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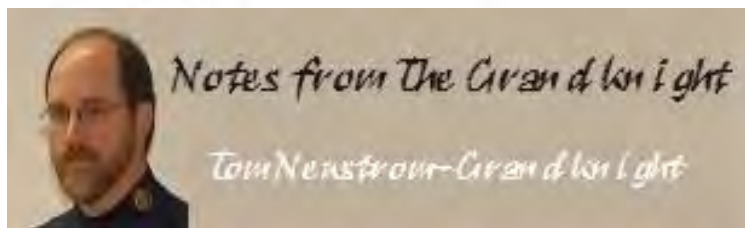
The Catholic Community of
**St. Katharine
Drexel**

Knights of Columbus Council #14984
Membership Meeting 1st Mon, 7:30 pm
Planning Meeting, Last Monday of Month, 7:30pm



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Since Tom reminded me, I thought I'd better take this opportunity to give you the list of our new Officers.

So, without further ado, here are the guys taking the reigns for the coming year. There is a good mix of incumbents and new blood. Let's give them all our best efforts and support.

It's already been a year for our current lineup of officers, and time to elect a new team. As I look back at the challenges and the achievements we have had, and the number of activities we have taken on. I am proud of the amount of member participation we have. It shows how dynamic this council is.

I want to thank you all for your support. As I have fumbled my way along (thanks for not laughing too loudly) you have encouraged and empowered me with your kind words and actions.

My hope is that we keep the enthusiasm up so we can all grow in unity, fraternity and spirituality. If we do, our council will continue to grow with us and be exceptional.

As some of our leadership positions change hands this month, I ask that you embrace them with the same level of support. They will need it as they take on the challenges of helping and guiding our council. I **KNOW** they will do a great job and we will all be enriched by their efforts.

With humble thanks,

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| Grand Knight | - Tom Newstrom |
| Deputy Grand Knight | - Dale Kraus |
| Chancellor | - Tim Ness |
| Warden | - Carl Ellingson |
| Inside Guard | - Mike Jackson |
| Outside Guard | - Tom Nelson |
| Advocate | - John Smetana |
| Recorder | - Mike St. John |
| Treasurer | - Mike Studemann |
| Trustees | - Carl Beckenbach
Bill Metzger
(Open) |

Of course, there are those in positions that were appointed (Lecturer, Financial Secretary, Program Director, etc...). Some will be staying on in their posts, others will be rotating out, with Steve finding new people to fill these positions

Let me be the first to congratulate the current council on a wonderful inaugural year for our Council, and wish the best of luck to those taking the lead.



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Brother Knights and families,

Have you considered the cost of funerals today? The overall cost can easily range from \$10,000 - \$15,000 when everything is considered.

However, this very large expense can be reduced substantially by proper pre-planning. In fact, the Knights of Columbus is in a position to potentially save you thousands of dollars over these costs through our top rated insurance program.

It works like this: you arrange the type of goods and services that you wish from the funeral home of your choice. Funding would be done through a specially constructed KC life insurance policy. You have a choice of having your plan paid up in as little as ten years, or even in one lump sum. Regardless, you will likely save a large amount of money through our program. In addition, such a plan can be protected from assets from Medicaid "spend down."

Give you and your loved ones peace of mind by pre-planning. Contact me to see if our plan will work for you. There is no obligation to buy anything.

God bless,
 Dale Robinson

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"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

William James
 1842-1910, *Psychologist, Philosopher and Author*

Tootsie Roll Drive Follow-Up



We had our 1st Tootsie Roll Drive the end of April. It was quite the success! Our small council, of just over 40 members, had almost one-third of us helping bring in \$1,774.57. The Tootsie Rolls and aprons cost \$100, so that leaves \$1674.57 raised for Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota (45%),

The Arc - Greater Twin Cities (45%), and to the Minnesota KC's Special Olympics (10%)... \$750+, \$750+, and \$175+ respectively.

Thanks, to all who helped. We started out sunny Friday morning and stayed that way for the first 2 hours. At 2:00pm that afternoon the clouds came, but the rain held off until about 7pm. Saturday was rain from the start until 2pm. We had some great dedicated help distributing Tootsie Rolls during that weather. Thank you so very much.

Everyone who helped out enjoyed bringing in anywhere between \$50 to nearly \$100 for their 2 hours time distributing the treats.

This event happens the last weekend in April every year, so keep that in mind and consider helping out next year. Let's see if we can exceed this year's amount of money brought in to give to organizations that assist those who are challenged with development disabilities.

Thank you,
 John Smetana & Joel Coudron, *Tootsie Roll Chairs*

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U.S. Disaster Relief Fund



Due to the Tornadoes, flooding and recent disasters in the United States and around the World many Councils have asked for a safe place to send donations.

The Knights of Columbus Charities offers a safe secure way for Councils and individual Knights to donate. You can reach the donation page at the Following link.

[Knights of Columbus Charities](#)

We recently received a request from the State Deputy of Alabama for help. On behalf of his request and also to bring awareness of the need to aid those affected by disaster around the world, his email is being sent to all DD's, Grand Knights and FS's in Minnesota.



State Convention Notes

Another Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Convention is in the books. All attending Saturday morning's open session heard of the wonderful things that have been done in the last year in the name of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus.

Delegates had the privilege of observing the new Third Degree and see how it has changed.

We were honored to have Supreme Director John Wainscott of Utah as our Supreme guest. We bid farewell to Fr. Rick Colletti and thanked him for his term as Associate and as State Chaplain. After serving on the state board for ten years we also said goodbye to IPSD Gene Hippe. Thank you to both of them for their work. Hopefully everyone who attended the convention enjoyed representing their council and is making plans for next year's convention in Rochester.

Congratulations to our new state officers: Fr. Ryan Moravitz, State Chaplain, Fr. Ken O'Hotto Associate State Chaplain, Ricardo Acevedo, Immediate Past State

Deputy, Craig Larson State Deputy, Joe Konrardy, State Secretary, Ray Wojtyasiak, State Treasurer, Jim Terwedo, State Advocate, and Bob Penas, State Warden.

Knight of the year for 2011 is: Dennis Bechel of Council # 4145 in White Bear Lake.

Family of the year for 2011 is: Mike Majeres of Council # 10732 in Red Lake Falls.

Reminder; Councils that had delegates who attended the convention and banquet will receive mileage and be reimbursed for the cost of the banquet tickets. Councils whose delegates only attended the business meeting will receive only mileage. Checks will be sent out in the next few weeks.



Upcoming Events

6/11 – 6/12 – Solemnity of Pentecost.
This is the birthday of the Church, and the last day of the Easter season – WEAR RED to mass!

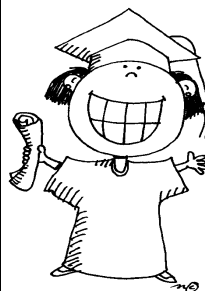
6/18 – 6/19 – Food drive & second collection at all masses for the Franciscan Brothers for Peace.

6/18 – 6/25 – Youth Mission Trip to Mishawaka, Indiana

6/19 – Father's Day

6/29 – Installation of Officers, 6pm at St. John the Baptist Church, in Dayton.

7/1 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 10am – 9pm.
Contact Joe Lafon or Bob Teachman for more information.



Congrats!! Graduating Class of 2011!!

We rejoice, and congratulate our 2011 Graduates:

- Brittany Fedje (Anoka H.S.)
- Alicia Hlavka (Anoka H.S.)
- Taylor Hudoba (Anoka H.S.)
- Karly Karst (Anoka H.S.)
- Kayla Karst (Anoka H.S.)
- Ross Lewandowski (Anoka H.S.)
- Rachel Janc (Elk River H.S.)
- Laura Peterzen (Elk River H.S.)
- Annie Sizen (Elk River H.S.)
- Michael Jacobs (Totino-Grace H.S.)
- Caitlin Newstrom (St. Mary's University)

A Tribute To A Baker

by

Michael Jordan Segal

"HUUP...ONE, HUUP...TWO, HUUP...THREE..." Those melodious orders sounded like the commands of a tough marine drill sergeant. However, in reality the man's name was Tom Williams and he was an executive with the Houston Oilers (of the National Football League) and a world class trainer of famous athletes -- Earl Campbell, Darrell Green, Mike Singletary, Hakeem Olajuwon -- to name but a few.

During the off season he operated a Kolache shop, baking cookies and meat filled delights.

Approximately 200 yards from this Kolache shop was his famous "Hill", a very steep embankment, which led to the bayou. Tom would have his athletes train on that hill, running up and down to build stamina or to help rebuild muscles or ligaments damaged after an injury or surgery.

As for me, I had always wanted to be a pro athlete, but early on I realized that I was not quick enough, nor tall enough to become one, so I focused my dreams on becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon, helping my athletic idols to recover from devastating injuries.

That dream, however, was smashed during my sophomore year in college when I was seriously injured as an innocent victim of a convenience store robbery. I was shot in the back of the head, and very few thought I would even survive. However, many months later, after several surgeries and lengthy hospital rehabilitation programs, I met Tom, the eternal optimist.

The first day my family and I encountered Tom he was barking out orders for his athletes on the "Hill". He told my parents he could definitely help me, but I would have to discipline myself to work four straight hours every single day, including weekends.

At first, my parents would watch Tom work with me in the back of his Kolache shop. Tom would cover the tables he would normally use to knead his dough, and now would "knead" my muscles, massage my limp right arm, and struggle with me as I learned to walk again.

Then, one day, Tom barked, "Mike, let's go to the 'Hill'."

I was scared as I limped toward the bayou, and my parents were equally petrified. The "Hill" was so steep that I thought even a Billy goat would have difficulty trying to climb it.

Initially, Tom ordered two husky athletes to lift me under my arms and "drag" me down the hill. When we got to the bottom, one of the athletes screamed up to Tom, "What do

you want us to do now?" Tom calmly replied, "Drag him back up."

At that point, my father, who by profession is a rabbi, told my mother that he thought Tom was going to kill me and they should get me away from him as soon as possible.

My father, wanting to be polite, thanked Tom and stated that we had to go home. But Tom replied, "It's only 2 o'clock, and Mike is to be here until 5, and by the way, bring him a little earlier tomorrow."

Even though my father was adamant about leaving, my mother truly felt that if Tom could help "million dollar athletes" recover, he could surely help her son.

My father went home, never returning to the Kolache store because he told my mother, "Tom is going to kill Mike," and my mother never volunteered any information to my father about my progress with Tom as the days wore on.

One day, a number of weeks later, Tom called my father at home and said, "Father, this is Tom Williams and you need to get here fast!" With that, Tom slammed the phone down.

My father thought I was dead or badly injured, the victim of a severe injury while tumbling down that "Hill." He quickly sped toward Tom's shop, jumped out of his car, and noticed many people huddled near the corner of the "Hill." With great trepidation my father peered over the "Hill" and saw me slowly climbing the "Hill" -- alive. When I reached the top of the "Hill" I quickly turned around as Tom instructed me and went back down to the bottom, to the bayou. Tears welled up in my father's eyes as Tom approached him and said, "Rabbi, you might give great sermons, but you don't practice what you preach. You tell everyone to have faith, but you did not have faith -- faith in me, faith in your son, and faith in God. You simply said, 'I give up,' and you went home."

My father pondered seriously as to what Tom had just said and watched as I slowly reached the edge of the "Hill" on my return trip. At that moment, with tears of great joy, my father and I fell into each others arms and embraced one another.

That was just one of the many lessons I learned from Tom over the next few years. Even though I still have many physical disabilities as a result of the gunshot wound, the "Hill" taught me that even the impossible could become the possible.

Everyone in life has his own "Hill" to climb, some small, some large. On that day Tom taught me the most important lesson of my life: "Never give in; never give up."

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."

Leonard Bernstein, Conductor and Composer