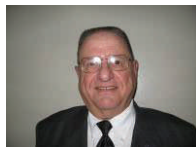




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John Haug, Sr.



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George Friedel



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President Nancy Diak

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Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight

The data collection process for future newsletter distribution methods is moving along quite well. We have received about 150 postcards and 70 requests for email reminders. We received one postcard that wasn't filled out. It had one 42 cent and one 2 cent stamp on it. If you remember mailing a card back without filling it out, please contact us. You must return your postcards if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via the U.S. Postal service. Computer users should email news1098@gckc.org for an email reminder when the newsletter is posted on the website. Contact Ronnie Reish if you have lost or have not received a postcard. The new process will begin with the February 2010 newsletter.

Our annual Christmas parties will be Saturday, December 19th. The children's party will start at around 9:00 am with snacks, a magician and an appearance by Santa. Please sign up so we know how many snacks we need and so we can let Santa know in case he wants to give a small token. The Fourth Degree sponsored adult party will start around 6:00 pm with dinner and music. Even though the adult party is sponsored by the Fourth Degree all members are invited at any activity level. We appreciate the

Fourth Degree sponsoring this party annually and all they ask is that you sign up and abide by the dress code which is business casual. Ties and suits optional, no jeans or shorts, and Christmas attire desirable.

Our Council director, Carl Petty, is planning a bingo worker's appreciation party for all bingo workers and their wives or significant others. This will happen during the first part of 2010 so all bingo workers stay tuned.

February 6th is our annual Area 12 Special Olympics dinner/dance so keep in touch as we move closer. I can tell you I've already had three agencies contact me regarding this popular event.

Two-thousand nine has been a tough year for all but as it comes to an end we have the celebration of the coming of our Savior to look forward to. To quote a Rolling Stones song, with some modification, "you can't always get what you want, but with Christ in mind, you'll get what you need." Let us keep Christ in Christmas. Vickie and I want to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a New Year better than 2009.

Sincerely,
John Haug Sr.

Dates to Remember

- Dec 19 – Christmas Parties
Kids – 9:00 am
Adults – 6:00 pm
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day
- December 31 – New Year's Eve

From the Faithful Navigator

The Memorial Mass and breakfast honoring and remembering our deceased Sir Knights was a success. Thank You to Steve Cauble for making the arrangements, to John Straubinger for again reading the names of our deceased members, to Carl Petty and his cook team for preparing and serving breakfast, to the eighteen Sir Knights that provided the Honor Guard for Mass and last, but not least, to all who attended.

The bus trip to Branson was another one that will not be forgotten. On behalf of myself and all who went on the trip we thank Brother Knight Ray Hoffman for all his time and effort. THANK YOU RAY!

The holiday season is here again. Plans are being made for a Christmas party for all members on

December 19 at 6:00 pm here at our Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who will be attending.

I'm sure by the time you read this column Thanksgiving Day will be past but I'm still going to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! So the same thing doesn't happen for Christmas, I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas!

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, Captain, Marine Corps, Hawaii; Scott Griffin, Sergeant, Army National Guard, USA; Stephani Luebben, Captain, Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB WY; Jason Scaturro, Sergeant, Army, Iraq; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, San Diego, CA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Kentucky.



Veteran's Memory

Pictured is 4th Degree member, Gene DeRuntz, WWII Veteran, at the Korean War Veterans Memorial, during his whirlwind Veteran's trip to Washington, DC. Please ask Gene to share more details about his trip with you.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Holidays! Well, ladies, the holidays are here! Can you believe it? Time goes by so fast.

Craft Fair Update: Ladies, each and everyone of you deserve thanks for another successful year. We surpassed last year's total. This year's AWESOME grand total was \$3,953.60!!! This is where team work and sodality pays off. Great job, ladies. Special thanks to Gail Gargac who chaired the event, Mary Jo Holzum who was in charge of the kitchen, Joyce Jenness who was in charge of the Ladies Auxiliary table, Catherine Ponce and helpers Susan and Janet for the cookie table, Mary Cauble for her expertise, Grace Ziegler who was in charge of the cashiers and cakes, and many more volunteers. Remember this organization cannot do without the help of all of you. The Auxiliary wishes to thank hall employees Mary Austin, Rick Sutton and Tim Bronnbauer for helping every way possible—these people do a lot of work behind the scenes—we appreciate them very much!

The Hot Line procedure was put to the test with the passing of two of our Auxiliary members back-to-back. Thank you to the Hot Line Captains and ladies for the great job of communicating during these trying times. The Ladies Auxiliary offers much empathy to the families of Gloria Henitz and Sharon Loftus.

During November's meeting we voted on the dispensing of our monies. We have voted on giving

\$500 each to Small Victories, Good Samaritan House, Catholic Charities, Phoenix Crisis Center, Faith in Action and a total of \$500 to the Sisters of Divine Providence who are housed at the Villa in Alton.

Remember, there will be **no meeting in December**. In January on our meeting night we will have our annual Auxiliary Christmas Party to be held at Ravanellis' in Granite City. Next business meeting will be in February.

Don't forget the annual Kid's Christmas Party December 19th at 9:00 am and the adult Christmas Party later that day at 6:00 pm. Sign ups are needed to attend both parties. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the hall.

Ladies, we are officially in the Holiday Season. Through all the hustle and bustle of this time of year, please let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas. Hopefully, you will find some quiet time to reflect on your spirituality and promote good tidings to everyone you meet. May each and everyone of you have a Blessed Christmas. Enjoy your family time together. Be proud to say Merry Christmas!

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,
Nancy Diak

From the Financial Secretary

It is that time again - DUES. What else can you get for \$20.00 a year that pays for itself if you participate? The 2010 dues notices will be out by December 15, 2009 and they are due January 1, 2010. I will start collecting dues by the end of November 2009 at the meetings.

Please handle this as you would your other bills by paying on time. This saves your council money. As always, if you have a financial problem, please notify myself or the Grand Knight promptly (this is kept confidential). If, for some reason, you no longer want to retain your membership, please send me a note

with your intention or contact the Grand Knight of your concerns and maybe they can be resolved. Also, if you no longer practice your Catholic faith, please send me a note and you will be removed from the roles.

Our Council benefits many people in our community but relies on all its members support.

Larry Ruder,
Financial Secretary
931-2706

Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners/Losers

October 27, 2009

Steve Connolly won the 50/50 drawing and Paul Mills failed to win the attendance drawing.

November 10, 2009

Al Delay won the 50/50 drawing and Wilbert Hemken failed to win the attendance drawing.

Knights Participate in the Granite City Santa Parade



Thanks to Christmas Parade Chairman Joe Schuler, the float decorators—especially Jim Bohn, parade participants, honor guard and float puller Brian Kelly who helped welcome Santa to town. Another fine example of active membership and team work.

Look What's Cookin'!



in the Santa Maria Lounge Monday nights

Wings for 25 cents each and boat of fries for \$1.00

What works . . . Teamwork



COME JOIN IN
the fun!

December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 5th Degree Workday	4 Wilbur/Alsop Team Bingo	5
6 4th Degree Bingo	7 Columbus Home 7:00 pm	8 KC Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10 5th Degree Workday	11 Petty Team Bingo	12
13 4th Degree Bingo	14	15 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30 pm	16	17 5th Degree Workday	18 Friedel Team Bingo	19 Kid Christmas Party 9:00 am Adult Christmas Party 6:00 pm
20 Softball Team Bingo Newsletter Items Due	21	22 Social Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27 4th Degree Bingo	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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