



# The KNIGHT'S FLAME

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## Grand Knight Message

First of all, my thanks to Steve Kunkel, who has stepped forward and volunteered to coordinate our council's Pro-Life Activities. The state and supreme have many activities here that we haven't participated in, and Steve will start getting us involved in some of these important activities.

We had great participation in the ceremonials on April 9. A warm welcome to the 6 new council members: Jeremy Bodensteiner, John Graves, Joe Mueller, Jon Van Norman, Martin Volk, and Jeff Waldbillig. There will be another orientation in Spring Valley on Wednesday, May 17 - so if you have any candidates or were thinking about asking someone to join, do it ASAP and let myself or Larry Burgart know about it.

Congratulations to council members and their family members who are graduating in May/June! It is a significant milestone, as I well know since my oldest child is graduating from High School this month. Our best wishes as the graduates move on to a new stage of their life.

And lastly, thanks to all our KCs and their family members who make this council so vibrant. When the call goes out for help, the volunteers come forward. My thanks to all of you for the part you play in making things happen. You are appreciated!

Vivat Jesus!

*Dave Hubka, Grand Knight*

## Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Get To Know A Knight shot the works last month. Here's hoping that some of you will be lucky enough to end up in the June newsletter! As I said in last month's newsletter a lifetime of fame and a small amount of cash can be yours for appearing in GTKAK. All that's required is to show up at our council meeting in May and have a bit of luck to be drawn.

## Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays in May: John Lawson, Mike McDermott, Glen Nelson, and Michael Ross. Next time you see them congratulate them on achieving this significant milestone in their life.

Congratulations also to Garrett Clayton Rossman - a future Knight born to Tony and Michelle Rossman this last month!

## District Deputy Notes

*Berry Hobbs*

On April 29th seven knights from this area journeyed to Bloomington to be exemplified to the 4th Degree. Members of this council that received the honors of the 4th Degree are: SK Jim Decker, SK Jerome Lensing, and SK Bill Oertli. Congratulations gentlemen on achieving this high honor.

Regarding membership, we need to continue to ask other to become a member of this council. It is never too late to ask.

The Tootsie Roll campaign required man to stand tall and do the work of the order. The weather was less than desirable, but do know how important this effort is to those we serve. Thank you for your time and your courage with the weather. Your work and time is deeply appreciated.



## Calendar

Officer's Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, May 11	7:15pm
Council Meeting	Holy Spirit School Library	Thursday, May 11	7:30pm
State Convention	Moorhead, MN	May 19-21	
Men's Choir		May 28	morning Masses

## Golf Tourney

Jeff Block informs me that this fall's Golf Tourney is set for Wednesday September 20th at Northern Hills GC. We're letting you know early so you have all summer to work on that chip shot and to think about those foursomes and door prizes!



## Terrific KC Ceremonials on April 9!

*Dave Hubka*

First of all, a big welcome to the 6 new members of our council who received their 1st degree on April 9: Jeremy Bodensteiner, John Graves, Joe Mueller, Jon Van Norman, Martin Volk, and Jeff Waldbillig.

Second of all, congratulations to the 10 members of our council who received their 2nd and 3rd degrees on April 9: Jeremy Bodensteiner, Larry Bodensteiner, Joe DiCecco, John Graves, Jon Van Norman, Deacon Dick Quinn, Fr. Don Schmitz, Jeff Waldbillig, Michael Wehr, and Joe Wiegel.

And last (but certainly not least), a heartfelt thanks to the 9 council members who were there to help put on the ceremonies and/or to support the candidates by observing the ceremonies: Larry Burgart, Paul Daley, Jim Decker, Berry Hobbs, Dave Hubka, Aaron Jelinek, Steve Kluck, Jerome Lensing, and Eric Van Norman.

## Tootsie Roll Drive

*Steve Kunkel*

First, I want to give a big "Thank You" to all gave up other activities, to help with this activity. We are all very busy and have many other obligations, so I know this is a sacrifice. But, I know that those in our community with intellectual disabilities appreciate your willingness to help. This year deserves a special thank you for putting up with almost constant rain in cool, windy conditions (again). Once again we had about half of our council members participate in this activity.

This year we added the Kwik Trip stores on 42st and 55th streets. We've never tried those before and they were very productive. Unfortunately, corporate policy at Hobby Lobby did not allow us to use that store this year. So, we covered one more door than last year. The others were Wal-mart North,

Sam's Club, HyVee-North, Shopko, St. Bridget's (Simpson), and Holy Spirit. In spite of the poor weather our revenue was up about \$200 from last year thanks to the additional door.

We will again be distributing the proceeds to the same worthy organizations as last year. However we will shift a little toward The Arc since their United Way funding was cut significantly this year. After paying a small amount for supplies, all of the proceeds go to charities that benefit people with intellectual disabilities. 90% of the proceeds are kept local. The chart shows how the proceeds are distributed.

## 3rd Annual Youth Choir Appreciation

*Dave Hubka*

This event on May 7 after the Youth Choir's final performance of the year was a success in every way. Cathy Nelson and the Youth Choir truly appreciated it. And it was just a great example of a group of folks working together on a project and putting on a great event - and having a lot of fun in the process.

Special thanks to Pete Schommer, our master chef, who was ultimately responsible for the tasty meal. And another big thanks to Joe DiCecco for heading up the waffle bar crew. And thanks to the other 14 workers who pitched in and just did whatever was needed. It is great heading up an event like this when there is such an abundance of willing, cheerful workers!

## Please Remember!

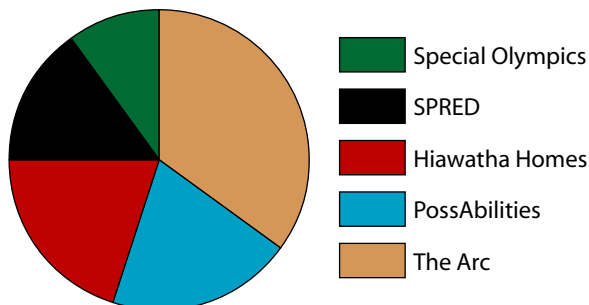
If you need to use church facilities for a Knights activity, the church and school staffs would greatly appreciate it if you get it on the church calendar. It helps them know what to expect. Thanks!

## Volunteer Coordinator Needed

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 as our "Life Events Recognition Coordinator"? This involves 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. Please contact Dave Hubka, [dhubka@magnaspeed.net](mailto:dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or 282-6090 if interested.

## Save A Tree!

If you are currently getting your newsletter by both email and the excellent US Postal Service you can save a tree or two by canceling the hard copy. All it takes is a quick note to Dave ([dykstal@acm.org](mailto:dykstal@acm.org)) to be removed from our postal mailing list.



## Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will be singing at both morning Masses on May 28th. Please contact Neil Stiller at [njrochmn@charter.net](mailto: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 Neil Stiller, Frank Vondrashek, or Dave Dykstal.

## Photos Wanted

If you are at a Knights sponsored event and take pictures then we want your photos for our website. Just email them to David Dykstal ([dykstal@acm.org](mailto:dykstal@acm.org)). Thanks!

## Adopt a Highway

*Dave Nissen*

We had a successful County 14 road clean-up on April 22. The crew of eight filled up 23 large garbage bags in two and half hours. The weather was good for this project, no rain and cool. I would like to thank Jim Decker, Sarah Nissen, Michael Wehr, Joe Kluck, Bre Kluck, Olivia McGinn, and Mike Riester for all their hard work. The next clean-up date will be in July. If you have any questions I can be reached at 252-1096.

Some of you may have heard that we had a surprise along the way. Supplies for making methamphetamine had been dumped on the north side of the road. If we see this, we leave it alone and notify the sheriff's department.

## 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](mailto:dayly.daly@frontiernet.net)  
(952) 873-2213

## First Communion Congrats!

Congratulations to all who are making their First Communion in the next couple of weeks. This is a special time for you and your family!

## In Memoriam

The following relatives of council members passed away this past month: the father-in-law of Scott Johnson, the sister of Ron Schmerbach, the father of Dave Nissen, and the father of Andy Streit. Please accept our condolences.

## Little Known Saint of the Month

*Dave Dykstal*

In some sense there is no such thing as a "little known" saint. By definition, canonized saints serve as examples to us all and cannot be little known. Perhaps a better title for this column would be "Saints you maybe once learned about but don't recall from day-to-day". Our saint this month probably falls into that category.

This month we move back further in time but stay in Italy. St. Rita of Cascia, married woman and nun, was born in Roccaporena around 1377.

Rita was born to an Italian peasant family and wished as a girl to join the convent, but instead her elderly parents arranged a marriage to a man known to be both violent and dissolute. She bore him two sons who had the same temperament as their father. After 18 years of marriage her husband was murdered in a fight. The sons swore a vendetta but Rita prayed that they would not succeed, adding the sin of murder to their own lives. Before they could carry out their plans they fell sick and died, repenting of their ways.

Rita was finally able to enter the Augustinian order at Cascia but it took some doing. The order refused to admit her three times since she was a widow and they only allowed virgins into the novitiate. But her perseverance paid off in the end.

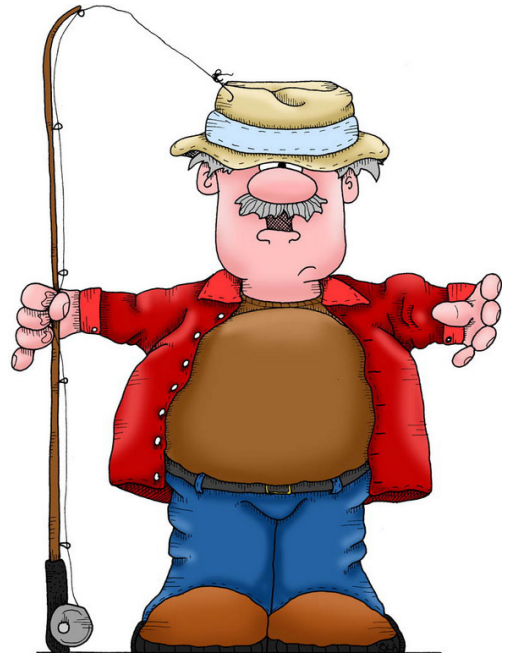
Once in the order she distinguished herself by her piety and devotion to the Passion of Christ. In 1441 she was listening to a sermon on the Passion and prayed to experience some of the suffering of Christ. She felt her forehead pierced as if by a thorn from the crown of thorns. An ugly open wound appeared on her forehead and remained there for the rest of her life. The wound was so disturbing that she spent much of her time in her cell as a recluse to spare her fellow nuns.

Rita died in 1457. Her body took on a radiance and sweet fragrance and her wound acquired a beautiful gem like appearance. Her body was placed in a reliquary and remained incorrupt for several hundred years. Several times during this period her body was observed by several witnesses levitating to the top of the reliquary in response to prayer or community crisis.

Rita was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1900. She is a patron saint of bleeding, desperate causes, infertility, marital problems, and parenthood. Her feast is May 22nd.

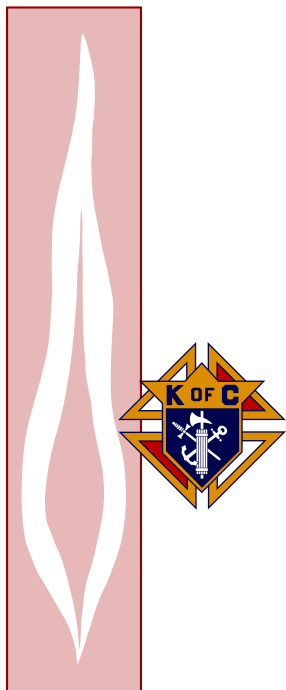


# Summer's Coming! Enjoy The Great Weather!



Our next meeting is  
7:30pm Thursday, May 11, 2006  
Holy Spirit School Library

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