



The Knights' Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. As we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, each of us gets caught up in the bustle of the commercial part of the season. Remember to sit back and take time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Maybe you can find a new family tradition that is done in honor of Jesus and the good works He brings into our lives. To help you on that path, bring the family and join us for the "Light up for Christ" event. Details are in the newsletter.

For those able to attend Mass on November 14th, I hope you enjoyed the Holy Spirit Knight's of Columbus 10th Anniversary celebration. As I noted in the announcement, we still want our council to grow. You can help in two ways. First, encourage someone to join, and be their sponsor. Second, if you are still a First degree Knight, join full Knighthood by attending a Major Degree celebration. I also want to thank all those who made the event a success. (Dave, Neil, Fr Don, Jerome, Bob, the Men's Choir, and all those who helped out with donut Sunday. Thanks also to our District Deputy, Berry Hobbs, for coming and supporting us. (He also helped us sign up a few new members!!)

On a solemn note, we learned that Father Louis Cook, a retired priest from the area died while working in the missions in Honduras. Please remember him in your prayers this Holiday season.

I received a thank you from Fr. Tupper, for the funds we sent him to help with flood relief. I will have it at the December meeting, but still wanted to pass his best wishes to all the Knights of Holy Spirit.

In closing, I again want to wish everyone and their families a safe, happy, and meaningful holiday season. As you see in this newsletter, we have several events coming and to be discussed, so please try and connect with the rest of your brother Knights at monthly meetings.

Vivat Jesus

Brad Brech

Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Dave Rossman was our lucky winner at the November meeting. Dave and his lovely wife Kristine have two grown daughters and four grandchildren. Dave is a charter member of our council and currently our lecturer. He is actively involved in two of our choirs at Holy Spirit. He is now retired from the city traffic department, but continues to ply his expertise on the Highway 52 project. He is an amateur beekeeper and occasionally offers honey for sale at the KC pancake breakfasts.

Birthday Celebrations

The following Knights have birthdays in December: Brian Uhlenkamp, Chet Welle, Dan Brossoit, Dan Moulton, Dick Goetzman, Frank Vondrashek, John McGuire, Ken Lentz, Michael Yaszemski, Bob Taraba, Roy Musselman, Scott Johnson, Steve Wasz, Tim Tracy, Todd Villeneuve, and Tom Dube. We wish them all a great birthday as we celebrate the birthday of our Savior. Thanks for being a Knight and a member of council 11460.



Calendar

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| Officer's Meeting | Holy Spirit School Library | Thursday, December 9, 7:00pm |
| Council Meeting | Holy Spirit School Library | Thursday, December 9, 7:30pm |
| Christmas Anonymous Activities | See Article and Insert | First two weeks of December |
| Light Up for Christ! | Holy Spirit Courtyard | Wednesday, December 8 |
| Christmas Anonymous Store Day | Christ United Methodist | Saturday, December 11 |
| Booyah Orders | Narthex | After Masses, January 22 and 29 |
| Free Throw Competition | School Gym | Monday, January 30, 6:30pm (tentative) |
| Booyah Cookin' | Kitchen | Friday, February 4 |
| Booyah Delivery | Commons | After Masses, February 6 |
| Major Degree | Winona | Saturday, February 26, 2005 |
| Major Degree (mark your calendars now!) | Rochester | Sunday, March 20, 2005 |
| Tootsie Roll Drive | | April 29 -- May 1, 2005 |

“Souper Bowl” Sunday

We are starting to plan the Booyah event for Super Bowl Sunday. We will be taking orders on both Jan 22nd and Jan 29th, after the morning masses. We will prepare the Booyah on February 4th, and distribute it on Feb 6th after the morning masses. If you want to help with any of the slots, please let Brad know (MNBRECH@CHARTER.NET or 282-5229).

Big Thanks To The Men's Choir

Neil Stiller

Thank you to everyone who sang for the November 14th Mass. We overcame the usual efforts to coordinate rehearsal schedules, and learned some new and challenging music. I received many, many expressions of appreciation and praise for the quality and special atmosphere that we, as men, bring to the music liturgy. I am not speaking of showmanship, but of the example of leadership and active participation that we, as husbands and dads, as Knights, as involved parishioners, make when we work together to lead the music of the Mass. It is also noticed when we regularly participate with the other music groups throughout the year. I applaud and encourage all Holy Spirit men who share their time and talents by singing or playing a musical instrument for the parish. Well done, men.

Men's Choir To Sing At KC State Convention

Once again, you are invited to join the Men's Choir when we sing on May 22nd at the Knights of Columbus State Convention mass at St. John's church. I am also working with Cathy Nelson to organize music for another mass at Holy Spirit this winter. Rehearsals, music planning and such have not been organized yet for either event, but will happen in the next couple months. We look forward to having you sing or play an instrument. Please contact Neil Stiller (252-9678) or Frank Vondrashek (281-3051) for more information.

Free Throw Championship Dates

It's nearly time again for our annual free throw competition. We have set Sun. Jan. 30th at 6:30 p.m. as the tentative date pending confirmation with the school for use of the gym. The district and regional dates have also been set. Sun. Feb. 13th the district competition will be held and Sunday, Feb. 20th the region competition will take place. Both will be held at Lourdes beginning at noon. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14.

Christmas Anonymous and Toys for Tots

Christmas Anonymous would especially like help on the Store Day, Saturday December 11 at Christ United Methodist Church. We are always in need of folks to escort families. There are 3 shifts available. Please contact Frank Vondrashek (281-3051) if you can help.

In addition to the many opportunities to lend a hand with Christmas Anonymous, another group is in need of help this year. Toy-for-Tots is again looking for volunteers to help with pick up at various stores and locations around town between now and December 24th. This is very easy work but means stopping every couple of days and bringing toys to a central location to be sorted. If interested, please contact Todd Egger at 273-7938

Christmas Anonymous Needs New Board Member

If you are interested in becoming an active member on the Christmas Anonymous planning board, please contact Frank Vondrashek. It is not as much work as you might think since it's a very active group already. Frank needs use some help filling a few roles. This is a great opportunity to get involved in an extremely worthwhile community and Christian event.

Light Up for Christ!

As part of the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Campaign, Light Up For Christ is a national event traditionally held the first Tuesday of December. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the order are invited to throw the switch and officially light a nativity scene or Christmas tree. This year Holy Spirit's Light up for Christ event has been paired with our celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. We'll begin at the Church on the evening of December 8th at 6:15 with the Rosary, followed by the nativity lighting at 6:45 near our new sign at the northeast corner of the property, and then Mass at 7:00. Knights, their families, and parishioners are all welcome to attend this event.

Major Degree Ceremonies

All current 1st degree members should plan to eventually participate in the 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonials. Do it this year and put it behind you! It's a one-time commitment, and definitely worth the time. The 2nd/3rd degrees planned in the nearby area are listed above in the Calendar. Please mark the local Rochester one on your calendar now. And if you have a conflict then or would otherwise like to attend the ones in Owatonna or Winona instead, please contact Brad Brech, Dave Hubka, or Bob Taraba.

MN Knights Offer Student Loans

Did you know that the Minnesota Knights of Columbus has a student loan program for family members? The max each year is \$2500, total of \$12,500. Interest rate is low, and is interest is deferred during school. For more information and application forms contact:

Minnesota Knights of Columbus
Student Loan Fund, Inc.
PO Box 126
Belle Plaine, MN 56011
dayly.daly@frontiernet.net
(952) 873-2213

Words From The Lecturer

Dave Rossman - 282-5316

The topic of Mens retreat this year will be "Who Do You Say I Am?" It sounds like an appealing and non-threatening topic. It is offered January 14-16, January 21-23, and February 4-6. Let me

know if you are interested in any of these three dates. You may come back talking about the food or about the view from your bedroom window, but you will come back changed in a positive manner, right down to your bones. Try it once to see if I am right.

Get Your Newsletter By Email

David Dykstal

Again, as always, the current and previous issues of the newsletter will be kept on our web site as well as council officers, history, and current activities. I try to add a little something new each month so it doesn't stay too static. Visit <http://www.holyspiritrochester.org/> and look for us under "Groups" on the left of the page. Let me know of any corrections or things you like to see there. Each month I will email those who signed up for e-mail distribution of the newsletter a monthly reminder with a pointer to the newsletter page.



Knights of Columbus Council #11460

November 11, 2004 General Business Meeting

Submitted by David M, Rossman, Council Lecturer

Opening

Grand Knight Brad Brech called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Narthex of Holy Spirit Parish. There were 15 members present at the start of the meeting and 3 additional members join in later on. Brad led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the October 14th meeting were printed in the November newsletter and were approved as printed. No new applications were read.

Officer's Reports

The Financial Secretary presented income and expense reports for October and November 2004, which were reviewed by those present and approved. He also issued a report of those members who are still delinquent of year 2004 dues. And a clarification was discussed concerning a donation to a seminarian, and how to get the money to the young man.

Directors Reports

Membership Director: Bob Taraba discussed the 10th Anniversary event, the membership drive currently in process, and a brief discussion about getting the history information out to potential members.

Church Activities Director: Jim Buntrock reported that the Nativity Scene would be erected again this year. The group expressed interest in having it at the NE corner of the parish property, regardless of the risk of potential vandalism. The event will be on December 8th and will include a Rosary, procession and Mass. A brief discussion about the old Christ in Christmas sign followed.

Community Activity Director: Steve Kluck - no report.

Council Activity Director: the wall area for Council 11460 awards will be worked on after the meeting and general members are requested to have a picture taken for the web site.

Family Activities Director: Tom Dube - no report.

Youth Director: Paul Daley talked about the annual free throw contest, which will include school Phy-ed classes to expand the interest.

Old Business

- The history of our council will be available on the Web site, and possibly in the church bulletin.
- Larry Burgart discussed the recent "Spirit Run" that was a huge success, and he received a round of

applause from everyone for his efforts. Larry thanked all that helped especially the sponsors and the Boy Scouts. Larry said he has extra Tee shirts for those interested.

- Dave Hubka discussed the 10th Anniversary event, which includes the men's choir singing at 2 masses, a general announcement after Mass and free donuts.
- The Council still has some Christmas Tree ornaments available.
- Brad is proceeding on the preparation work for the 2nd annual Chile and Chicken Soup sale on super bowl Sunday. He is authorized to purchase 2 pots for making the soups.
- A donation of \$500 to the parish was approved to be used for purchase of Bibles for the Religious Education classes.

New Business

- Frank Vondrashek gave a very thorough and interesting presentation on the Christmas Anonymous organization that he and many of our Knights are active in. A volunteer sign-up sheet was routed for members to help deliver small appliances to Group Homes, food baskets to seniors, or to work in "The Store". The group annually helps over 600 families with gifts of bikes, clothing, toys, sundries and sports gear. It is supported strongly by the Kiwanis, the Marines and the Boy Scout organizations.
- A motion was approved to fund a Christmas lunch for the parish staff.
- A motion was approved to offer free pancake breakfast tickets to the Religious Education Teachers.
- Larry Burgart presented information about the desire to establish a Legion Baseball team at Lourdes High School. They need a sponsoring organization and funding. Look for more information in the next few months.
- The Holy Spirit School newsletter is looking for a blurb from the parish Knights of Columbus.
- The Giving Tree committee is looking for a contact with the council for hauling of large items. As is the LHS auction committee.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand knight.



2004 Christmas Anonymous

Rochester students and the community form the backbone of the Olmsted County Christmas Anonymous Program. Volunteers are necessary to make the program work. Contributions of toys, clothing, etc., **must be in before the December 11th, 2004 store date.** Money may be contributed anytime before Christmas.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas!

Nov. 29 - Dec. 4

DONATION CENTER at Assisi Heights
Mon. - Fri. 8am - 4pm and Sat. 9am - Noon

Dec. 4

KTTC TOY DRIVE at KTTC Television
Sat. 9am - 5pm

Dec. 4

PACK SENIOR BOXES at Assisi Heights
1pm - 3pm

Dec. 5 - 6

SENIOR BOX PICK UP and DELIVERY at Assisi Heights **
Sun. Noon - 3pm and Mon. 3pm - 6pm

Dec. 6

FOOD and TABLE MOVE IN at Christ United Methodist Church
9am in the East Parking Lot.

Dec. 6 - 7

FOOD BOX PACKING at Christ United Methodist Church **
6:30pm - 9pm at Wesley Hall

Dec. 9

BRING IN MERCHANDISE at Christ United Methodist Church
9am until finished

Dec. 9 - 10

SET-UP at Christ United Methodist Church

Dec. 11

STORE DAY at Christ United Methodist Church **
Escorts to take families shopping (Must be at least 15 years old)
Escorts (3 shifts) 8am - 11:30, 10am-1 :30pm, 12:30pm-4pm
Clean-up 3pm - 5pm

THE NEED IS GREAT! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!

Thank you,
Phone: 285-3940