



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



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Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

Lent begins on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. With all of our busy schedules we still need to make time for a special Penance during Lent to thank Jesus for the suffering he went through for all of us.

Since I was not able to attend the Annual Special Olympics Dinner/Dance, I asked the chairman, John Haug, to report on it. Thanks to John and Vickie for their commitment and hard work every year on chairing this worthy event and thanks to all those who helped that evening.

The next 1st Degree will be held at the Troy Council on March 12th. There will be a Major Degree held at Highland on March 9th. We always need good Catholic men to help us with the good works our Council does in our parishes and community. Don't expect someone else to ask your friends or relatives to join the K of C, it is your obligation. Our council's membership has declined over 100 members in the last several years.

We will be having the next Communion Breakfast on March 30th after the 8:30 am Mass at Holy Family. This is one of our social events, while showing our support of the parishes. Please come and celebrate Mass with your Council.

If there is a member you believe should be inducted into the Springfield Chapter Hall of Fame, the deadline for you to submit his biography to the Grand Knight is March 31, 2014. We have several worthy members who would be eligible candidates. This is a great way to honor them and thank them for their dedicated service.

One of the K of C sponsored charities is the Newman Campus Ministry Program. This program helps provide a "Home Parish" for our Catholic students away at school. We have several members who donate \$100 annually. If you are able to help with this worthwhile program, there are donation forms on the Council Room bulletin board.

Unfortunately, due to rising costs and lower Bingo player attendance, our Council has been spending more than what we are making. The officers are reviewing this situation and will be making recommendations to the Council to help bring expenditures and income into balance. The first recommendation is to reduce the donations to our parishes by 20%. Please note we are not reducing the monies donated to our parish schools. These are not easy or desired cutbacks but something must be done to ensure a more balanced budget in the future. We also will be charging \$3.00 per person at the next Communion Breakfast. As we go through the year, other cuts will be made unless there is a turnaround in our income. Suggestions are welcomed, but they must come with the desire and ability to help implement them.

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Dates to Remember

- Mar. 9 – Major Degree Highland
- Mar. 12 – First Degree Troy
- Mar. 15 – 100 Year 0224 Assembly Anniversary Celebration
- March 30 – Communion Mass Holy Family 8:30



From the Faithful Navigator

Brother Knights,
The 100th Anniversary of Assembly 0224 will soon be here. Saturday, March 15th, the festivities will start with a mass at 4:00 pm at the club, followed by happy hour from 5:00 pm till 6:00 pm, with dinner being served around 6:00 pm. We will then have entertainment from 7:00 pm till 10:00 pm and **FUN** the entire evening. **Mark your Calendars for Saturday, March 15th!**

If you know a 4th degree member who hasn't been to a meeting in a while, please talk to him about the celebration and then sign him up. And I don't want to forget the Ladies, if your husband was a 4th degree member, then by all means please sign-up, and you wives who have husbands in the 4th degree tell them to sign up.

I will try to find a zippered jacket, until then you can order your wind shirt at the meetings. They come in various colors and all sizes. We may also be able to get something for the ladies.

On a more serious subject, it has come to my attention, from the present Master Bernie Mennemeyer, that most Assemblies stand Honor guard for wakes from when the family has their time until sometime after the Chalice Ceremony, usually from 4:00 pm until about 7:30 pm. That doesn't mean everyone on the honor guard teams has to be there at 4:00 pm, it just means that those who can be there early will be asked to give more of their time. Time that will be well spent.

We still need bingo callers, auditors and workers. This is your Assembly and Council not mine or Larry's. **GET INVOLVED!!!**

Vivat Jesus!

Dave

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. Campbell, KY.



At the last Council meeting, Jim DeRuntz presented a Latch Stitch Wall Hanging to the Council. This is a beautiful item with our Emblem in the middle. It has been hung in the Council Room. The kit to make this was donated by Leo Portell. Jim's daughter, Kathleen Soehnlin, and his sister, Mae Windisch, worked many hours to complete it. Thank you to all of them for their hard work.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies, this may be the shortest newsletter I have ever done. I fell and broke my hand; surgery with two pins. It is my dominant working hand. I will highlight the events from the last meeting.

Those present voted to give Seminarian Friedel \$300.00; Steve Arisman and Seth Brown \$500.00 each on their ordination. It was also voted on to give money to buy Girl Scout Cookies for our military.

Before moving on to upcoming events, I want to thank Pat Alsop for chairing the Ladies' Rummage Sale in the past. Pat was organized, thoughtful and loyal to her chair responsibility. Awesome job and thanks for your hard work. This year's **Rummage Sale is April 4th and 5th**. Please bring items to the Auxiliary Room by March 31st. Jan Polach is the new chairperson. We want to welcome Jan and thank her for chairing this event.

Spring is coming. The **Children's Easter Egg Hunt is April 19th**. Linda Reish is the chairperson for this event. More details will be forthcoming. Thanks Linda.

The annual **KC Bowling Tournament is April 6th**. Contact Marie Gray if you want to bowl. Sign-up deadline is March 24th.

The **State Convention will be held in Springfield, April 25, 26, and 27**. The Ladies voted to donate one of the quilts to the State Convention raffle. It would be nice if we could get a caravan together for the State Ladies Luncheon on Saturday. We will have more information and discussion on this at our next meeting.

An Auxiliary member brought up a suggestion for the ladies to provide a meal of thanks to our Knights. The Ladies voted no on this idea for now.

Another suggestion was to think about moving our annual Christmas party to July. December is such a busy month and January has bad weather. Our charter has an anniversary in July. If we decide to have the annual party in July, we would need to decide where to have it as well. We could keep it at Ravanelli's or come up with other ideas. Think about this and offer your feedback at the meeting.

Respect Life,

Nancy Diak

GK Continued:

Our Council will be sponsoring teams for the 'Bowl for Charity' tournament at Highland on April 5th and 6th. If you are interested, contact the chairman, Ed Gray, by March 21st. This year each participant's cost is \$10 and the Council will pay \$10.

Items over \$500.00 to be voted on at the March 11, 2014 business meeting are: \$25,000 to Holy Family School, \$25,000 to St. Elizabeth School, \$10,000 to Holy Family Church (ASCA), \$10,000 to St. Elizabeth Church (ASCA), \$4,000 to St. Mary/Mark Church (ASCA) and \$800 to St. Mary Greek Catholic Church.

Another reminder, your membership must be in good standing in order to attend the Council meetings. This is a Knights of Columbus rule, not just a Council rule. This means your dues must be up-to-date for the year as of January 1st. As stated many times by our Financial Secretary, if you are financially unable to pay your dues, please see him. This is all kept confidential.

Please pray for Bob Kurilla who is seriously ill and for Tom Byer who passed away on Feb 13th.

See you in Church,

Larry Ruder

From the Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship applications for 8th grade graduates of 2014 attending a Catholic High School their freshman year will be available Tuesday March 4, 2014. Scholarship applications for high school seniors graduating in 2014 who will be attending an accredited educational institution in the Fall of 2014 will also be available Tuesday March 4, 2014.

Scholarships are offered only to Council 1098 or Assembly 0224 children or grandchildren. The postmarked deadline for both of these scholarships is Friday, April 11, 2014. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications will be available at the Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator's office, 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 11, 2014.

Andy Yurko, Chairman

Thank You — Teamwork at its Best

Our Council's 16th annual Area 12 Special Olympics Dinner Dance was again a huge success. Thanks to all the Knights and their Ladies for all your help and also Mary, Ricky and Pat from our Columbus Home staff. Our guests really had a good time and we received many thanks from both athletes and their caregivers. I received an email from Area 12 Director Peggy Knebel who told me she received numerous calls and correspondence reporting a good time was had by all. It's a testament to the popularity of this event when everyone showed up even with the bad weather. Unfortunately many had to leave early because of the threat of freezing rain later that evening but they all had a good meal, socializing and at least some dancing. Mark your calendar for February 7, 2015 when we'll all get together and do it again.

A few pictures are in the newsletter but more will be posted at the hall for all to see.

John Haug Sr., Chairman

Spelling Bee

There were 21 students who participated in our Council's Spelling Bee Contest. Winners: 1st Place, Sam Roberts, 2nd Place, Analiese Wilmsmeyer, 3rd Place Tie, Payton Spiewak and Kayla Bridick.

Please thank Ron Stern, chairman with his helpers, Andy Yurko and Elmer Young for running this event.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

January 28, 2014

Robert Kalka won the 50/50 drawing and Robert Pieper failed to win the attendance drawing.

February 11, 2014

Keith Melton won the 50/50 drawing and James Mason failed to win the attendance drawing.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION—SPECIAL OLYMPICS DINNER/DANCE

LET THE PARTY BEGIN



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MARCH 2014

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| 2 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043 | 3 | 4 | 5 Ash Wednesday | 6 5th Degree Workday | 7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041 | 8 |
| 9 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 Daylight Savings Time | 10 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm | 11 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm | 12 | 13 5th Degree Workday | 14 Petty Bingo Team 877-3584 | 15 |
| 16 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988 | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm | 19 | 20 5th Degree Workday Spring Begins | 21 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109 | 22 |
| 23 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Newsletter Items Due | 24 | 25 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm | 26 | 27 5th Degree Workday | 28 Dillier Bingo Team 452-8041 | 29 |
| 30 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043 | 31 | | | | | |

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