



The Knights' Flame



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Grand Knight Message

April has been an interesting month. We started it out with a Major degree, and ended with the Tootsie Roll weekend. Thanks to Steve Kunkel and his staff for all the work in organizing things, to all of you who participated, to all those who gave, and to God for the dry weather. All of the receiving charities really appreciate all of your efforts.

A few items for Spring activities have come in, and we are looking at them. You will hear more soon. We are looking for some volunteers to help out on the 2005 convention booklet. The best way to make the Knights more of what you are looking for, is to step up and help shape it. You can do this in many ways, but I will suggest 3.

- 1) Volunteer to help at an event BEFORE you receive a personal request.
- 2) Suggest a new activity to the council, and help make it happen
- 3) Stay connected by attending the monthly meetings.

If each and every Knight in our council just did 2 of the 3 items, we could ensure a growing and vibrant council. I challenge you to do your part in keeping our council vibrant.

Yours in Christ,

Brad Brech

Grand Knight

Are your dues paid??

If you have not returned your dues payment to Jim Decker, our Worthy Financial Secretary, please do so ASAP. Jim does a lot of work for the council, and we need to share the load by making tasks such as dues easier by responding promptly. Currently we have the longest list ever of people who have not paid their dues. Please deal with this ASAP.

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Gary Miller has been a Knight for about 6 years. He and his lovely wife Joyce have two daughters, one in 11th grade at Lourdes, and another now in 8th grade at Holy Spirit. Gary works at the Mayo Clinic.

Birthday Celebrations

May seems to be a light month for birthdays. We wish a very Happy Birthday to those Knights who have birthdays in this month: John Lawson, Mike McDermott, Glen Nelson, and Michael Ross.

Calendar

May Officers' Meeting..... Holy Spirit School Library..... Thursday, May 13, 7:00pm
May Council Meeting..... Holy Spirit School Library..... Thursday, May 13, 7:30pm
Pancake Breakfast..... Holy Spirit Gym..... Sunday, May 16

Pancake Breakfasts

Our next breakfast, and the last for this school year, is May 16th. If you can help out, please contact either me or Jerome Lensing. Thanks again to all that worked at the pancake breakfast in March. Please send me an email (mbrech@charter.net) or call 282-5229 if you can sign up to help.

Youth Choir 'Thank You' Celebration Lunch Held on April 25

Submitted by Dave Hubka, DGK

As a way to say thanks for all their hard work, we hosted a lunch for the Holy Spirit Youth Choir on Sunday, April 25, after their final time singing for this school year. The work crew prepared and served a delicious meal of chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh waffles. The kids enjoyed the great meal, the dads enjoyed working together as a team to make things happen, and it seems like a natural to continue this as an annual event. Thanks to the work crew of Dave Hubka (event chair), Pete Schommer (head chef), Paul Daley (KC Youth Director), Brad Brech, Pat Mulligan, Dan Moravec, Gordy Stockinger, Duane Nelson (special non-KC volunteer - or should I say future KC member?), Joe DiCecco, Lynn McMahon, Dave Loechler, and Dan Kennedy. Special thanks to Tom Dube for taking pictures of the event, and of the Youth Choir in action singing that day. See these on our web site since the copy machine doesn't quite do them justice.

Celebration Brainstorming after the May 13 Regular Council Meeting

Submitted by Dave Hubka, DGK

November 2004 will mark 2 important anniversaries – our council's 10-year anniversary, and the 1-year anniversary of Fr. Don joining Holy Spirit. Every 1-2 years we have a big celebration, and invite the parish to join us, and we haven't done this in awhile. Our initial thought is to plan something in the October/November 2004 timeframe, and center the event around these 2 special anniversaries. Dave Hubka and Pat McCarthy will hold an initial brainstorming meeting to solicit ideas and kick off the event planning. This will be after the close of the regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, May 13 (in the Holy Spirit School library, somewhere around 8:30-9:00pm) – so mark your calendars now to attend the May meeting! All are welcome to join the brainstorming, with no commitment past then. But we are also hoping a couple more knights will step forward to form a committee to move this idea forward. If you have input and can't be at the meeting, contact Dave Hubka at dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090.

Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2004

Submitted by Jim Buntrock

Nichole Paladie and Shelly Kosiak, VBS Coordinators have requested help from the Knights of Columbus for setup and takedown for Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School. We will need about 7-8 knights for setup on Sunday afternoon, June 13th, 12:00-2:00pm. Also, we will need about 7-8 knights for take down on Friday, June 18th, 12:00-1:30pm. Over the past several years, the Knight's help in this event has been greatly appreciated.

If you can volunteer for either of these dates please contact Jim Buntrock. (Phone: 252-9554 or email: jbuntrock@charter.net)

Tootsie Roll Drive

See Steve Kunkel's excellent summary of the great job the Council did in raising money for those with mental disabilities!

We're Finally on the Web

Our council now has place on the Holy Spirit web site. The current and previous issues of the newsletter will be kept there as well as council officers, history, and current activities. Visit <http://www.holyspiritrochester.org/> and look for us under "Groups" on the left of the page. Let me (dykstal@acm.org) know of any corrections or things you like to see there. For those of you who signed up for the e-mail distribution of the newsletter, I will e-mail you a monthly reminder with a pointer to the newsletter page where you'll be able to download a PDF version of the newsletter.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

April 13, 2004 General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting held April 13, 2004.

Submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Deputy Grand Knight called meeting to order at 7:32 PM

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

The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight – Brad Brech, Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Hubka, Recorder, Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary, Jim Decker, Lecturer, Dave Rossman, Warden, Jim Buntrock, and Guard Steve Kunkel were present.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

No Form 100s were read.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight Report – By Dave Hubka

Thank-you noted from Mayo Clinic for Christmas Party, Friendship Venture for donation, Lourdes Color Guard for donation from Pancake Breakfast, and Ronald McDonald House for donation of food from Pancake Breakfast.

Treasurer – Bill Oertli – No Report

Financial Secretary – Jim Decker

March – April Receipts - \$1,424.75 with payments of \$3,275.32. Jim provided a list of membership that is past due to Steve Kunkel. If you have not paid your dues please do so. Steve will mention this to these members when he calls for Tootsie Roll weekend.

Director Reports

Program Director – Dave Hubka – No Report

Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock

VBS has asked for our help on June 13th to set up and June 18th to tear down. Call Jim Buntrock to help with this project.

Brought up the idea to go to a Twins game with the youth as well as the servers sometime in July. He will check on special events as well as talk with Steve Kluck about driving a bus.

Community Activities Director – Steve (Joe) Kluck – No Report

Council Activities Director – Dave Hubka

Discussed the Anniversary event for KC Council as well as Father Don's first year with the parish. There will be a committee meeting after the May meeting to discuss ideas. Please join to add your input. Talk to Dave Hubka or Pat McCarty if you would like to work on this project.

Family Activities Director – Tom Dube – No Report

Youth Activities Director – Dave Hubka

Discussed the Youth Choir Dinner after the 11:15 AM Mass on April 25th. Pete Schommer will be the chef with parents of the youth help. Tom Dube will take pictures.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka

Thank everyone who helped out at the Major Degree on April 4th. Our council had one person that completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees with 8 that completed their 2nd and 3rd Degree's. There were a total of 24 2nd and 3rd Degree's.

Newsletter Editor – Dave Dykstal

Still looking into a way to post the KC Newsletter on the Holy Spirit Web Page. Encouraged all to get their email addresses to him.

Old Business

Need help with the booklet for the 2005 KC Convention to be held in Rochester

Steve Kunkel discuss the building of the garage behind the school, we have designated \$4800 for the project. Would be great to find someone to help with the dirt work, cement work and electrical.

Steve Kunkel discussed the upcoming Tootsie Roll event, which is April 31st, May 1, and 2. We have added the Super America Stores on 37th and 55th street as well as Hobby Lobby. Calls will be made to all members to help with this major event for the council.

Pennies for Seminaries bottle will be open and moneys collect.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded to provide up to \$300 for a grill and cover for Father Don with the suggestion that there be a grill warming party with the KC!

Jeff Block brought a request from the school library for a donation to purchase books. Idea table for next meeting to look at what we have budgeted for items of this type.

Discuss a possible change for the July meeting, will still have a short business meeting with some sort of a social. Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Jeff Block discussed the upcoming Golf Tournament. Further details at the next meeting.

Brad Brech will discuss ideas with Rose Vondrashek to help out as Frank is battling cancer.

District Reports

District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs – No Report

Field Agent Report – Steve Winkels

Discussed a new program called "Alternative Benefit Option" that is available as a rider to all insurance policies. Call Steve for details. Mentioned the importance of members participation in the insurance program, the KC donate \$125 million a year to various charities. He also mentioned that we need 2 more insurance members to be Star Council.

Closing

Prayers for Special Intentions

Frank Vondrashek as he battles cancer.

Jeff Block's Father as he recovering from heart and hip surgery.

Ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM