

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

December 2015



Grand Knight
Jerry Calentine



Faithful Navigator
Tom Voloski



Ladies Auxiliary
President
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home
President
Walter Bruch

A Word From the Grand Knight

Greetings to all of my brother Knights. Hopefully the month of November was good to you. The month of December is going to be a busy month. At the business meeting on 8 December we will have a 1st Degree. At the present time we have 3 candidates from our Council with a possibility of 1 or 2 from other Councils. This Council is making me so PROUD and happy: First by the effort to bring in new members and Second by YOUR support and help in guiding me on the correct path to success. This Council will remain a great and successful Council. Thanks to All of you. Also at the business meeting there will be a special election for Warden. After many years of faithful service Marty Thomason is stepping down from the position. So a special election will be held to elect a new Warden. If you would like to run for the position, contact George Friedel, or be at the meeting December 8th. The 12th of December the Council will host the quarterly District meeting. All Council members are invited to attend. The 19th will be a very busy day starting with the kids Christmas party. After the party all are invited to go to the Childrens Home in Alton with Steve Cauble Finally is the Christmas party hosted by the 4th degree. Under new business, it is almost time again for the annual donation to the schools. It has been proposed to give Holly Family and St. Elizabeth schools \$25,000.00 each. They should be given the money sometime in February. On behalf of myself and all of the Council officers, we wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The winner of the 50/50 at the last meeting was Walter Bruch. The loser of the attendance prize was Heinz Bronnbauer.

Vivat Jesus
Jerry Calentine

From the Faithful Navigator

Bills for the months of October & November 2015:

Raffle		\$2,872.00
Bingo Workers Bar tab	10-04-15	67.70
	10-11-15	84.80
	10-18-15	129.95
	10-25-15	80.35

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8 – 1st
Degree at the
Business Meeting

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Special election for
Warden at the
Business Meeting

December 12 –
Council will host
quarterly District
Meeting

December 19 – Kids
Christmas Party at
Columbus Home

December 19 – Visit
to Children's Home
in Alton

December 19 –
Adult Christmas
Party hosted by the
4th Degree at
Columbus Home

December 11 & 13 –
Sparkles and Sweets
at Columbus Home

January 19 - Ladies
Auxiliary Christmas
Party at Ravanelli's

Bingo workers food for Month of Oct. 2015	80.00
Food for 4 th Degree meeting October 20, 2015	98.67
November 2015 Rent	1,500.00
Tribout's	729.68
November 1 st 2015 Communion Breakfast	<u>777.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$6,419.47</u>

Request for Donations:

- Tri-Cities Area Division United Way. Approved for \$250.00
- St. Louis Area Foodbank Bridgeton, Missouri. Denied
- New Opportunities, Inc. 1510 W. 7th St. Granite City, Ill. Approved for \$100.00
- Madison County Catholic Charities. Approved for \$250.00
- The Salvation Army 3007 23rd St. Granite City, Il. Denied
- Billie's Kids 2016 Madison Ave. Granite City. Approved for \$100.00

Thank You from the following:

None at this writing.

Notable quotes:

"We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there." *Charles Franklin Kettering*

Honor Guard presence:

No requests for the Honor Guard at this writing.

Announcement:

4th Degree Christmas party and dance Saturday December 19th. Sign- up sheet is posted. All are invited. Sign-up and show up.

Getting close to Christmas I want to share this poem with everyone:

This poem was penned by Navy Captain Faris T. Farwell of the U.S.S. Bunker Hill. Our son was assigned to the U.S.S. Bunker in 2002 and 2003. My how time sails on.

T'was the night before Christmas, BUNKER HILL was out streaming, Some Sailors

stood watch while others were dreaming. They lived in a crowd with racks tight and small, In a 52 man berthing, cramped one and all.

I had come down the ladder with presents to give, And to see inside just who might perhaps live. I looked all around, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings were hung, shined boots close at hand, on the bulkhead hung pictures of a far- away land. They had medals and badges and awards of all kind, and a sad sober thought came into my mind.

For this place was different, so dark and so dreary, I'd found a home of a Sailor, once I saw clearly. A sailor lay sleeping, silent and alone, curled up in a rack and dreaming of home.

The face was so gentle, the berthing squared away, this was the United States Sailor today. This was the hero I saw on TV, Defending our country so we could be free.

I realized the families that I would visit this night, owed their lives to these Sailors lay willing to fight. Soon around the world, the children would play, and grown-ups would celebrate on Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom each day of the year, because of these Sailors like the one lying here. I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve, at sea, far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The Sailor awakened and I heard a calm voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life in my choice."

"Defending the sea all days of the year, so others may feel freedom and live with no fear." I thought for a moment, what a difficult road, To Live a life guided by honor and code.

After all it's Christmas Eve and BUNKER HILL'S underway! But freedom isn't free and it's Sailors who pay. The Sailor says to our Country "be free and sleep tight. No harm will come, not on my watch and not on this night."

The Sailor rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent, so still, I watched as the Sailor shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold dark night, this guardian on honor so willing to fight. The Sailor rolled over and with a voice strong and sure, commanded, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas, and all is Secure!"

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.

Tom Voloski

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. Benning, GA.

From the Financial Secretary

We now have 474 members, 76 are Honorary Life members, and 15 are Honorary members. It is that time of the year again, DUES TIME. What else can you get for \$30.00 a year. If you participate in any event throughout the year, you know it is a bargain. The 2016 notices will be mailed by December 1, 2015 and are due back in January 2016. 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.

Richard Haack

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Everyone. I would like to introduce a new member to the Ladies Auxiliary - Jennifer Hutson. Welcome Aboard.

In December, we are holding our annual Sparkles and Sweets. We need the participation of every member to ensure a successful fundraiser. The Sparkles portion of the event is your vintage jewelry. Please look through your jewelry box for any jewelry you no longer need or would like to donate for this fundraiser. We ask that you place each piece in a ziplock bag for easier pricing. For the Sweet part, we are asking everyone to make some dessert items to be sold. If you make cookies, please place a dozen on a plate and wrap it with saran wrap. We are asking for an equivalent of 2 dozen cookies. If you would like to bring a pie or cake, please leave it together. We will cut the cake/pie into separate pieces if our customers are requesting just a slice. The desserts should be brought to the Ladies Auxiliary Room at the KC Hall between 2:00 and 4:00 PM on Friday, December 11. We will be selling the items during Bingo on Friday night, Sunday noon, and Sunday evening. Thank you.

On December 19 is the Children's and Adults Christmas Party. If you are planning on attending one or the other or both, you need to sign up in the office.

There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be at the Christmas Party on January 19 at Ravanelli's. Look for your letter in the mail around the New Year.

I trust everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Cheryl Moe, President

Picture Gallery

November 1, 2015 Memorial Mass at St. Elizabeth's Church
Pictures by Jeannie Wilbur





Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

December 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 5 th Degree Workday	4 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	5
6 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3034	7 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm	8 KC Business Meeting 7:30pm	9	10 5 th Degree Workday	11 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584 Sparkles and Sweets	12 Quarterly District Meeting at Columbus Home
13 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 Sparkles and Sweets	14	15 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm No Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	16	17 5 th Degree Workday	18 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	19 Kids Christmas Party Visit to Children's Home in Alton Adult Christmas Party January Newsletter Items Due
20 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	21	22 KC Social Meeting 7:30pm	23	24 5 th Degree Workday	25 Merry Christmas No Bingo	26
27 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	28	29	30	31 5 th Degree Workday	Notes: January 19, 2016 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party at Ravanelli's	

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