



Northfield Knightly News



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Grand Knight Report

This got quite long; I didn't have a lot of time. - Mark Twain

As I told you last month, my rapid ascent to being the Grand Knight was not planned. When I made the decision to start coming to more Knight meetings (as in more than once a year or once a decade), I had no intentions of assuming any kind of responsibility in the Knights. In my head, I figured that one meeting per month for 1 and 1/2 hours per month following by some fellowship, pizza, and beer or soda sure beat the City Council with 3, 3 hour meetings per month and very little fellowship, no pizza, and no beer. What could go wrong with that plan?

Granted, my calling was not like Moses' burning bush or Paul's vision of seeing the Risen Lord, but it was a calling nevertheless. When the call for a Grand Knight went out, it was as if my Grandpa had asked, "Who wants to help me clean the hog barn?". When I meekly raised my hand, hoping to go unnoticed, my secret hope was that the Knights surrounding me would all agree that I was incompetent. When they didn't immediately reject me, I pled my case of incompetence openly, quite adeptly, and with the appropriate amount of understated passion.

While they didn't disagree (or agree) with my claims of incompetence, what happened next is still unclear, but, as denoted by the above salutation - Grand Knight. Competence is apparently not a requirement to be Grand Knight. I felt a bit like Moses. As I remember, when Moses pled his inability to lead the Israelites out of Egypt because of his speech impediment, "I am" (Yehweh) told him that his brother Aaron could speak for him. My pleas, like Moses' pleas, were quickly dismissed. Gary Graff said that he would give whatever help I needed; he has been good on his word. Todd and Jeff assured me that I didn't have to worry about the books; Chuck Jutz had the secretary's job covered; and the list goes on and on.

I have decided that I need to take a Fr. Clubb outlook on this "obligation". Fr. Clubb used to say that Catholics don't have holy days of obligation; they have **holy days of opportunity**. Being a Knight isn't an obligation; it is an OPPORTUNITY - an opportunity to help others, an opportunity for fellowship, an opportunity to fry burgers or flip pancakes, an opportunity to support those among us in need, and an opportunity to put Christ's call for action into concrete acts of terms. Oh, and the opportunity to have pizza and beer...or soda.

My plan to lead/serve has nothing to do with plagues or asking for bread from heaven. It has to do with re-establishing our connections with each other by email, telephone and in person, so we can invite and join each other to an opportunity for service. I end with a lesson from my sage mother, "David, take advantage of the opportunities to serve; one day you will beg God to give you the strength to serve others. You don't want God to tell you that you had your chance, but you didn't use it."

David Ludescher



Good of the Order



Brother Knights,
We lost a long-time member of our council yesterday. Brother John (Rose) Tussing passed away in the early morning hours. Please keep the Tussing family in our thoughts and prayers.

Please keep the family of Brother Dale Touchette in your thoughts and prayers. Dale recently passed away. Dale Touchette, age 87 of Northfield, passed away on Sunday afternoon, November 12, 2017, at Reflections Care Suites on the Three Links Campus.

Calendar of Events

Dec 7	KC Meeting	6:30pm Rosary, Meeting 7pm, Meal 8pm
Jan 7	KC Meeting	6:30pm Rosary, Meeting 7pm, Meal 8pm
Feb 1	KC Meeting	6:30pm Rosary, Meeting 7pm, Meal 8pm



THANK YOU

Thank you to those KC's who helped with the breakfast buffet on November 12. All went very smoothly and Sue and I really appreciated your help.

Brother Hollinger

December Birthday's

Happy Birthday to the following Knights celebrating in December!

12/1	Brian Hefer	12/19	Bernard Quinn
12/2	Dale Malecha	12/20	David Estrem
12/3	J. Dudley	12/23	Mark Malecha
12/4	Francis Krenik	12/24	Jeff Docken
12/5	Francis Froehlich	12/26	Dennis Harris
12/6	Thomas Wirtzfeld		William Soderlund
12/11	Ryan Anthony	12/28	Patrick Mahowald
12/12	Bruce Wiskus	12/30	Larry Malecha
12/13	Matthew Davis		
12/17	Leo Skluzacek		



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On the Lighter Side...

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I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A
GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE
GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES
HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

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