



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



Grand Knight
John Haug, Sr.



Faithful Navigator
George Friedel



Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

Dates to Remember

- April 3rd—Kid's Easter Egg Hunt—10:00 am
- April 24th—8th grade Graduation Dinner/ Dance
- May 16th – Blue Mass—8:30 Holy Family

Due to the economic downturn and reduced income, the Council has set up the following guidelines for donations and Council activities:

1. There will be no more free hall rental donations for individuals or organizations.
2. There will be a \$500 annual limit on all donations to each organization. This does not apply to our churches ACSA relief, our annual Catholic schools donations, our member's scholarship program or the Ladies Auxiliary who will receive one annual large hall rental donation of \$975. It will also not apply to the annual MH drive and Vocations raffle where we should donate what we collect. This year's commitment to our Parishes will be honored.
3. Any event we have with a catered dinner will have a co-pay of ½ the catering cost to the next highest dollar. If we have a meal that costs \$9 per person the member will co-pay \$5 per person. Tickets will be sold in advance by the financial secretary, treasurer, trustees or in the lounge. A \$3 per person co-pay will be charged for the Communion breakfasts. If you attend the breakfast, you are expected to attend the mass beforehand with the group.
4. All Council activities, golfing, shooting, bowling, fishing trips, KC softball team activities/trips or any other activity, the participating members will be responsible for ½ the cost.

We will review these guidelines in the future after we get our finances in line and the 2010/2011 budgets is in place.

I would like to profile another one of our Legacy Active Members this month. Pictured below is Springfield Diocese Hall of Fame member **John Straubinger**. John is 86 years young, has been a Knight for 65 years and a 4th Degree Knight for 62 years, longer than anyone in our Assembly. He is a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful



Navigator and has been involved with the Columbus Home in a number of capacities. As a long time member of the State's 4th degree team he has recently retired after participating in the roll of Recorder for 59 degrees. He still participates as Deputy Grand Knight on the Council's 1st degree team and has presented the Chalice Ceremony for deceased members from its inception. He still works bingo regularly and also works the Special Olympics dinner dance.

John is a shining example of an active member.

Sincerely,

John Haug, Sr.

What Works . . . Teamwork



From the Faithful Navigator

I would again like to extend my sympathy to the families of Sir Knight Ernest Walker and Sir Knight Tony Bellue who were called home this past month.

Thank you to the Honor Guard for the two wake and Chalice services. It was very gratifying to see 30 Sir Knights show their respect to Tony Bellue by participating in the Honor Guard and Chalice service.

After a long discussion at our fourth degree meeting this month, it was decided to have bingo on Easter Sunday as we have been doing in the past.

It was also decided when we have a fourth degree function, handicapped people present would be called to be served first. It was decided to define handicapped "as needing a wheelchair, walker, or cane for mobility."

We still have a number of third and fourth degree members who have failed to pay their 2010 dues. Please get this taken care of as they were due in December and became past due in January. Don't let your membership lapse and cause you to be dropped from the organization.

Donations to be voted on at the April 20 meeting: \$2,000 to After Prom Committee.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus

George Friedel,
Faithful Navigator



Honoring Those Who Serve

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus would like to honor those family members who are so proudly serving in our national defense. Jeffery Bilyeu, SPC, Army, South Korea; David Breeden Jr., Airman 1st Class, Air Force, North Carolina; Lee Brown, Master Sergeant, Army, Ft. Hood Texas; Jon P. Connolly, Captain, Marine Corps, Hawaii; Scott Griffin, Sergeant, Army National Guard, USA; Stephani Luebben, Captain, Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB WY; Jason Scaturro, Sergeant, Army, Iraq; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, San Diego, CA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Afghanistan.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners/Losers

February 23, 2010

Ed Szczepanik won the 50/50 drawing and Scott Topal failed to win the attendance drawing.

March 9, 2010

Kerry Bundy won the 50/50 drawing and Carl Linhart failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the Financial Secretary

Our membership is down to 581 members. Unfortunately some of our members have died and we are not getting new members to replace them. If you believe our Council needs to grow with new, good members, it is YOUR responsibility to ask them. It is every member's duty to recruit. Other bad news is I will be sending out the 4th and FINAL dues notice to 28 members. This is twice the number sent last year. We know some of these members will not respond and will be dropped. I find it hard to believe some members cannot find the time to respond to the notices and let their membership expire from such a good organization.

Thank you, Larry Ruder,
Financial Secretary 931-2706

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Easter Blessings to All. Another year . . . another Easter Egg Hunt!!! By the time the newsletter arrives, the Easter Egg Hunt will be history. If not, you may still have a chance to experience the annual KC Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to Linda Reish and her committee for organizing this great event for the children. Thank you to Tim Bronnbauer for “being” the Easter Bunny.

Ladies, you still have time to do some house cleaning and donate those unwanted items. The Ladies Auxiliary Annual Rummage Sale will be April 9 and 10 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. You may drop off your items anytime after Easter in the Ladies Auxiliary room. Items must be priced for sale. If you need items picked up from your house, please call Pat Alsop at 452-6041 or Marie Gray at 452-3970. Volunteers are also needed to assist with this event. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel free to contact Pat or Marie. This is a fundraiser for our organization – any service help or donated items are very welcome.

We are updating our roster. Please let any officer know if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. This is very important if you want to be informed in the future of special events and hotline calls.

From the Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship applications for **8th grade graduates of 2010** attending a Catholic High School their freshman year and scholarship applications for **high school seniors graduating in 2010** who will be attending an accredited educational institution in the fall of 2010 are available and can be picked up at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Membership cards also need updated! Each lady should carry an updated membership card. Please check to see if you need a new card or yours needs to be updated.

The official Ladies Auxiliary Apron is available to you. If you choose to get one, please place your order at Shirts Galore on Pontoon Road. The aprons are very inexpensive (under \$12) and include the Ladies Auxiliary logo and your name. You can wear them proudly at all functions.

Let's pray that the Auxiliary Ladies Bowlers do well in the upcoming bowling tournament. Go Ladies!!!

The Nominating Committee is in action. We need new leadership team officers for next year. If any lady would like to become an officer or trustee, or social guard hostess, please contact any present officer or member. This is your organization – each and everyone of you has the responsibility to uphold your oath as an auxiliary member. **Your organization can be as successful as you want it to be.**

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,

Nancy Diak

Scholarships are offered only to Council 1098 or Assembly 0224 children or grandchildren. [The postmarked deadline for both of these scholarships is Friday, April 16, 2010.](#) Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Sponsoring members must be active and must have one consecutive year of membership in good standing prior to the date of the scholarship deadline.

Andy Yurko, Chairman



Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary Annual

Rummage

SALE!

April 9 & 10

8:00 am - 1:00 pm



Knights of Columbus Hall
4225 Old Alton Road
Granite City, IL 62040

Special Olympics Spring Games—Volunteers Needed

The Spring Games for Special Olympics will be held at SIUE on **May 1, 2010**, beginning at 9:00 am. The Knights of Columbus are proud to be affiliated with this great cause.

Council 1098 has again been asked to help with the Opening Ceremonies.

We are looking for volunteers to help out – so mark your calendars. No previous experience is needed. This is a very rewarding experience for all involved.

Please contact **Marty and Carolyn Thomason** at 618-452-0161 or email butterflylvr38@aol.com to volunteer and get specific details.

Special Olympian's Dance the Night Away



Pictures provided by Jeannie Wilbur and Vickie Haug.

April 2010

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Sat

				1 5th Degree Workday	2 Wilbur/Alsop Team Bingo Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday 4th Degree Bingo	5	6	7	8 5th Degree Workday	9 Petty Team Bingo	10
11 4th Degree Bingo	12 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	13 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15 5th Degree Workday	16 Friedel Team Bingo	17
18 Softball Team Bingo	19	20 Ladies Auxiliary 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30 pm	21	22 5th Degree Workday	23 Dillier Team Bingo	24 8th Grade Graduation Dinner/Dance
25 4th Degree Bingo Newsletter Items Due	26	27 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29 5th Degree Workday	30 Petty Team Bingo	

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