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Grand Knight Message

December is upon us. A busy time, but also a time to make sure you step back from all the rush and see the real reason for the season. Make sure you take time to truly rejoice at home and at church, and make sure to tell those dear to you that you love them.

THE DECEMBER MEETING IS CANCELLED. Everyone is busy, there are multiple conflicts on the regular meeting night, and in the marathon November meeting we covered about 2 months worth of business. I promised those at the November meeting that the next meeting would be short - I am pleased to deliver on my promise by cancelling it. :-)

On what would have been our regular meeting night, Thursday, December 8, there will be a Holy Day Mass at 5:30, followed by our annual Light Up For Christ event. Please stay after Mass and participate in the lighting of the Nativity Scene. Thanks to Mike McDermott and Tom Sand for getting this set up.

If you are looking for a great activity to get you in the real giving spirit, why not give Christmas Anonymous a try? See the separate information elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Welcome to new member Glenn Opdycke-Hansen, and to several recent transfers into our council: Jack Mattson, Stephen Czapiewski, Aaron Jelinek, Jonathan Jelinek, Louis Jelinek, Pete Myszkowski, Curtis Louwagie, and Paul Weiland. Please get them involved and help make them feel a part of the team.

With my last newsletter of 2005, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for doing your part to make our council successful. And if you haven't been as involved as you perhaps would have liked, I'd encourage you to take the initiative in 2006 to be more active in at least one council activity.

A Blessed Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

DeWayne Gallenberg was the lucky winner for November! He and his lovely wife Pat have two children, Sarah and Adam. DeWayne is active member of our council, the Men's Choir, our current Warden, plays Santa for the Annual Cancer Ward Caroling Event, author and last but not least teaches the fine art of certain forms of gambling! Remember the only way that you be the Knight in GTKAK and receive \$5 off you dues will be to attend the meeting. Come to the next meeting to have your name drawn!

Birthday Celebrations

Knights with birthdays in December are Dan Brossoit, Daniel Moulton, James Henriksen, Scott Johnson, Jessie Martinez, Ken Lentz, Chet Welle, Dick Goetzman, Michael Yaszemski, Tim Tracy, John McGuire, Robert Taraba, Roy Musselman, Todd Villeneuve, Tom Dube, Brian Uhlenkamp, Frank Vondrashek, and Stephen Wasz. Wish them a superb birthday the next time you see them! Thanks to all for being Knights in our council.



Calendar

Officers Meeting	TBD
Council Meeting	Canceled
Christmas Anonymous	Christ United Methodist Church. November 28 - December 12
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym. Sunday, December 4. after morning Masses
Light Up for Christ	Holy Spirit Church Thursday, December 8. after 5:30pm Mass
Officers Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library. Thursday, January 12. 7:15pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library. Thursday, January 12. 7:30pm
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym. Sunday, January 22. after morning Masses
Free Throw Contest	Sunday, January 29. TBD
Men's Retreat	Buffalo MN. February 3-5
Souper Bowl Booyah!	Sunday, February 5. after morning Masses
Light Night	Holy Spirit Commons. Thursday, February 9. TBD
Major Degree	Lourdes High School. Sunday, April 9. TBD
Toosie Roll Drive	April 28-30

December Pancake Breakfast

This month we are helping out the Lourdes Seniors. Hopefully this newsletter will reach you in time so that you can volunteer with the best to deliver a great Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 4th. Brad Brech is always looking for new folks to help. There is a greater need for folks on the late shift after the 10:00 Mass. Contact Brad at mnbrech@charter.net or 282-5229.

Thanks To The Godspell Stage Crew

A big thanks to all the Knights who helped with the set-up and take-down of the stage and sound system for the Godspell performance on Wednesday, November 30 for the Generations of Faith 'digging deeper' session: Dave Hubka, Steve Nowakowski, Mike Riester, Dick Goetzman, Jeff Block, Gordy Stockinger, Rich Dettinger, Larry Burgart, and Steve Kunkel – along with many of their spouses and kids, Josh Heindel and the junior high kids at Holy Spirit, and many kids from the Youth Choir. Within a space of 11 hours, we transformed the worship area into a place those of us would recall as right out of the 1970s, and then restored it back. An awesome job – thanks!

Light Up For Christ

Our annual Light Up For Christ event will be held once again in conjunction with our Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday, December 8th. The lighting ceremony will take place immediately after the 5:30pm Mass that day. See you there!

Christmas Anonymous

When you get this newsletter Christmas Anonymous activities will already have started. Frank and Brad are still looking for volunteers to help on "store day" December 10. Shifts are flexible so please, even if you can only work 2 hours or more, let Frank Vondrashek or Brad Brech know that you want to help. Or call the CA Message Line at 285-3940.

Words From The Lecturer

The Men's Spiritual Retreat is all set for Feb 3,4,5-2006 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo Minnesota. Here are the details. Registration is \$25 and includes a chance to car pool with other Holy Spirit men. We will leave around 3:00 PM on Friday and return by 5:00pm Sunday just in time to watch the Super Bowl. The theme this year is "On The Way: Our

Journey To God". Contact Dave Rossman at 282-5316 if you are interested in joining other Knights from across the state for this weekend experience.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

For December we have a saint who just barely qualifies for being "little known". Actually, he is quite well known to many people. He is one of those saints who live very simple and humble lives and yet are chosen to reveal God's greatness. Our saint this month is Juan Diego, our first North American indigenous saint.

First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego is the person to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. It is on his tilma (a cape made of cactus fibers) that the miraculous image of Our Lady was imprinted as proof of her appearances to him. Little more is known about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, and was revered as a holy, unselfish and compassionate catechist who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II beatified Juan Diego. Twelve years later he was canonized on July 31, 2002 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Juan Diego's feast day is, appropriately, December 9.



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November 10, 2005 - General Business Meeting

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

Lecturer Program

Dave Rossman introduced Steve Kunkel who provided background information on our Annual **Tootsie Roll Drive**. Steve then introduced Lindsay Husbyn Olson from Arc. Lindsay mentioned that this year is the 50th year that Arc Southeastern Minnesota caring about people with disabilities. They serve people in the 7 county area in SE Minnesota, supporting approximately 3000 people. Then Rich Shere provided us information on Hiawatha Homes. Hiawatha Homes has existed in the area for 28-29 years. Currently they have 21 homes that provide housing and support about 80 people in the residential program. In the past year they have developed a After school program for high school students with developmental disabilities. The program allows this group of students to do many of things that all other high school students enjoy. Both thanked us for our continue support of mental disabilities in SE Minnesota.

Tim Burgart, a member of Boy Scout #110 presented details his project for his Eagle Scout Award. One of the areas that a Boy Scout needs to full for the award is Leadership and Community Service. His project would be building much needed shelves for the Music room at Holy Spirit School which is used by numerous groups form the Holy Spirit School as well as the Lourdes Marching Band. Tim has received approval from Mr. Gaines as well as the Boy Scout Troop. Tim is requesting up to \$250 as well as hands to help with the project. Dave thanked Tim for his presentation. His request will be discussed during the business meeting.

Opening

Grand Knight Dave Hubka called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM in the Narthex of Holy Spirit Parish with 18 members present. Dave led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight - Dave Hubka; Deputy Grand Knight - Greg Kapraun; Chancellor - Paul Daley; Recorder - Jerome N. Lensing; Financial Secretary - Jim Decker; Treasurer - Bill Oertli; Lecturer - Dave Rossman; Warden - DeWayne Gallenberg; and Guard - Steve Kunkel, were present. The minutes of the October 2005 meeting were approved.

4 Form 100's were read with 9 transfers.

Officer's Reports

Grand Knight - Dave Hubka - Thank you's were sent around form the attendees of the National Youth Council Convention and the donation of Masses for Bruce Fujan's Father who passed away.

Treasurer - Bill Oertli - Treasurer presented the financial report for fiscal year. The report was approved as presented.

Financial Secretary - Jim Decker - The Financial Secretary presented income and expense reports for November, 2005, which were reviewed by those present and approved. Total Receipts were \$3721.00 with payments of \$2171.15. He also issued a report of those members who are still delinquent of

year 2005 dues. 4 members have paid since the last meeting, 2 have requested to be dropped with 2 transfers to other councils.

Chaplain Report - Father Don Schmitz - No report.

Director Reports

Program Director - Greg Kapraun - No report.

Church Activities Director - (Dave Hubka for) Mike McDermott - Dave Hubka reported that Light Up For Christ will be held on December 8th after the 5:30 PM Mass with Council Business meeting to follow. If anyone would like to help with the project contact Mike McDermott or Tom Sand.

Membership Director - (Dave Hubka for) Larry Burgart - Dave Hubka reported that the Promotion Blitz was held last weekend after all the Masses. Dave thanked DeWayne Gallenberg for his Top Ten List! He also went over and handed out the various recruitment tools that were used. There will be a Major Degree in Owatonna on November 20. Jerome Lensing and Paul Daley along with Berry Hobbs, District Deputy will be attending with a number of the new candidates.

Community Activities Director - Ken Lentz - No report.

Council Activities Director - Mike Riester - No report.

Family Activities Director - Joe DiCecco - No Report.

Youth Activities Director - Paul Daley - Mentioned that he had received a thank you from one of the servers for the certificates that we provide. Discuss the Soccer Challenge that Holy Spirit sponsored. We had 6 contestants with Tim Vandeweil ultimately becoming on of the State Champ! Thanks Paul for your efforts on this new program!

Free Throw Contest will be the Sunday before Super Bowl Sunday, call Paul if you would like to help with this event.

Newsletter Editor - David Dykstal - No report

Old Business

Spirit Run - Duane Price thanked the Rochester Track Club, Holy Spirit School Staff, and our members for all their help on a another very successful Spirit Run! Proceeds of \$3700 dollars with expenses of \$2000 provide for a net of \$1700. There were 200 participants. Duane mentioned that the Track Club indicated that this is the 3rd most popular race in Rochester due to the goodies and how the race is run. He is already recruiting for next year's Spirit Run on October 28th!

Big Toy - Rich Hartman provide details the unloading of the new Big Toy equipment. 10 to 12 people showed, allowing the equipment to be unloaded in ½ hour.

December 4th **Pancake Breakfast** - the Lourdes Senior Class will help and get a portion of the proceeds. January 22nd Pancake Breakfast - the Holy Spirit Youth Group will help and get a portion of the proceeds. The Spring Pancake Breakfast has a request for the proceeds to go the Youth Mission Trip.

Discussion on how to **improve the Pancake Breakfasts** – with the change in the Mass schedule our numbers have been down. Idea of selling tickets after the Saturday Mass was suggested. Any ideas call Brad Brech or Jerome Lensing.
 Discussion on **Adopt A Highway** – call Dave Hubka if interested in taking the lead on this potential project.

New Business

Christmas Anonymous – Frank Vondrashek provided an update on the program. This will be the 53rd year for the totally volunteer program that provides needy families with a great Christmas. Rich Hartman described how the program has moved him and his family. Christ United Methodist Church is the new Donation Center. A major challenge for the program is the lack of food available from Channel One to help with the food baskets. Frank is asking our council for a potential monetary donation as well as volunteer help. He thank all for all the help that they have given in the past and hope that we all be generous in our time this year again. Your help will be appreciated! Motion was made, second and passed to provide a donation of \$500 to Christmas Anonymous.

David Samb will be the First Boy Scout form Troop #110 to receive his Eagle Scout Award. Motion was made, second and approved to our council will provide a plaque that David’s name and future Eagle Scout’s names to place on to be purchased, Certificate of the Award will be provide to the Eagle Scout as a \$50 donation to the Eagle Scout to be used for a charity of his choice.

Tim Burgart’s request for funding of his Eagle Scout Project. Make sure the we fund projects that we would have funded even it had not come from a Boy Scout. We will be asking the person asking for the funds to consider all methods and opportunities to fund projects that they will be conducting. Motion made, seconded and passed that our council will consider projects for Eagle Scout Award when due diligence has been shown that all sources of funding have been considered, Steve Kunkel will be a mentor to the individual with their project, and that when the award is received that the Eagle Scout will report back to our council on projects that we fund. Motion was made, seconded and approved that we would provide up to \$300 for Tim Burgart’s shelving project. Steve Kunkel will be his mentor and at completion of the project Tim will provide a report on the project to our council.

Gregory Kapraun discussed a list of items that HSA could not fund and asked the Knights if they would be interested in funding some or all of the items. A motion was made, second and approved to fund the following items and will be issuing a check to **Holy Spirit School** in the amount of \$949.25.

Two portable piano keyboards	\$238.00
Wearable Word Builder for reading	\$35.00
Band Grade 5-8 crash cymbals/strap	\$130.00
Band Grade 5-8 suspended cymbals/stand	\$265.00
Mapquest Student Atlas of the World	\$281.25
Total	\$949.25

We have requested when the items are purchased that a

copy of order or receipt be provide to the council. We also discussed the framing of the Mission statements in the classrooms as a possible future Knight’s project. We will keep this on our list to see if someone would like to step up and lead the effort on that.

District Reports

District Deputy Report – Berry Hobbs - Berry thanked Dave Hubka for the recruiting information that he developed and forwarded it on all the councils in his district. He indicated the 6 Star Council Awards the we have receive is proof of all the great work that our council has and continues to provide for Holy Spirit Church, School, Community and surrounding area. Talked about 2 new programs that he would like to see our council take on - Substance Abuse program and Essay Contest, he will get the information to Dave. On October 29th, 5 members of the Spring Valley council participated in the 4th Degree Exemplification in Winona. He is encouraging a number of us to consider this next step as a Knight. He has meet with Willard Strand, a very sick man and asked that we keep in our prayers. Thanked Paul Daley for his taking the lead on the Soccer Challenge. Updated us on the Free Throw Contest – Regional Contest will be March 21 with State Contest on March 28 at the Timberwolves game. Thanked Dave Rossman for the great job that he is doing on the Lecture Program! Thank our council for our efforts on the Membership Blitz. Suggested that we get the list of dropped Knights and call these men again, this was a great source of names when the Spring Valley Council was started. Upcoming Major Degrees – November 20 – Owatonna; April 9th – Lourdes with the District Team conducting the First Degree. Mentioned that we will continue to use the old First Degree Script. Mentioned that we should replace all our old Tootsie Roll Drive vests with the new ones. First Quarter Reports are due. Jim Decker will get to Berry for this.

Field Agent Report – Steve Winkels – No Report

Good of the Order

Closing Prayer - Offered by the Grand Knight.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.



Christmas Anonymous Volunteer Opportunities



Activity	Date	Time	Location	Comments
Donation Center	Nov 28 thru Dec 2	8AM - 4PM	Wesley Hall CUMC	
Donation Center	Dec 3	9AM - Noon	Wesley Hall CUMC	
Pack Senior Boxes	Dec 3	10 AM - Noon	RCTC-VoTech	
Senior box Pick-up	Dec 3 Dec 4	1 PM - 4 PM 1 PM - 4 PM	RCTC-VoTech	
Unload Toy Drive Truck	Dec 3	5:30 PM	CUMC	
Unload Tables and Food	Dec 5	8:15AM - 4PM	Wesley Hall CUMC	
Pack Food	Dec 5	6PM - 9PM	Wesley Hall CUMC	
Store Set-up	Dec 8, 9	8AM - 9PM	CUMC	
Store Day - Store Depts	Dec 10	7-11 AM 11-4 PM	CUMC	Must be 16 or older
- Escorts		8-11:30 AM 10-1:30 PM 12:30-4 PM		
- Loading		7 - 11:30 AM 11 - 4 PM		
- Check-out		8:30 - noon Noon - 4 PM		
- Clean-up		3:30 - 5 PM		
Return Tables	Dec 12	8 - 9 AM	CUMC	

Store Day shifts are flexible!

**For more information call Christmas Anonymous at 285-3940
or one of
Brad Brech (282-5229) Jim Decker (282-5227) Frank Vondrashek (281-3051)**