



# THE VOCAL KNIGHT

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

OCTOBER 30, 2014

Gentleman – the leaves are changing color, the days are shorter, nights are longer, the air is crisper, and Halloween is right around the corner. Fall is definitely here.

October has been a busy month. We started out with Officer Installation at Holy Spirit. We hosted coffee and donuts after mass and it was great to have some extra help as several of our usual helpers were not available. We had our fall roadside clean-up. We had our annual Respect Life Rose Sale. We had 45 hours of volunteer work for the month. On one hand this is very good but when we look closely this work was offered by the same 10 people. Charity is the basic principle of our Order and I believe that is what draws men to the Knights of Columbus. Somewhere, somehow that idea has taken a back seat to the many other things that we encounter in our daily lives. Several of our officers recently meet with Fr. Mahon and Margaret Kelsey to discuss Council 1013's involvement within the parish. As we talked about the various projects we do and the volunteers each project attracts, one thought/question came to mind. Are we doing the right projects? I am not looking for more projects but I am looking for projects that would attract your attention, interest, and willingness to commit a few hours of your time to. What was it that attracted you to the Knights of Columbus? Call me, e-mail me, text me, talk to me - ANYTIME. I am looking for ideas and a few hours of your time.

One thing we have not had much of is socializing. Last month, as a small trial, the officers and their wives meet. While the men had a short planning session the wives had a Thai cooking lesson. We ended the evening with a "look what we learned" dinner of Padt Thai. Everyone had a great time, so much so, that I have committed to a social event at least on a quarterly basis. The next social event will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a short business meeting while the wives have a Christmas cookie & recipe exchange. Once the meeting is over we can all enjoy some cookies and refreshments. Additionally, I would ask that each "family" bring a wrapped gift that we will donate to Ronald McDonald House, Christmas Anonymous, Toys for Tots, or other charitable organization. If you are not able to attend please consider a gift donation.

Michael W Wolter  
Grand Knight

2014-2015  
Council Officers

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Fr. John Lasuba, 288-7372

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**Inside Guard:**

Francis Filzen

**Outside Guard:**

Matthew Siglow

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## Calendar of Events for November - Fall 2014:

November 2	Hospitality Sunday (Coffee/Donuts)
November 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting
November 20	Officers/Planning Meeting
November 21	VK “copy” deadline
November 23	Helping Hands Fair
November 26	VK published
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting/ <i><u>Christmas Social</u></i>
December 7	Hospitality Sunday (Coffee/Donuts)
December 18	Officers/Planning Meeting
December 23	VK “copy” deadline
December 25	Christmas
December 30	VK published
January 1	New Years Day
January 4	Hospitality Sunday (Coffee/Donuts)
January 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Business Meeting

## Upcoming Degrees

### *First Degree*

November 20	Holy Spirit
December 29	St Pius

### *Major Degree*

November 22	Owatonna
March 14, 2015	Rochester, Pax Christie

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

### Upcoming Schedule

#### November 2

0800 – 1000	Mike W, Mike K, + extras
0900 – 1100	Mike W, Mike K, Rea S, Don B, Fran F, + extras
1030 – 1230	Bob P, + extras

#### December 7

0800 – 1000	Mike W, Mike K, + extras
0900 – 1100	Mike W, Mike K, Rea S, Don B, Fran F, + extras
1030 – 1230	Bob P, Jim R, + extras

#### January 4

0800 – 1000	Mike W, Mike K, + extras
0900 – 1100	Mike W, Mike K, Rea S, Don B, Fran F, + extras
1030 – 1230	Bob P, Jim R, + extras

#### Feb 1

Scout Sunday – they are serving pancakes after Mass.

#### Mar1

0800 – 1000	Mike W, Mike K, + extras
0900 – 1100	Mike W, Mike K, Rea S, Don B, Fran F, + extras
1030 – 1230	Bob P, Jim R, + extras

## Worthy Brother Knights

**The Minnesota Knights of Columbus Newsletter is now online and can be downloaded from the [Newsletter Archive](#).**

**You may download it from the following link:**

[http://mnknights.org/img/November\\_2014.pdf](http://mnknights.org/img/November_2014.pdf)

## **October is Respect Life Month**

Just a year ago, our St. John's Harold Gentling Knights of Columbus Council 1013 presented the Total Life Care Pregnancy Center of Hastings, a state of the art ultrasound machine. This was made possible by the generous financial assistance of local and area Knights of Columbus Councils, the Fourth Degree Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald Assembly of Rochester along with a number of private donations.

Recently our St. John's Council received the following letter from the Executive Director of TLC.

Dear Knights,

I cannot begin to tell you how important your efforts were to get us our new ultrasound machine. Over and over again we are able to get an abortion-minded woman through our doors by offering her the opportunity to see how far along she is, if she has a viable pregnancy and if her pregnancy is in the right place. Many times she tells us, on the phone, that she has scheduled or is scheduling an abortion. I believe that she is troubled about her choice to abort and that's why she calls us in the first place.

With the opportunity to offer her the latest technology and pictures of her unborn child, we always get her to commit to an appointment for an ultrasound. Over and over again we see her cry when she sees and hears her baby's heartbeat for the first time. In the past two weeks we have been working with two women to help them choose life. Each of these women continue to be open to a different choice for their baby's lives and we credit that to God first and then the ability we have to provide truth, love and support to her and her unborn child.

I don't think we would be able to get these highly abortion-minded clients to come into our center without the ability to offer them an ultrasound. We have seen an increase of doctors referring patients to us. These clients are worried about their pregnancies, yet don't qualify to have an ultrasound during a routine visit. The opportunity we've had to confirm a healthy, viable pregnancy has allowed them to become bonded with their unborn child.

I just wanted to give you a brief update about what's been going on here at our center. I know of many babies who are here today as a result of being offered an ultrasound during their early stages of development.

This last summer we celebrated our 200th baby born through our center. We cannot thank God enough for each of their lives and the way they will impact our world. Thank you for all you, and the Knights of Columbus, have done to help us make that a reality for so many. Please share this update with your fellow Knights and give them my most sincere appreciation.

Andrea Kullmann,  
Executive Director

This is a true testimony that the Joy of Life continues and the lifesaving work of the Knights of Columbus.



Brother Knights and spouses. Many of you have or have seen the short sleeve polo shirts that various brothers have worn. These are wonderful to wear at Knight's events during warm months, but the cold of winter it is much more suitable to have a long sleeve dress shirt for doughnut Sunday and other events like the Fish Bake. So we have found a fairly low cost long sleeve shirt to order with the K of C emblem for our members. The color has not been decided but the shirt is a nice long sleeve dress shirt as shown in the above picture. The cost is \$23 for the shirt and emblem. We decided to order ladies shirts if any spouse would like to order matching shirts we can also take orders if interested. All shirts are long sleeves.

Shirts 4.5 ounce, 55/45 cotton/poly  
Button Down collar  
Dyed-to-match buttons  
Patched pocket  
Box back pleat  
Sizes XS to – 10XL

Tall Sizes LT-4XLT

Ladies shirts do not include patch pocket or back pleat

Ladies Sizes XS-6XL

We will be taking orders through the end of November. Contact Rea Schmid phone: 507 529 7906 or email [Reaschmid336@msn.com](mailto:Reaschmid336@msn.com). I can provide the sizes in chest, waist and inseam.



Officers/Planning meeting and social



Fall time road side cleanup



# Knights of Columbus

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014

Roll Call:	Grand Knight	Mike Wolter	Present
	Deputy Grand Knight	Open	
	Chancellor	Rich Siglow	Absent
	Financial Secretary	Mark Stadtherr	Present
	Treasurer	Tim Geisler	Present
	Recorder	Don Bradley	Present
	Warden	Brian Willaert	Absent
	Advocate	Mike Kleinschmidt	Present
	Inside Guard	Fran Filzen	Present
	Outside Guard	Matthew Siglow	Absent
	Chaplain	Fr. John Lasuba	
	Trustee	Steve Freese	Present
	Trustee	Rea Schmid	Present
	Trustee	Bob Pyffereon	Present

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for September 2014 were read and approved.

Financial Secretary Report: Mark Stadtherr gave the September 2014 report and it was approved as read. See attachment

Treasurer's Report: Tim Geisler gave the September 2014 report and it was approved as read. See attachment

Grand Knight's Report: Mike Wolter gave the report as follows:

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: None

District Deputy's Report:

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Citywide Soccer Challenge was held on Sept 14 at Holy Spirit School. There was a small attendance.

First Degree – we did not have a degree ceremony in September but will schedule one for January 2015. There will be a First Degree ceremony each month at one of the councils within the district

Officer Installation – will be on Sunday, Oct 5, at Holy Spirit, 6:00 PM Mass followed by installation and reception

Flower/Rose Sale – Respect Life Month is October. Rose sales will be after all the Masses on 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19. We will need some help following each mass – please contact Robert P or Mike W if you are available.

Financial Secretary position will be open as Mark Stadtherr has decided not to “run again”. This is a three year commitment and a very vital position. I thank Mark for the great job he has done. If you are interested please see Mike W or one of the Trustees.

Fall Roadside Cleanup will be on 10/11 with 10/18 as a rain date. More will be forthcoming under a separate mailing as the time is getting close. Please consider volunteering, it only takes 2 hours if we have 6 people and even less with more volunteers.

Meeting day – it was decided at the last Officers/Planning meeting to change that meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1900 Hrs. The time and date of the regular monthly Business Meeting was unchanged.

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Insurance – Council/Officer Liability

New Business: Meeting with Margaret/Fr. Jerry – scheduled for Tuesday 10/7 at 13:30.

Membership/Recruitment tool – Priest's Photo  
Knight/Family of the Month -  
Donor Advised Fund – Grand Knights have been updated.  
Monetary Requests –  
    Tony Melendez Concert,  
    Mn Adult/Teen Challenge,  
    Paul Widden – Perpetual Adoration  
    These requests will be forwarded to Charities Committee.  
Name tags – I will look into getting new name tags for all the officers.

Attendance/Activity Lottery:

Memorials:

For the Good of the Order:

Elaine Siglow

Faithfully submitted by

Don Bradley, Recorder.



**The Vocal Knight**

**St. John's the Evangelist Church**

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**Your Help Is Still Needed**

Please remember to send an email when you change your email address.

If you have an email address and do not receive the Vocal Knight via email, please contact VK editor Steve Freese at [sfree49@Outlook.com](mailto:sfree49@Outlook.com) with your correct email address.

**Submissions**

All submissions for next month's Vocal Knight must be received by a week before the end of the month for publication.

**Advertisers Wanted**

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