



The Knights Flame

Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

I want to take this opportunity to thank John Lawson for all of the hard work he has done over the past years as our Membership Director. John has put in many hours building our membership and has been very successful in recruiting new brothers as was apparent from our latest First Degree. (I'll be looking for that discount on my next bill!!!) Thanks John.

I would like to welcome all of our new Brother Knights and invite them to become involved in an activity. Attend our monthly meetings so you can stay in touch with what is happening. If you see something that interests you, get a hold of the person that is in charge of that activity and ask if you can help. If you have any new ideas, we would love to hear them. Some of us have been here for a while and we tend to keep on doing the same old thing. Don't be afraid to speak up, whether it is a new idea or maybe something we can change to make an existing activity better.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Lecturer position. For all of the new guys, this person is responsible for getting speakers for our meetings. We don't need a speaker every month and sometimes people that want to do a presentation contact us. Please consider filling this position. In the mean time, if you know of anybody that you think would like to speak to us or have any ideas about an interesting topic, please let me know.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Madden
Grand Knight

IMPORTANT

December Meeting Date Change

Note that we will be moving the December meeting back one week. This is because the Holy Spirit School Christmas Program is on December 13th. Please update your calendars accordingly. Thanks.

Get-To-Know-A-Knight:

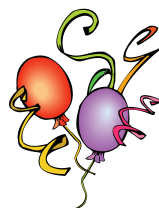
This month we have two Knights:

Kevin Hafner joined our council during the last First Degree, and is employed by SMMPA. Kevin has a lovely and beautiful fiancée, Kari. They are planning a wedding for next June.

Paul Klugherz also joined our council during this past First Degree. Paul is a Program Manager at Pemstar. Paul and his lovely wife Jeannette have two boys, Andrew and Luke who attend Holy Spirit and are great baseball players.

Birthday Celebrations

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



Daniel Brossoit, Tom Dube, Steve Felton, Dick Goetzman, Don Hoerle, Scott Johnson, Ken Lentz, John McGuire, Dan Moulton, Roy Musselman, Mark Sawyer, Robert Taraba, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Chet Welle, Steve Wasz, and Michael Yaszemski.

We wish each of them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each of them for being a member of Council #11460!

Calendar of Events

Pancake Breakfast.....	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, December 16
Officers' Meeting NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas		Tuesday, December 25
Knight's Flame Deadline		Friday, December 28
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God		Tuesday, January 1, 2002
New Years		Tuesday, January 1
Epiphany of the Lord.....		Sunday, January 6
Officers' Meeting	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit Room 212	Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....		Monday, January 21 st
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest	Holy Spirit Gym	January 27 th (tentative)
RCS – KC Tuition Scholarship Banquet	ComfortInn	February 8 th , 6:00 p.m.
	& Conference Center	
KC State Convention	Rochester.....	May 17-19, 2002

In Memoriam

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

- Donald Kehoe - Father-in-law to Kevin Coughlin, passed away November 20, 2001.
- Edward G. Zdzinicki - Brother-in-law to John Kalwasinski, passed away November 21, 2001.



Light Up For Christ

Submitted by Jim Buntrock



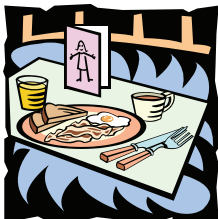
On Wednesday, December 5th, several K of C families, parishioners, and Embers children participated in the lighting of the Nativity Scene in the courtyard of the church. Father Tupper lead the short service with a song "Away in a Manger" followed by some prayers. Special thanks to past Grand Knight Jim Lehman who played Bishop St. Nicholas and made appearances to several different Embers classes. A thank you also goes to Carolyn Real for helping to coordinate Embers participation in this event.

Thanks also go out to Tom Sand, John Sand, Ken Lentz, and Kurt Lentz for setting up the Nativity set.

Welcome New Knights

We held a First Degree ceremony prior to the November General Council Meeting. We had 12 new Knights participate in this ceremony and join our council. They were Timothy Burriss, Kevin Hafner, Paul Klugherz, Zenon Kuzyk, Ken Lentz, Daniel Moulton, Patrick Schmitt, Paul Schneider, Randy Shelerud, Tom Suther, Lawrence Swantko, and Robert Taraba.

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.



Pancake Breakfast

Submitted by Brad Brech

The Holy Spirit Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on December 16, 2001. The date moved to the 16th due to a conflict with the breakfast at the other council. In addition to the great breakfast, we will also be selling Holy Spirit Christmas Ornaments for holiday decorating, and Holy Spirit hats. All funds raised go toward Holy Spirit Church, school, and community. Thanks for your support. If you can work a shift, please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229. Let him know if the early or late shift works better for you.

Holy Spirit Hats

Submitted by Jim Decker

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Holy Spirit hat! Holy Spirit Caps are available at a discounted sale price of \$ 10.00. They would make a great Christmas gift. The Knights will be selling these caps at the Pancake Breakfast on December 16th or you can order a cap anytime from the Knights. If you have any specific questions on the Cap Sale or would like to order a Holy Spirit Cap call Jim Decker at 282-5227.



Interfaith Hospitality Network

Submitted by Jim Buntrock

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a nationwide homeless family program that started in Rochester last February. Each parish houses up to 14 guests for one week. During the daytime the guests attend the Day Center at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

During the week of Christmas, December 23 - 30, Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting IHN families. Each evening we need one man and one woman to volunteer to stay overnight at the church. Overnight volunteers arrive around 8:30pm and stay until 7:00am. Other volunteer activities include meal preparation, transportation, and fellowship. Thank you so much to all the Knights who have already done so much to help these families. If you would like to volunteer contact Martha Buntrock at 252-9554 or stop by the IHN sign up in the Narthex.



School Storage

Submitted by Brad Brech

Based on the current construction timetable, this project will be in late December or January. The deal for doors for the storage closets fell through. Therefore, we will be using the doors currently on Father and Mary Margaret's offices when we take down the office walls. We will have to buy two additional doors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229.

Rochester Catholic Schools - Knight of Columbus 2002 Tuition Scholarship Banquet

Submitted by Mike Madden

The 2002 Banquet is planned for February 8, 2002 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center. The Social Hour starts at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00, followed by Entertainment and Dancing at 8:30. The cost is \$40/person or \$75/couple.

Science Fair

Submitted by Brad Brech

We are waiting to here back from the Faculty at school on the date and final format for the Science Fair at school. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brad Brech at 282-5229.



Activity Director Reminder

Submitted by Brad Brech

This is a reminder to all activity directors and event chairs to submit a short report on any activities to Brad before you forget what happened, and how much time was involved. Pictures are also very welcome. These will be used for building the council scrapbook for the Spring Convention.

Minnesota Knights of Columbus Website

The Minnesota Knights of Columbus website can be found at www.mnknights.org.

Christmas Preparation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
In which the Son of God was born
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight,
in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[hear mention your request]
through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

November General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes for the General Council Business Meeting held November 8, 2001.

Submitted by Greg Kapraun

A First Degree was held beginning at 7pm.

The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Grand Knight called the meeting to order at 8:10.

The new 1st Degree members introduced themselves, including a brief description on where they work, and told of their lovely (precious) wives and families. Welcome to all these new members!!

Paul Schneider, Jeff Swantko, Kevin Hafner, Randy Schelerud, Paul Klugherz, Tim Burriss, Bob Taraba, Zen Kuzyk, Pat Schmitt, Ken Lentz, Tom Suther, and Dan Moulton.

The Roll of Officers was called. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Recorder, Warden, Advocate, one Guard, and two Trustees were present. The District Deputy was also present.

Minutes from the previous meeting, October 11th, were approved.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight's Report: Mike Madden

Mike reported the following:

1. Several Thank yous were passed around for activities that the Knights recently supported.
2. If there are events that the Knights participate in, please record these and get them to Mike or Brad so we can include in our annual report.
3. We have an opening for Lecturer; if anyone would be interested in this please contact Mike.

Treasure Report: Bill Oertli

1. Covered in Financial Secretary report.

Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Jim went through the monthly expenses. The expense of new caps for sale was the biggest item.

Director's Reports

Program Director – Brad Brech

1. Brad spoke about the Roses for Baptism procedures with the sign-up in the back of church. If no one is ready to present the rose when Father is presenting the second symbol, please step up and present the rose. Thank you.

Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

1. Light up for Christ. There is a possibility we cannot do this with the Embers group this year due to different schedule. There are two Embers groups, one early and one late. There is a possibility we can do the Nativity lighting between the groups. If we can, the lighting will be on December 5th. We also need a volunteer to be Saint Christopher for that evening.
2. Interfaith Hospitality needs men to sign up for an overnight stay at Holy Spirit one evening during the Christmas Holiday week. Any Knight who would like to volunteer, please contact Jim Buntrock or watch for the sign up sheets in the back of Church about 2 weeks before the event.

Community Activities Director – Open

1. We are still looking for someone to take on this directorship. If you would like to help, contact Brad Brech or Mike Madden.
2. This director oversees the things we do for the community like helping Catholic Charities with the movement of furniture items.

Council Activities Director – Tim Tracy

No Report.

Family Activities Director – Tom Dube

No Report.

Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley

1. A campfire was held at Paul's farm for the 6th – 8th grade Embers students. It was on Thursday, November 1st from 6:30 – 9pm. Approximately 25 kids attended.
2. Keep your eyes peeled for the Free Throw shooting contest. This contest is for 10-14 yr olds. It will be held near the end of January. We need about 8 volunteers to support registration and basket counting.

Membership & Recruitment Director – Ron Schmerbach

1. Ron went through the membership signup list and the Get to Know a Knight.
2. Our membership quota for the year has already been achieved. Great Job - John and Ron!
3. The Get to Know Knights for this month are Kevin Hafner and Paul Klugherz.
4. Ask a fellow Catholic Man to join the brotherhood of the Knights.

Old Business

1. Golf Tournament – Jeff Block

A thank you letter from the Red Cross was received for our donation.

2. Storage Area – Brad Brech

Cabinets to be added in the commons area. Need to get this project completed hopefully before Christmas. If you would be interested in jump-starting this project, please volunteer.

3. Science Fair - Brad Brech

Meeting held with teachers. Going to build it into a Humanities Fair that is targeted towards each Grade level curriculum (Art, History, Science, etc.) Will need help with event, judges, etc. The Fair will probably run in the afternoon and evening for the school kids to see each other's projects and for the parents to visit after school.

4. John Lawson - Jackets

If you are interested in coats please contact John for orders. Prices are \$110 for the heavy coat and \$59 for the lighter coat

New Business

1. Pancake Breakfast - Brad Brech

December 2nd is the next Pancake breakfast. Funds will be for general council activities.

2. Memorials - Eric Van Norman

Need a focal point volunteer for memorials or funerals to handle flowers, etc for members of Knight's families who have passed away. After some discussion it was decided that any Brother should contact the Grand Knight, Mike Madden, with information regarding fellow Knights and their families.

3. Craft Fair - Jeff Block

Craft fair needs some help to set up tables. (Done, thanks for the help!)

4. Christmas Anonymous– Frank Vondrashek & Jim Decker

- Frank spoke about the activities of Christmas Anonymous. He also went through a handout that contained the list of activities where volunteers are needed. We especially need 'younger' men to help with set-up, teardown, and other carrying/lifting opportunities.
- Set-up dates December 6th and 7th.
- Gifts for over 500 families were provided last year.
- Saturday December 8th is the store day.
- Basket distribution for Seniors on December 2nd at Assisi Heights.
- Please be thinking about volunteering for this worthy event.

District Deputies Report

1. There is a Major Degree in Owatonna on November 18, 2001.
2. The next Major degree is currently being scheduled for the March time frame.
3. Ken Mueller met with several different councils and shared the different types of activities that other councils participate in.
4. District Basketball competition will be held in February. Holy Spirit will have their competition the end of January.
5. New council started at Resurrection Parish. Up to 35 members already. Congratulations!
6. The Knights State Convention will be held in Rochester in May 2002. Council 11460 is the host for this event.

Prayers for Special Intentions and the Good of the Order

In thanksgiving for the work of Father Tupper, Mary Margaret Yaeger, Mary Ann Doyle, Sister Jane and all the Holy Spirit Church and School Staff,

For those involved or affected by the September 11th tragedy, for all the rescuers, families, Armed Forces,

For Tim Tracy,

For Greg Uhlmann's son, Joseph,

Grand Knight Mike Madden offered a closing prayer.

The Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary were recited.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the

Connect with monthly meetings
Please come to the Next Council meeting
Thursday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m. (NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!)
Holy Spirit Room 212

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