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JANUARY 2012. Holy Spirit Council 14079

Holy Spirit 14079 Officers for 2010-2011:

Grand Knight: Marvin C. Gabalski

DGK: David Strubhart/Bob Greuter

Chaplain: Monsignor Al Humbrecht

Chancellor: Bob Greuter

Advocate: Edwin Foster

Financial Secretary: Bruce Speer

Recorder: Karl Nesmith

Treasurer: Francisco Romero

Lecturer: Leo Klaes

Warden: Pat Conway

Inside Guard: Dennis Wolf

Outside Guard: Todd Miller

Trustees:

1 yr. Jerry Young

2 yr. Ed Szelengiewicz

3 yr. Harold Spletzer

PROGRAM DIRECTORS:

Church: Bruce Speer & Ken Frische

Youth: Jake Olivier

Council: Mark McMillan and Kevin Welsh

Community: Ed Klim and Ed Foster

Family: Stephen DeRight

MR Drive: John Helton & PGK's

Right to Life: Kenny & Francis King

Retention: Wes Bell & Jerry Young

Membership: Bob Greuter & PGK's

Admissions: PGK's

Vocations: Bruce Speer, Msgr. Al

SVDP: Jack Cooper & Bob Rourke

Good of the Order: Bill Willis

Parish Life: Jimmy Tucker

Admin: Wesley Bell

Parish Council Rep: Mark McMillan

Degree Team: Mark McMillan & Wes Bell

Knights Newsletter: Jerry Young

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A note of thanks to our most recent Past Grand Knight, Robert G. Kirn. As most of you know, Bob resigned his office on or around 12/12/11 due to personal reasons. Our sincere thanks to Bob and Charlene for the hard work and many hours they have given to our parish and council over the past 18 months, while serving as our G.K.

The manhours and monetary donations our Council has contributed toward our charitable projects have more than tripled during Bob's time as GK.

For this and for the many meals that both Bob and Charlene have helped prepare for the council and the various parish activities, for all the work, and for serving as Music Director and organist/piano accompaniment for the 8:00 Sunday Masses, we say thank you and "WELL DONE."

JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Jan 6th: 6:30pm First Friday Services and Perpetual Adoration all day.

Saturday, Jan. 7th, Mid-year meeting in Nashville

Monday, Jan. 9th : 7:00pm Officers' & Program Directors' meeting.

Monday, Jan. 16th : 7:00pm Business Meeting.

IMPORTANT UP-COMING EVENTS:

Saturday, 1/7/12: The State Mid-Year Meeting in Nashville. If you would like to attend we will meet at Holy Spirit and car-pool. (More later)

SUNDAY, February 12, 2012: HUGS, KISSES AND APPRECIATION DINNER FOR OUR BETTER HALVES!



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Our Council is hosting a Valentine Appreciation Dinner at Fehn's 1891 House Restaurant, 449 Delaware Avenue, Dayron, TN. Fehn's, originally built as a Catholic school known as St. Genevieve's Academy, has a great reputation for fine food and atmosphere. Adult beverages are not served, so bring you own. Cost per couple, including tax and gratuity, will be around \$75 with a choice of Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken. Dining space is limited, so please contact Steve DeRight soon to make your reservation, sderight@henkels.com or call him at 423-605-3768.

The Nominating committee is now looking for a few good men for the Council's May elections. If you would like to be considered contact Jerry Young, Bruce Speer, Bob Greuter, Edwin Foster or Mark McMillan.

THE G.K. HAS HIS SAY;

Brother Knights:

I'd like to share with you a quote from Benjamin Franklin:

"I can only show my gratitude for these mercies from God, by a readiness to help His other children and my brethren. For I do not think that thanks and compliments, though repeated weekly (as in attending Sunday services?) can discharge our real obligations to each other and much less to our Creator.

.....But I wish (faith) were more productive of good works than I have generally seen it; I mean REAL (emphasis added) good works; works of kindness, charity, mercy, and public spirit; not performing church ceremonies, or making long prayers, filled with flatteries and compliments....."

James 2:17 says it this way: "Faith without works is dead."

Jesus truly lives! Marvin C. Gabalski

THE KNOSY KNIGHT:

Meet one of the more active Knights to join our Council, He is fairly new with us but he first joined the Knights back in 1978.

Let's have a standing ovation for Stephen DeRight. Stephen, If you fail this quiz you may end up back in Chestnut, roasting on a open fire.

Q. What is the most fun you have ever had?

A. Most recently, the first time I saw the Hypnotist, Gary Conrad, at the Comedy Catch. I felt like I was going to die laughing. Less recently, snow skiing.

Q. If you had not chosen the path that you did, what work would you have picked to do?

A. I don't know. I really love building stuff, always have.

Q. If you won the Lottery, what would be your first goal or project?

A. I would retire from my current construction position and start to offer help for Catholic Churches in need of repair.

Q. Where are you originally from?

A. I was born in Springfield, IL and spent my years growing up in Chestnut, IL and later Decatur, IL. A bit of trivia, if you have not heard of Chestnut, a town of about 150, its claim to fame is being the geographic center of Illinois.



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Q. Excluding family and friends, what is most important to you?

A. My Christian Catholic faith.

Q. What person living or dead would you most like to meet?

A. Jesus Christ, for obvious reasons. Other than Him, anyone who sacrificed their life for our great country.

Q. What quality do you like most in others?

A. Commitment.

Q. What is your favorite pastime or activity?

A. 1st, spending time with my family, then volunteering and finally a good golf day.

Q. What is your greatest extravagance?

A. Golf

Q. What inspires you most?

A. Anything someone does to make a positive impact on other people's lives.

Q. Where did you first meet your wife?

A. I was 14 and locked out of my Grandmother's house. Lucky for me, after waiting a few hours, my cousin Nina came by with her best friend, Vickie. Vickie and I kept in touch over the years and later married.

Q. What talent would you most like to have?

A. To be a good story teller.

Q. What are your best character traits?

A. Family commitment, prudence, dependable, honest, thoughtful.

Q. What would you hate to be left in a room with?

A. Anything angry.

Q. If you could change anything about yourself, what would that be?

A. Procrastination.

Q. What words or phrase do you most overuse?

A. Golly, Dad-gummit, Gosh-dang-it, and shoot. Ed. Note (He just stole my whole vocabulary.)

Q. What is your most treasured memory from when you were young?

A. Vacations with my parents.

Q. What was your most embarrassing moment?

A. For some reason I get embarrassed in front of crowds.

Q. What is your greatest regret so far in life?

A. Not spending more time with my son and daughter.

Q. To what vacation destination would you most like to travel?

A. Yellowstone National Park.

Q. Who is your favorite actor/actress?

A. John Wayne

Q. What is something most people don't know about you?

A. I was born an adult. Ed. (Say what?)

Q. If you were to write your own epitaph, what would it say?

A. I would like it to say, "A GREAT HUSBAND & DAD"

Q. If you did not live in Tennessee, where would you choose to live?

A. If not in Tennessee, then maybe somewhere near an ocean.



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Q. If you could own any vehicle, what would it be

A. Aston Martin DBS Volante.

Q. What do you like most about Holy Spirit?

A. Our members' community involvement.

Q. If you could re-live any time in your life, when would that be?

A. My children's birth.

Q. What is the dumbest thing you have ever done?

A. Not wearing a life jacket when I jumped in the lake to save my wife Vickie. She nearly drowned me.

Q. What do you collect?

A. Carpentry tools, mainly to keep Mrs. DeRight happy doing house projects she absolutely needs done.

Q. What is your favorite snack food?

A. Just about anything Little Debbie makes.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - NOV.

After a 30 day delay, we can now tell you that Wesley and Janet Bell walked away with the Family of the Month for November.....Well. Janet walked away. Wes slipped the Certificate under his jacket and ran away with it.... SO WE'RE GOING TO LET HIM KEEP IT.

Poor Janet deserves every award she gets – she has to put up with Wes. Congratulations Bell family, you have earned it.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - DEC.

The Family of the Month for December was also a no-brainer – which is why GK Marvin let me pick

the winner. David headed up the pork butt sales and the Christmas smoked ham and turkey sales. He put in many hours during both sales.

Janet, of course (I mean of course) does all the shopping and is kind enough to kick David out of the house and won't let him back in until the job is done. She was also of great help to those parishioners who decorated the church this year – since she has headed up the decoration committee the past few years

This certificate could also have been awarded to Mark McMillan but he is running out of wall space. I understand that most of his certificates are laying in his bathroom where the Sears Catalog is usually kept.

Therefore, congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Strubhart.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - DEC.

This month we have a new award winner. We won't say anything nasty about this guy – he might get mad, go home and never come back. Our Knight of the Month for December has been out there street-walking and selling his..... Adventure Books.

Congratulations Bob Hanselman – and keep up the good work. One question. Did you just graduate from "KLIM'S BOOK SELLING ACADEMY?"

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Stephen Leaf	1/08/12
William Nesmith	1/10/12
R. Larry Taylor	1/11/12



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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Anh Greuter

Geoffrey and Lori Hanson

Bill Wills, The Good Will Knight .

FINANCIAL FACTS FROM THE SPEER ALMANAC:

Our Worthy Financial Secretary is so busy counting the money from the Adventure book sales, the Butt sales and the Ham/Turkey sales and planning his Hawaiian vacation that he doesn't have time to give us the facts.

Furthermore, he won't have the figures until he knows what his vacation will cost.

Bruce P. Speer, Financial Secretary

HUMOR OR RUMOR:

Many, many years ago when Dr. Edwin Foster was a young man, he won a trip to Vienna. One day he was walking through a graveyard when he heard music coming from a grave. The tombstone read, "Ludwig Von Beethoven, 1770-1827." Ed immediately recognized the song was the 9th Symphony being played backward. Puzzled, he left the graveyard and persuaded his old friend,

Bob Greuter to return with him. By the time they got back to the grave, the music had changed to the 7th Symphony. It, too, played backward. Bob and Ed decided they needed a music scholar so they called Bob Kirn. When Bob arrived the three men went to the grave where they heard the 5th Symphony playing backward.

Bob Kirn, being the music expert that he is said, "You dummies, there is nothing to worry about, Mr. Beethoven is just decomposing."

MEDITATION MEDICATION:

This season of joy and expectation can be fulfilled only in the welcoming and worshipping of the Lord of lords and King of kings at Christmas.

Remembering that for you and me did He come to give us the gift of life in Him.

Peg and I hope all of you had a Christ-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with hope.



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