

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAROLD GENTLING COUNCIL 1013 VOCAL KNIGHT FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

In last month's report, I said that the membership was going to vote on the Donor Advised Fund issue. Because there was conflicting information on this we decided to change the vote on this issue to September 8th council meeting. This is an important vote so try to attend. During this meeting we will also have the installation of officers.

The meetings have been rather businesslike for the last few months, so we decided to have a Brat and Beans dinner. After which we will watch the Minnesota Vikings and Green Bay Packer play.

We have several fall events lined up, so please be ready to help. First item is the Soccer Challenge for youths. This has been scheduled for September 27th. And our road cleanup is scheduled for October 11th.

The council is looking for help to chair/co-chair some of the events for the year. We need someone to coordinate the trimming of the trees with lights, the Dues Dinner, Fish Dinners and advertise events. There are more of course but this is a good start. If anyone is interested, please give me a call.

Golf anyone? On Wednesday, September 10th, 2008 Holy Spirit council will host their annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament at Northern Hills Golf Course. It begins at 12 noon with a shotgun start. This year the cost is \$65 per person which includes golf, steak dinner, awards, and refreshment tickets. There are also a limited number of carts available at \$30 per cart. Contact John Lawson at 289-7006 for more information.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve Freese
289-1195

ADOPT A HIGHWAY – On October 11th, Council 1013 will take part in the Adopt a Highway project. We are responsible for two miles of Highway 247 just west of Potsdam. We are looking for help with the road clean up. We will meet for breakfast at Grandma's Restaurant at 8:00am. Those that do not want to have breakfast can meet us at Shopko North at 9:00am at the west end of the parking lot. If you are interested, please give Mark Stadtherr or Steve Freese a call.

BRATS AND BEANS - We want to kick start the year with a Brat and Beans dinner for our members. This will be held on September 8th at 6:30pm in the O'Day room just before the council meeting. Food and beverages will be provided but a RSVP is needed. Please contact Steve Freese at 289-1195.

NEWS FOR KNIGHTS

Knights of Columbus launches news and information site for Catholics.

The Knights of Columbus this week launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere: **Headline Bistro**.

Headline Bistro is a website that provides a quick digest of daily news sources around the world that contain news of interest to active Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, national politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended reading from the world of books. The web address is www.headlinebistro.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The officer meetings have been changed from the first Monday of the month to the last Monday of the month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3rd DEGREE MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:00 PM **Date:** Monday, August 11th, 2008

Roll Call:

Grand Knight – Steve Freese P	Outside Guard – Mike Wolter P
Deputy Grand Knight – Mark Zangs P	Chaplain – Father Lasuba A
Chancellor – Deacon Jerry Freetly A	Trustee – Mike Kleinschmidt P
Financial Secretary – Brian Bell A	Trustee – Rich Siglow A
Treasurer – Tim Geisler P	Trustee – Jeff Bagniewski P
Recorder – Brian Willaert P	Trustee – Mark Stadtherr A
Warden – Rea Schmid P	District Deputy – Jeff Bagniewski P
Advocate – Chris Nelson P	

Visitor: Ralph Vonacker from Michigan was in town with his wife for treatment at Mayo and came to visit Brother Knights and sit in on the council meeting.

Meeting: July meeting minutes were read. The minutes stated the vote on the Donor Advised Fund would be September 8th, while the other article in the Vocal Knight stated the vote would be held at the August 11th meeting. The vote will be held at the September meeting due to the confusion. It was stated that the St John's bulletin mentions the meeting is at 6:30 rather than 7. Steve Freese will have that changed.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Geisler - Report for June was passed around.

Report for June and July was approved and seconded

Financial Secretaries Report: Tim Geisler - June and July reports.

Report was approved and seconded

Unfinished Business: Flag Pole: A discussion was held pertaining to the flag pole in the peace garden area. Currently only the Papal flag is on the pole. It was decided that whatever flag Father Mahon wants to fly is fine, and that just the papal flag is fine.

The question came up about adding a plaque stating the flagpole is from the Knights of Columbus Council 1013. We would need to get approval from Father Mahon before installing a plaque. A possible free standing plaque near the path was discussed. The flagpole, materials, and electrical were covered by the Knights, approx \$3000, about 15 years ago. It was stated that the school flagpole has the American flag. Church flagpole now only has Papal flag. Mark Zangs – Asked Father Mahon where the American flag is and mentioned that the Knights had paid for the flagpole. Father replied that he would like to keep just the Papal flag, but would appreciate a flag donation for the school pole. 4th degree assembly will be looking into the donation for 2 flags a year. Will the 4th Degree set up a flag program? Our plan is to wait on report from 4th Degree plan. It was discussed that Council #1013 could possibly cover a new Papal flag. A plaque at the flagpole would show the Knights involvement in the parish.

Guest House Bishop Reception:

Send one student for each council. Needed a name of a student we were sponsoring to attend the event. Ray Zieman will take care of it. We approved and sent \$100.

Donor Advised Committee: Vote has been published. A question was raised: Do the guidelines say enough about making sure the donations go to projects/groups that follow the Catholic Church's values? Language in the guidelines on following values of Knights of Columbus would cover Catholic values. The first meeting of the committee will discuss the intent of the fund. A question was raised: What are the required criteria for a passing vote? 51% or 2/3rds of those present?

Member Survey: The survey Mark Zangs is working on to send to all 1013 members was discussed. Add Question: Why don't I attend meetings? If you don't regularly? Choices of "Not a member of St Johns", "Not interested", etc. Work into the suggested day and time of meeting questions.

Council Website: Rea Schmidt Report: Basic lay out based on sj.org website layout. A possible RSS feed was mentioned. Rea and Brian W. will work on it further.

Officer Installation: All area councils have had theirs with the exception of #1013. Discuss at next officers meeting.

District Deputy Report: We are now in District 31. The plan is to hold a 1st degree in the district every month – This month is August 13th at Pax Christi. March 29th is the next Major degree - at Lourdes HS. District Soccer – Last Sunday in September. State project – Football Frenzy: ticket for \$10 - \$3 stays at council, 4 games – total score of your teams – win cash prizes. October Membership drive: Survey – Usually not very successful as a mailing. Better to call - One to one contact.

Other Business: The idea of possibly having a rosary before a council meeting was raised. Vocal Knight – Deadline for content to be included in the next Vocal Knight is August 28th at 5 pm.

September meeting – Brats/Beans. Mark Zangs volunteered to work on the food. Monday Night Football: Vikings and Packers Donut Sunday – Council 1013 is still signed up for handling the 1st Sunday of the month at the 9:30 mass.

Prayer List: Gerri Vanocker – wife of visiting Knight Ralph Vanocker

Meeting closed with a prayer by Grand Knight at 8:49

Faithfully Submitted

Recorder - Brian Willaert