



# The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

Based on the results of this year's Tootsie Roll Drive, it looks like everyone had a chance to re-energize over spring break. With the efforts of over 90 of our Knights and their family members we took in over \$6,000 this year. It was great to see many of the Knight's family members so graciously helping out. We could not have raised that money without them. Special thanks goes to Steve Kunkel for organizing this year's Tootsie Roll Drive and to Bill Reiland and Ryan Kemmerick who gave up much of their weekend to help collect and count the money between shift changes. Steve, Bill, and Ryan also gave up two evenings to help call Knights to fill each of the slots. It was a lot of work, but well worth it. Thanks to all of you for helping out!

It turns out I was just a bit pessimistic last month when I mentioned there would only be 8 new 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights during last month's major degree at Lourdes. It turns out we set a new council record by sending 13 Knights. Our new Brother Knights include Francis Aning, Tod Bellrichard, Gary Benike, Tom Dube, Tom Dylla, Jim Fredricksen, Dick Goetzman, Brent Johnson, Chris Lake, Jack Lane, Bob Loechler, Jim Owens, and Kevin Rademacher. I watched the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees for the first time since I went through them over 5 years ago. I highly recommend attendance for those of you who are already 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights. I was amazed at how much I forgot and how much of a learning experience these degrees are. We also welcomed three new members to our council during the morning 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Please welcome Karl Corrigan, Jim Fredricksen, and Mike Riester. Special thanks go out to Jim Decker, John Lawson, and Jerome Lensing for spending the entire day at Lourdes helping with setup, degree preparation, serving the dinner, and cleanup.

It looked like all who attended the Knights Dinner/Dance had a good time. Thanks to Mike Madden for getting all the plans organized. All went smoothly and it certainly looked like people enjoyed the DJ. It was a very special evening for several of our Knights and their families. The DeWayne Gallenberg family was presented with this year's Family of the Year Award. Unfortunately DeWayne was unable to attend, but Pat was present to accept the award. The Knight of the Year balloting was so close we had co-winners this year. Both John Lawson and Steve Wasz are equally deserving of the Knight of the Year Award this year. Their accomplishments and activities in the Knights are many, and their leadership is of great value to all of us. Congratulations to this year's winners!

We once again had a very successful pancake breakfast. Over \$400.00 was raised to help support the church youth group trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Thanks to Brad Brech and his crew for all their hard work.

In closing, I'd like you all to continue to consider serving in leadership roles in our council beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. We need your help. Thanks!!

Jeff Block  
Grand Knight

### Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Jim Decker

Jim is a Charter Member of the Holy Spirit and Pax Christi Parishes. Both started in the same building. It was a roller rink when Pax Christi was formed and a Bingo Hall when Holy Spirit was started. Jim has a lovely wife, Barb, and 6 kids who have all flown the coop. Jim has been very active in Council #11460 and has been our Financial Secretary since its' inception. Jim is a long time IBMer as well.



## Calendar of Events

Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 .....	Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 .....	Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Mother's Day.....		Sunday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>
Minnesota Knights of Columbus Day.....		Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Feast of the Ascension .....		Thursday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day .....		Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Knight's Flame Deadline .....		Friday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Knights Family Mass .....		Sunday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 8:00 a.m.
Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 .....	Thursday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Room 207 .....	Thursday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m.
Flag Day.....		Thursday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>
Father's Day.....		Sunday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Minnesota Knights of Columbus 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Family Camporee .....	Jordan KOA.....	August 24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>
KC Council #11460 Golf Tournament .....	Northern Hills.....	Wednesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>

### In Memoriam

In memory of family members of Knights who have recently passed away:

Samantha Marie Buntjer – Five-year-old daughter of Mark and Kim Buntjer died April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001.



### Knights of the Year

*Submitted by Frank Vondrasbek*

When you have a very active council like 11460, it is very hard to pick just one candidate for Knight of the Year. This year it was especially hard because of the number of Knights that have made a positive impact to the council over the past year. Two gentlemen were examples of this for very different reasons, and both deserved to be recognized. So, for only the second time in our council's history, we choose Co-Knights of the Year:

#### Steve Wasz

Steve has been Community Director for the council for several years. In this role he fields calls from within Holy Spirit Parish and for the greater Rochester community to provide assistance. Whether it be finding someone a bed or moving someone's entire personal belongings to another home, Steve and his volunteers get the job done. Steve represents our council to the underprivileged of our community, allowing us to give of our time & skill much like the parish in general contributes to the 'Giving Tree'. Often times, Steve will not even bother to call Brother Knights for help, when the task is small or straightforward. Opting instead to contribute of his own time, rather than impose upon others. This soft-spoken individual is truly an asset to our council.

#### John Lawson

John is our current Membership Director for Council #11460, and is one of the most ardent promoters of our council. Due to efforts by John (and others), 12 new members have joined our council in the past year. In addition to promoting our council, John also has helped coordinate Brother Knights to contribute in other visible means of support for our parish and school community, like building risers and helping to sponsor the school play. John actions are a beacon of light, showing us the way.

### KC Family of the Year

*Submitted by Pat McCarthy*

This year, the recipient of our council's Knights of Columbus Family of the Year award is the DeWayne and Pat Gallenberg family. The Gallenberg family is very involved in the Knights, Holy Spirit Church, and the community. They have been members of Holy Spirit Parish since the beginning and have been involved in many parts of the parish including the choirs and parish retreats. DeWayne is the Youth Activities Director for our council and is always there when help is needed for a Knight project. DeWayne leads up our Free-Throw Competition each January and organizes an effort for Mr. and Mrs. Claus to visit the Oncology Ward at Methodist Hospital each Christmas. DeWayne is president of the Southern Minnesota Cultural Education Society that sponsors a Korean Culture Camp each summer. Their children, Adam and Sarah, are active as Mass servers and Sunday School helpers. Besides his job as a nurse, DeWayne is also a published cartoonist.



### Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to the following Knights who have birthdays in May:

Brian D'Agnolo, John Lawson, Steve Mangan, Michael McDermott, Glen Nelson, and Michael Ross.

Happy Birthday and thanks are in order for all you do for Council #11460.

## Think about becoming a Director and/or Council Officer

*Submitted by Jeff Block*

Many of our current Service Directors have been doing their jobs for the council almost 4 years now. At the end of our council year in June, it will be time to appoint new directors. Service Directors are those who help guide and plan our events throughout the year. They don't necessarily organize all of the events, but are there to help make sure the events are on track and running smoothly. Please take some time to think about doing this important work. If you have any questions about the exact activities directors perform, please feel free to give them a call. Our current Service Directors are Frank Vondrashek - Church, Steve Wasz - Community, Tim Tracy - Council, Pat McCarthy - Family, and DeWayne Gallenberg - Youth. All of these Directors have done a great job and I am sure would continue to do so, however, it is important for the overall health of our council to allow others to take over these roles. Remember that you do not have to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight to perform these jobs. If you are interested in any of these positions please give me a call.

Also, come July, some officer positions will change. I will be moving on to a Trustee position and Mike Madden will take over the Grand Knight role. His vacated position will also be filled and so on down the line. There will be at least one officer's position available to be filled. At this time it is not possible to list which one(s), but please take some time to consider becoming a council officer. These positions do have to be filled by 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights. Feel free to call me anytime if you have any questions.



### April Pancake Breakfast:

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

Thanks to all that helped or attended the Pancake Breakfast on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The youth group did a great job helping, and for their efforts, we raised \$433 for their trip to the Youth Conference. Anyone interested in working on the pancake breakfast committee, should contact Brad Brech.

### Knights Family Mass

The Knights of Columbus Family Mass is set for 8:00 a.m. on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would invite every bother knight to attend, with his family if possible. Our Family Mass is one part of our overall parish anniversary celebration that Sunday. The reason we picked the 8:00 a.m. mass, was to prevent serious overcrowding at the later masses due to our increasing number of parish families.



*Pat is looking for greeters, ushers, a lector, a commentator, Eucharistic ministers, and servers.* In addition, the Men's Choir will be singing. If you would like to volunteer, call Pat McCarthy at 281-0747 or e-mail him at [pidany@juno.com](mailto:pidany@juno.com).

Please plan to attend this event.

### Minnesota Knights of Columbus Day

*Excerpts from 'The Courier'*

Citing the century-long presence of the Knights of Columbus from Minnesota, and its outstanding record of service, Governor Jesse Ventura has signed a proclamation designating Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, as Knights of Columbus Day.

The date coincides with the State Council of the Knight's Celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

### May is Mary's Month

The Knights of Columbus is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order fosters devotion to Our Lady and, in particular, encourages its members and their families to pray the rosary as often as possible. Read about the history of the rosary and check out the Knight's May section at the Knights of Columbus Web Site, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

## Knights of Columbus Council #11460 April General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

*Submitted by Eric Van Norman*

Grand Knight Jeff Block called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Lord's Prayer, a Hail Mary, and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

The Roll of Officers was called. The Grand Knight, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, and one Guard were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup>, were approved.

## Officer's Reports

### Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Block

1. Jeff passed around forms for the Canonization Guild for Father Michael McGivney. Additional forms are available from Jeff.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees were held on March 25<sup>th</sup> - 82 Knights participated, 13 from Council #11460. Council #11460 had three new 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knights.
3. Letters were sent out to collect money for the New Priest Fund. Please consider a contribution to this worthwhile cause.
4. Mary Gumbusky has asked for Knights to move shelves and dividers in the Holy Spirit School Library toward the end of May. Let Jeff know if you are available to help.
5. KC Day at the Dome is July 8<sup>th</sup>. Call Jeff Block by May 19<sup>th</sup> if interested.
6. John McGuire has asked about providing supervision for when Holy Spirit hosts some homeless families this summer. More info will come at the May meeting.
7. Thanks to Mike Madden for getting the reports ready for the KC Minnesota Convention.

### Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Jim reviewed April Financial Reports.
2. Approximately 25 Knights have not paid their 2001 dues. Please fulfill your membership duties.

## Director's Reports

### Council: Jeff Block for Tim Tracy

1. Parish Dinner and Dance - April 20<sup>th</sup> at KC Council #1013 Hall. This year we will have a DJ.
2. Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>. Get your four-some ready.

### Family: Jeff Block for Pat McCarthy

Turn in Family of the Year nominations to Pat McCarthy.

### Church: Frank Vondrashek

The Knights of Columbus Family Mass will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 8:00 mass.

## Old Business

1. **Tootsie Roll Drive:** Coming up - April 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Steve Kunkel to help.
2. **School Shelves:** Planned construction this summer at Jim Decker's garage. Contact Tom Sand to help.
3. **Storage Addition:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to divert the \$4,800 held in a church account for a garage, to be used for the storage addition to be built on the back of the gym.
4. **School Closets:** Brief discussion on this potential KC project.

## New Business

1. **Pancake Breakfast:** Next Breakfast will be to raise funds to send Holy Spirit Church youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference.
2. **Roses for Baptism:** Jim Decker is looking for vases for this wonderful cause. Vases are our most significant expense for this cause. Contact Jim if you have vases to donate.
3. **Rochester Fest Parade:** We are looking for a new chairman to help with this event. If you are interested, contact Jeff Block.

## District Deputies Report

1. The State Convention is rapidly approaching. Are we up to date with our paperwork?
2. Ken checked on the status of the KC District Banner for State Convention. GK Jeff Block assured Ken that his secret seamstress was busy finishing our part of the banner.
3. Ken briefly discussed some projects that are looking for donations in Haiti. Ken will provide more info at the next meeting.

## Prayers for Special Intentions and the Good of the Order

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, Mary Margaret Yaeger, and Sister Jane.



Grand Knight Jeff Block offered a closing prayer.  
The Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary were recited.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

# Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Family Mass



**June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00 a.m.**

Connect with monthly meetings  
Please come to the Next Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Room 207

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