



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



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President Walter Bruch

Christmas is around the corner and time for decorations, parties, presents, and the most important, **Keeping Christ in Christmas.**

On Friday, December 6th there will be a 24 hour Adoration at St. Elizabeth's Church. It begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and ends with the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday. Kathy Mangi maintains the sign-up list for time slots. This would be a good way to start the Christmas season.

The Vocation Raffle program was a success this year. Thanks to those who sold the 75 books and to Gary Wilbur for chairing this activity. This money is used to support future priests.

The Annual Kid's Christmas Party will be held on December 21st starting at 10:00 a.m. This will be a fun time for your kids, grandkids, or great grandkids. Hot dogs and treats will be served. Santa is planning to make an appearance. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Council Room in order to know how much food needs to be prepared. The adult party will be in the evening. More information should be in the Faithful Navigator's column.

Bob Palus has again volunteered to host the K of C Free Throw Contest.

There will be a Major degree at the Alton Council #460 on January 5, 2014. Registration is at noon. The growth of our Council is dependent on the current MEMBERS. If you want our Council to continue to support our parishes, schools, and community, YOU need to actively find new members who can help us. This Major Degree is a good time to get new members into our Council.

Our Council has purchased 12 children's coats in various sizes under the Coats for Kids Program. These new coats were donated to the Granite City Catholic Charities on November 22, 2013. Thank you to Dwayne Saul for handling this event. Also, \$150 was donated to the Supreme Council's Wheelchair Program. This will pay for a new wheelchair to be given to a person in need. These two programs and the many more charitable events we sponsor are only made possible because of the members and spouses who work the Bingos and Pull-Tabs.

The Granite City Santa's parade was held on November 23rd. Parade Chairman Joe Schuler and a handful of members braved the cold and represented Council 1098. The best part was Joe's homemade Italian Roast Beef. It was nice to have two 4th Degree members with us.

Dates to Remember

- Dec. 7 – Sparkles & Sweets (St. E)
- Dec. 21 – Kid's Christmas Party 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 21 – Adult Christmas Party (PM)
- Jan. 5 – Major Degree Alton

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From the Faithful Navigator



No Report



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; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, Des Moines, IA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Ft. Campbell, KY.

GK Continued:

The notices for the 2014 dues will be out. Our Worthy Financial Secretary, Rich Haack, will have more information in his section of the newsletter.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in Church,

Larry Ruder

December Meeting Notice: There will not be a Social meeting in December since it will fall on Christmas Eve.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

October 22, 2013

Frank Ores won the 50/50 drawing and Steve Schardan failed to win the attendance drawing.

November 11, 2013

Warren Bequette won the 50/50 drawing and Joe Burmeister won the \$200 attendance drawing.

From the Financial Secretary

It is that time again, DUES TIME. What else can you get for \$30 a year? If you participate in any events throughout the year, you know that is a bargain. The 2014 notices will be mailed out December 12, 2013 and are due back in January 2014. 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 phone number changes.

I would like to congratulate our new Honorary Life member Steve Schardan and our new Honorary members David Cruse, Gregory Patton, and Patrick Nesbit. Our totals for membership are 504 members, 15 Honorary, and 76 Honorary Life.

Richard Haack, 931-5340

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies, Advent Season is upon us. Christmas events are happening. Please, say Merry Christmas to everyone you meet and NOT Happy Holidays! Let each one of us help spread KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS—THE LOVE OF CHRIST!!

By the time we get the newsletter, the Auxiliary will have had our fundraiser, SPARKLES & SWEETS! In advance, THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. We will have a report later, maybe at our January Christmas Party, of the great success of this event.

THANK YOU to the Ladies who helped and rode the Knights' Float in the Santa Parade. BRRR...it was cold.

CHRISTMAS WREATH PROJECT is December 14th. There is still time if any lady wants to lay a wreath for a military veteran laid to rest at the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. Time of Ceremony will be 11:00 a.m. Time still allows more to go, if want to, please call Nancy.

Christmas Party for the children will be December 21st at 10:00 a.m. Gert Petty will arrange the refreshments for the children. Gert may need some assistance, so if she calls, please volunteer.

The Adult Christmas Party will also be December 21st in the evening.

Annual Disbursement of the Auxiliary Monies

The Ladies voted and approved the following:

\$ 200.00 for the Catholic Layette Program

\$ 500.00 for St. Elizabeth's School

\$ 500.00 for Holy Family School

\$ 300.00 for the Good Samaritan House

\$ 250.00 for Billie's Kids Program

A mass for former Auxiliary member Gladys Koisher will be said at St. Elizabeth's Church. (Gladys was an active member years ago.)

Ladies, a question for you. Would any Lady like to attend Mass at Father's Bob Church? It is an Eastern Rite Catholic Church NOT Orthodox. Our present catholic faith is a stepping stone of the Eastern Byzantine Church. It is recognized by the Pope and attendance will count as your Sunday worship. The church is full of HISTORY. This was discussed at the last meeting and it was voted to table until next year. Please discern of this and voice your opinion at the meeting next year.

It seems that some of the Ladies Auxiliary members have been thrown some crosses to bear this past year. We must rely on our Faith, Ladies. Let the Lord guide us each day.

Don't forget—no meeting in December. Hope to see you all at our Auxiliary Christmas Party in January.

BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Nancy Diak

Knights in Action — Memorial Mass



Pictures submitted by Jeannie Wilbur

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Congratulations George & Rudy!



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DECEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	2	3	4	5 5th Degree Workday	6 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	7 Sparkles & Sweets
8 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	9 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	10 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 5th Degree Workday	13 Petty Bingo Team 877-3584	14
15 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	16	17 Ladies Auxiliary No Meeting 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 5th Degree Workday	20 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	21 Christmas Parties Kids 10:00 am Adult-Evening
22 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Newsletter Items Due	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 5th Degree Workday	27 Dillier Bingo Team 452-8041	28
29 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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