



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



Grand Knight
Lawrence Ruder



Faithful Navigator
David Cruse



Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

My apologies go to the ladies. I forgot to wish all the Moms a very Happy Mother's Day in the May Newsletter. You are the heart of the home, and I hope your families showed their appreciation for all that you do.

Thanks go to Paul and Joyce Mills for chairing the 8th Grade Graduation Party on April 26th. Also, thanks go to Marty Thomason and his team for their work at the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics games.

This is the last month that Vickie Haug will be publishing our Newsletter. We have had a fantastic looking Newsletter since she took this job several years ago. Thank you, Vickie, for a job well done. Jim Rotter has volunteered to chair the Newsletter. Everything should run the same. Give Jim or me a call if there are any questions.

As you can see, I have "Thank You's" in almost every Newsletter. We have many members and their families who spend their time and efforts in our many Council activities and fund raisers. Please tell these people 'thank you' when you see them. They are what make our Council **GREAT**.

I have started a new committee called the "Visitation Committee." The chairman is Ed Szczepanik. Several other members have also volunteered to help. This committee will make sure that all of our members in local nursing homes, extended stay in local hospitals, or home bound, receives 1 or 2 visits per month.

On June 21st, our Council will be having a Communion Mass at St. Mary's in Madison at 4:30 pm. A catered dinner will follow at our K of C Hall. There will be no charge, but you **MUST** sign up so we have the exact number of attendees in order that the caterer has enough food. If you sign up and cannot make it, please call Steve Cauble. We do not want to pay for people who do not show up. The sign up sheet will be in the Council Room. All members, spouses or girlfriend (not both), children at home, and widows of members are welcome. Please, **NO** blue jeans. The members are to sit together at Mass.

As I have mentioned before, we need to recruit new members and I have asked the current members to ask prospective men. We also need our members to invite our inactive members to come to an occasional meeting or activity so they become a part of the organization they joined.

Reports on the 3rd Degree Officers election and the Scholarship awards will be in next month's report.

Our Council has lost a life long member and friend in May, Donald (Doc) Stanton. Please keep him in your prayers.

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Dates to Remember

- **June 21—
Communion Mass
St. Mary's 4:30 pm**



From the Faithful Navigator

No Report.

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; Lee Brown, Master Sergeant, Army, Ft. Hood Texas; Jon P. Connolly, Major, Marine Corps, MacDill AFB, Florida; Nicki Connolly, Pvt. Illinois National Guard; 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; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Ft. Benning, GA.



GK Continued:

As you may have heard, there now is a question on how our Ladies Auxiliary should interface with the Council. These questions are being raised by the Supreme and State Councils. Nancy Diak is trying to get this resolved and I am giving her whatever information I can.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads. FYI – St. Elizabeth's Parish Picnic is June 6-7-8.

See you in Church,
Larry Ruder

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

April 22, 2014

Joe Krystopa won the 50/50 drawing and Robin Smith failed to win the attendance drawing.

May 13, 2014

Ray Hoffman won the 50/50 drawing and James Ridenour failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the Financial Secretary

Please welcome new members Brad LaRose and Keith Melton who took their 2nd and 3rd degrees in Edwardsville on the 18th of May. Also congratulate Mark Yehling and Richard Horbelt on making Honorary Life members. Our membership now stands at 495 members with 81 Honorary Life, and 13 Honorary members. We will be dropping 13 members for not paying their dues. If you are one of those members please pay your dues as soon as possible or contact either myself or the Grand Knight Larry Ruder.

Richard Haack, 931-5340

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

The hazy, hot, lazy days of summer are here! Ladies, last month was a meeting for the books. There is lots to relay to you so let us get started. First of all, we had our annual Ladies Auxiliary Memorial Service for our deceased Auxiliary members. If not for their hardships, toils and achievements, we would not be here.

Rummage Sale: It was voted and UNANIMOUSLY passed to hold onto the idea of performing another rummage sale at a later date. We need to evaluate our future with this Auxiliary.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you Ladies who helped in many ways by cooking refreshments, helping with the hunt, set up and cleanup to make this another successful Easter Egg Hunt. Thank You, Linda Reish for chairing this event again. Thanks to the husbands, for your HELP too. Much appreciated!!

Newly Elected Leadership Team

President—Cheryl Moe, Vice President—Nancy Diak, Treasurer—Diane Vivod, Secretary—Erin Ruesing, Social Hostess / Guards—Diane McIntyre and Gert Petty, Trustees—Linda Reish, Gert Petty and Barb Lilley, Parliamentarian—Needs to be appointed per President elect Cheryl Moe.

Thanks goes to retiring officers Jeannie Wilbur, Barb Gibson, Barb Schmedake, and Vivian Grimes. We thank you for serving/giving your time for the Auxiliary.

Blessings for the newly elected officers, may God guide you in Christian leadership for the Auxiliary.

Ladies, for you who were not at the meeting please, please if you have any questions of which you will soon read, please call me and ask me! Don't adhere to word of mouth from fellow members. Whenever we talk among ourselves sometimes the facts get distorted.

FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPREME ADVOCATE

"Supreme Council wishes to thank the auxiliaries for their continued support of Knights and the auxiliary charitable fund raisers. However the charter, constitution and laws of the Knights of Columbus are silent on the subject of auxiliaries. In summary, auxiliaries have no formal legal connection with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus or with any of its subordinate councils or assemblies. Accordingly auxiliaries may not use the Knights of Columbus or K of C in their name and may not make any use of Knights of Columbus emblems without written permission of the Board of Directors. In no case shall the Councils' auxiliary use the Councils' tax ID # and cannot hold a separate bank account under the KC name."

That is a brief summary of the letter that was discussed at the last meeting. Grand Knight Larry Ruder answered the many questions of the ladies. Thank you, Larry for your assistance.

Ladies, please attend the June meeting. We will vote on whether we should break away from the Knights totally. We have to break away from the use of name etc. and start another organization. It can still be the Ladies Auxiliary. However, the name needs to change, new bank account, professional audits of the books, get tax ID number, pay taxes on our money, and change the by-laws to accept this organization. We need to ask if we are going to continue to be attached to Illinois State Auxiliaries Ladies and follow their protocol or do we want to be just a social club with fundraisers and continue to contribute to charities. Well, that was enough to swallow wasn't it? Like I said, please ask me any of your questions; we need to keep the facts straight!

On a positive note: At the past State Convention, the Auxiliary won the #1 Charity Fundraiser. Yes the Sparkles & Sweets did it; you ladies did it! Quilting received an honorable mention award for the quilts you Ladies sew for the Good Samaritan House and the scrapbook received an award.

Congratulations ladies on your hard work!

Enjoy Father's Day.

Blessings to all,

Nancy Diak

Pictures 8th Grade Catholic School Graduation Party



From the 8th Grade Dinner/Dance Chair

The annual KC 8th grade dinner/dance for Holy Family and St. Elizabeth graduates and their parents was held on Saturday, April 26 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by Uncle Linny's restaurant. Rosaries were presented to the graduates from the Knights of Columbus Council 1098. The evening continued with dancing provided by DJ Brian Cholevik. A good time was had by all attendees. Graduates, parents, and the schools administrators expressed their sincere appreciation for the party and for all the many contributions that the Knights of Columbus makes to the Catholic Schools in Granite City.

Paul Mills, Chairman



Pictures submitted by Jeannie Wilbur.

Calvary Cemetery



On May 22nd the Knights of Columbus Council 1098 of Granite City, Illinois placed flags at grave sites at Calvary Cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day services May 26th. Picture submitted by Phil Achenbach

Pictures from the Holy Family Communion Mass



Pictures submitted by Jeannie Wilbur.

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	2	3	4	5 5th Degree Workday	6 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	7
8 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	9 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	10 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 5th Degree Workday	13 Petty Bingo Team 877-3584	14
15 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988 FATHER'S DAY	16	17 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	18	19 5th Degree Workday	20 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	21 Communion Mass St. Mary's 4:30 pm
22 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Newsletter Items Due	23	24 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26 5th Degree Workday	27 Dillier Bingo Team 452-8041	28
29 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	30					

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