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Grand Knight Message

First of all I'd like to say Happy Valentine's Day to everyone and invite you to please stop by our Light Night festivities that evening. We will have wine (and other drinks), cheese and chocolates to share along with good conversation, and of course door prizes. Brett Maronde our K of C insurance agent will provide a brief update on the benefits and services that our members can utilize. In addition, I hope to be able to introduce our new Parish Administrator, Joe O'Toole Jr., if his flights get him here in time. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to meet Joe and his wife, welcome them and get to know them before he begins his work at Holy Spirit in March.

Next I have several Thank You's to provide. First is a great big THANK YOU to all the members who have already paid their dues. Jim tells me this is the best year yet in getting dues paid. For those that have set the notice aside, please dig it out of the stack and send it back before your discount expires. Next, I'd like to thank Brad Brech, Jerome Lensing and Gary Moore for putting on another fine pancake breakfast. We will be donating a little over \$360 to Rochester Birthright from this event. Our Free Throw Contest was also held and I'd like to thank all the Knights who pitched in to help out with that. I'd also like to congratulate all the winners and wish them good luck as they move on to the District and Region levels of the contest. We should all continue to give thanks to our fine 1st Degree team. They are working hard currently helping to get a council established in Byron – keep up the great work guys! Finally I'd like to thank all the Knights and their spouses who took the time to attend one of the parish capital campaign information meetings. I know I saw several of you at each of the meetings that I was at. If you have further questions from these meetings please don't hesitate to bring them up.

As we enter the Lenten season and look towards Spring, I'd like to encourage every member to look at our upcoming activities and participate where you can. In February there is the K of C / RCS tuition scholarship banquet on the 8th and our Light Night evening on the 14th, in March there will be another pancake breakfast on the 2nd and our recruiting open house pizza party on the 10th. April will be a very busy month with two major degrees in town (3rd degree on April 6th at Lourdes and 4th degree on April 19th at the Kahler) in addition we will need everyone's help with our annual tootsie roll drive on the last weekend. As you can see there are many things to be involved in and now it is up to you. I am also still in need of a volunteer to head up our Golf Tournament, please contact me if you are interested.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Kapraun, Grand Knight

Dues are Due

Thanks to all the Knights who have paid their dues so far this year. Our Financial Secretary Jim Decker thinks this must be a record for early dues payers.

If you haven't yet paid your dues (there are about 55 of you), take the time to do it now and save Jim the effort of tracking you down later.



Birthdays

Knights with birthdays in February are Damian Ahlstrom, Larry Bodensteiner, Michael Branson, Brad Brech, John Kalwasinski, Chris Larsen, Leroy Machulda, Steven Strickland, Chris Wood, Tony Rossman, Glenn Opdycke-Hansen, Jonathan Jelinek, Joe Weigel, and Joseph Mueller. If you run into any of these gentlemen at church or work during this month please wish them a Happy Birthday and thank them for being a member of our council!

Calendar

Light Night
Pancake Breakfast
March Newsletter Deadline
Open House - Free Pizza!
Major Degrees
Fourth Degree

Thu Feb 14, 7:00pm
Sun Mar 2, after morning Masses
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Mon Mar 10, 6:00pm
Sun Apr 6th
Sat Apr 19th

Holy Spirit Commons
Holy Spirit Gym

Valentino's
Lourdes High School
Kahler Grand Hotel

Light Night

Our February Light Night will be special this year as it falls on Valentine's Day. Please save this date on your calendar and enjoy some wine and cheese along with some great company and maybe even some chocolates! We will also have a drawing for door prizes (must be present to win) so bring your spouse and double your chances. We will begin around 7 PM in the commons, but if you are still finishing dinner stop on up when you are done for an after dinner drink. We will likely be there for at least a couple of hours or so.

Major Degree

There will be a major degree (2nd and 3rd degrees) ceremonial held at Lourdes High School on April 6th. If you are a 1st or 2nd Degree please take this opportunity to advance to the 3rd Degree. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight please attend and encourage those who are advancing.

Fourth Degree

A year ago, the Bishop Fitzgerald Assembly 548 was asked to host the 2008 Spring Assembly. It was the hope of the Assembly that those 3rd degree knights desiring to enjoy the full honor of knighthood would take this opportunity to apply for membership. At the outset, we felt that a good response would be 20-30 possible candidates. Were we wrong.

At the writing of this article, we have currently signed 53 brother knights, 22 of these applicants are members of the Holy Spirit Council. The response to the upcoming degree is nothing short of incredible. The members of the planning team are working very hard to make this a very memorable experience.

If you desire to join this wonderful group of knights, please make contact with one of the following Sir Knights, and they will assist you in taking care of the necessary paperwork. They are:

Jim Decker	282-5227	j.bdecker@earthlink.net
Paul Daley	775-7012	orsurfmnturf@aol.com
Jerome Lensing	286-8693	Jerome.Lensing@pioneer.com
Berry Hobbs	529-9059	b.hobbs@charter.net

It is not too late, and we invite your phone call or email message.

Golf Tournament

We are looking for one, two, or a committee of Knights interested in heading up our annual Golf Tournament. Aaron Berg is transferring to Pax Christi and we need to replace him. Please contact Greg Kapraun if you or a group of you are interested in leading this important activity.

Free Throw Competition

Paul Daley

We held our 2008 Free Throw Contest here at Holy Spirit gym on Sun. Jan. 27th. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners will complete in the district competition to be held on Sunday, February 24th, at Lourdes High School with an eye toward moving on to the state level. Congratulations to all!

Age	Boys	Girls
10 yrs	Logan Daley	Noelle Langworthy (3 way tiebreaker)
11 yrs	Joshua Bakken	Madaline Talamantes
12 yrs	Aaron Grad	Lauren Kalwasinski
13 yrs	No Entrant	Katie Greve
14 yrs	Nate Kennedy	Stephanie Helt

The district competition will be on February 24th and the regional competition will be on March 9th. Both will be at Lourdes High School. The state competition will be just prior to the Timberwolves game on March 30th.

Men's Retreat

Dave Rossman

This year we had 4 men from Holy Spirit Parish attend the Men's Retreat at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo MN. They were Dave Hubka, George Fitterer, Chet Welle and myself. There we joined with other Catholic men from various parishes in Minnesota to learn more about the Gospel reading "On the Road to Emmaus". We met many other Knights of Columbus members including the retreat director Fr. Lou who happens to be a member of our council. We all concluded that individually we each had a very good retreat and wish that more of the Holy Spirit Council members could have participated.

Pancake Breakfast

The next and final pancake breakfast for the season is planned for Sunday, March 2. The proceeds from this breakfast will go to this summer's Holy Spirit Youth mission trip. As always, we need volunteers to work the breakfast! If you can help with any of these jobs, please contact Gary Moore (gmoored@charter.net, 269-2818). This is an easy way to get involved and delicious too!

New Web Sites!

We've moved our web site to a new provider and have registered domains for our own council and the city as a whole. Our council site (<http://www.kofc11460.org/>) looks pretty much the same as the old one for now, but the city site (<http://www.kofc-rochester-mn.org/>) is new. We expect to be able to add new services to our site over time - mailings lists, activity sign ups, event notifications, ... Check 'em out!

Open House

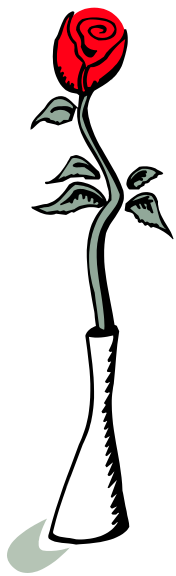
Dave Hubka

We'll be having our annual open house to let potential members know all the good things about the KCs and about our council. It will include a free pizza and pop buffet! Mark your calendars now for Monday, March 10, 2008, 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 anyone wants to sign up 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. To make it even better offer to drive!

One special focus - I would like you Knights with sons to come and bring them along. They've seen you involved - now bring them to hear the rest 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. Remember, our council offers reduced annual dues of just \$10 for high school and college students.

I'd like to see a great turnout 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 10th. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:15pm.



Roses for Baptism

Brother Knights -- when you are at Mass and there is a baptism, please step forward and present the rose. There have been several occasions recently (especially at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday) when no one went to get the rose and present it. Encourage your children to assist you. The rose and certificate are in the sacristy on the counter. If there is a single baptism, just read the certificate and present it. If there is more than one baptism there will be a white sheet there in the sacristy to read from with all of the names, and then individual certificates to hand to the parents or Godparents. *This is a simple, easy, and very visible way to show the Knights presence in our parish.*

Little Known Saint of the Month

Dave Dykstal

This month we are privileged to have a wealth of little-known saints. One in particular stands out - missionary and martyr St. John de Brito.

John born in Lisbon, Portugal on March 1, 1647. He was of Portuguese nobility, the son of the governor of Brazil, and a favourite of Don Pedro, king of Portugal. After his father died he entered the Jesuit order at the age of 15 and studied at the University of Coimbra.

Against the objections of his family, he volunteered for the missions in India in 1673 and was sent to Madura. There he studied the complex Indian caste system and found that most converts belonged to the lowest caste. He realized that for Christianity to have a lasting influence in India he must gain converts among the higher castes as well. He established himself as an Indian ascetic, dressed in saffron cloak and turban, and held retreats in the wilderness in southern India where those who were interested could visit him.

The mission he established attempted to bring the Church to the people in a cultural form they could accept. Brito became fluent in the native languages and abstained from all animal foods and wine. The method met with remarkable success. In time he was accepted as a holy man, his reputation grew, and he converted as many as 10,000. Among the converts was a prince whom he told to give up his wives. One of the wives, the niece of the rajah, had John imprisoned and tortured for a month, but being a religious man was no crime, so he was released.

His success in spreading Christianity brought on the ire of the Brahmins, the highest Indian caste. John and his catechists were imprisoned, tortured, and ordered to leave the country. When he refused, the rajah ordered John executed. At the execution site, he knelt in prayer, and the rajah's order was read. The executioner hesitated; John told him, "My friend, I have prayed to God. On my part, I have done what I should do. Now do your part." John was beheaded on February 11, 1693.

St. John de Brito was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII. His feast day is February 4th.

Prayer Intentions

For Jim Owens' mother-in-law, Shirley Cage, who passed away on January 31st.

For Neil Stiller's brother currently undergoing treatment for leukemia.

For Mike Branson's brother who passed away in December.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

January 10, 2008 General Business Meeting

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

Submitted by Recorder Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Grand Knight Greg Kapraun called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Library of Holy Spirit School. 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, Deputy Grand Knight Paul Daley, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, Financial Secretary Jim Decker, Treasurer Bill Oertli, Lecturer Berry Hobbs, Advocate John Lawson, Warden DeWayne Gallenberg, and District Deputy Jeff Bagniewski were present. The minutes of the December 2007 meeting were approved. No Form 100's were read.

Officer Reports

Financial Secretary Report - Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for January, 2008 (Receipts - \$272.00; Payments - \$713.70). Jim indicates that dues are coming in very well.

Grand Knight Report – Greg Kapraun – A number of thank-you's for our financial support were read and passed around. Greg thanked Dave Dykstal for his work on the new site – check it out; Dave Hubka for his efforts with membership; the recent efforts of the 1st Degree Team; and Larry and Jeremy Bodensteiner for the shelves they built in the basement. Aaron Berg will be transferred to Pax Christi. We need a new chairmen for the Golf Tournament, call Greg if you are interested. Greg summarized his note on the financial status of the council, contact Greg if you have any ideas on new fundraisers.

Treasurer Report – Bill Oertli – We have \$5,116.92 in the account. We are still spending more that we are taking in.

Director Reports

Chaplain - Father Don Schmitz - No Report

Program Director – Paul Daley – Paul is working on the mid year report that is due.

Church Activities Director – Ken White – No Report

Community Activities Director - Ken Lentz – No Report

Council Activities Director – Mike Riester - Talked with Jeff Swantko about the wine for the upcoming Lite Nite on February 14. Mike will also coordinating the other refreshments and snacks.

Family Activities Director – Rich Dettinger – No Report

Youth Director – Dan Kennedy - Everything is set for the Youth Free-throw Contest to be held at Holy Spirit on January 27th at 7:15 PM with registration at 6:30 PM. Event has been advertised in a number of parish bulletins. It was suggested to contact the youth basket ball coaches as well as Holy Spirit coaches.

Membership Director – Dave Hubka – On March 10th, the annual KC Membership drive will be held at Valentino's. Dave will invite Pax Christi also to attend. He will in contact with the Parish Office for a list of new members to invite. There will be a 1st Degree in Byron on January 22nd at 7 PM.

Pro-Life Activates Coordinator – Steve Kunkel – No Report
Newsletter Editor – Dave Dykstal – No Report

Old Business

Next Pancake Breakfast will be January 27th for Birthright. Booya and Chile for Super Bowl was discussed, Greg will check in if it will be feasible to do.

New Business

Lite Nite is February 14th. Join us for an evening of fellowship. Please invite any prospect members and their spouse or date.

A possible new fundraiser was discussed – a mini “St. John's Neighborhood” celebration. It was suggested to talk with Father Don and the Pastoral Council on their thoughts of the idea. It was also suggested to move the summer KC picnic earlier in the summer.

Birthday cards and Happy Birthday was present to Jim Decker, call him to find out what his age is and wish him a belated Happy Birthday!

Lecturer Program

None.

District Deputy Report – Jeff Bagniewski

Jeff Bagniewski thanked the Holy Spirit 1st Degree Team for their efforts. Free-throw Contest update – District will be on February 24th and Regional on March 9th both will be at Lourdes High school. State will be March 30th prior to the Timberwolves game.

Plan on attending the Major Degree on April 16th if you only have your First Degree. It is also encouraged that 2nd and 3rd members attend the Degrees.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

