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Grand Knight Message

It seems like with a real rush the summer is over and the 'regular' part of the year is upon us. School is starting, we're moving into the fall schedule for a variety of things, and before you know it leaves and then snow will be falling! I also seem to have a 'rush' of items to share with you.

As a reminder, our regular monthly meetings are on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30, in the Holy Spirit School Library. Our Worthy Lecturer, Dave Rossman, is trying to provide an interesting and education 15 minute program each month, and I plan to conclude each meeting well before 9:00. However many KC meetings you attended last year, please resolve to make it to one additional meeting this year. And I would ask the council officers and directors to come at 7:15, to finalize the agenda and discuss any other business matters as appropriate.

Speaking of meetings, as is our custom, we skipped the August meeting and instead held a Family Picnic. This is the first time ever we had bad weather, but we simply moved everything indoors (other than the barbecue grills!), and it was another great success. Thanks to the many folks in the work crew who made it happen, and special thanks to Kathy McCarthy for doing a big share of the prep work when her husband Pat ended up out of town on business that day. And it was with pleasure that I announced Dave Dykstal as our Knight of the Year, and the Greg & Cheri Rowekamp family as our Family of the Year - a well-deserved congratulations to them!

September means time for our annual Golf Tournament! Thanks to Jeff Block for heading this up again. After 10 years of running the show on this though, Jeff is asking for a volunteer to take over running this in the future. Please give this some consideration - this is a good leadership opportunity to take over a very successful, existing program - is this the opportunity that seems right for you to own for a few years? Jeff has always done a fabulous job, but a new coordinator will bring new ideas, and allow Jeff to apply his energies elsewhere.

There is a new Youth Program being started within Minnesota this year. It is a soccer free-kick competition, modeled after the basketball free-throw competition. We will get the details at our September meeting, but since the council-level competitions are scheduled for September, we'll need to jump right on this. If you can help, please let myself or Youth Activities Director, Paul Daley, know ASAP.

And on not such an upbeat note, I know you all share my sadness at the recent arson of our 'Big Toy' playground equipment. I have let Fr. Don know that the Knights are available with manpower to help as needed, and I thank Rich Dettinger for stepping forward without being asked to head up whatever work related to this that we are asked to do. And I know Rich will get lots of willing volunteers if/when he puts out the call for help. This willingness to help is one of the things that makes the Knights of Columbus so great!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

GTKAK is taking a vacation this month since we had our Family Picnic in August. We'll be back next month. The purpose of GTKAK is to introduce individual Knights to the community. Any knight can be chosen to be that month's knight, but you have to attend a council meeting to be selected. If you haven't been to one in a while, why not come to the next one?

Birthday Celebrations

Knights with September birthdays are Aaron Berg, Pete Bushman, Paul Daley, Dave Dykstal, Tom Dylla, Lee Erdmann, Jack Lane, Terry Lee, Lynn McMahon, Chuck Mosier, Pat Mulligan, Thomas Poterucha, Michael Riester, and Jeff Warfield.

Wish them a great Happy Birthday the next time you see them!



Calendar

Officer Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, September 8	7:15pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, September 8	7:30pm
Golf Tournament	Northern Hills GC	Wednesday, September 21	noon
Father/Son Banquet	Church of the Resurrection	Saturday, September 24	4:00pm
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit	Sunday, September 25	after morning Masses
Spirit Run	Holy Spirit	Saturday, October 29	

Spirit Run

Duane Price

This year I have volunteered to coordinate the Spirit Run under the expert guidance of Larry Burgart. As always we need many volunteers. The Knights have always come out to help make this fundraiser a monumental success.

If you worked the run last year, you'll get a call to help in that same capacity. You've all done a great job! If you have not volunteered in the past please join us. It's a lot of fun for a good cause. To minimize the number of phone calls I and my volunteers need to make why not email me at dpprice@myclearwave.net to volunteer your services?

Pancake Breakfast

We will have our first breakfast of the season on Sunday, 9/25. We will be serving after both 8:15 and 10:00 AM Masses. If you can volunteer to work, please call or email Brad Brech (282-5229 or mnbrech@charter.net) The proceeds will be used for the Youth trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference.



Pictures!

Pictures from the Spirit Rock concert, the Men's Choir at the Honkers game, and the Family Picnic have been posted on our web site <http://homepage.mac.com/daviddykstal/Knights/>.

Knight of the Year

Dave Hubka

At the August Family Picnic, I had the honor of presenting this year's Knight of the Year Award to Dave Dykstal. Dave has done an absolutely outstanding job on an ongoing basis as our newsletter editor, and has taken us into the Internet Age by creating and maintaining our council web site. He is also a regular participant in many of our council activities. And this past spring, he took ownership of pulling together the Convention Booklet for the Minnesota State Convention and did a fantastic job. Congratulations on a job well done, and thank you for setting such a great example for other brother knights!

Family of the Year

Dave Hubka

At the August Family Picnic, I had the honor of announcing that this year's Family of the Year Award goes to the Greg Rowekamp family. Greg and Cheri are involved in a number of key things. Greg is on the church Finance Council and is active with the new Stewardship process. He is the Treasurer for the Home School Association, is serving a three year term as Trustee for the Rochester Catholic Schools and is a Holy Spirit School volunteer. Cheri is a trustee of Holy Spirit Church, is a member of the Parish council, a member of the Green Team, a school volunteer and is Co-Chair of the Lourdes Building Our Future task force. They are both involved with the Envision process and the entire family ushers and greets parishioners to Holy Spirit Church. Their sons, Mark and Eric, are in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and students at Holy Spirit School and Lourdes High School. Our congratulations to them, and our thanks to them for setting a great example as an active family making a difference!

Father/Son Banquet

The Resurrection KC Council is going to host a Father/Son Banquet on Saturday, Sept 24, 2005, and they have invited members from our council to participate. The event is for KC Dads and their sons age 13 and older. Cost is \$5 per person, with max charge of \$15 per family. The event will be at Resurrection Church, starting at 4:00pm, and ending before their evening Mass at 8:00pm. In addition to the meal, there will be a program featuring local senior priest Fr. Jack giving a talk on addiction, a presentation on what the KCs are about, and potentially a presentation on the Squires. If interested, contact GK Dave Hubka (282-6090) or Resurrection GK Bob Voss (280-0922).

Golf Tournament News

Can you believe that our *10th Annual Golf Tourney* is now a little over 2 weeks away? Get that foursome together and register NOW.

Help Jeff Block retire! He is still looking some lucky person to help him this year and to take over (under his watchful eye) beginning in 2006. Anyone interested can give Jeff a call at 281-5526.



Words from the Lecturer

Dave Rossman

Fellow Knights: The September meeting promises to be one that you will want to attend. There is a presentation scheduled by the Youth Group on their mission trip this past summer. Come to the meeting and be involved in the excitement of youth forming their dreams of how the world should be. Don't miss this one!

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

This month our Saint is Emily de Rodat.

Emily was born in 1787 in the village of Rodez in south central France and raised by her grandmother. She was educated at Maison Sain-Cyr, Villefrance, and at age 18, she became a

teacher there. Drawn to religious life, she joined three different orders, but was not comfortable with any of them. In 1815 aware that the poor in the area were not receiving education she began tutoring poor children for free on her own time, and by 1816 had founded a free school with three assistants and 40 students. This formed the foundation of a teaching institute that has since become the Religious Congregation of the Holy Family of Villefranche. Within her life they had established 38 institutions, and were caring for women in unfortunate circumstances, orphans, prisoners, retirement homes for aged religious, and the elderly in general.

She died on September 19, 1852 of cancer and her feast is celebrated on that day. She was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Knights of Columbus Establishes Relief Fund for Victims of Katrina

The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus provided initial relief funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida on August 30, and Knights of Columbus everywhere are being asked to donate to a special fund for hurricane relief efforts.

Initial contributions of \$10,000 each were made available to Knights of Columbus state councils in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, and Knights of Columbus members and the general public are asked to donate to a disaster relief fund administered by Knights of Columbus Charities.

There are nearly 50,000 Knights in the tri-state area devastated by Katrina. In addition, more than 45,000 live in Florida, where Katrina delivered its initial blow before growing into a Category 5 hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico. All four states have been declared federal disaster areas by President Bush.

Donors in the United States should make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc.

Donations should be sent to:

**Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc.
Gift Processing Center
PO Box 9028
Pittsfield, MA 01202-9028
Attention: Hurricane KATRINA Relief**

One hundred percent of contributions will go directly to hurricane relief, and all donations to Knights of Columbus Charities USA are tax-deductible.

The Knights of Columbus has provided significant relief for other recent disasters, providing more than \$500,000 to victims of the Asian Tsunami and \$1 million for families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.