



KNIGHTS

Notes

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Brother Knights,

Normally, this column will be written by our esteemed Grand Knight, Jeff Fallon, but he is on a business trip and the honorable, Deputy Grand Knight, John Hunt, is traveling to Texas. Therefore, I will humbly attempt to fill the rather large shoes left by these two very important members of our council.

The most important item of note is that we are entering the Lenten season. Perhaps as many of you were, I was raised to sacrifice or give something up during the Lenten season. While I still practice this tradition, I find that "sacrificing" my time to help others during Lent puts me in a better frame of mind as I prepare for the Triduum and Easter. Lent stops being a time of waiting to "eat, drink and be merry" and becomes a period when I feel closer to God because of the people I meet and the new tasks I complete. I encourage you to use Lent as an opportunity to put into practice our principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

On a logistical note, please read the rest of the newsletter. Brother Hunt provided the articles and important upcoming dates before he headed south. Please thank Brother John, the next time you see him, for his efforts to keep us all informed about the activities inside and outside our council. You will also find a copy of the minutes from our last council meeting at the end of the newsletter.

Last and certainly not least, I hope to see you all at our February Council meeting which will be held next Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00pm in the St Francis Social Room.

Thank you for reading through to the end. Next month we will return to our regularly scheduled Grand Knight. (Right, Jeff?!?!)

Fraternally,

Bruce R Anderson

**MINI RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Our Mini Retreat is on its way. Sign up started on February 2nd and 3rd, and we have enough sign-up already to proceed. Father Trocenski was to be the leader of the event, but when he and our Father Tim Hall conferred, Father Trocenski turned it over to Father Tim.

The retreat will be Sunday, February 24th in the Social Hall. Please sign up at our display in the Gathering Space. It will start at 2 p.m. and last until 4 p.m. We will have a cheese, crackers and wine snack after 4 p.m.

Brother Knight Andy Simcox is in charge of the event. (Father Hall is a KC also). If you are interested in helping Andy please call 529-5475. He will need help in setting up the hall and with the wine and snacks.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**APRIL 19th**

At one of our meetings a Knight asked how many Fourth Degree there were in our Council. I didn't really know, but named a few. I was surprised when I received a report from Barry Hobbs and counted them. Our Council has 16 Fourth Degree members.

We have 35 signed applications for Fourth Degree Knighthood from all the Rochester Councils. Our Council has several interested members and three sign-ups. Please talk to Jim Arendt if you have any interest, or if you have a completed membership form. By signing now you are assured of having your name in the program. Now is the ideal time to join the Fourth Degree. The Exemplification will be held at the Kahler Hotel on Saturday, April 19th. Rochester Assembly is the Exemplification host. There will be 6 or 7 hundred Fourth Degree Knights attending. It is a big affair!

Information Submitted by John Hunt

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IN MARCH AND APRIL

There will be a First, Second, and Third Degree initiation at Lourdes High School in Rochester on Sunday, April 6th. There may be one or two First Degree initiations before that date, but nothing has been announced.

Therefore, I have made plans for a membership program in late March, and early April.

We will again pass out literature and answer questions at Masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and 30th. (The First Sunday after Easter.) We have done that several times, and you Knights that did it then please be ready to help.

We will then have a Membership Meeting with new candidates on Tuesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. in the Social Room. We will again show our video (better than last time), give a little lecture about the Knights, and then have cheese, crackers, sausage, beer and talk.

We show a lot of presence when we have our display after the masses. However, it does not seem a very effect way to recruit new Knights. **THE BEST WAY IS FOR YOU TO BRING A CANDIDATE TO THE MEETING!!!!** And I am bringing this up now because, 1. I will be gone until March 28th, and 2. It will give you time to talk to friends and neighbors.

It can be done. I read in the State mailing that a small church in western Minnesota with only 124 families had 124 Knights in their Council. That is the kind of brotherhood we need.

So please talk up April 1st with your potential candidates and we will get them initiated on Sunday, April 6th at Lourdes. If you have had just 1st Degree please plan on getting your 2nd and 3rd on April 6th. Complete details later.

Brother John Hunt Membership Director

DATES TO REMEMBER**February 12th - Tuesday**

Regular meeting 7 p.m. Social Hall

February 24th - Sunday

Couples Mini Retreat Social Hall 2 to 4 p.m.

March 11th - Tuesday

Regular Meeting Social Hall 7 p.m.

March 29-30 Saturday-Sunday

Membership Display at masses

March 30th Sunday

KC Pancake Breakfast

April 1st Tuesday

Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Social Hall

April 6th Sunday

1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree Initiation

Lourdes High School



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Minutes from January 8, 2008



The Council was called to order at: 7:10pm by Grand Knight Jeff Fallon

Prayer was offered by: Grand Knight Jeff Fallon (Our Father)

The Roll of Officers was called and noted as follows (P=Present; A=Absent)

A Chaplain Fr. Timothy Reker	A Warden Bill Klein
P Grand Knight Jeff Fallon	P Inside Guard Joe Wick
P Deputy Grand Knight ... John Hunt	A Outside Guard Gary Drugg
P Chancellor Jim Arendt	P Trustee (3rd Year) Duane Melvin
P Recorder Bruce Anderson	A Trustee (2nd Year) Dave Oeth
A Financial Secretary Paul Tieskoetter	P Trustee (1st Year) Dave Klinkhammer
P Treasurer Don Hint	P District Deputy Jeff Bagniewski
P Advocate Art Mueller	

Minutes of preceding meeting approved with the following corrections:

- Under Family Director Report, Fr Trocinski was the one contacted about conducting the marriage retreat.

Grand Knight Report

- Most items will be covered under Unfinished and New Business sections
- Thank you to Duane Melvin for leading the rosary on Saturday, 12/29 in recognition of the Our Lady of Charity icon being present at St Francis of Assisi Parish

Chaplain Report

- No report

Treasurer Report

- Checking \$4293.01 (11/30/2007)
- Savings N/A

The Financial Secretary reported:

- Deposits \$2005.88
- Disbursements \$50.69

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.

Committee Reports

Membership Director Report – John Hunt

- Currently we have 89 members in the Council
- We have 8 new members during the past year & some additional takes & puts to reach this final number.
- Annual dues will be coming due.
 - The annual dues for 2008 will remain at \$30
 - All Rochester councils plan to have the same annual dues so membership doesn’t fluctuate due to cost.
 - Life Members can only be charge \$10 annually & Honorary Life Members are charged no dues
 - Council 14170 currently has 21 Honorary Life Members
 - Council 14170 currently has 2 Life Members

MOTION WAS MADE TO SET 2008 ANNUAL COUNCIL DUES AT \$30. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.

Auditors/Trustees Report

- No report

Church Director Report – Joe Wick

- Even though the Our Lady of Charity icon has come & gone, it should be noted that Fr Reker supported the displaying of the icon at St Francis of Assisi Parish.
- Proposal for marriage retreat was approved by the Pastoral Council at their last meeting.

Council Director Report – Jim Arendt

- Previously, Jim had indicated he would have information about the blood bank at this meeting.
- Jim contacted Diane Inman who indicated a blood bank for St Francis Parish had already been established



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- Currently there are approximately 95 donors
- Please consider giving to the blood bank under St Francis Parish
- Diane Inman mentioned to Jim that there are grants available for ensuring neighborhood homes are safe & she wondered if members of Council 14170 would volunteer to make the necessary improvements. Jim indicated he was sure there would be volunteers available.
- Diane also mention St Francis Parish's Avian Flu Plan
 - Estimates are that 1% of flu cases will be fatal
 - Plan indicates that washing hands and covering your mouth when you cough will decrease the chances of spreading the flu

Community Director Report

- No report

Family Director Report – Andy Simcox (JOHN HUNT REPORTING)

- Fr Trocinski has agreed to lead the marriage retreat on Sunday, February 24 1:00-3:00pm
 - Open to all St Francis parishioners
 - John estimates the cost will be about \$150.
 - Suggestion was made & accepted to ask for a free will offering from participants

MOTION WAS MADE TO PROCEED WITH THE MARRIAGE RETREAT FOR THE PARISH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.

- Money was not allocated at this time since we have nothing but estimates at this time
- Fr Hall is also trained for this type of retreat but Fr Trocinski had already been asked

Youth Director Report – Jeff Fallon

- Parish level Free Throw Contest is being planned for Saturday, February 2.
 - Still trying to contact Resurrection KCs to see if they would like to combine with St Francis
 - Jeff needs a volunteer to coordinate because he will be out of town
 - Only weekend in January & early February when Jr Hi Boys' & Girls' traveling basketball teams in town
- Council will sponsor a pizza party for the St Francis Altar Servers in end of Jan/E or Feb/B
 - Jeff will contact Al Steichen who is the coordinator
 - Cost estimate at next meeting

4th Degree Report – Art Mueller

- See **New Business**

Field Agent Report

- No report

Unfinished Business

- There is no update on the “universal” liability insurance discussed at December’s meeting. Topic will be covered during the District meeting next Wednesday
- Christmas Anonymous - Joe Wick & John Hunt participate & thought it went well.
- John asked if we had received a list of adult leaders from Troop 186 & Pack 186
 - Motion, made at December’s meeting, to pay for scout leaders’ dues was contingent on the council receiving this list.
 - Jeff will follow up with Charlie Keller and/or Louis Kost
- John also brought up that a \$20 fee is charged for rechartering the Troop and the Pack

MOTION WAS MADE TO PAY \$40 TO RECHARTER ST FRANCIS BOY SCOUT TROOP 186 (\$20) & CUB SCOUT PACK 186 (\$20). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.



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New Business

- Jeff read off the list of council birthdays for January:

Neal Graham	1 st	Dave Klinkhammer	3 rd
Leigh Finley	3 rd	Jim Coleman	9 th
Francis Hildman	28 th	Jon Schultz	28 th
- 4th Degree Report (Art Mueller)
 - Everything is set for the weekend of April 18-20, 2008
 - Applications are available tonight
 - Complete application soon so your name will be included in the book
 - Book will include names of all new 4th degree members
 - Current count indicates there will be 41 4th degree members from Rochester
 - Please consider joining 4th degree. More social events than the regular council
- Rosary will be said at certain times during the year
 - Brought up during the December meeting but was never meant to be a monthly activity
 - Rosary on Saturday, 12/29/07 was rosary was counted for this month.
- Jeff is looking for a volunteer to create a website for our council
 - Holy Spirit council started website for their council & also for the entire city of Rochester.
 - KofC-11460.org – Holy Spirit's council's website
 - KofC-Rochester-mn.org – City wide website
 - Dave Dykstall is willing to help with the website. Tim Fag did the same for the Resurrection website.
 - Jeff B indicated St John's is planning to set up a website as well
- Pancake Breakfast 1/27
 - Need to have someone step up to the lead role since John & Bruce will not be able to attend
 - Bruce has written up notes on what needs to be done & where the supplies are located
 - Bruce has also taken an inventory & has a list of the supplies which need to be purchased

District Deputy Report

- The District Free Throw Contest will be held at Lourdes High School on Sunday, February 24
- The State Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, March 30
- Exemplification for degrees 1, 2 & 3 will be held at Lourdes High School on Sunday, April 6

Knights to be Remembered in Prayer

- Dave Plevak – Father
- Clem Christianson
- Al Steichen – Father

Under Good of the Order

- No report

Closing Prayer was a Hail Mary lead by Grand Knight Jeff Fallon

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59pm

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00pm in the St Francis Social Room