

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

March 2015



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Lawrence Ruder



Faithful Navigator
Tom Voloski



Ladies Auxiliary
President
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home
President
Walter Bruch

A Word from the Grand Knight

March is Membership Drive Month. Please go out of your way to ask an active Catholic relative, friend, or stranger if they would be interested in joining The Knights of Columbus. We do many good works and these works can only continue by having an active Council. The next Major Degrees scheduled are: Highland on 03/08 and Breese on 03/29. Troy will have a 1st Degree on 03/10.

Sorrowfully our Council has lost 2 more members, Jose Alegre and Jerry Pieper. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Starting with this issue of the newsletter, the names of our members who are in nursing homes will be listed. I am sure they would like a visit if you have the opportunity. Let me know if you are aware of any member that is not listed. Ed Essington at Rosewood, Edwardsville, Gene Williams at Stearns, G.C., and Ed Szezepanik at Granite Nursing, G.C.

The K of C Free Throw contest was held on 02/01. Chairman Bob Palus has a report later in this newsletter. Bob and his crew does a great job on this event for the kids.

The Annual Special Olympics Dinner/Dance was held on 02/07. It was, as always, a terrific success thanks to Chairman John Haug and his wife Vicki. Thanks to all who came out to help. Your service makes this a very special night every year for the Special Olympians and their families. More details will following in this newsletter.

The Annual Spelling Bee was held on 02/14. Thanks to Chairman Ed Lenzi and his volunteers. More details will following in this newsletter.

The next Communion Breakfast will be held on 03/22 with 8:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth Church. Breakfast will follow at our Hall. We always want a good crowd, but please sign up. I am sure everyone understands that we need a good count to ensure enough food. Also, if you sign up and don't show-up, food and money are wasted.

The Kid's Easter Party will be held on 04/04. I am sure the Ladies Auxiliary will make it great fun as always.

The Annual Illinois State K of C Convention will be held on April 24 – 26. It will be at the Westin Chicago Northwest Hotel. Please consider attending.

Our District Deputy, Joe Willis, is organizing a committee to look at ways to fund the building of a Chapel at the new Fr. McGivney High School. Jerry Calentine, Dave Freeman, and Paul Hellrich stepped up to be on this committee. Thanks

See you in Church,
Larry

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3 – Scholarship applications available

March 8 – Major Degree in Highland

March 8 – Regional Spelling Bee at the KC Hall in Staunton, IL

March 10 – 1st Degree in Troy

March 22 – Communion Breakfast 8:00AM mass at St. Elizabeth's

March 28 – Honor Guard 8:00AM at St. Elizabeth's

March 29 – Major Degree in Breese

April 4 – Kids Easter Party

April 10 & 11 – Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale at Columbus Home Gym

April 12 – Ladies Auxiliary Bowling Tournament in Highland

April 17 – Scholarship Application postmark deadline

April 24 to 26 – Annual Illinois State K of C Convention

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

January 27, 2015

Joe Schmedake won the 50/50 drawing and Fredrick Dorris failed to win the attendance drawing

February 10, 2015

Walter Bruch won the 50/50 drawing and Elmer Long won the \$300 attendance drawing

From the Faithful Navigator

Not a lot to report for this March 2015 newsletter. **Thanks to Joe Schmedake & Tom Voloski** for arranging for pizza to be served at the February 17th meeting. 28 Sir Knights attended this meeting.

Money voted on for donation at the February 17th 2015 meeting.

Donation of \$100.00 was approved for the Minds Eye (this is a radio station at the Lady of the Snows that broadcast programs to the sight impaired. There were no other request for donations.

Thank you notes received from the Madison County Catholic Charities and Billie's Kids for last months donations.

Bills presented at the February 17th meeting as follows:

Raffle	\$2,373.00
February rent	\$3,000.00
Food for 4 th Degree January 22, 2015 meeting	\$74.09
January 4 th Bingo workers bar tab (\$75.00) and food tab (\$35.00)	\$110.00
January 11 th - No Bingo	
January 18 th Bingo workers bar tab (\$129.67) and food tab (\$72.00)	\$201.67
January 25 th Bingo workers bar tab (\$91.85) and food tab (\$28.00)	\$119.85
Total for Raffle, rent, Food and Beverage -----	\$5,878.61

St. Elizabeth's Church has requested an Honor Guard on Saturday March 28th, 2015. I pray we can get a good turnout of Sir Knights for this event. Here is more information about the request for the Honor Guard on March 28th 2015. This is the Annual Catholic Men's Prayer Breakfast at St. Elizabeth Church. Mass with Bishop Paprocki at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast at the same location.

"Batter up: Baseball, Faith and the Church" Zip Rzeppa, well-known sportscaster and author will serve as Master of Ceremonies as he has many times before. **Cost: \$15.00 per person. Seating is limited so register early!** For more information, **Contact Tom Cholevik at 618-789-0337 or notaz62040@yahoo.**

Remember the date. March 22, 2015 is the Communion Breakfast at St. Elizabeth, 8 a.m. Mass. Look for the signup sheet in the meeting room.

There was an Honor Guard and Chalice service on Tuesday February 10, 2015 at

St. Elizabeth's church for life member Sir Knight Jerry Pieper. May he rest in peace. Thanks to the eleven Sir Knights that were able to attend.

From time to time I will include some of my readings about St. Michael the Archangel.

"Most Suitable for Our Times"

LUCIFER has placed his stamp upon the present age. Open and secret revolt against God and His Church, the spirit of criticism, unbelief and immorality are spreading. The arrogant boast of Lucifer, "I will be like the Most High!" re-echoes everywhere. Puffed up with their discoveries and the progress in material science, men loudly proclaim their self-sufficiency and deny the existence of a Supreme Being. Governments and secret societies, plotting against God and striving to blot out from homes and schools, from offices and factories, all traces of Christianity, show plainly whose standard they follow. Never before in the world's history were God's rights so blasphemously mocked and denied, or the rights of man so arrogantly asserted, as they are today.

These frightful evils must convince us that we must turn to St. Michael, the Archangel, that glorious prince of Heaven who rendered all glory to God, conquering Lucifer and casting him into the abyss." (Taken from Tan Books ST. Michael The Archangel)

Before closing our meetings the Knights recite a pray for military personal around the world.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

I will also ask you to pray to St. Michael the Archangel Patron Saint for all Policemen.

"Oh Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal Wisdom embraces the universe, Watch over all policemen and Law enforcement officers. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robberies, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe day and night. We recommend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them your unending strength and Courage in their daily assignment. Dear God, protect these brave men, grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended." Amen.

God Bless the Tri Cities Knights of Columbus.
May Saint Michael the Archangel Defend us in our Travail.
Tom Voloski

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.

From the Financial Secretary

No Report

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies! Our attendance at the February Meeting was a little low. I believe the weather played a good part in that. Just a reminder, our meetings are now at 7:30. Our March meeting will be on St Patrick's Day - wear green. Since it is on St Patrick's Day, we will conduct the meeting in the Lounge. Please feel free to bring a snack to share. You may purchase a beverage from the bar. Come out and let's have some fun.

We have several things going on in April and we NEED your help. First is the Children's Easter Egg Hunt/Party. It will be on Saturday, April 4. Linda Reisch volunteered to chair the event and would love to have some volunteers. Please give Linda a call. Second, is the Rummage Sale. This event will be held on April 10 & 11 in the gym. You may bring your items to the Ladies Auxiliary room beginning April 6. Pat Alsop is taking the lead. She is also in need of assistance. Please call her. The more we have to help, the better success will we net. The Third event is on April 12. It is the annual Bowling Tournament in Highland. Marie Gray is looking for people to participate. If you like to bowl, give Marie a call.

Hope to see all of you at the March meeting. HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

Cheryl Moe, President

KC Free Throw Contest

We held our KC Free Throw Contest on Feb. 1. We had an increase in participation this year. Thanks in part because we had 3 different organizations, Holy Family & St. Elizabeth Schools and The Granite City Park District, helping with the company test. The winners now advance to the next contest on Sat. Feb. 21st in Troy. Three of the winners were from our Catholic Schools: St. Elizabeth's - Sophie & Emma Dutko; Holy Family - Ryan Kukarola.

Bob Palus

Free Throw Contest

First and Second Place Winners



KC Volunteers



From the Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship applications for 8th grade graduates of 2015 attending a Catholic High School their freshman year will be available Tuesday March 3, 2015. Scholarship applications for high school seniors graduating in 2015 who will be attending an accredited educational institution in the Fall of 2015 will also be available Tuesday March 3, 2015. Scholarships are offered to only Council 1098 or Assembly 0224 children or grandchildren. The postmarked deadline for both of these scholarships is Friday, April 17, 2013. Late or incomplete applications

will not be considered. Applications will be available from the Grand Knight, the Faithful Navigator, the Santa Maria Lounge or the Guidance Office at Granite City High School.

Sponsoring members must be active and must have one consecutive year of membership in good standing prior to the date of the scholarship deadline, which is April 17, 2015.

Andy Yurko

From the Special Olympics Dinner/Dance Chairman

All of God's children have the right to party and because of the hard work of the Knights and Ladies of Council 1098 the Area 12 Special Olympics Athletes were able to exercise that right. For the 17th year now our hall rocked and rolled with a packed dance floor. It was estimated that around 500 persons attended the event and the positive feedback has been tremendous. Thanks to all of the members, ladies and the Columbus Home staff. Thanks also to the bingo and pull tab workers for without your support none of this would be possible.

Hopefully we can do it again next year, same time and same place

John and Vickie Haug.

Pictures from the Special Olympics Dinner





From the Spelling Bee Chairman

The Spelling Bee was held Saturday, February 14th at Columbus Home. Ten Students from each of the catholic schools participated. First place of \$50.00 was awarded to Analiese Wilmsmeyer of St. Elizabeth School. Gavin Haug and Connor Neal, both of Holy Family School, tied for second place and each won \$17.00.

The Regional Spelling Bee is to be in Staunton, Illinois at the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, March 8th beginning at 1:00PM. Registration will be at 12:30PM

Ed Lenzi

The events that we sponsor are all very "SPECIAL" to the Knights. We appreciate the volunteers who continue to make these events a rewarding experience for the Knights, their spouses and our guests.



Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	2	3 KC Scholarship Applications Available	4	5 5 th Degree Workday	6 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	7
8 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 Major Degree in Highland Regional Spelling Bee in Staunton	9 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm	10 KC Business Meeting 7:30pm 1 st Degree in Troy	11	12 5 th Degree Workday	13 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	14
15 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	16	17 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	18	19 5 th Degree Workday	20 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	21 April Newsletter Items Due
22 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Communion Breakfast 8:00am at St. Elizabeth's	23	24 KC Social Meeting 7:30pm	25	26 5 th Degree Workday	27 Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956	28 Honor Guard 8:00am at St. Elizabeth's
29 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043 Major Degree in Breese	30	31	Notes:			

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