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Grand Knight Message

Happy New Year to all of you! There is so much to look forward to in the New Year - resolve to be an active part of it!

I'd like to highlight and give special thanks to a devoted group of knights who have been very active - and their labor has been mostly behind the scenes. I am speaking about our council's First Degree Team. Few of you are likely aware of the amount of time they have dedicated to this. The formal ceremonial itself was substantially reworked in 2006, and the team regrouped, got properly trained and certified, and have held frequent ceremonials throughout our district. I have attended many of them, and I must stress how impressed I have been by the quality of the degrees they put on. They are scheduled again for February 8 and April 15, and no doubt another couple of times will come up in the next 6 months. Special thanks to team captain Jerome Lensing, who has done a fantastic job pulling the team together, along with thanks to the other team members from our council: Berry Hobbs, Jim Decker, Paul Daley, Steve Kluck, and Larry Burgart. And a big thanks to Bob Capelle, the Grand Knight of the Spring Valley council, who has been as much a member of this team as anyone during this time - we owe him a big debt. Please join me in thanking these knights for their devoted service!

We have pancake breakfasts coming up on January 21, February 18, and March 18. We are stretching ourselves a bit, going from our normal 4 per school year to 5 this year. We are working to expand the inner circle of kitchen crew chiefs from 5 to nearly double that, in order to keep the breakfasts running smoothly without overtaxing anyone. (This might even enable us to go above 5 pancake breakfasts in future years.) If you think you could fill this kitchen crew chief role as well, please let me know ASAP, as we'll be running a training session in January for the new folks who have stepped forward so far. While on the topic of pancake breakfasts, I'd like to give special thanks to Brad Brech and Jerome Lensing, who have put in countless hours over the past several years providing the leadership and a lion's share of the work itself for our pancake breakfasts!

I've singled out just a few folks above for special thanks. But I also want to give my heart-felt thanks to all the other active members and their families for all they do to make our council the vibrant force for good that it is. We have a terrific council, and you are the reason!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Hubka, Grand Knight

Get-to-Know-a-Knight

There is no Knight this month since there was no December meeting. GTKAK will return next month with two winners - stay tuned!



Milestones

Knights with birthdays in January are Adam Bleess, Judson Stiglich, Joe DiCecco, Brent Johnson. Greg Laughland, Steve Nowakowski, Brent Samb, Tom Fox, Tom Suther, Jim Decker, Larry Burgart, Gordie Stockinger, Mark Pfeifer, Mark Schluttner, Peter Freiburger, Bruce Fujan, and Kevin Coughlin. Wish them a "Happy Birthday" next time you see them!

Calendar

Officer Meeting	HS School Library	Thursday, January 11	7:15 PM
Council Meeting	HS School Library	Thursday, January 11	7:30 PM
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, January 21	after morning Masses
Council Free Throw Contest	HS Gym	Sunday, January 28	registration at 6:30 PM
RCS Tuition Scholarship Banquet	RI Event Center	Friday, February 2	6:00 PM
Souper Bowl sales, prep, and distribution			see article
Men's Retreat	Buffalo, MN	February 2, 3, 4	
First Degree	HS School	Thursday, February 8	6:00 PM
Light Night	HS Commons	Thursday, February 8	7:00 PM
District Free Throw Contest	Lourdes HS	Sunday, February 11	registration at noon
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, February 18	after morning Masses
Regional Free Throw Contest	Lourdes HS	Sunday, February 18	registration at 12:30pm
Pancake Breakfast	Holy Spirit Gym	Sunday, March 18	after morning Masses

Science Lab Update

Thanks to all those brother Knights from both the Holy Spirit and Pax Christi councils who assisted with the removal of lockers and removing/moving items from the walls of the future Jr. High Science Lab. Ms. Schlaman's class helped move the majority of the contents of her room, so the job was a bit less than expected, though a sawz-all was unexpectedly needed to finish the job. Thanks again to those who were able to help!

First Degree

There will be a First Degree ceremony at 6PM on February 8th. This is just prior to our Light Night. What a great way to get someone involved with the Knights! Let's see how many we can get signed up for this degree. Candidates are only waiting to be asked.

Light Night with the Knights!

Our Light Night this year will be in place of our regular February meeting on the 8th at 7PM and will be in the Commons area of Holy Spirit. Fr. Tom Melvin, Director of Vocations for the diocese will give a short talk. Come join us for some liquid refreshment, cheese, and fellowship. Spouses are invited and there will be babysitting available. Think of bringing along that potential Knight you've been wanting to invite!

Free Throw Contest

The KC free throw contest will be held in the Holy Spirit gym on Sunday, January 28th. Registration starts at 6:30 with the competition starting at 7:15pm. Anyone interested in helping with the event should contact Paul Daley at 775-7012.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast on January 21 after the morning Masses. This one benefits the youth programs at Holy Spirit. We always need help for this. Give Gary Moore a quick call or drop him an e-mail (gmoored@charter.net) if you can help.

RCS Banquet

The 2007 RCS Tuition Scholarship Banquet will be held Friday, February 2nd at the Rochester International Event Center. This event is jointly sponsored by the Rochester Catholic Schools and the Knights of Columbus. Please consider attending this worthy event if you are available. The cost is \$50 per

person/\$100 per couple and reservations are needed by January 15th. Call 280-0349 if you need more information. Our council will be considering sponsorship of a table again this year at our January meeting. If approved we will be doing a drawing for one couple to join us at our table.

Souper Bowl

It's time again for our annual Souper Bowl fund raiser. We need help making chicken booyah, chili, and cornbread muffins, and help with sales after Mass. Sales will be after Masses on Jan 20/21 and Jan 27/28. Prices remain \$5 per quart, and \$2.50 per 6 muffins. We'll be cooking on Feb 2 and distributing after Masses on Feb 3/4. Please let Brad Brech (282-5229, mnbrech@charter.net) know if you can help.

Eagle Scout Tim Burgart

An Eagle Scout project is required by each candidate for Eagle. Tim Burgart recently completed his project with a bit of financial assistance from the Knights and we received the following note from Tim.

My Name is Tim Burgart and I recently earned my Eagle Scout award. This is the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve and to receive this award a Boy Scout has to plan and carry out an Eagle Scout Project. For my project I built shelves for the music closet at Holy Spirit school. I couldn't have done it without the help of the Knights of Columbus.

The music closet at Holy Spirit was in need of help. There was no form of organization when I checked it out to see if I could help in some way. The many groups that use it such as the Lourdes Marching Band, Holy Spirit Drama Department, and Holy Spirit Music Department had loads of instruments, costumes, and music stands stacked in there with no room to spare. I decided that three shelving units that were 85"x66"x30" each would help to hold instruments and other things and leave room for the collapsible stage and risers. This ended up being the perfect size and fit!

Without the donation from the Knights I could have never done this project! All of the Knights were very helpful as a whole and individually. I can't thank them enough!

Tim Burgart

See pictures from Tim's project on our web site:

<http://homepage.mac.com/daviddykstal/Knights/>

Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn and a necessary part of earning one is the Gold Award project. Tori Brech recently completed her project with some support from the Knights. Tori thanks the Knights below.

Thank you so much for your generous support of my project.

I built 32 Bluebird houses (2 styles), which I installed last spring. There were 4 trails monitored by 3 other groups and myself, weekly, from April through August.

The Bluebird houses will be used in an ongoing study of reintroducing more nestlings in our area, as part of a Wildlife Research program. Families, individuals, or study groups may monitor each trail annually. Also school groups and the community itself will benefit by observing the upswing in the bluebirds. The population has diminished over the past few decades due to the growth in urban expansion and loss of habitat.

I will also be teaching a class this winter on Bluebird house construction and techniques to help these birds flourish.

Thank you so much.

Tori Brech

You can see a bit of Tori's project on our [web site](#), and can attend her class at Wild Birds Unlimited on January 13th.

Words from the Lecturer

Dave Rossman

Information on this year's men's retreat can be found at <http://www.kingshouse.com/>. The theme for the February 2-4 weekend retreat is "TRANSFORMATION: GOD'S CALL TO DEEPER LIFE".

Change and growth are constants in our lives. In responding to God's call, we live and act as people who have been changed because of the love and grace of God. Sometimes we are called to think and act beyond the way things have always been and to consider the way things could be. This is the invitation and challenge of God's call. As we live it out, we are transformed beyond what our hearts and minds can imagine! During our retreat, we will reflect on this experience of transformation.

Use the registration form below to sign up.

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

This month we travel to Ireland, Dublin to be exact, where we find the Blessed Charles of Mount Argus. Charles is interesting because he is an Irish saint who was not Irish.

Blessed Charles was born John Andrew Houben in December 1821 in the village of Munstergeleen, Holland to a family of simple background. John's childhood was not exceptional. He was shy, quiet, pious, and friendly. He knew of his vocation early and served at Mass and visited the Church every day.

In 1845 Andrew joined a Passionist community in Belgium, despite the initial reluctance of his father. As a student he was remembered as cheerful and good-humoured and was ordained in 1850 taking the name of Charles.

In February 1852, he was sent to England and then in 1857 to Ireland where he arrived at the newly-founded monastery of Mount Argus in Dublin. Dublin was not a saintly place, with many official brothels, and public houses. Murder was common, moral standards were questionable, and religious knowledge was hopeless.

Charles was not a good preacher since he never really mastered the language. It was in the confessional and in comforting the sick that he excelled. Charles had an extraordinary gift for healing the sick. As many as three hundred people a day came to be blessed by him. He became quite popular not only in Dublin but all over Ireland. But with fame came trouble. Some doctors claimed, incorrectly, that he discouraged people from going to the doctor. Others took Holy Water blessed by Fr. Charles and began to sell it. As a result Fr. Charles was transferred to England in 1866 and remained there for eight years.

He returned to Mount Argus in 1874 and remained there for the last nineteen years of his life continuing to heal others. During the last years of his life, however, he himself was in failing health. In December of 1892 he celebrated his last Mass and on January 5th 1893 he died.

Despite heavy snow, thousands filed past his coffin. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery beside Mount Argus Church and his grave became a place of pilgrimage where people came daily. In 1949 his remains were moved inside the Church where it remains a place of prayer.

Blessed Charles is remembered on January 5th.

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Retreat Registration and Deposit - February 2-4, 2007.

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Buffalo MN 55313