



# The Knights' Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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## Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

With the holiday season upon us, I know how busy it always gets no matter how we try and tame it. As Catholics, make sure you find the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and share that meaning with your family. Most of all, find the time to just quietly enjoy the spirit of Christmas with your family and friends.

Also, as we now have our new pastor, I want to again thank all those who found the time to help out with the painting and other cleaning to prepare the rectory for Father Don. If you have not yet met him, introduce yourself, I am sure he will appreciate it.

As this is the last newsletter of the calendar year, I would like to remind you of the three goals I set for the year: increased meeting attendance, 2 new activities/events, and getting more people to Third Degree (Full Knighthood). So far we have only made a slight improvement on meeting attendance, so we have some work to do there. In January, we will have a Chili / Chicken Booyah sale on Super Bowl Sunday, our first new activity. And now is the time for First Degree members to start planning for the next major degree to be held in Rochester, which will be on April 4th. Only you as a member can make these goals achievable.

Thanks to all who have or will participate at the December events: Pancake Breakfast, Light up for Christ Nativity lighting, Caroling at Methodist Hospital, and Christmas Anonymous. I hope you all enjoy the Holiday season with family and friends, and it is a safe and happy one for all. May God's Peace and Joy fill your Holidays.

Yours in Christ,

**Brad Brech**  
Grand Knight

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## Get-To-Know-A-Knight

Greg Kapraun is our council's Chancellor. Greg has been a member of our council since 1996, and a Knight since he was 18 years old. Greg has a lovely wife Sue and two sons, Alex who is in 5th grade, and Kyle in 3rd. Greg now has his pilot's license. Stop him sometime, say "hi", and ask him about flying and what a Chancellor really does.

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## Birthday Celebrations

We wish a very Happy Birthday to those Knights who have birthdays in December: Daniel Brossoit, Tom Dube, Dick Goetzman, Scott Johnson, Ken Lentz, John McGuire, Daniel Moulton, Roy Musselman, Bob Taraba, Tim Tracy, Brian Uhlenkamp, Todd Villeneuve, Frank Vondrashek, Stephen Wasz, Chet Welle, and Michael Yaszemski.

Christmas Anonymous.....	See Below.....	See Below
Pancake Breakfast .....	Holy Spirit School Gym.....	Sunday, December 7
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....		Monday, December 8
Officers' Meeting .....	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting .....	Holy Spirit School Library.....	Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
Caroling for Cancer Patients.....	Rochester Methodist.....	Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

## Past Events



### Thanks for Painting that Room! (and that one, and that one, ...)

*Submitted by Dave Dykstal*

A big "thank you" goes to Greg Rowekamp for coordinating the painting the rectory. Greg and crew painted 4 rooms in one evening with Greg doing the lion's share of the work. Helpers included Bob Taraba, Jeff Block, Dave Dykstal, and Steve Kluck. 7 gallons of paint were used. Hopefully the results will last for years to come.

Shown are Greg, Steve, and Jeff, cleaning up.

### Keep Christ in Christmas

*Submitted by Jim Buntrock*

Each year the Knights of Columbus supports the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is about Jesus Christ. To help deliver the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message, Knights of Columbus councils throughout the order are invited to conduct a ceremonial lighting of a nativity scene, sign, and/or Christmas tree. Holy Spirit's Light up for Christ has been partnered with the EMBERS program for the past several years with this year's ceremony held on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm. Over 300 candy canes were distributed to Ember students after the ceremony. Special thanks go to Embers Coordinator Carolyn Real and Holy Spirit's Knight of Columbus for hosting this year's event and Tom and John Sand for setting up the nativity scene in the church courtyard.

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Anonymous

*Submitted by Frank Vondrashek*

Looking for a different way to celebrate Christmas this year? Finding it hard to visualize the spirit of Christ in Christmas? Then consider helping out at one of the Christmas Anonymous activities below. All of these activities are very worthwhile and rewarding. I've been involved with Christmas Anonymous for 14 years now and look forward to it each year! To sign up for any of these, just give me (Frank) a call (281-3051) or e-mail me at [frankvo@attglobal.net](mailto:frankvo@attglobal.net).

- Dec 6, 5:30-7pm – UNLOAD TOY DRIVE TRUCK – We need 3-4 guys to help unload the truck of toys collected by the KTTTC Toy Drive.
- Dec 7, 1-4pm – BASKET LOADING – Help load food/gift boxes (baskets) into cars for delivery to seniors. This happens on Sunday in the afternoon at the Assisi Heights back parking lot. There are two shifts available, 1-2:30pm and 2:30-4pm.
- Dec 7-8 – BASKET DELIVERY -- Help deliver food/gift boxes (baskets) to seniors. Folks often ask me what activity they can do with their children, this activity is great for kids accompanied by father Knights! You start at Assisi Heights and sign up to deliver to 4-10 seniors, then load baskets in back parking lot and deliver throughout the city. Sunday from 1-4pm, Monday from 4-6pm
- Dec 8, 8am-Noon – MOVING TABLES & FOOD -- We need help transporting tables and food to Christ United Methodist Church. Most of the crew is made up of retired guys and any new blood is welcome!
- Dec 11-12, 8am-5pm – TOY STORE SET UP – Help unpack toys and set up our New and Used toy stores and other departments in need. No crowds and no pressure, just setting up toy displays/tables for the store.
- Dec 13 – TOY STORE ESCORTS – Help shop with parents of families during our "TOY STORE". Plenty of help is needed for this activity (Over age 16 only please). As usual, we've split this into overlapping shifts:

- 8am-11:30
- 10:30-1:30pm
- 12:30-4pm
- 3-5pm (Store Pack-Up, Loading/Unloading Trucks)

## **Toys for Tots**

*Submitted by Frank Vondrasbek*

TOYS FOR TOTS is a special partner with Christmas Anonymous in providing for a happy Christmas. This operation is run by the Marine Corp Reserve but is always in need of helping hands. Again, this activity is great for kids accompanied by father Knights! The task is to empty the toy barrels located at selected stores & other locations throughout the city. Then the toys are dropped off at Assisi Heights to be sorted. For the last few years I signed up for KMART, HyVee South and Toys-R-US just so I could make one pass and pick up from all three. This is as easy as it gets folks!! To sign up for this, please call Todd Egger of TOYS-FOR-TOTS (285-9059). This program runs from November 20<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

*Submitted by Brad Brech*

Sunday December 7th is the next pancake breakfast. During the breakfast we will be welcoming Father Schmitz. We also will be selling Christmas cheer, in the form of, yes, you guessed it, Christmas Balls. Come and support the Elizabeth Ministry, this event's beneficiary.

## **Caroling**

*Submitted by DeWayne Gallenberg*

Knights and their families are invited to join the holiday caroling party for cancer patients at Rochester Methodist Hospital. Carolers will meet at 6:30PM on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in Jester Hall, room S-79, in the Methodist Hospital subway. After caroling on the cancer units, refreshments will be served in Jester Hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance.

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# Council #11460 - November General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held November 13, 2003

*Submitted by Dave Dykstal*

- Grand Knight called meeting to order at 7:30 PM
- The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
- The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Financial Secretary, Warden, and one Guard were present.
- Previous meeting minutes were approved.
- No Form 100s were read for potential members

## Officer's Reports

### Grand Knight Report – Brad Brech

- No Report

### Treasurer – Bill Oertli

- No Report.

### Financial Secretary – Jim Decker

- Reviewed the financial report. Receipts of \$2,822.00. Payments of \$1,155.69 were made.
- Reviewed the new member withdrawal process received from the Supreme Council.
- Handed out the current roster for our Council.

## Director Reports

### Program Director – Dave Hubka

- No Report

### Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

- Light up for Christ will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> and coordinated with Embers as we did last year.

### Community Activities Director – Steve Kluck

- No Report

### Family Activities Director – Tom Dube

- No Report

### Council Activities Director – Pat McCarthy

- No Report

### Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley

- No Report

### Membership & Recruitment – Bob Taraba/Brad Brech

- Major Degree will be held at the end of November in Owatonna.
- We will be recruiting for new members on December 7<sup>th</sup> coinciding with the pancake breakfast.

## Old Business

- Larry Burgart presented a summary of the Spirit Run for this year. 160 people ran in the 10K and 5K races, with many kids participating in the 1K. A summary was given in the November newsletter. Many families participated. Folks always compliment on the great hospitality given by Holy Spirit. Thanks to the Rochester Track Club for equipment and setup; all the cookie bakers; Duane Price and Bill Oertli for their consistent sponsorship; the HS Boy Scout Troop; and Superior Screeners for the excellent work on the t-shirts. Next year the committee will be re-formed and will be on the job a bit earlier.
- Pancake Breakfast will be held December 7th. We are adding scrambled eggs to the menu and will adjust the prices slightly. We will be offering Christmas ornaments for sale at the breakfast.
- Help is needed for the yearly membership drive after Masses in the narthex on December 7th in coordination with the pancake breakfast. Men who aren't members of Holy Spirit can join, but we should not actively recruit outside of the parish or school.

- We continued the discussion on offering a "Chili and Booyah" sale for the Super Bowl. It was decided we could do this and moved the discussion of how to the December meeting.

## **New Business**

- Brad Brech reported that Council 1013 is hosting the 2005 State Convention here in Rochester. Brad has offered our council's help with volunteers and by taking them through what we did and what we learned from our experience.
- Brad reported that Cathy Nelson has requested the Knights to make breakfast for the Youth Choir at their appreciation event at the end of the year.
- Brad reported that Council 1013 will be moving their Friday Fish Fry from a monthly to a weekly schedule sometime soon. 12 people are needed to staff a meal and they've requested us to help. This would be a once a month commitment for our council, but potentially a very good fund-raiser. It was felt that we could not commit at this time, but we will investigate what we can do to form teams that could rotate through a schedule. Dave Hubka suggested that the parish may want to use this opportunity to help pay off the parish debt.
- Brad queried the interest in supporting an essay contest for Catholic School Week. We currently sponsor a contest for our 8th graders, but this would be bit different since it would involve more grades and done with the teaching staff. Topics are TBD, but would include School/Church and perhaps specific to HS School. Savings Bonds would be the awards. We will check to see if there is any teacher interest in this.
- Frank Vondrashek gave a report on this year's upcoming Christmas Anonymous and Toys for Tots drives. See the newsletter for details.
- Frank reported that the Men's Choir will be singing on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the 9:30 Mass.

## **District Reports**

### **Field Agent Report – Steve Winkels**

- No Report

### **District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs**

- No Report

## **Special Intentions**

- For Roxi who has bone cancer.
- For Amy who recently died in a car accident.
- For an uncle with cancer.
- For a mother-in-law with cancer.
- For an uncle who lost a leg.
- For an uncle who has Parkinson's disease.
- Recited the Lord's Pray and Hail Mary.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**We need YOU at council meetings!**

Our next meeting is  
Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Spirit School Library

**Christmas Anonymous  
Pancake Breakfast - December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Caroling - December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Keep Christ in Christmas!**

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