



THE VOCAL KNIGHT

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

DECEMBER 30, 2011

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to wish everyone and their families a very special Happy Holidays. Because family is the most important thing in our lives, the opportunity to spend time with them is full of fun and happiness. Also, taking the time to remember the true spirit of Christmas reminds us to give thanks for the past year and keep hopeful for next year's opportunities.

The council has probably had one of the best years since its move to St. John's. The officers have worked hard to put the Council activities in line with member expectations. In doing so, we have gained several new members, and plan to further increase the membership for next year. I've posted the next year's 1st degree initiation schedules, which have been arranged by the district, to make it easier to join the Knights.

The officers and I would like to thank John Robinson for doing the Financial Secretary position for the past three years. John took on the difficult task of transferring the books to an online system. Though he accomplished this, due to work schedules and a need for personal time, he is now stepping down. Mark Stadtherr has been appointed by a supreme vote as Council 1013's new Financial Secretary.

Over the past month the council has been very busy working on various projects and events. We had a successful Rose Flower sale grossing over \$500. We sold Christmas Cards that grossed over \$600. This success will help various charity groups and activities that will begin next year.

We had a very fun time at the council's first Christmas party where couples got together and shared stories from their lives. Many great stories had everyone laughing; we are sorry for those who missed this event. It was a great time.

I would like to give a special thanks to brother Paul and Judy Lorentz for their dedication and work to donate an ultrasound machine from our council. We had a brother who wanted to make a difference in the fight against abortion. The Knights have shown that placing ultrasound machines to provide free scans for expectant mothers is most successful in changing mothers' opinions concerning abortion. We are in the final stages of placing a machine that will save lives. Mike Klienschmidt also helped by giving guidance and assisting with arrangements.

The council had the opportunity to help a Knight's family from out-of-state who are visiting Rochester for leukemia treatment. A picture is attached in the Vocal Knight and I would like to thank all the Knights who took the time to help move this family.

Next year will be very busy for our council and I ask members to consider participating in the various events. We often forget how a little volunteer work goes a long way, how much it helps others, like the family mentioned previously. Everyone runs into a stretch of bad luck now and then, but when someone hands him or her a financial stipend or helping hand it makes a big difference in those people's lives.

We will start with the youth free-throw program in January. This is an exciting event where we pass out trophies and certificates to the kids who participate. It takes a couple hours, yet everyone still has a fun time.

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This is followed by our Lenten Fish Dinners at St. John's. Mike Klienschmidt has agreed to chair this as his last year and has gone all-out planning for the event. Last year, Knight families staffed the entire event, creating a great experience for everyone. As a family organization, what better way to teach your children the gift of giving than to have them involved with this event?

The State Convention follows this event. The plans have been approved by state officers and sent to the districts. On Friday, before this year's convention, a golf event will be held to raise money for the state scholarship fund. Then the convention will kick off with a Friday social at the Peace Plaza in front of the Kahler Hotel. The hotel has been remodeled so all events will have a new look. The ladies will have an entertaining and fun agenda. Of course, there will be a lot of partying and meeting old friends prior to a closing mass at St. John's. We need Knights to volunteer for a number of jobs at this event, so please contact Deputy Grand Knight Robert Pyfferoen or myself if interested.

This is followed by two more summer events. The Warrior Dash is new to us but a great event where men, women or children over 16 can participate. This crazy event takes place in the cities, hosting about ten thousand young people for an endurance course that includes running through mud and other activities. To help out, we will take tickets and check people at the event. Each person working gets lunch, drinks and a tee shirt. The council makes \$1000 for little over half a day of help.

The final event is St. John's Block Party. This year the Knights will sign up for a block of time as beer bartenders and selling beer tickets. We will need about twenty-five guys for this event so please let me know if you are interested. This tradition is characteristic of a good time. Give me your name by early February so we can get the team signed up to work the event. We are shooting for the first shift on Saturday.

God bless you all for being Knights of Columbus and have a most Spirited Christmas and New Year.

Rea Schmid, Grand Knight,
St. John's Harold Gentling Council 1013

At the Jan 5 meeting we will be hosting the Marian Hour, a special time for Knights to spread devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe through a Marian Hour of Prayer program. We will start the prayer service at 7:00PM then follow it by our regular meeting. This will be open to St. John's Parish Members and to all Knights and their families. I would encourage you to come and pray for Charity with your family.



Upcoming 1st Degrees in District 31

December 29th, 2011
St. Pius Church
Candidates at 6:30pm
Degree at 7:00pm

February 16th, 2012
Holy Spirit School
Candidates at 5:30pm
Degree at 6:00pm

January 16th, 2012
Church of the Resurrection
Candidates at 6:30pm
Degree at 7:00pm

March 4th, 2012
Lourdes High School
Candidates at 9:30am
Degree at 10:00am
2nd and 3rd degree will follow

April Tootsie Roll Drive

Catholic Schools Support

The new Rochester Catholic Schools SOCS fundraiser will be on February 3rd at the International Event Center. Tickets will be \$35 a piece. If you need further information send me an email. GK

Moving of Knight Family from Arizona

After a request from a family member in Arizona we learned about a family where the father learned he had leukemia. With help of various Knight and Mickey Keefer moving truck Knights from 1013 moved the families household goods in 2 hours. District Deputy Greg Sanders took the picture. Great job to all.



Knights left to right Robert Pyfferoen, Mickey Keefer, Paul Lorentz, Mike Klienschmidt, Richard Siglow, Mathew Siglow, Rea Schmid, and Jay Morris

Happy Birthday to Members whose birthday is in the month of January.

Rev John L Lasuba	01-01	John R Mahanna Sr	01-11
Donald W Nigon	01-01	Ryan J Keller	01-14
Bruce E Fujan	01-02	Mark A Kobilarsik	01-15
William A St Martin	01-05	Sylvester J Whalen	01-15
Timothy R Geisler	01-06	Robert P Elwood	01-16
Armand J Gentling	01-06	Gene C Plantz	01-18
Gary A Welsh	01-07	Richard A Siglow	01-19
William H Perry	01-10	Harold L Carlson	01-24
Chris N Gawarecki	01-11	Arthur D Mergen	01-25
		David W Macken	01-31

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Who: Girls and Boys: Age 10 to 14 as of Jan 1, 2012

Date: Sunday Jan 22 2012

Time: Registration at 12:30 pm

Competition starts at 1:00 pm

Where: St Johns Gymnasium

The Knights of Columbus FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through council, district, regional, and state competitions. It is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of basketball skills – the free throw. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based in New Haven, CT on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14-years-old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Registration forms are available at St Johns school office and at the day of the event. If you have questions please call Brian Willaert at (507) 281-4522.



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If there is someone you know (or maybe even yourself) who would like to find out more about this tremendous faith based career with the Knights of Columbus, please contact me at 952-513-8784 (office); 952-358-0568 (cell) or email me at aaron.jelinek@kofc.org

I will be conducting interviews in the Rochester area on Wednesday & Thursday, January 4th & 5th. PLEASE CALL IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED.

Help us continue the work of our founder, Father McGivney. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and referral.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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3rd Degree Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Date: Thursday, December 1st, 2011

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for November 2011 were read and approved with a few typos and a correction as to the need for a chairman for the Tootsie Roll drive not as chairman of the Charity Committee, in place of Jerry.

Financial Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Tim read the October report and it was approved as read.

Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) Thank to all helped with moving the see the attached picture we were able to finish in 2 hours and Cathy and her family were deeply impressed with us helping them.
- 2) New nomination form has been turned into Supreme to nominate Mark Stathderr as our new FS.
- 3) First Degree schedule for December 12th at St. Francis.
- 4) Round Table December 7, 2011. Ray needs someone to be the membership director and attend this meeting.
- 5) Stain Glass Windows still looking for Donor application to be written
- 6) Rochester Parade - Not settled.
- 7) District Bowling – Steve Freese, Eric Rose and Robert Pyffereon attended. Fun was had by all.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) State Convention's Report – Robert Pyfferoen gave an update. All is progressing well
- 2) Youth Programs – Brian Willerat Upcoming Basketball Freethrow - None
- 3) Degree Reports - Rich Siglow - None
- 4) Doughnut Report – Mike Wolter reported that there will be no doughnuts served on Jan 1, 2012 and that the first Sunday of February is Scout Sunday and they will serve a pancake breakfast.
- 5) By Laws – Mike and Brian have been looking into updating our By-Laws and recommend just amending only the necessary changes to conform to Supreme and then establish a local Operating Procedures. We will continue to work on this.
- 6) Ultrasound Report - Mike Klienschmidt reported that a donor and a potential site have been identified. They will meet with the donor to discuss the site.
- 7) Vocal Knights Report - Steve Freese - None
- 8) Charties Report - Gerry Freetly - None
- 9) Flower Sales - Rea Schmid Summary – Not yet finalized.
- 10) Keep Christ in Christmas – Rea Schmid update – Not yet finalized.
- 11) Council Christmas Party – Will be Friday, December 2, 6:30 – ?? at the Schmid house.

District Deputy's Report: Greg thanked all those that helped move Cathy Newman and family. There will be a 1st degree on 12/12/1. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

Old Business: Nativity scene – Tim reported that electricity is available and he will let us know when we can set it up.

New Business:

- 1) Meeting Raffle for the treats (Mike Klienschmidt).
- 2) Attendance Lottery - Jay Morris was absent and missed out on \$30.00.

Memorials: None.

For the Good of the Order: Mark Zangs.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:35 PM.

Faithfully submitted by Michael Wolter, Recorder.

The Vocal Knight

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Your Help Is Still Needed

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Submissions

All submissions for next month's Vocal Knight must be received by the second Wednesday of the month for publication.

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