Paul II: An Authorized Biography*. "It is impossible to think of him without it. In this respect he shares, no doubt, in a fervent Polish tradition. His love of the Virgin Mary goes back to his earliest years."

As teen-aged Karol Wojtyla he attended weekly Living Rosary meetings. While preparing secretly for the priesthood during the German occupation of Poland, he had to hew stones in a quarry. Later, his job included carrying lime in buckets on a wooden yoke. A book he often dipped into was Mort's classic; *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, as he later reminisced: "I remember carrying it about with me for a long time, even into the factory, which resulted in the lovely cover being soiled with lime.... And the devotion which I had as a child and an adolescent toward the Mother of God gave way to a deeper devotion of faith, as if from the very heart of Trinitarian and Christological realities.... Christ Himself points out His Mother to the one who tries to know and love Him, as He did to St. John at the foot of the cross."

Karol Wojtyla's motto as bishop remains his motto as Pope: "All I am is Yours, Mary: Totus Tuus Sum, Maria." His entire papacy has continued this long pattern of devotion to Mary that includes pilgrimages to her shrines, i.e., Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, Loreto, Knock, and the famous Black Madonna of Jasna Gora in his homeland.

His compatriot Cardinal Wyszynski paid him the candid compliment: "When he has a mission to fulfill, he does it with the simplicity of a son of the Polish nation who knows only one word to say to God: 'Yes!' " That was also Mary's word at the Annunciation. Her "yes" gave the world its Savior. With simplicity she spoke it, with a generous heart she lived it and accepted its joyful, sorrowful, and eventually glorious consequences. These consequences are our meditation themes when we pray the Rosary.

Sharing in our Mother's faith, we shall be strengthened to say "Yes" to God as she did.

Christmas is Christ



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Connect with monthly meetings

Please come to the Council Meeting Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.

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