

# THE VOCAL KNIGHT

#### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

**JANUARY 9, 2013** 

I wish to extend a warm greeting to all council members as the new year begins. A required report that I need to complete this month to the National office, reminded me of all council activities carried out in 2012. It was a long list, but here is a summary. There were too many people to name for credit for this massive list of activities, both large and small.

Listed below is a summary of the work of many hands in 2012:

Fish dinners during Lent (six Friday nights), Tootsie Roll drive, State KC convention planning and participation which was held in Rochester during May (and will be again in 2013), RochesterFest parade, St. John's Block Party, Adopt-a-hwy roadside litter pick-up (May and Oct), Respect for Life fall flower sale, Christmas Card sales. In addition the council serves donuts and coffee after all masses at St. John's, usually on the first Sunday of the month. There is also a first degree team who participate in the ceremony to initiate new members.

Many of our members are also 4<sup>th</sup> degree members who participate in 4<sup>th</sup> degree Honor Guard services throughout the year.

Council 1013 needs the support of all of our members to do the work that makes a statement of faith in our community. As part of our mission as a KC member, community action to assist others is a part of Principles of the Order, which include Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We all should reach out to assist others when we can.

The council meetings and external events are all part of what we do. As noted above the summary of activities from 2012 is a large commitment. With the help of many hands and open hearts we can do the same + more if called upon in 2013. All who have worked at these projects in 2012, should take pride in our commitment. There is plenty of room for additional member participation, find yourself a place for the council and community.

Please note that our council is now under the service area of a new KC insurance agent. His name is Kevin Downie who lives in Pine Island should be contacted for all KC insurance needs. Please see the contact letter again in this month's VK. Please extend a warm welcome to Kevin, who we shall be meeting soon.

There is lots more work yet to be done, see the calendar of events posted in the VK. We all have a share in the work to be done in the name of Jesus, to make a statement of faith in our community.

With Faithful Regards - "Vivat Jesus" (may Jesus live in the hearts of us all),

Council 1013 Grand Knight,

Robert Pyfferoen

2011—2012 Council Officers

Chaplain: Fr. John Lasuba, 288-7372 **Grand Knight:** Robert Pyfferoen, 287-6519 Deputy GK: Vacant Chancellor: Richard Siglow, 288-1461 Financial Secretary: Mark Stadtherr Recorder: Mike Wolter, 280-0657 Treasurer: Tim Geisler, 281-5358. Advocate: Brian Bell

Warden:

Brian Willaert

**Inside Guard:** 

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# **Calendar of Events**

#### Calendar of Events for January:

Jan. 6 Serve doughnuts and coffee with other KC members after Sunday masses. Stay after mass for a short time to assist the council with this monthly community service

Jan.10 Regular Council meeting 7:00 pm meeting at St. Johns's O'Day room, as a reminder the meeting lottery for every council monthly meeting is now at \$85, members need only to be present to win.

Jan. 28 Council officers meeting 7:00 pm to be at St. John's O'Day room (scheduled 1 week late this month, due to Bob's out of state travel schedule)

#### Future events (in the new year of 2013)

Feb.7th Regular Council meeting 7:00 pm Rosary & 7:30 meeting at St. John's O'Day room

Feb. 18 Council officers meeting 7:00 pm to be at St. John's O'Day room

Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday

Feb. 15 Council 1013 will be starting our Friday Lent Fish dinners at the St. John's school gym.

Feb. 26 Please join Rochester area KC's and others to listen to Bishop Quinn speak at the new St. James Coffee house. 6:00 pm This new coffee house is located at 4156 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. (near Pax Christi Church).

### A few Winter Birthdays of Council 1013 members (for January)

	DONALD	NIGON	1-Jan
REV	JOHN	LASUBA	1-Jan
	BRUCE	FUJAN	2-Jan
	WILLIAM	ST MARTIN	5-Jan
	GARY	WELSH	7-Jan
	WILLIAM	PERRY	10-Jan
	JOHN	MAHANNA	11-Jan
	CHRIS	GAWARECKI	11-Jan
	RYAN	KELLER	14-Jan
	MARK	KOBILARCSIK	15-Jan
	SYLVESTER	WHALEN	15-Jan
	ROBERT	ELWOOD	16-Jan
	GENE	PLANTZ	18-Jan
	RICHARD	SIGLOW	19-Jan
	ARTHUR	MERGEN	25-Jan
	DAVID	MACKEN	31-Jan

# Nativity Scene at St. John's church Sponsored and installed by Council 1013



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October 31, 2012

Mark Stadtherr 5435 Stoddard St SW Stewartville, MN 55976 8312

Dear Mark,

This is to officially notify you that Kevin Downie has been appointed a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus effective November 1, 2012. He will be servicing the following KC councils: #1013, St. John's Rochester; #1223, Red Wing; #2751 Bellchester; #4097 Dodge Center; #4481 Cannon Falls; #11460 Holy Spirit Rochester and #14460 Bryon/Kasson.

I would appreciate if you would communicate to your membership via your council newsletter, that all Knights of Columbus insurance related needs or questions can be directed to Kevin. His contact information is Kevin Downie, 50905 155<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pine Island, MN 55963. His business card is enclosed.

I have asked Kevin to contact each of you in the near future for the opportunity to meet and acquaint yourselves with each other. I ask you to invite and welcome him to your next scheduled council meeting for the same purpose with your members. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. If he or I can be of any assistance to you or your council at anytime in the future, please feel free to contact either of us.

Fraternally,

Aaron Jelinek General Agent

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Kevin Downie Field Agent

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## Thank-you letters from St. John's office regarding donations

Thank you very much for the '25 contribution toward the perschase of books that will be distributed as a gift to parishioners following rer Christmas masses this year we hope that "Rediscover Catholicism" will help to revitalize Catholic spirituality during the year of Jaith. Please share our gratitude wit all the members of your Council.

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for your donation
to St. John's youth ministry. We
really appreciate your support. It
is exciting to see support for this
ministry grow within our parish
because it is so important for our
young people. Thank you for all you
do for our parish and in our
community. Happy Advent!

Blessings & gratitude,

Megan Relsey
Youth Ministry Coordinator

# **Knights of Columbus Council 1013 December 6, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Grand Knight Robert Pyfferoen called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

#### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Grand Knight Robert Pyfferoen	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Vacant
Financial Secretary Mark Stadtherr	Present
Treasurer Tim Geisler	Present
Recorder Mike Wolter	Absent
Warden Brian Willaert	Absent
Advocate Brian Bell	Absent
Inside Guard Mike Kleinschmidt	Present
Outside Guard Rufus Wisniewski	Absent
Chaplain Fr. John Lasuba	Absent
Trustee Steve Freese	Absent
Trust Jeff Bagniewski	Absent
District Deputy Greg Sanders	Present

**Reading of Minutes:** Minutes of November 8, 2012 Council meeting were approved as written.

**Secretary Report:** Secretary Mark Stadtherr reported there were no receipts for the month of November, there are 12 past due members and there have been 6 withdrawals. Mark will sending out 2013 dues notices later in December and will continue to follow up with delinquent members to clean up our membership lists. The secretary's report was approved as presented.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Tim Geisler reported cash disbursements for November totaling \$1,673.47. This includes contributions of \$1,500 approved at the November council meeting. He also noted a cash transfer of \$1000 from savings to checking to cover these contributions. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**District Deputy Report:** District Deputy Greg Sanders informed the council of the following upcoming degrees:

December 13 – First degree in Spring Valley @ 6:30 PM

January 8 – First degree at Byron/Kasson. Time TBD

January 26 – First degree at St. Mary's in Winona @ 9:00 AM

February 21 – First degree at Holy Spirit. Time TBD

March 9 – Major degree at LHS (tentative). Time TBD

Greg also noted the state convention planning committee continues to meet and that Mark Stadtherr will serve as treasurer for the convention this year.

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#### **Committee Reports:**

Ultrasound Project – Mike Kleinschmidt reported the order for the ultrasound machine has been cancelled. He explained the history of the project and the complications that have arisen with the selected vendor. We have received our money back from the vendor and the committee is pursuing additional vendor possibilities. Additional discussions with the donor's family are ongoing to keep them informed. The Committee was commended for the extraordinary effort on this project and dealing with the multitude of issues and lack of information they have encountered.

#### **Old Business:**

Flower sales – the bill for the flower sales expenses has been received and is being reviewed before authorizing for payment. Final report will be presented at a future meeting when all revenues and expenses have been calculated. GK Pyferroen noted he completed the survey regarding this year's sale and returned it to the sale coordinator.

Christmas card sales – GK Pyferroen noted sales of Christmas cards has been slow and will continue after masses during December.

#### **New Business:**

Donor Advised Fund – GK Pyferroen noted he is waiting to hear back from his choice for the Council's representative to the Donor Advised Fund. The guidelines and timeline for this year's process for reviewing and selecting contribution requests will be covered at the district meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Requests for assistance by Sisters at Assisi Heights – GK Pyferroen informed the council of requests by the Sisters at Assisi Heights regarding potential assistance. No action taken.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities – GK Pyferroen noted the annual survey of fraternal activities is due at the end of January and requested assistance to gather information needed for the report.

Christmas Nativity display – The nativity and trees will be set up at the north entrance of the church on the fourth Sunday of Advent (12/23).

Attendance Lottery – William Hirman would have won \$85 if he had been in attendance.

**Memorials** – None

**Good of the Order** – None

Meeting closed with prayer led by DD Sanders at 8:56.

Respectfully Submitted by Tim Geisler, Acting Recorder

#### The Vocal Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 1013 P.O. Box 8282 Rochester, MN 55903-8282 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### 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@hotmail.com with your correct email address.

**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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