Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224





Grand Knight Dwayne Saul



Faithful Navigator Elmer Long



Ladies Auxiliary President Cheryl Moe

Columbus Home President Jerry Lilley Picture not yet Available

A Word From the Grand Knight

Welcome Brother Knights,

As we prepare for Easter we can look at the true meaning, that God our Father gave his son to die for our sins and raised him up on the third day. Now halfway thru the Lenten season we all can look back at the resolutions we made for ourselves and the broken resolutions for some of us and know that God will pick us up and protect us on our weakest days and love us no matter our failures. The promises he makes to us, he will be walking side by side with us, two sets of footprints in the sand, but on those rough days when we look for him and see only one set of footprints, those are the days that he tells us, he was carrying us. Words taken from a past Grand Knight: "See you in Church".

April 2017

I would like to thank Brother Andy Yurko for accepting the position as "Advocate" at the social meeting election to fill the empty slot left behind from our late Brother Walter. The council and I welcome you.

Congratulations are in order for Miss Rhiannon Smith for winning regionals in March in the 12 year old age group. She will now be competing at the state level from our council. Good luck Rhiannon.

Once again we are in desperate need of bingo workers for audits, window workers and floor. There are a number of workers that have planned surgeries coming up and we need help filling these areas. If you are the one being called from your heart to help, please get in touch with bingo chairman Tom Grimes. He can get you started training under the right people.

Scholarship forms are out. They are available from a number of places: Grand Knight, chairman - Andy Yurko, at Council meetings or from the bar at the Columbus Home. Deadline is postmarked by midnight, April 21. Good luck to all.

Upcoming events: Highland Council Charity bowling, April 2; Illinois State Convention: April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd; Special Olympics games helping out in the opening ceremonies at SIUE will be held this year April 29th.

Fraternally, Grand Knight, Dwayne Saul (email: <u>dsaul@gckc.org</u>)

KC Meeting Attendance and 50/50 winners and losers:

February 28 Andy Yirko won the 50/50 while Ronnie M Parents failed to win the attendance drawing.

<u>March 14</u>

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2 – Highland Council Charity Bowl

April 6 – Set up for Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale in the Gym

April 7 – Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale; 8:00am to noon and 5:00pm to 7:00pm

April 8 – Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale; 8:00am to noon

April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt; 10:00am at Columbus Home

April 21 – Scholarship Deadline

April 21, 22 and 23 – ILL State Convention

April 29 – Opening Ceremony for Special Olympics Games at SIUE Tom Grimes won the 50/50 while Dennis Joyce failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the Faithful Navigator

The fourth Degree was held at 7:30 pm on March 21st. All the business was approved. The council approved the donations of \$ 25,000 for each Catholic School and a stipend for the National Greek Catholic Church for \$500 (Father Bob's Church). It was felt that he contributes a lot of time to Council Meetings as well as helping out at bingo.

The council was told of the Passing of Sir Knight Gene De Runtz. An Honor Guard was held on Friday night and also at Mass on Saturday morning. Also a note was issued that Sir Knight Ed Essington passed on Friday night. A note that Sir Knight John Moutria had fallen and was at John Cochran VA hospital and has since been transferred to Stearns Nursing Home in Granite City. He has a problem with dementia. I visited him on Saturday afternoon. His attention is close to normal. He talked to me in a normal tone of voice. He is accepting visitors.

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 also ask you to pray to St. Michael the Archangel Patron Saint for all Police Officers.

"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 keep our street 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 and women, grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen."

May God bless the Tri Cities Knights of Columbus. May Saint Michael the Archangel Defend us in our Travail. Sincerely yours, Faithful Navigator Elmer Long (email eflong5@yahoo.com)

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.

If you would like to include any service men or women in this section, please send your name and the name, rank and location of the individual you would like to honor to news.1098@gckc.org or provide this information to Jim Rotter. Thank you for your assistance.

From the Financial Secretary

Congratulation to Robb Woolen who became a new member of our council and to Brother Paulinus Nwaka who became a 3rd degree member on March 5. Our membership now stands at 465 members, 15 are Honorary, and 75 Honorary Life members. We are now coming to the end of our billing period. If you have not paid yours dues please send them in to me. If you do not want to be a member send me a note tell me that you do not want to be a member anymore.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Hello everyone! The Month of April will be a busy one for us. To be successful, we need your assistance.

Our annual Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon both days, as well as Friday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm during the bingo. Marie Grey and Pat Alsop are co-chairing this event. Thank you. We need your items. Starting Monday, April 3, you may bring your items to the Ladies Auxiliary room at the Knights of Columbus. Items may be brought all week, but the earlier we have them, the better we can organize. No item too big or too small. On Thursday, we will do the pricing and setting/organizing the tables in the gym. If you are available to either price items on Thursday or work Friday and/or Saturday, please give Pat Alsop a call.

Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 for children ages 1 to 10. Registration starts at 9:30. Sign-up sheet is in the Council Room. Please sign up by April 12th so we have enough eggs for all. Ladies, please bring cookies, cupcakes, or brownies before 9:00 on Saturday. You may also bring them Friday evening and leave them in the kitchen. Just a reminder, make sure your young participant brings an Easter Basket to hunt for the eggs. We are in need of a face painter, so if you know someone, please call Linda Reisch. Thank you Linda for heading this event.

I wish everyone a joyous Easter! God Bless You!

From the Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship applications for 8th grade graduates of 2017 attending a Catholic High School their freshman year and Scholarship applications for high school seniors graduating in 2017 who will be attending an accredited educational institution in the Fall of 2017 have been available since Tuesday March 7, 2017. Scholarships are offered to only Council 1098 or Assembly 0224 children or grandchildren. The postmarked deadline for both of these scholarships is Friday, April 21, 2017. 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 21, 2017.

Andy Yurko



Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

| April 2017 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat 1 |
| 2 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043 Highland Council Charity Bowling | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 5 th Degree Workday Set-up for Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale | 7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041 Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale 8:00am to noon and 5 to 7pm | 8 Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale 8:00am to noon |
| 9 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 | 10 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm | 11 KC Business Meeting 7:30pm | 12 | 13 5 th Degree Workday | 14 | 15 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am |
| 16 Happy Easter There will be no Bingo on Easter Sunday | 17 | 18 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm | 19 | 20 5 th Degree Workday | 21 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109 Scholarship Deadline ILL State | 22 May Newsletter Items Due |
| 23 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 ILL State Convention | 24 | 25 KC Social Meeting 7:30pm | 26 | 27 5 th Degree Workday | Convention 28 Hutson/Levy Bingo Team 973-5459 or 971-9817 | Convention 29 Opening Ceremony for Special Olympics Games at SIUE |
| 30 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 | | | | s month hosted | | ingo Team. |

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