



The Knights' Flame



Holy Spirit Council #11460, Rochester, MN

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Grand Knight Message

I start this message with a prayer for Pope John Paul II and the Catholic Church, as it deals with the loss of someone very special. He is the only Pope most of our children have known, so as the funeral and Papal election process take place, discuss the process with your family. It is all part of our Catholic faith and tradition, and it is important to discuss it with our children as they grow as Catholics. If there are questions you can't answer, I am sure Father Don will be glad to be of assistance. Also, consider participating in the Novena that Father Don mentioned in Mass this weekend.

I hope everyone enjoyed spring break and had a wonderful Easter. You will be hearing soon about helping with the Tootsie Roll drive. Please help Steve out with this task. Thanks to all that attended or helped at the Major Degree. We had a good turnout for our council. I kind of dropped the ball with everything going on, so I am not sure about the TimberWolves game. More to come on this.

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. If you have any specific questions, contact Jeff Bagniewski of Council 1013. His phone is 289-3145 and email is jpbags@charter.net.

As I come down to the final months of my term as Grand Knight, I have a major task in helping Dave get the new officer's positions filled, as well as our council directors. When I started my term I tried to make each of the council directorships a committee, with a lead person. This has spread the work out over several people, and now is the time to add some new faces to the committees. If you are interested in being on one of the council committees, please let Dave Hubka or I know.

Vivat Jesus

Brad Brech, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

We held two drawings in March for both March and February.

Our February winner is Rick Stevens. Rick is married to Grace who is a paraprofessional at Holy Spirit School. Rick and Grace have three children: Andrew, Dan, and Maria. Andrew and Dan are both attending college and Maria is at Holy Spirit. Rick plays violin and many times you will see him play with groups at Mass. He works at Mayo.

Our March winner is Eric van Norman. Eric and his lovely wife Mary have two children: Jonathan and Tommy, both at Century HS. Eric works at IBM and is mightily interested in radio. He is a member of both the IBM Radio Club and the Rochester Radio Club.

Birthday Celebrations

The following Knights have birthdays in April: Lynn Berning, Dennis Clark, Rick Dettinger, Greg Eaton, Jeff Fague, Charles Kroll, Pat McCarthy, Gary Moore, Ron Schmerbauch, Rick Stevens, and Jeff Huebert

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



Calendar

Officer's Meeting	School Library	Thursday, April 14, 7:00pm
General Meeting	School Library	Thursday, April 14, 7:30pm
Pancake Breakfast	School Gym	Sunday, April 17
Youth Choir Appreciation	School Gym	Sunday, April 24, after 11:15 Mass
Tootsie Roll Drive		April 29 -- May 1
State Convention	Kahler Hotel	May 20-22

Are You Paid Up?

Dave Dykstal

If you haven't paid your dues for this year give Jim Decker a call and get him the goods. Your dues fund activities and support at the Supreme level and provides seed money for our local projects.

If, like me, you're "to-do list challenged" and aren't sure you've paid, Jim will know. Give him a call at 282-5227.

We'll publish a quick reminder in the next newsletter for those folks still hanging out at that time.

Free Throw Championship Update

Paul Daley

Once again we had a participant from our council make it all the way to the State level. Kaitlyn Keefe from Chatfield won second place in the 12 yr. old girl category. The State competition was held March 20th at the Target Center before a Timberwolves game. This is Kaitlyn's second trip to State. She won the 11 yr. old girls category last year.

Congratulations Kaitlyn!

Tootsie Roll Drive

Steve Kunkel

The annual tootsie roll drive is coming up on the weekend of April 29-May 1. Last year our council raised about \$6,900 for the mentally handicapped. We will be calling soon, or you can call me, Steve Kunkel, at 289-5068. Please be generous with your time for this worthy funding raising event. As we did last year, we will be covering businesses from Friday afternoon to end of day on Sunday. We will also be covering masses at several churches. We will be covering the same businesses and churches as we did last year. This kept us pretty busy last year and promises to do the same this year.

From the District Deputy

Berry Hobbs

Brothers, since our last letter, much has happened. First, the Free Throw contests were a resounding success, and I want to thank Brother Paul Daley for his assistance.

The major degree was also a resounding success, and we must continue with our membership efforts. Brother Jerome Lensing and the Holy Spirit First Degree team were gracious enough to serve, and we want to express to them our deepest appreciation for a fine job.

We have just entered the Easter Season, and a couple of weeks ago, we had several new converts enter the church. Please take the time to visit with these men about becoming members of the knights of Columbus. They are ready to serve; all they need is you asking them to be a part of the Order.

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

Dave Hubka, DGK

The Holy Spirit Youth Choir will sing for the final time of the season at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, April 24, 2005. And immediately following that Mass, we'll 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 soon, 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!

Major Degree Held on March 20th

Dave Hubka, DGK

Our council had no candidates participating in the 1st Degree ceremony, but Jerome Lensing ran the 1st degree, and both Bob Taraba and Steve Kluck played a roles. Both Dave Dykstal and Chris Larsen were observers. 18 men went through the 1st degree.

At the 2nd and 3rd degrees, we had 8 candidates who did us proud: Tim Burriss, Galyn Grad, Chris Larsen, Glen Nelson, Andy Streit, James Henrikson, Dean Fox, and Jeff Huebert

As far as observers at the major degrees, we had Bob Taraba, Jerome Lensing, Dave Dykstal and Dave Hubka.

Why Would I Want To Observe A Major Degree?

Dave Dykstal

This last March 20th, I attended my first major degree as an observer having made my 3rd Degree several years ago. I found that I got far more out of attending this time than as a candidate -- which from what I hear is not unusual. The lessons taught are valuable the first time and repetition makes them all the more relevant. I would encourage anyone who is still a 1st Degree Knight to consider taking the Major Degree next year and I'd especially like to prod those of you at 3rd Degree to consider attending the Major Degrees as observers from now on. It was definitely an afternoon well spent.

Men's Choir News

Dave Hubka, DGK

A reminder that 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. Current plans are for the closing Mass to be

at 11:15 am 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.

And on the following Sunday, May 29, the Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses at Holy Spirit. There is a lot of overlap of the music we'll sing for the two Sundays, so one set of practices should do it.

Please plan to join us for both Sundays if possible – or only one Sunday if that is all your schedule permits. We would like a really good showing. So:

- regulars – we really need you!
- occasional singers – please consider joining us this time
- those who haven't given it a try yet – how about making this the time?
- dads of young men in the Youth Choir – we've invited them to join us – how about making it a dad and son event?
- all of you – consider inviting a friend to join us – no need to be a KC member to be a part of this

We will have 3 practices – 7:30 pm in the church on Sundays May 1, May 8, and May 15. Music will be provided then.

Please plan to join us! Mark your calendars for all five Sundays in May. If you haven't confirmed your participation, please send an email to me (dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or call me (282-6090) so we can get 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.

Thanks!

Words From the Lecturer

Dave Rossman

Men of Holy Spirit. Pay extra attention to some special announcements concerning Men's Study Groups being formed at Holy Spirit. Announcements about subjects and times will be released soon in the parish bulletin and at Mass.

I have noticed that men who are active in the Knights are about 100% more active in the regular parish activities, so keep it up a look for some educational enhancement opportunities

in the near future. Many of us have continuing education a requirement of employment or State Licenses. The same reason holds true for Catholic men. We need to participate in these parish educational opportunities when they are available. And, it is a good way to meet new friends, who happen to be parish members, and potential Knights.

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

Visit our Web Site

You can get to our Council's web site by going to <http://homepage.mac.com/daviddykstal/knights/>. There is a lot of good stuff there, including pictures from our latest events and the latest newsletters. Check it out today!

Little Known Saint Of The Month

David Dykstal

St. Pedro de San José Betancur was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Guatemala City on July 31, 2002. Pedro de Betancur is the first saint to have worked and died in Guatemala.

Pedro was born in the Canary Islands in 1619, but at 24 made his way to Guatemala. Pedro wanted to become a priest, but was extremely poor and had trouble in school. He tried the seminary in Guatemala City, but could not keep up with his studies and withdrew. In 1655 he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. After three years there he opened a hospital for the convalescent poor; a shelter for the homeless and a school for the poor soon followed. Not wanting to neglect the rich of Guatemala City, Pedro began walking through their part of town ringing a bell and inviting them to repent.

Other men came to share in Pedro's work. Soon they became the Bethlehemite Congregation, which went on to earn official papal approval after Pedro's death.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

March 10, 2005 - General Business Meeting

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting submitted by Jerome N. Lensing.

Opening

Deputy Grand Knight called meeting to order at 7:35 pm
The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were 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.

attend the Major Degree, will be opened up to the Parish.
Newsletter Editor – Dave Dykstal – No Report

Old Business

Major Degree at Lourdes – March 20th.

Pancake Breakfast – April 17th, Funds to go to students going on the Mission Trip.

State Convention – Brad read letter about person asking for support that is running for State Warden. Brad encouraged as member as possible to attend the convention. Saturday, Phil German's group will be providing the music with the Holy Spirit Men's Choir providing the music for the closing Mass on Sunday.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight Report – Brad Brech – \$100 has been provided for the annual Scholarship Banquet. Many good comments on the KC's providing finger Rosaries at all the Masses earlier in the month. Brad read a letter from Supreme that announce that Leroy Machulda has been a KC for 50 consecutive years – March 1, 1955. We will honor him at the upcoming 8 AM Sunday Mass. Congrats to Leroy!

Treasurer – Bill Oertli – No Report

Financial Secretary – Jim Decker

February 23 2005 Report – Receipts - \$698.00; Payments - \$931.85

March 10, 2005 Report – Receipts - \$2857.50; Payments - \$946.23

We will donate \$162.00 to Pennies for Seminaries. We have gained 3 member and need 2 more to meet our goal. We need 2 Insurance members to meet our goal.

New Business

We will provide the finger Rosaries at the upcoming Major Degree. We will be looking for KC's to run for officers for the next 2 years, here is your chance to part of the leadership team!

District Reports

District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs - New Council in Spring Valley has modeled their website after Holy Spirit's. Lite Night was an excellent event that provided fraternity in a social setting and a great way to introduce new members that went through the 1st Degree prior to Lite Nite. Thanks to Dave Hubka for allowing the Holy Spirit Men's Choir to participate in the closing Mass of the State Convention. Thanks to Paul Daley all the work that he did this year for the Free Throw Contest in the District. Discussed the importance of having all parts for all Degree's memorized as well as taking candidates to the Degree's. Thanks to Dave Hubka for his work on putting together information for the Columbia Award. Barry mentioned that Spring Valley will start the Roses for Baptism tradition that we do at Holy Spirit.

Field Agent Report – Steve Winkels – No Report

Director Reports

Program Director – Dave Hubka – Dave mentioned plans are being made for Youth Choir Appreciation Dinner.

Church Activities Director – Jim Buntrock – No Report

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

Council Activities Director – Pat McCarthy – No Report

Family Activities Director – Tom Dube – No Report

Youth Activities Director – Paul Daley – Youth Choir Appreciation Dinner will be April 24th after the 11 AM Mass. Motion made and seconded for \$250.00 for expenses for the dinner.

Paul thanked all the helped with the Free Throw Contest, State Contest is March 20th.

Membership Director – Bob Taraba – Major Degree will be held at Lourdes on March 20th with 11460 handling the 1st Degree. Jerome has all spots covered. Considering taking a bus to a Timberwolves game on April 8 that

Good Of The Order

Prayers for Special Intentions – Mike and Barb Mueller for her extended illness; death of Frank Vondrashek father; Berry Hobb's father; for all persons in the military, policemen, fireman and any private intentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

In Memory Of Our Holy Father

One of the persistent themes in the press over the years has been how conservative Pope John Paul II was, but that misses the mark. As food for thought here is an excerpt from an editorial by historian Paul Johnson:

The death of John Paul II removes from the world a great force for order and rectitude. He was often presented as a conservative, especially by liberal critics within the church. But this was a misreading of his character and indeed of his record. This great pontiff was essentially a defender, promoter, protector and enhancer of life: life in all its forms, as God created them, but especially human life.

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John Paul was, perhaps, most vehement in his condemnation of abortion, especially when practiced under the sanction of law and on a huge scientific scale, in the clinics specially created to smother the spark of life before birth, which he compared to the death camps erected by Nazi and Soviet mass murderers. It was a sharp sword in his heart which filled him with righteous indignation that, after the world had been scourged for more than 50 years by the mass killings of totalitarianism, anti-life politicians, above all in the democracies, should have set up a holocaust of the unborn which has already -- as he often asserted with awe and anger -- ended the existence of more tiny human creatures than all the efforts of Hitler, Stalin and Mao combined.

But it should not be thought that John Paul's defense of life was conducted on principles seen as conservative. He was an absolute and implacable opponent of capital punishment, an issue on which he parted sorrowfully from many of his warmest admirers. He was most reluctant to admit the admissibility of war in almost any circumstances. He was wary of giving any kind of approval to President Bush's active war on terror, and plainly opposed the invasion of Iraq. It was his view that a righteous ruler, however tempted by the urge to end wicked regimes, should not set in motion events which would soon move out of control and perhaps cause evils far worse than those it was designed to end.

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John Paul's philosophy was thus all of a piece: it was internally consistent in all its parts, a little masterpiece of human thoughtfulness and sense.*

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Pope John Paul II was a most complex, thoughtful, and holy man who, thankfully, held himself and us to standards higher than we thought we could achieve, and knew that by the grace of God we could. May he rest in peace.

