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Grand Knight Message

I'd like to focus my column this month on membership events coming up. As my wife well knows, I have two answers when she asks me if a man at Holy Spirit is a Knight – either YES, or NOT YET! Let's convert a few more of those NOT YET's to YES's this next month!

We'll be holding an informational open house on Monday, March 20 at Valetino's Pizza. What an easy way to recruit a friend – invite them to join us for a free pizza buffet, and then you can sit back and let us give them information about the Knights. You can support him as he asks questions – no pressure on you – you don't need to do the selling. And bring your sons and their friends! See the article in the newsletter for more details.

There will be major degrees held in Rochester on Sunday April 9. If you haven't gone through the 2nd/3rd degree ceremonials yet, please make this the year you do! And if you are already a 3rd degree Knight, mark your calendar to come and observe the degrees – I've seen more than ten and I still get a tremendous amount out of them! More info later in the newsletter.

And for any 3rd degree Knights interested in joining the 4th degree, there will be an opportunity to do so on April 29. There are a few from our council already planning on doing so, so consider joining the group. Contact me if you want more details.

And lastly, unmark your calendars – our regular meeting in April falls on Holy Thursday, so I have decided to just cancel (and not reschedule) that meeting. Use the time in early April to participate in the great Easter celebrations – the major celebrations of the Church.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Get to Know a Knight will return next month.

Birthday Celebrations

Knights with birthdays in March are Gary Benike, Jim Buntrock, John Devlin, Chris Guibert, Steve Hansen, Bernard King, Greg King, Dave Loechler, William Medlyn, James Owens, Duane Price, Jim Rogers, Andrew Streit, Ken White, Raymond Wiest, Paul Weiland, and Sean Valentine. Wish them well for another year next time you see them!

Men's Retreat

Dave Rossman

We were blessed with another good retreat at Christ the King house in Buffalo Minnesota on the weekend of February 5. The two Daves (Hubka and Rossman) from Holy Spirit Council returned to the King's house along with about 55 other men, mostly Knights from the Twin Cities area. The message was very plain and easy to follow – "We are on our Way". The retreat masters are masters indeed and provided us with many insights into living in this world today and still follow along our way to return to Heaven.

I will be asking you all to join us next year and have volunteered to serve as a retreat captain for this area of the state.

Light Night Roundup

Thanks to all of those who were able to make the Light Night a great success. There was a crowd of folks who all enjoyed the wine and cheese and visiting with friends. Special thanks to Mike Riester who organized the event and provided all the snacks, Jeff Swantko who supplied the excellent wine selection, our speaker Ed Higgins who gave us a quick history of Guest House, and our GK Dave Hubka who conducted a most interesting door prize drawing. A good time was had by all. Pictures are available on our site!

Calendar

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| Officer's Meeting | Holy Spirit School Library | Thursday, March 9 | 7:15pm |
| Council Meeting | Holy Spirit School Library | Thursday, March 9 | 7:30pm |
| Pancake Breakfast | Holy Spirit Gym | Sunday, March 19 | after morning Masses |
| Membership Info Open House.. Valentino's Pizza | | Monday, March 20 | 6-8pm |
| 1st Degree | Lourdes High School | Sunday, April 9 | 11am |
| 2nd, 3rd Degrees | Lourdes High School | Sunday, April 9 | noon |
| Combined Choir | | Easter Sunday, April 16 | 8:15am |
| Toosie Roll Drive | | April 28-30 | |
| Men's Choir | | April 30 | morning Masses |
| Men's Choir | | May 28 | morning Masses |

District Free Throw Contest

The District's KC youth free throw contest was held on Sunday, February 12th Here are the winners in each age category:

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| B-10 | Leonard Moore | Spring Valley | 13609 |
| G-10 | Shelby Stewart | Rochester | 13027 |
| B-11 | Cole Stelow | Plainview | 1781 |
| G-11 | Morgan Burke | Plainview | 1781 |
| B-12 | Trenton Harder | Spring Valley | 13609 |
| G-12 | Jordan Theiss | Wykoff | 13609 |
| B-13 | Brian Plucinski | Rochester | 13027 |
| G-13 | Laura Melquist | Byron | 11460 |
| B-14 | Abe Muyres | Rochester | 1013 |
| G-14 | Rachel Ward | Rochester | 11460 |

Congratulations to all who participated!

Benefit Breakfast for Mike Souhrada

Brother Mike Souhrada, a member of Council 13609 in Spring Valley, was recently hurt quite seriously. He was working on a house in Spring Valley when he slipped and fell from the roof breaking three vertebrae, several ribs, his sternum and sustained multiple bruises.

A benefit pancake breakfast for his benefit was held on February 26th from 7am-1pm at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. In support, five from our council carpooled to the breakfast and presented them with a \$100 donation from our council: Dave Hubka, Berry Hobbs, Jerome Lensing, Mike Riester, and Frank Vondrashek. Thanks to Mike Riester for driving!

It was a great event, uniting the entire community, and our fellow Knights there really appreciated our show of support – it is at the core of what being a Knight is all about.

Free Pizza and Pop!

Dave Hubka

We'll be having a **KC information open house** to let potential members know all the good things about the KCs, and especially about our council. **It includes a free pizza and pop buffet at Valentino's Pizza!** Mark your calendars now for Monday, March 20, 6:00-8:00pm at Valentino's (130 Elton Hills Drive).

If you've been thinking about asking someone to join, what better way to bring up the topic than inviting them to join you for a free meal? Besides the meal, a few of us will share some thoughts about the KCs, and then we'll do informal discussions while eating. If they want to sign up to join during the course of the evening, that will be fine, but coming to the open house does not commit them in any way. It is truly an invitation for them to get to know us better, with a free meal thrown in. And to make it even better, offer to pick them up do the driving!

One special focus – I would like you Knights with sons who are 18, or within a few years of turning 18, to bring them along. They've seen you involved, now bring them to hear more of the story about the Knights and our council. Even if they are a few years too young to join now, I'd like to treat them to a meal and have them get to know us so they are ready to sign up when they turn 18. Please bring them, and don't forget to bring along a friend or two of theirs that you also think might be open to joining!

I'd like to see a great turn-out for this. Given the free meal and the focus on bringing sons and other young men, I'd like to see at least 20 candidates there! Let's make it happen! See you at Valentino's on Monday March 20th. Please plan to arrive by 6:20pm.

1st/2nd/3rd Degree Ceremonials

It's that time of the year again to hold the full set of ceremonials here in Rochester. On Sunday, April 9, 2006 (Palm Sunday) at Lourdes High School we'll hold a 1st degree at 11:00am for new members, and then at noon will hold the 2nd/3rd degree ceremonials. Please use the school entrance on Center Street.

All 1st degree members are reminded that they are expected to go through the advanced degrees soon after joining – we have a number of members who need to take care of this requirement yet. Those taking the 2nd/3rd degrees should plan to arrive at 11:30. There no fees for these advanced degrees, but you should have paid your 2006 dues and have your current membership card with you.

All current members are welcome to observe the 1st degree, and all current 3rd degree members are welcome to observe the advanced degrees. It's always nice to have a good showing of current members to support our members going through the degree ceremonials. Hope to see you there!

Volunteer Coordinators Needed

Dave Hubka

Interested in taking on some leadership, but not ready to step up and be a director or officer at this time? How about stepping forward to take the lead on one of the following? Please contact Dave Hubka, dhubka@magnaspeed.net or 282-6090 if interested.

- Life Events Recognition coordinator: This would involve coordinating cards, flowers, and other appropriate recognitions for various "life events" for council members and their immediate families. This would certainly involve marriages, births, adoptions, deaths, and possibly other events. Council funds would cover expenses. This has largely been done by the

Grand Knight and a few other officers in the past.

- Pro-life activities coordinator: The pro-life theme is pretty strong in the KCs. There are several supreme and state level KC activities available to us in this area that today we are not participating in. If you feel strongly about pro-life, this would be an opportunity for you to take the lead and get our council involved in a few of these activities.

Pancake Breakfast in March

There will be a pancake breakfast in March to benefit our youth group's mission trip to Juarez. As usual, help is needed in the kitchen. There are spots available for both shifts. Please contact Brad Brech (282-5229, mnbrech@charter.net) if you can help. It's a lot easier for us to plan if we get volunteers right away. Don't wait for Brad to call you – just click on that link and send him a message now!

Men's Choir

Neil Stiller

A combined Men's & Women's Choir will be singing on Easter Sunday (April 16) at the 8:15am Mass. We will have only two rehearsals since the music is straightforward. The first will be just the men and the second will be as a combined choir. We will also be singing at both Masses on April 30th and May 28th. Please contact me at njrochmn@charter.net or 252-9678 if you have questions.

All Holy Spirit men are welcome to join the Men's Choir. If you have ever been interested in joining us you can contact me, Frank Vondrashek, or Dave Dykstal.

Adopt a Highway

Dave Nissen

I am looking for volunteers for our highway clean-up project. The date for the project is Saturday April 22, 2006. If it rains, the alternative date is Saturday May 6. We'll meet at the church at 9:00 am for brief instructions and car pool to our section of

highway. If we can get 10 volunteers age 12 and up the project should only take about two hours. Bring a pair of gloves. We'll also need some donated 5 gallon buckets so if you can bring one or two that would be great. I can be reached at 252-1096.

Words from the Lecturer

The parish staff has asked all groups to do something along the line of prayer during Lent. So, during the March council meeting we will have a short break in order to pray the rosary together. Search out your rosaries and bring them along to the March meeting. Bring a friend along too.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

Last month we were on the east side of South America. This month we're on the west coast where we find Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop of Lima from 1581 to 1606.

Toribio was selected to be archbishop of Lima while still a layman and a professor in Spain. He didn't want the job, but was overruled by both king and pope and so was ordained a priest and consecrated bishop, arriving in Lima at the age of 42.

He was appalled at what he found there. The local Spanish authorities, along with a complicit clergy, had been abusing the rights of the Quechuan Indians and, in addition, even though many of the Quechua were baptized, no one had bothered to teach them anything of Christianity. He began a tireless missionary program that placed him at odds with the landowners but that met with considerable success due to his diligence in studying the native Quechuan tongue. His diocese was huge and it took him seven years to accomplish the three visitations of his flock, which numbered around one million and included St. Rose of Lima (who he befriended and confirmed) and St. Martin de Porres. He took ill and died during the last of his journeys.

The former Bishop of Lima serves as an example of justice, fairness, and focus to us all. His feast day is March 23.

