



THE VOCAL KNIGHT

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

MAY 2, 2012

This month of May is near the end of the Fraternal calendar year. Our past GK Rea Schmid has left us and we endeavor to carry on with our mission to make a difference locally and carryout the work of Christ. I did hear from our previous GK Rea Schmid, by E-mail. He did reply an e-mail as to his new job and things in Ohio. He said "Working on a software program to develop a new self check-out for Kroger stores. This is one of the largest grocery chains in the eastern US. The program is to develop a system to scan the items as they are put into the cart as you shop. Currently busy with work and visiting relatives out east. House is not yet sold and he has not yet found time for a local KC council in town". We will continue to send our thoughts and prayers, for him and his family.

The state KC convention is in the final stages of planning and it will be hosted by all of the Rochester area KC councils this May and again next year. Convention dates will be posted in the VK calendar. Council members can attend this event to witness the Statewide KC's in action. The Saturday evening banquet is May 19. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available for the convention which include:

Helping with Welcome Dinner Friday PM outside (weather permitting), help with On-site directions at the Kahler Hotel, Ladies tour at Assissi Hts., Closing Mass at SJE (attend with other KC's + set folding chairs as needed).

Volunteers are to be registered w/name tags – perks include box lunch provided & Evening Hospitality rooms at the Kahler Hotel. Council 1013 members can get registered by e-mailing BOB P. at rcpyff@hotmail.com

Any Rochester area KC members can register for main evening events MN KofC web site. One of our major projects which is underway and I hope nearing completion is the Ultrasound equipment for the Total Life Center in Hastings, MN. We are seeking local funds including a private donation with a matching grant from The KofC Supreme. This project when complete will make a huge difference in the local fight against abortions and the Pro-life movement. We should all Pray for success in this project.

Locally we at council 1013 were supporting the Parish at St. John's church and other local groups by providing Fish dinners during Lent for the St. John's area community. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to support the Boy Scouts, Home and School Association, RCIA, St. John's Youth Group, St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Rochester Serra Club. **Total proceeds of \$833 went out to these groups. A big thank-you again to all KC members and their families who donated their time to make this event a big success.**

This month of May has several events with lots of opportunity to help the council to continue it's mission to make a difference in our community. May 3rd will be our council regular business meeting . May 5th will be our Adopt –a –Highway road side pickup. May 6th will be Doughnut Sunday at St. John's church, after all masses. Please stop by to help serve and greet the parish members

There is lots more to come, see the calendar of events posted in the VK. We all have a share in the work to be done to make a difference locally.

With Faithful Regards, Grand Knight Robert Pyfferoen

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Council meetings will be held on May 3rd, Thursday. It will start at 7:00PM with the Rosary and followed by the meeting starting at 7:30PM.

Calendar of Events for May:

May 3 Council meeting 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm meeting

May 5th (or May 12, depending on the weather) Adopt-a Highway roadside pickup
8:00 am Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 9:00 am car-pool from Shopko north

May 6 Doughnut Sunday after all masses

May 18-20 State KC convention

May 21 Council Officer's (short planning) meeting at 7:00 pm. Followed at 7:30 pm by a visit to Thailand as described by council member Mike Wolter.

Other events (Spring & Summer):

June 22 Rochester Fest Parade

June 30th Warrior Dash

July 14 St. John's Block Party

Aug. 24 – 26 Family campout a statewide KC camping weekend in Ely, MN. Details available with BOB P.

Birthdays in May

William	A	Fitzgerald	May 1
Robert	G	Coulter	May 2
Nicholas	J	Wagner	May 4
David	C	Kohler	May 5
James	C	Nosbisch	May 7
Eugene	S	Scribner	May 8

Letter of Thanks

Last November several council members worked on a Saturday to help a local family move in Rochester.

The request came from a KC member Bryan Douglas in Flagstaff AZ. His sister Cathy Newman with husband Kirk and two teenage sons Cole and Levi were living here in Rochester. The husband Kirk was needing treatment for Leukemia and the family had recently moved to Rochester for treatment.

We went into action and moved them in 1 day.

Fast forward now to Easter Vigil 2012. The entire Newman family were RCIA candidates at St. John's church.

Council member Jonathan Morris sent me an e-mail about the Easter Vigil services. "As a RCIA sponsor this year I was able to meet and get to know Cathy and Kirk Newman along with their 2 sons. It was so beautiful to watch the Spirit of Christ grab hold of and embrace this family. I was privileged to witness Cathy and Kirk renew their wedding vows during the service. It was an emotional moment and there was not a dry eye in sight".

Another e-mail about this day from Bryan Douglas in AZ.

Dear Mr. Schmid,

I would like to personally thank you and the entire KC council at 1013 for helping my sister Cathy and her family move last November. As you may not know her entire family were recent RCIA candidates at St. John's church.

At the Easter Vigil Cathy's husband Kirk and the 2 boys Cole and Levi were baptized and confirmed to become Catholics. I attribute your service to help this family as a testimony to the sharing of the message of Christ by helping others in need. I wish all of you my most sincere gratitude and God bless you all.

Sincerely, Bryan Douglas.

The work we do may have grand and far reaching effects.



Knights of Columbus Council 1013
Minutes of Regular 3rd Degree Council Meeting
April 12, 2012



Meeting called to order by Grand Knight Robert Pyferron @ 7:30 PM, followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Grand Knight Robert Pyferron – Present
 Deputy Grand Knight – Position Vacant
 Chancellor Rich Siglow – Absent
 Financial Secretary Mark Stadtherr – Present
 Treasurer Tim Geisler – Present
 Recorder Mike Wolter – Absent
 Warden Brian Willaert – Absent

Advocate – Position Vacant
 Inside Guard Mike Kleinschmidt – Present
 Outside Guard – Position Vacant
 Chaplain Fr. John Lasuba – Absent
 Trustee Steve Freese – Absent
 Trustee Jeff Bagniewski – Absent
 Trustee – Position Vacant

Insurance Agent Report:

Bryan Steefland, new insurance agent for the region, was introduced. Bryan explained his background, plans for attending future meetings and some of the whole life insurance, annuity, disability and long term care products offered by the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company. He also reminded members of the accidental death benefit available to all members (\$1000 to \$2500 depending on age and years of service). Policy review (regardless of which company these are with) and coordination of collection on policies are additional services Bryan can provide. GK thanked Bryan for an excellent presentation.

Minutes:

Minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Grand Knight Report:

GK Pyferron reminded members of upcoming election of officers for the 2012-2013 Council year. Several positions are currently vacant and members were asked to identify potential candidates. Nominees should be presented at the May meeting with election at the June meeting. Bob expressed his appreciation to Past GK Rea Schmid for his excellent service to the Council.

Delegates for the 2012 were presented for Council consideration. GK Pyferron and Mark Stadtherr were suggested for delegates with Mike Kleinschmidt and Tim Geisler suggested for alternates. Upon motion made and seconded, slate of delegates and alternates was approved. Bob will submit paperwork to the convention officials. The convention will be held in Rochester May 18 – 20th. Any member interested in attending any or all events or volunteering to help with the convention can contact him.

Financial Secretary Report:

Mark Stadtherr gave the FS report. Receipts during the month were \$480 for dues, \$4,143.50 in fish bake revenues and \$6 in miscellaneous revenues. He reported 2nd dues notices were sent out March 1st. Knight Alert letters have been prepared for GK signature giving members first notice of suspension if dues are not brought current. Of the 30 members in arrears, 7 have expressed interest in withdrawing. FS report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim Geisler gave the Treasurer's report. Disbursements for March totaled \$1,723.40 and the checking account balance at the end of the month was \$5,976.70. Several fish bake expenses are yet to be paid and a final report should be available at the May meeting. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Fish Dinners:

Mike Kleinschmidt gave a preliminary report on the Lenten Fish Bakes. Revenues totaled approximately \$7,120 and expenses are about \$4,000. About \$850 will be contributed to the groups who helped with the dinners and about \$50 of food was donated to Dorothy Day House. The party for workers will be held April 16th @ 6:00. GK thanked Mike for his excellent leadership of this fundraising effort and all the workers who helped.

Ultrasound Project:

Mike Kleinschmidt reported he and Paul Lorentz had met with the donor and that negotiations on the purchase of the machine are still ongoing.

Donor Advised Fund:

Tim Geisler reported the Donor Advised Fund Committee had met in March and awarded two grants: \$15,000 to Lourdes Building Our Future and \$2,250 to Madonna Living Community.

KC Dance:

Bob Pyferron noted only 2 tickets had been purchased by council members for the KC Dinner Dance that will be held on April 13th.

Tootsie Roll Weekend:

Tim Geisler reminded members of the upcoming Tootsie Roll weekend on April 27, 28 & 29th. He passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Road Clean Up:

Road clean-up is scheduled for May 5th. Volunteers should meet at Grandma's Kitchen at Silver Lake Shopping Center @ 8:00.

Donuts:

Volunteers are needed to work the May 6th Donut Sunday at St. Johns.

St. John's Block Party:

The St. John's Block Party will be back to a one day event to be held on July 14th. Volunteer signup kick-off event will be held on May 2nd.

Meeting Raffle:

The \$50 meeting raffle would have been won by **Brian Elsworth** had he been in attendance. Prize will go up to \$55 for the May meeting.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Geisler, Acting Recorder

Catholic Coffeehouse: St. James Coffee signed a lease and will begin construction immediately on the new site for the coffeehouse in Rochester. The location is 4156 18th Ave NW (across the street from Pax Christi in the Cedarwood Plaza). The opening will happen in early June. We need help with the construction in the areas of donations, carpenters, laborers, painters, etc. If you can help, please contact Nick Sullivan at 251-0728 or nicksullivan1188@gmail.com For more information check out stjamescoffee.com

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

The Vocal Knight

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Submissions

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