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Columbus Home President Walter Bruch

### Dates to Remember

February 3—Special Olympics Pre-planning Meeting 7:00 PM

February 5—Special
Olympics Dinner/Dance

February 6—Free Throw Contest

## Knight News

### A Word From the Grand Knight

hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. One highlight of my Christmas vacation was when my wife, daughter and I attended Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's Church in Madison. The Church was decorated nicely and the music was beautiful with a string quartet and lady soloist assisting the choir. As always the ladies in the choir did a fine job singing "Silent Night" in multiple languages. This was our first Mass with Fr. Elmer who exuded knowledge, humor, and a great personality. As a Christmas gift to all in attendance Fr. Elmer sang to us "Oh Holy Night" a cappella. What a wonderful voice! St. Mary's & St. Mark's can now boast that they have their own version of Johnny Mathis. I know some of our members from St. Mary's & St. Mark's have invited Fr. Elmer out to get active with our Council. I hope he does because we'd love to have him!

Elections for Council, Assembly and Columbus Home officers are just around the corner with the Columbus Home elections starting off during the February social meeting. The Columbus Home will be facing some legislative changes in 2011 that will result in some challenging decision-making. It is important that we have officers in place who are familiar with what has been evolving so we are in a

good position to survive the changes that will be coming about. The best way to maintain this continuity is for officers to move through the chairs similar to our K of C State officers. Please keep this in mind when you vote at all the upcoming elections.

During Friday night bingo on January 14th we had the opportunity to give away the mandatory power ball jackpot. We made the three people who split the jackpot prize very happy. The hall was hopping as we had 525 bingo players. Even with the sizeable crowd everything went like clockwork. It was impressive to see members from different bingo teams come together to help out and support this important fundraiser. Our K of C State motto is "What works? Teamwork" and I don't think you'll witness that any place better than our Council. I already know I can expect this same team spirit at the Area 12 Special Olympics dinner/dance Saturday, February 5th.

If you're a member of this Council and are not active you're cheating yourself. Come out, join us and have fun with the rewarding feeling you get from helping others.

Hope to see you soon,

John Haug, Sr.

#### From the Faithful Navigator

have some good news and some bad news. The good news is we have 12 candidates to take Fourth Degree at Our Lady of Snows Shrine on March 4th and 5th. And now for the bad news—The exemplification is no longer going to be held at the Shrine. The email I just received states, "due to circumstances beyond our control our dates were triple booked and did not leave us with the rooms and timeframe required to have an exemplification."

The exemplification will still be on March 4th and 5th but will be held at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Please pass the following information on to your candidates and members. Rooms are \$71.08 (which includes tax). Call the Ramada Inn for reservations and ask for the KC rate.

Ramada Inn 6900 N. Illinois Street Fairview Heights, IL 62208 618-632-4747

Since I have just received this news, I have not had time to discuss it with the candidates and members involved. Looks as though I will have plenty to do the next few days.

Sunday, January 30th, is a Communion Mass and breakfast. Mass at Holy Family at 8:30 am with breakfast at the KC Hall after Mass. I am asking as many Honor Guard as possible to wear Regalia at the Mass.

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, Major, Marine Corps, Hawaii; Scott Griffin, Sergeant, Army National Guard, USA; Zach Hay, Airman, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Evan Jones, 2nd Lt., Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA; Stephani Luebben, Captain, Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB WY; Commander Michael A. Reed San Diego, CA; Michael Ryan, Ft. Knox, KY; Jason Scaturro, Sergeant, Army, Iraq; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, Des Moines, IA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Afghanistan.

#### KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

December 28, 2010

Jason Nesbit won the 50/50 drawing and Ray Romine failed to win the attendance drawing.

January 11, 2011

Tom Voloski won the 50/50 drawing and Ed Hagnauer failed to win the attendance drawing.

#### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

Sunday, February 6, 2011, 12:30 pm. Contest is open to boys and girls ages 10-14 (must bring proof of age). No fee to participate and registration day of contest. Each contestant will shoot 15 free throws. The winners of each age group will advance to the next level.

Bob Palus, Chairman-451-8988

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#### **Annual Catholic Men's Breakfast**

aturday, March 19, 2011, St. Paul Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 1580 of Highland will host the annual Catholic Men's Breakfast. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paprocki at St. Paul Catholic Church at 8:00 am. Breakfast will follow at the Highland Knight of Columbus Hall. Guest speakers include Joe Lombardi, NFL Coach and Catholic Athlete for Christ and Deacons John Beckmann and Jim Russell of Catholic Radio's "Faith Chats with James and John". Tickets are \$15 per person with seating of 8 men per table. More information can be found at the www.highlandkc.org website.

#### **Note from the Columbus Home**

ue to circumstances beyond our control, Charlie will not be cooking in the lounge on Saturday evenings. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. We will continue to explore opportunities to entice members to come out and enjoy our facility.

Walt Bruch, President Columbus Home

#### From the Financial Secretary

would like to thank the 85% of the members who have paid their 2011 dues on time. Now let's talk about the other 15% who have not paid their dues—and you know who you are. I will be sending out 2nd dues notices in the first week of February. We have about 119 members who have not yet paid. Sending second notices will cost the Council about \$52, which could be spent in better ways. As always, if there is a financial burden in paying your dues, please contact the Grand Knight or myself. All requests will be kept confidential.

The Council would like the thank all members who contributed to the Vocation Raffle this year. We collected \$360 towards our quota.

Richard Haack 931-5340

#### **Annual Columbus Home Meeting**

he Annual Columbus Home Meeting will be conducted during the February Social Meeting on February 22, 2011. Election of all officers and three (3) Board Members will be conducted during the annual meeting. The officer positions to be elected are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The three Board Members will be elected for a three year term. We thank Dan McIntyre, Ed Gray and Ed Szczepanik who are completing their third year as Board Members. Tom Grimes and Ed Szczepanik have agreed to be the Election Committee. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions should contact Tom or Ed.

Jim Rotter, Secretary Columbus Home

# FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 5th Degree Workday Special Olympic Preplanning Mtg. 7:00 pm	4 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	5 Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
Schuler Bingo Team Free Throw Contest 12:30 in the Gym	7 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	8 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	9	5th Degree Workday	11 Petty Bingo Team	12 Lincoln's Birthday
Rotter/Gray Bingo Team	14 Valentine's Day	Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	16	5th Degree Workday	18 Friedel Bingo Team	19
20 Softball Bingo Team Newsletter Items Due 6:00 pm	21	KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24 5th Degree Workday	25 Dillier Bingo Team	26
27 Cauble Bingo Team	28					

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