



# Knight News

## A Word From the Grand Knight



Grand Knight  
John Haug, Sr.



Faithful Navigator  
David Cruse



Ladies Auxiliary  
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home  
President Walter Bruch

### Dates to Remember

December 3rd –  
Sparkles and Sweets  
at St. Elizabeth  
Cafeteria

December 17–Kids  
Christmas Party /  
Adult Christmas Party

**W**e all have seen in the news the “occupy movements” who claim to be the 99%. I’m going to borrow their nomenclature to make a label for the active members of Council 1098. We have about 590 members in our Council and I figure approximately 100 of them support the organization by working bingo, the Fifth degree, pull tabs and a variety of other important tasks. Given that estimate they make up about 17% of the membership, thus I dub them the “17 percenters”.

Thanks go to Gary Wilbur and his team for handling the Vocation raffle ticket sales. The money raised helps offset our quota for Vocations that the State Council accesses us every year. Gary is also a bingo team captain, bingo caller and his wife Jeannie, who is an Auxiliary member, works on his Friday night bingo team. The Wilbur’s are “17 percenters!”

Once again the Council participated in another Granite City parade where we welcomed Santa to town. Thanks go to Joe Schuler and Brian Kelly for chairing this event. (Additional “17 percenters.”)

Keep in mind the Children’s Christmas party Saturday morning December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am. We’ll have snacks and entertainment and of course a visit from Santa so bring your cameras.

Also come out to the adult Christmas party sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> degree that same day in the evening. Please sign up for these events in the Council room so we can plan accordingly.

Don’t forget the Ladies Auxiliary Sparkles and Sweets at the St. Elizabeth cafeteria December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Homemade goodies and a variety of gift ideas just in time for the Christmas holidays.

Due to increased per capita fees, postage and the cost of paper supplies, the Council voted to increase the dues to \$30 effective the calendar year 2013. This does not affect dues currently being collected for 2012.

I hope everyone has a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Haug Sr.

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

### October 25, 2011

Cary Bundy won the 50/50 drawing and Jeff Carney failed to win the attendance drawing.

### November 8, 2011

Richard Haack won the 50/50 drawing and Dennis Riggs failed to win the attendance drawing.



## From the Faithful Navigator

**B**rother Knights . . . I hope that you had a very **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** and are preparing for a very beautiful and joyous **CHRISTMAS**. The season of Advent is upon us and we should check with our different parishes for the events that will be happening during this season, and try to plan to attend as many events as possible to make this season a memorable one.

Mark your calendars for the K of C Adult Christmas Party Saturday, December 17, 2011. Doors open at 5:30 pm with cocktails, dinner will be served starting at around 6:30 pm, and the DJ will start the music between 7:00 and 7:30 We will have an added attraction this year. We are bringing back the Christmas Party pictures thanks to Joe and Jamie Schuler. We will be taking pictures of you and your significant other during the party.

The Honor Guard has been busy the last couple of months and we have been getting a lot of attention locally. The more we have for Honor Guard the easier it will be for everyone. Remember the Assembly will pay up to \$100 toward your regalia purchase.

Get Involved!

Vivat Jesus! Dave Cruse

## 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., Sergeant, Hanscom AFB, MA; 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. Stewart, GA; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, Des Moines, IA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Ft. Campbell, KY.



The Honor Guard of Assembly 0224 took part in the November 5th dedication of the Randall D. Dalton Veterans Park in Pontoon Beach.

## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

**O** COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL  
The month of December is very busy with the hustle and bustle of gift buying, BUT we must not forget at this time, this special season and our Faith.

By the time we receive this newsletter, the Ladies Auxiliary will have completed the Sparkles and Sweets Fundraiser. Thanks to all the Ladies who helped in any way with this project. Thanks to Chair Barb Lilley and her team. Thanks to Gerry Werths and her helpers for the Craft Table Raffle. Thanks to Cleo Schnefke for organizing the Quilt Raffle. Most of all, thanks to every Lady in this Auxiliary who volunteered her special time to either make cookies, help make the Peanut Brittle, sell the Peanut Brittle, sell the quilt tickets, call the ladies to remind them of our fundraiser, organizing the sale of the cookies, or supplying advertisement. A successful fundraiser is the result of great TEAM WORK and the LOVE that goes into the effort. Ladies, you are awesome!!!! We will go over the final results of this activity at our January Christmas Party.

December 17th in the morning is the Kids Christmas Party. For any lady who is not tired of making cookies, we can use your goodies for the kids that day. December 17th in the evening is the Annual Adult Christmas Party. Please sign up in the Council Room if you are going to attend either one of the parties.

If any Lady Auxiliary member participated in the Santa's Parade. THANK YOU.

### Dispensing of the Monies

The Ladies voted to spend \$500 each to go to the

following organizations: Catholic Charities, Small Victories, Phoenix Crisis, and Good Samaritan House.

Diane McIntyre, Ladies Auxiliary Liaison to Catholic Charities, spoke with Karen Costello and received a family to adopt for the Christmas Season. As we have done in the past, we will collect suggested items and donate to the family. Here is a list of items and sizes:

Mother - Size XL top, size 14 pants, size 8 shoe  
Father - Large Shirt, 36/34 pant, size 14 shoe  
Male Child age 9 - size 12 pants, 14 shirt, toys Lego's and/or Lincoln Logs  
Girl Child age 5 - size 6 pant, 6 top, size 10 shoe  
Girl Child age 3 - size 4 pant, 4 top, size 8 shoe  
4 month old girl - 6 to 9 months clothes  
Older children need school uniforms of navy or tan pants; white, navy, or light blue shirts.

Of course we can also give gift cards for groceries, gas, Wal-Mart etc.

**Please bring your items, not wrapped, to the Lounge area at the K C Hall on DECEMBER 11th at 1:00 pm.**  
Nancy and Diane will be there to accept the gifts.

### REMEMBER NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party is January 17 at Ravanelli's. Invitations are being mailed.

Please pray for our Auxiliary Member Mary Jo Holzum on the recent lose of her husband, Joe. We love you, Mary Jo!

BLESSED CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!

Nancy Diak

## From the Financial Secretary

**I**t's time for your 2012 dues. What else can you get for \$20.00 a year that pays for itself if you participate in all or some of the events throughout the year. The 2012 dues notices will be mailed out December 15, 2011 and are due back January 1, 2012. I will start collecting dues at the meetings and on Thursday 5th degree day. As always if you have a financial problem, please call myself or the Grand Knight; this will be kept confidential. If for some reason you do not want to continue being a member, please send me a signed note telling me the reason. Please update any address or telephone changes.

**I would like to congratulate our new Honorary Life Member Vic Kahn. Fifty years as a member.**

Richard Haack, 931-5340



# ***Council Activities***



**Memorial Mass at Holy Family**

**Merry Christmas  
and a very prosperous  
New Year to all!**



**Knights take part in  
Santa's Holiday  
Parade in Granite City  
November 19th.**

# DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5th Degree Workday	2 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	3
4 Schuler Bingo Team	5		6	7	8 5th Degree Workday	9 Petty Bingo Team
11 Rotter/Gray Bingo Team	12 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	13 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm		15 5th Degree Workday	16 Friedel Bingo Team	17 <b>Kids Christmas Event 10:00 am</b> <b>Adult Christmas Party 5:30 pm</b>
18 Softball Bingo Team	19	20 No Ladies Auxiliary Mtg.  4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm		21	22 5th Degree Workday	23 Dillier Bingo Team
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 <b>Newsletter Items Due 6:00 pm</b>	27 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Dillier Bingo Team	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>

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