



# The Knights Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## 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, Robert Taraba, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Chet Welle, Steve Wasz, and Michael Yaszemski.

Best Wishes to our fellow Brothers!



## Get-To-Know-A-Knight: Frank Vondrashek

Frank has lived in Rochester for 24 years, all of them working for IBM. Frank has been a Knight for 4 years. Frank and his wonderful and lovely wife Rose have been happily married for almost 15 yrs. Frank and Rose have a daughter Jenny who is 9 and a son Nick who is 11. Frank spends a lot of time with Christmas Anonymous and has had an opportunity to be a part of the Mentor Place Program with Saint Francis students. Thanks Frank for all the work you do for the Knights and the community.

## Calendar of Events

Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Library .....	Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Library .....	Thursday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas .....		Wednesday, December 25
Knights Flame Deadline .....		Friday, December 29
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God .....		Wednesday, January 1, 2003
New Years .....		Wednesday, January 1
Epiphany of the Lord .....		Monday, January 6
Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Library .....	Thursday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit Library .....	Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day .....		Monday, January 20

### Youth Bonfire Evening

*Submitted by Paul Daley*

An evening of games, hotdogs, roasted marshmallows, and campfire stories was held at our farm on Friday, November 8. The weather turned out to be wonderful. About 18 high school youth took part in the festivities.

Thanks to Bob Taraba, Dave Hubka, and some of the parents of the youth for helping make this successful.

### Light Up For Christ



*Submitted by Jim Buntrock*

On Wednesday, December 4, 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 prayers, and ending with the song "Silent Night". Almost 200 candy canes were distributed to the children present at the event.

Special thanks to Tom Sand, Larry Burgart, Jim Siglin (Larry's brother-in-law), and Jerry Dayharsh (Larry's friend) for helping setup up the nativity scene. Also, a thank you to Carolyn Real for helping to coordinate Embers participation in this event.

### Pancake Breakfast

*Submitted by John Lawson*

Our last pancake breakfast was one of our best ever. We had a great turnout of Knights and Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the breakfast plus matching funds from our council. We had such a large turnout that we ran out of juice and milk, and almost ran out of sausage and ham. Special thanks go out to Greg Kapraun and his boys, Alex and Kyle, Jerome Lensing, Eric Van Norman, and Jim Decker for coming early and opening up the kitchen. Thanks to Brad Brech who made sure we had all the supplies even though he was out of town for the weekend. Extra thanks also to Larry Burgart and his son Tim for staying until the end of cleanup. We even trained in a new cook - Gary Miller. Thanks for flippin' the flapjacks!



Congratulations to the Boy Scouts on a great job at the pancake breakfast. With their work and great crowds, we will be able to present a check for \$1100 to the troop including the matching money. Thanks to all the Knights that helped out.



### Caroling at Mayo Cancer Center

*Submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg*

The hospital cancer patient Christmas caroling event will be December 10, starting with a group gathering in room 2-2, located on second floor on the west end of the Eisenberg Building of Rochester Methodist Hospital at 6:15 PM. The group will then be escorted to the cancer floors of the hospital, singing in 5 separate areas. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures at the end of the evening, and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of caroling (approximately 8:15 PM). All Knights and their families are welcome.

### Knights of Columbus Jackets

*Submitted by John Lawson*

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Knights of Columbus quilt lined nylon jacket or wool jacket. Both are navy with gold trim, the Holy Spirit School colors. The jacket includes your name and small KC logo on the chest. A large embroidered KC logo on the back is optional. More information will be available at the council meetings or you may call John Lawson at 289-7006.



## WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN!

We are looking for a few individuals who are willing to help out with several roles within the council. If you are interested in helping with any of these jobs please contact Mike Madden or one of the individuals mentioned below.

### Lecturer:

The role of the lecturer is to provide educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of the council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

### Membership Director:

The role of the membership director is to handle the membership and recruitment responsibilities of the council. The membership and recruitment are essential to continuing our active role in the parish and community. The responsibilities of Membership Director include: recruitment teams, retention, insurance promotion, membership drives, and helping the admissions committee, and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team. If you have any questions, you may also contact Ron Schmerbauch at 280-6259.

### Editor:

The editor is responsible for the monthly newsletter and keeping the council up to date on the council activities and accomplishments. The editor collects submissions and articles from the officers, directors, the council members, and sometimes even those outside the council. The editor also has the responsibility to update the membership list in conjunction with the financial secretary. If you have any questions, you may contact Eric Van Norman at 289-7755.

### Holy Spirit Hats

Here's your chance to show your spirit! Buy a Holy Spirit hat. More information will be available at the meeting or call Jim Decker at 282-5227.

### 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.

### Knights of Columbus Websites

The Minnesota Knights of Columbus website can be found at [www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org).

The International Knights of Columbus website can be found at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Check out these websites for the latest news and other items of interest.



## 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 14, 2002.

*Submitted by: Greg Kapraun*

The Deputy Grand Knight, Brad Brech, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

The Roll of Officers was called. The Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Recorder, one Guard, and the District Deputy were present.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved with one amendment.

No Form 100s were read for new potential members.

## Officer's Reports

### Grand Knight's Report: Brad Brech for Mike Madden

1. Thanks to Larry Burgart for another Great Spirit Run!

### Financial Secretary: Jim Decker

1. Jim passed out the monthly receipts and expense report. There were several receipts and several expenses associated with the Spirit Run.
2. Please get your dues in. See the November Knights Flame for those who need to get up to date. Send your dues to Jim at: 8418 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Rochester, MN 55901.



## Director's Reports

### Church Activities Director – Brad Brech for Jim Buntrock

1. Light up for Christ is Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> around 6 pm between the two sessions of Embers.

### Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley

1. The bonfire for youth went real well at the Daley farm. A total of 18 youth participated. Thanks go out to Paul Daley, Dave Hubka, and Bob Taraba. Thanks also go to Mary Ann Doyle for all of her help.

### Membership & Recruitment Director – Ron Schmerbach

1. We have 169 members plus 6 new members that puts us at 175 total members.
2. We had 6 new members go through the First Degree on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Welcome new members who joined our council. Please join us for the monthly meetings and volunteer for something that you would like to participate in.
4. Drawing winner was – Frank Vondrashek (on the second try!)
5. Ask a fellow Catholic Man to join the brotherhood of the Knights.
6. We will also need a new membership director as Ron needs to step down due to other conflicts.

## Old Business

### 1. Spirit Run - Larry Burgart

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the course and the run. Thanks to Tom Sand for a last minute course change. There are 4 groups to thank: the Knights, the HSA, the Boy Scouts, and the Holy Spirit Student Council. All the groups provided volunteers, cookies, and food. We were cleaned up and done by the time confirmation began that afternoon. A special recognition goes to our sponsors: Duane Price (brother Knight), Bill Oertli (brother Knight), Wells Fargo, and the Chafolias family.

Thanks especially to all the youth groups who helped out and any funds earned should be considered to be used for them.

### 2. Garage Project - Brad Brech

We still need someone to help plan/drive the Garage Project. If you would like to take on a good project please volunteer to head up the project and drive its completion. (Looks like we got a volunteer. Please stay tuned for helping on this project!)

## New Business

### 1. Boy Scouts – Larry Burgart

Larry mentioned that the Holy Spirit Council sponsored troop, Troop 110, has done a great job. They are very active and participate well in all of their activities. A motion was made to match the profits from the Pancake breakfast in November to increase the donation to the Boy Scouts. The motion was seconded. Discussion was made about a possible cap. The motion passed without a cap.

### 2. Painting Opportunity - Bob Taraba

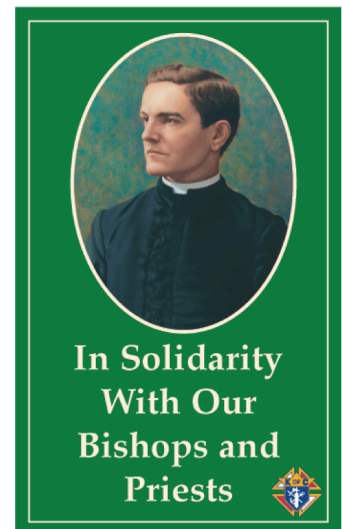
Bob asked if the Knights would be interested in helping paint the Narthex and Commons area. Paint would be provided. The Knights would need to bring some supplies, like trays, rollers, and ladders. Bob will talk with Sheri to see what weekend would work. Please stay in touch.

### 3. Sam's Club Donation - Steve Kunkel

The Knights of Columbus Council #11460 was presented with a \$1000 donation from Sam's Club. These dollars have been distributed to the Tootsie Roll Drive organizations including Possibilities, Hiawatha Homes Foundation, Arc Olmsted County, and Special Religious Education. Steve will try to put a note in the State newsletter so other councils might know of this program through Sam's Club.

### 4. Lourdes Donations - DeWayne Gallenberg

DeWayne asked about donations for the youth and activities at Lourdes High School. It was recommended that all three Rochester Knights of Columbus councils get together to support requests. We are certainly open to any petitions for funds.



5. **Editor – Eric Van Norman**

Eric Van Norman is going to resign as editor with the March 2003 newsletter being his last.

6. **Job Openings - Eric Van Norman**

There are various job openings in the council: Lecturer, Membership Director, and Editor. Eric will put a section in the newsletter asking for any interested individuals to step forward.

7. **Field Agent - Steve Winkels**

Steve will be servicing Holy Spirit Council with the insurance and other financial needs. He can be reached at P.O. Box 911 Faribault, MN 55021 or at 507-333-2977. He provided several brochures on the different types of benefits available to the Knights. You have many benefits as a Knight that you may not be aware of. Steve went through several of the outstanding numbers including over \$1.3B of revenue as the Knights of Columbus. Much of this is through the income with insurance. Steve was thanked for coming.

8. **Christmas Anonymous -Frank Vondrashek and Jim Decker**

Jim passed some pictures around of the activities that occur during Christmas Anonymous.

Frank discussed what Christmas Anonymous was all about. It is a local Rochester, MN organization. The mission is to insure that needy people have a wonderful Christmas. It is not affiliated with any particular religious organization. Social Services select the candidate families.

- Seniors boxes of food and household materials (over 300 delivered each year)
- A virtual store set up downtown for participants to shop for their families. Many toys, both new and used, are provided. Clothing and household articles are also provided.
- Holy Spirit school is doing a penny war drive between the classes to support this worthy cause.
- Last year approximately 626 families participated in the virtual store.
- The donation center at Assisi Heights will be open Dec 2 thru Dec 7.
- The virtual store is open Saturday December 14.
- Finally Frank would like to extend a big Thank YOU for all the work and volunteers.

(Special Note: Holy Spirit students through their "Penny Wars" donated \$3450 to this years Christmas Anonymous – Great job kids! (Parents too!))

## District Deputies Report

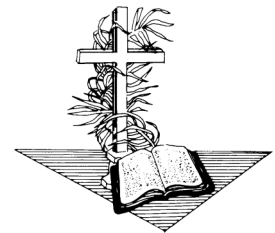
1. Ken Mueller presented council #11460 with the Star Council award for the 2001-2002 council year.
2. The mid-year report is due on December 20.
3. Free throw contest. Our kits have been ordered. Need to get Ken Mueller a date.
4. The 1<sup>st</sup> degree on the 7<sup>th</sup> had a very good turnout. Ken asked if Council 11460 could help replace some of the materials used during the degree program. Motion was made to approve \$100 to purchase supplies. The motion was seconded. The motion carried without opposition.
5. There is ongoing work on establishing a Spanish speaking Knights of Columbus council in Rochester. It will be based at one of the Parishes in town.
6. The next Major Degree will be March 10<sup>th</sup>. We need Council 11460 to get more members to complete their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

## 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,

Keep Teri Blanchard in our prayers, and  
For servicemen who are stationed around the world for our protection.

Deputy Grand Knight Brad Brech offered a closing prayer.  
The Lord's Prayer and a Hail Mary were recited.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.



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**Merry Christmas**

Connect with monthly meetings  
Please come to the next council meeting  
Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Spirit School Library

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