



The Knights' Flame



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Grand Knight Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the Lite Night on February 2nd. It appeared that everyone in attendance had a great time. Congratulations to the new members of our council that made their first degree right before Lite Night started. Thanks to everyone that helped put the night together.

I am writing this on Sunday night after the pancake breakfast and Ring Rosary distribution. We received many positive comments on the Rosaries. If you would like one but did not get one this weekend, we will have some at the next council meeting. It's not often you get a second chance in this world.

One last time for me to remind our First Degree Knights that to be a full Knight you need to attain Third Degree. **The next major degree in Rochester is March 20th.** I hope we have enough of a turnout to warrant a special 11460 celebration after the event. (A toast to new Third Degree Knights will be in order!) Also, we are going to arrange a bus trip to a TimberWolves game. We are looking into this, but possible dates are April 6th or 8th. Everyone attending the Major Degree will get preferential seating if they go, and any NEW Third Degree Knights will receive a significant discount on the cost of the bus trip and game ticket. More on the importance of the Major Degree in another article in this newsletter.

May 20-22 is the state Convention here in Rochester. Please think about being available to help Council 1013 with some manpower, and consider attending parts of the event.

In April we will be having our Tootsie Roll drive. Start getting those warm and comfortable shoes ready.

Vivat Jesus

Brad Brech

Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

No drawing was held in February due to the Lite Night. GTKAK will return in April with our March winner.

Birthday Celebrations

The following Knights have birthdays in March: Gary Benike, Jim Buntrock, John Devlin, Chris Guibert, Steve Hansen, Bernard King, Greg King, Dave Loechler, Steven Loehr, William Medlyn, Jim Owens, Duane Price, Jim Rogers, Andrew Streit, Kent Thielen, Ken White, and Raymond Wiest.

If you should run into any of them, please wish them a Happy Birthday!

"Souper Bowl" Sunday

Thanks for everyone that helped. We were able to raise over \$400. We also gave each of the Church staff a container of soup, as well as delivered soup and chili to the 41st Street fire house as a little thanks for all their help, especially since we woke them up a few Sunday mornings!

Pancake Breakfasts

The February 27th proceeds will go to the Lourdes Senior Party. Our next breakfast was scheduled for March 20th, but we will be rescheduling it because of the conflict with the Major Degree.



Calendar

Officer's Meeting	School Library	Thursday, March 10, 7:00pm
General Meeting	School Library	Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm
Major Degree (mark your calendars now!)	Rochester	Sunday, March 20
Tootsie Roll Drive		April 29 -- May 1

Why Become A Third Degree Knight?

Berry Hobbs, District Deputy



Fr. Steven Peterson, Pastor of St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley and Chaplain of St. Ignatius Council 13609, was exemplified on February 26th, and following the degree, he said, "Today was so incredible. I am so glad that I attended this major degree and was knighted a member of the third degree. I was truly

impressed by the lesson taught to one and all. It is a journey that is truly worthwhile for one and all, and all who are knights should complete this wonderful journey."

Many of you in the Holy Spirit Council are still members of the 1st Degree. Let me encourage all of you who have not yet achieved the 3rd Degree to make every effort to attend the major degree that will be soon held here in Rochester. Receiving the 3rd degree is one of those days in one's life that will be remembered forever; it is a day where one receives the fullness of true knighthood in our Order. Please consider attending this degree, and I assure you that it will be time very well spent.

On March 20th, Palm Sunday, a Major Degree will be held here in Rochester at Lourdes High School. The first degree will begin at 11:00 am, 2nd degree at 12:00 pm, and 3rd to follow. Please take the time to make contact with Dave Hubka, Robert Taraba, Jim Decker, or Jerome Lensing. They will be more than glad to assist you in making the necessary preparations for the upcoming degree.

Vivat Jesus!

Berry Hobbs, DD 37

Words From The Lecturer

Dave Rossman - 282-5316

The following Knights are commended for their participation in the Parish Envision Process on Saturday February 26, 2005: Dan Broisset, Tim Burris, Dick Goetzman, Gaylan Grad, Dave Hubka, Jerome Lensing, Bob Loechler, Steve Nowakowski, Phil Oliveto, Dave Rossman, Greg Rowekamp, Frank Vondraschak, Chet Welle, and Ken White.

There was about 105 people there which represented about 1 in 20 of the parish adults.

These 15 Knights represented about 1 in 10 of the parish Knights. This helps support the theory that men who are Knights tend to be more active in the parish than the average men.

Men's Choir

Dave Hubka

Some of you are members of the Holy Spirit Men's Choir, but others are not. I would like to invite any of you who have ever thought of joining to consider joining us now for the following events in May 2005. And for those who sing with us just occasionally, please make a special effort to join us this time around, as we would like to have an especially strong Men's Choir for this. (And if you have been considering asking someone you know to join the choir, now would be a wonderful time!)

The Holy Spirit Men's Choir has been honored with an invitation to sing at the closing Mass for this year's Knights of Columbus State Convention, being held this year in Rochester. It is still months away so the details could change somewhat, but current plans are for the closing Mass to be at 11:00 on Sunday, May 22, 2005, at the Kahler Hotel in downtown Rochester. Bishop Harrington is planning on being there, along with the many clergy who attend the convention. The families of the folks in the music group are welcome to attend this Mass. We will also be inviting the men and boys from the Holy Spirit Youth Choir to join us.

Many of you may also be aware that Cathy Nelson will be on an extended vacation May 22 – June 20, and she was in great need of music groups to cover the Masses at Holy Spirit during her absence. The Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses on May 29 – the Sunday following the KC State Convention. The thought here was that we could do much the same music for these two Sundays, thus helping out on May 29 without needing extra practices. While we don't expect everyone who sings with us at the KC State Convention Mass will be able to join us for both Masses on the following Sunday (especially since it will be Memorial Day week-end), we are still hoping to get a good turn-out for these Masses.

So, please plan to join us! Mark your calendars for May 22 and May 29. Please send an email to me (dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or call me (282-6090) so we can start getting a count of the number who plan to be a part of this. Please indicate whether you can join us for all three Masses, or which ones. And if you would like to share your ability to play a musical instrument, please indicate the specifics of that.

More news will be forthcoming when the music is selected and the practice schedule is set.

Youth Choir End-of-Season Thank You Celebration on April 24

Dave Hubka

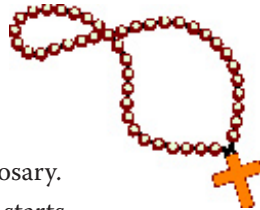
The Holy Spirit Youth Choir will sing for the final time of the season at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, April 24, 2005. Immediately following that Mass, we will be serving them a

lunch as a “Thank You” for all their efforts. Format and menu will be similar to last year. Once again, Pete Schommer will be head chef, and for the pool of workers I plan to primarily ask the KCs who have a daughter or son in this year’s Youth Choir — but I’ll gladly accept other volunteers as well. We’ll need some workers to start food preparation right after the 8:00 Mass is over that day, and then we will need many more workers to help serve and clean-up. I’ll be calling for workers shortly after Easter, but if you know now you would like to sign up to help, please send me an email (dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or call me (282-6090) and mark your calendar!

The Rosary, A Contemplative Prayer

Dave Dykstal

To help us use those nifty finger rosaries we just received here is a brief excerpt from the Apostolic Letter *ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE* and a quick reference to the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary.



The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary’s own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: “Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: ‘In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words’ (Mt 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed”

The Joyful Mysteries are usually said on Mondays and Saturdays. These are the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation, and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

The new Luminous Mysteries are usually said on Thursdays. These are the Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.

The Sorrowful Mysteries are usually said on Tuesdays and Fridays. These five mysteries are the Agony of Jesus in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion.

These five Glorious Mysteries are usually said on Wednesdays and Sundays: the Resurrection, the Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption, the Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

Everyone knows that March 17th is Saint Patrick’s Day, but its also the feast day of St. Jan Sarkander. St. Jan was born on December 20, 1620 in Silesia, a district of Austria, and educated at Prague. He was ordained in 1607 and served in various parishes, defending the faith against the Hussites, a collection of then heretical sects that had its roots some 200 years earlier in a reform begun by Jan Hus. In 1618, at the start of the Thirty Years’ War, the Protestants seized the local government. Two years later, Jan was taken prisoner at Olmutz and was tried by the Hussites. He was racked and tortured and died on March 17. He was canonized in 1995 by Pope John Paul II.

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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:

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January Meeting Minutes

The minutes to the January Meeting are in the February newsletter and available on our web site.

**Don't miss the opportunity to become a 3rd degree Knight on March 20th.
Contact Dave Hubka or Bob Taraba today!**