



# The KNIGHT'S FLAME

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## Grand Knight Message

Unity, Charity and Fraternity - three tenants of being a Knight. Nowhere were these displayed more than in the activities of this past weekend (October 27th & 28th). With two large projects falling on the same weekend, I was very pleased to see all the Knights who pitched in to make these events very successful. I'm sure Duane will recap the Spirit Run, but as I helped to hand out the awards, it was gratifying to see such a wide range in age of the participants. I also understand that this was close to a record number of runners. Congratulations to all the winners and those who didn't get a medal, but made a personal best in their event nonetheless. Sunday brought our second Pancake breakfast of the year. Many Knights pitched in to cook, serve, and clean up after another fine breakfast. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the breakfast. Both of these events will enable us to support those Charity groups and projects we bring forward throughout the year. Thanks again to all those who made an effort to assist with these activities. We had a few other events throughout the month as well including those who attended the State Soccer challenge. Congratulations to all participants! I'd like to also thank Dave Nissen for his leadership with our Adopt-a-Highway project. While Dave tried to organize with the Lourdes football team to do the cleanup, a schedule change unfortunately caused a conflict. So I'd like to thank Ken Lentz and my two sons Alex and Kyle for helping me get the roadside cleaned up for this fall. We'll decide where to redirect the funds that were approved for this.

Last, but not least, we end the month with our First Degree team doing a First Degree at Pax Christi. Although I am writing this ahead of the actual Degree I am hopeful that we will have 3 or 4 new members to welcome into the council. Dave Hubka, our membership director, helped lead our October Blitz after all the Masses on the weekend of October 13th & 14th and had several candidates fill out form 100s. Dave has also worked to encourage all those who can make it to join us for the October 30th First Degree. Thanks for all your assistance Dave.

As we continue into fall and prepare for winter, please consider how you can take some time to implement the good works of the order. As Fr. Don has noted in a couple of bulletins, the Holidays are much more than just about the commercialization of the seasons. There will be many more volunteer opportunities between now and the end of the year. Some are well established and others will be new, so please keep an eye on your e-mail and accept the request to help when a note goes out or a call comes in.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight*

## Get-to-Know-a-Knight

Duane Price was the lucky winner this month. Duane and his lovely wife Debbie have 2 daughters, Brittany (a sophomore at St. Mary's College) and Mellissa (a senior at Lourdes). Duane is a charter member of Holy Spirit Council, CEO of the Spirit Run, and enjoys working pancake breakfasts as well as eating at the breakfasts! He has been a local dentist since 1993. He is a retired Navy Reserve dentist. Debbie is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Mayo Clinic.

## Birthdays

The following Knights have birthdays in November. Give a hearty handshake and a super "Happy Birthday" to these gentlemen next time you see them: Patrick Blum, Scott Helt, Dave Hubka, Paul Klugherz, Mike Koranda, Steve Kunkel, Kevin Lenz, Dan Moravec, William Reiland, Peter Schommer, Kevin Weber, Charlie Farrell, and Dick Quinn.



## Calendar

Officer's Meeting ..... Holy Spirit School Library.....Thursday, November 8, 7:15 p.m.  
Council Meeting ..... Holy Spirit School Library.....Thursday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Light Up For Christ ..... Holy Spirit Church .....Wednesday November 28, 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Anonymous Activities. .... see article

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## Spirit Run

Our annual Spirit Run was held on October 28th. More on this in the next newsletter!

## Christmas Anonymous

Christmas Anonymous is gearing up for another year and can use help again from the Knights. Please consider the following opportunities. See the next newsletter and emails for details. You can also check the CA web site at <http://www.christmasanonymous.org/>.

- Senior Baskets at the Heintz Center  
Saturday 12/8 9am-5pm
- KTTC Toy Drive Truck Unloading  
at Christ United Methodist  
Saturday 12/8 5:30-6:30pm
- Food Packing at Christ United Methodist  
Monday 12/10 6pm-10pm & Tuesday 12/11 6pm-9pm
- Store Day at Christ United Methodist  
Saturday 12/15 8am-5pm (you must sign up for this!)



## Dues Proposal

*Dave Hubka, Trustee*

Proposal for Raising Our Dues

Dave Hubka

The motion carried at our September and October meetings to raise our annual council dues from \$25 to \$30 starting in 2008. As I've mentioned the past several months, our dues haven't changed in the nearly 13 years since we've started our council, and in the meantime various expenses have been regularly going up. Raising dues is a change to our bylaws, which requires approval at 3 separate council meetings to be effective, so I'll bring it up again at the November meeting for final approval.

Assuming it is finally approved, I will also make the following motion for a special one time offer. If you have any thoughts on any of this, feel free to contact me at [dhubka@magnaspeed.net](mailto:dhubka@magnaspeed.net) or 282-6090.

Offer a special one-time option for 1Q08: When paying 2008 dues, members may either pay \$30 for their 2008 dues, or pay \$100 for 4 years dues (2008-2011) at the old rate of \$25. Special notes:

- The special offer does not apply to members paying the student dues of \$10 in 2008.
- The special offer is valid only for payments postmarked by March 31, 2008.
- The special offer is also available for transfers-in and new members in 1Q08.
- If a member takes advantage of the special offer and then drops his membership (or dies) before the end of 2011, there shall be no refund.
- If a member takes advantage of the special offer and then transfers out of our council before the end of 2010, then they will still owe dues to their new council the years after their transfer is effective.

## Words from the Lecturer

### Pine Ridge

*Berry Hobbs*

Rick Stevens, Janela Hubka, and Irissa Hubka were our guests at the regular October council meeting. The topic of their presentation was the youth mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Pine Ridge reservation is home to the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and it is situated in southwestern South Dakota on the Nebraska state line, about 50 miles east of the Wyoming border. The area includes over 11,000 square miles contained in seven counties.

The population of the Reservation is around 30,000. Shannon is the poorest county in the nation, with an average annual family income of \$3,700 and unemployment nearing 80%. Life expectancy is 48 for men and 52 for women, and almost half the people over age 40 have diabetes; tuberculosis is common and the alcoholism rate is the highest in the United States.

The youth of Holy Spirit journeyed to Pine Ridge to serve their needs. They assisted with house painting and repair and working with the youth. Several were profoundly impressed by the time spent at Pine Ridge, and here are some of their impressions:

"I was impacted by how poor the people of Pine Ridge were and how it was happening in the US. I'd expect this kind of stuff in Mexico and other 3rd world countries."

"Going on this mission trip helped me realize how much we take for granted... It helped open my eyes to all the poverty in our world. It was very enjoyable & I'd love to do it again."

"I'd never before seen people living in such crowded, run-down conditions. Yet they had a cheerful outlook. I was amazed that kids ran around with no supervision... & how people just trusted you."

"I was saddened and awestruck by the somber truth that the US Army massacred 300 unarmed people from the Lakota tribe at Wounded Knee... Our government needs to hear from us regarding injustice..."

The youth group certainly represented what Jesus asked of us all, to serve and love the poor. The council appreciates their service to their fellow man, and we extend our gratitude to the adults who accompanied them.

## Little-Known Saint-of-the-Month

*Dave Dykstal*

This month we are in Ireland to find out about the early Irish saint Lorcan ua Tuathail a.k.a. Laurence O'Toole.

Laurence was born about 1128 in what is now County Kildare. His father was a deposed chieftain and Laurence was taken hostage at age 10 by the usurping king to ensure his father's loyalty. He was treated well in captivity until the king began to suspect Laurence's father of treachery, whereupon he was treated cruelly and barely given enough to keep him alive. His father spent two years attempting to free his son. An agreement was eventually reached and Laurence was sent to live with the bishop of the area who placed him in the school for novices.

Laurence lived at this school for 22 years, first as novice, then as monk, and finally (at the very young age of 25) as abbot. He managed to avoid the political arguments that accompanied his early elevation to such a desired post by serving ably

and humbly, and by practicing the austerities of earlier Irish ascetics. He became known for his unbounded charity during times of famine and need.

In 1161 he was consecrated archbishop of Dublin. Dublin had been a Norse city for almost 300 years and had always had an English or Norse bishop. Laurence was the first native Irish prelate of that city. He continued to practice austerities, fasting and praying, while carrying out his duties as an archbishop with dignity and grace.

In 1170 King Henry II dispatched the Earl of Pembroke to seize lands in Ireland. Laurence's response was to assist in uniting the country against the invaders, provide for the those made destitute by the war, and to negotiate for peace when Dublin itself was threatened. Throughout the rest of his life Laurence would add the role of emissary to his accomplishments as he negotiated several times between the Irish and the English.

On his last trip to England, Henry II refused to let Laurence return back to Ireland. Laurence followed the King to Normandy where he took ill and was taken to Saint Victor's abbey at Eu. Laurence received word that King Henry had relented and would again negotiate with the Irish King Roderic. Laurence died at Eu, an exile and fugitive, but with his last mission accomplished, His remains are still in the abbey at Eu.

Laurence O'Toole is one of the few Irish saints to be formally canonized. He is a patron of both Eu and the Archdiocese of Dublin. His feast is on November 14th.

## Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is Sunday evening December 2nd.



# Knights of Columbus Council #11460

## October 11, 2007 General Business Meeting

*This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the General Council Business Meeting*

*Submitted by Recorder Jerome N. Lensing*

### Lecturer Program

Berry Hobbs introduced Rick Stevens who provided an update of the Youth Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota this summer. Irissa Hubka discussed what she enjoyed and gained from the experience with the 7 other Holy Spirit youth that made the trip. Janella Hubka offered her thoughts on the trip, Janella and Rick were the chaperones for the trip. A number of questions were answered by Rick and Janella on the trip. They all expressed they thanks for the help the Knights provided.

### Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of Holy Spirit Parish. Greg started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officer's was called. Grand Knight Greg Kapraun, Chancellor Steve Kunkel, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, and Lecturer Berry Hobbs were present. The minutes of the September, 2007 meeting were approved. 1 Form 100 was read.

### Officers Reports

**Financial Secretary** Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for September, 2007 (Receipts - \$5,196.50; Payments - \$4,932.29).

**Grand Knight** Greg Kapraun – Dean Dalzell discussed with Greg K the need for shelves in a couple of rooms in the Church basement. Greg mentioned that this could potentially be an Eagle Scout project. Steve Kunkel indicated that there maybe 2 – 3 Scouts that maybe working on their Eagle Scout Award. Discussed the need for a First Degree in the District, set October 30 as a potential date with Pax Christi hosting and the Holy Spirit First Degree Team conducting the Degree.

### Directors Reports

**Chaplain** – No Report

**Program Director** – No Report

**Church Activities Director** – No Report

**Community Activities Director** – No Report

**Council Activities Director** – No Report

**Family Activities Director** – No Report

**Youth Director** – Dan Kennedy – Dan report on the very successful Soccer Challenge that was held at the Founders Day at Holy Spirit. Jeff Bagnieski reported that Holy Spirit was well represented at the District and Region with 4 of the Holy Spirit

participants qualifying for the State Challenge.

**Membership Director** – Dave Hubka – Membership Blitz will be held the weekend of October 13-14 after all Masses. First Degree scheduled for October 30 at Pax Christa at 7 p.m.

**Pro-Life Activates Coordinator** – Steve Kunkel – January Pancake Breakfast will be for Pro-Life activities in the area. October is Pro-Life Month. It was discussed that next that the Living Rosary would be a district event that is held in October.

**Newsletter Editor** – No Report

### Old Business

**Road side cleanup** by the Lourdes Freshman Football team will be October 15th.

Duane Price provided an update on the upcoming **Spirit Run** on October 27, he needs more help! He has many great sponsors and volunteers with many willing runners. Please were your red shirts! Announcements will be in the upcoming bulletins.

October 28th **Pancake Breakfast** will be for the Council Funds. We need to make sure we are advertising for the upcoming pancake breakfast since the proceeds are for the council. There was a discussion on the previous breakfast, it was suggested that a booklet be prepare that contains all duties of the pancake breakfast. This was prompted due to lack of total cleanup of the gym at the last pancake breakfast.

Motion made, seconded and passed to **increase the annual dues** from \$25 to \$30.

### New Business

Motion made, seconded and passed that the December Pancake Breakfast will be for the **Youth Mission Trip**.

There was a discussion of obtaining **more aprons** for use at the pancake breakfasts. Jim Decker will check into the use of KC points. Berry Hobbs mentioned that he help procured aprons for the Spring Valley Council.

### District Deputy Report

Jeff Bagniewski thanked the Holy Spirit Council for the sponsoring the Soccer Challenge. The date for the next Major Degree in Rochester will be April 6, 2008 at Lourdes. He presented Dave Hubka with the 2007 Columbian Award

### Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with a Hail Mary.

