

# Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

December 2016



Grand Knight  
Dwayne Saul



Faithful Navigator  
Elmer Long



Ladies Auxiliary  
President  
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home  
President  
Walter Bruch

## A Word From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Welcome to December, which brings me great pleasure to announce more than 10 Catholic gentlemen are joining the Council in the first section. Our First Degree was held on November 22, 2016. Please make sure to continue to work on looking for fine men to join our Council as Brother Knights.

The Halloween party was a huge success with more than 35 kids in costumes and more than 100 people overall enjoyed food, drink and great games. Special thanks go out to all the help I had from the Ladies Auxiliary helping with the games and fellow Brother Knights helping with the food and bonfire. Seeing all the smiles on the faces of everyone made the work worthwhile.

November brought us Priesthood Sunday. The Council and I were happy to be able to hand out checks to our 3 Priests, just a small token to show them how important they are to us and our churches. Also for November, we delivered 12 new coats to Catholic Charities for Coats for Kids.

The children's Christmas party will be held on December 17, 2016. Please be sure to sign up in the Council Room. The children's party will be starting at 10 a.m. We will be having hot dogs, chips, cookies and other treats for the young ones. After the party everyone is invited to the children's Home in Alton with Steve Cauble.

Please remember to pray for the Haug family and the Hoffman family, they have both lost family members this past month. Losing family members during the Holiday season is hard, God Bless these families.

Upcoming events: Free-throw contest in January; Special Olympics Dinner and Spelling Bee in February. Additional information will be coming soon.

I want to wish all my Council, Officers, Brother Knights and their families a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Remember "To Keep Christ in Christmas".

Fraternally yours,  
Grand Knight  
Dwayne Saul (dsaul@gckc.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 9 & 11 – Sparkles and Sweets

Dec 17 – Children's Christmas Party at 10am; Visit to Alton Children's Home at 1pm; Adult Christmas Party at 5pm

Dec 17 – Wreaths across America – contact Dorothy Jansen at 363-0928 for details

Dec 31- Columbus Home New Year's Eve Party

### Notice

There will be no Ladies Auxiliary meeting in December

### Bingo

There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Bingo in December which will be hosted by the Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team

## From the Faithful Navigator

The meeting started at 7:30 pm. All business was concluded and then the agenda was to deal with the following items:

- The Christmas Parade on November 19 was discussed and there will be no Float because there was no truck to pull it. It was decided that participants would walk the parade route from the rear of High School to down town. I made a request for a 4th degree Dress Regalia to show the people that we are a united Fraternal Organization that appreciates the support of the local people.
- We were awarded a plaque by The Southwestern IL Chapter of The Chamber of Commerce for our charitable endeavors in Madison County.
- The Christmas party for the Kids will be held on Dec 17 at 10 am followed by the Adult Party at 5 pm. We are scheduled to take gifts to The Alton Children's Home at 1 pm. Anyone who wants to go to Alton is welcomed to go.

### **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.”

Everyone have A Happy Thanksgiving.

May God Bless the Tri-cities Knight of Columbus  
Elmer Long  
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.

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@gkcc.org or provide this information to Jim Rotter. Thank you for your assistance.

## **From the Financial Secretary**

Congratulations to James Ridenour for becoming our new Honorary Life member. We now have 460 members, 76 are Honorary Life members, and 16 are Honorary members. Again I would like to thank everyone who helped us with the ID drive (Tootsie Roll) last month. By the time you receive this newsletter we should have a 1st degree with up to 13 new members. Please welcome the new members when you see them at a monthly meeting. I am running a little late with the new membership cards, but hopefully I will have them finished by the middle of December. So if you have a new address, email or phone number, please let me know. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Richard Haack

## **From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary**

HAPPY ADVENT LADIES. Since MS. Cheryl is enjoying herself on a Cruise --- here are some items to pass along:

### Sparkles and Sweets

December 9 and December 11 are the auxiliary fundraiser dates for Sparkles & Sweets. Please make any Christmas Cookies, breads and candy for the sale. Please bring them to the KC Building by 4:00 pm on Friday (December 9) or by 4:00pm on Sunday (December 11). You can also donate any old vintage jeweler. Donations should be placed in a Ziploc Bag. Barb Lilley is in need of helpers to cook peanut for the sale. Call her at 797-6121 if you can assist her. Ladies --- if your schedule is full and cannot make cookies, you can donate \$20.00 to aid the fundraiser. You can send the check to Diane Vivod at 3254 Westchester Drive Granite City.

The Auxiliary THANKS Barb Lilley for her leadership in this endeavor. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 17 is the date if you want to participate in placing a WREATH on a soldier's grave at Jefferson Barracks. Please call Dorothy Jansen at 363-0928 if plan to go.

### Other Items

- Prayers are needed for Joyce Jenness, Joyce Jachino, Steve Cauble and Walter Bruch. ALSO say some prayers to have Cheryl return from her Cruise safe and happy!!!!
- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER
- THE AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE IN JANUARY. BE WATCHFUL FOR INVITE IN THE MAIL

On behalf of the Auxiliary Leadership Team ---- MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL YOU LADIES AND YOUR FAMILIES

Nancy Diak  
Vice President

## COLUMBUS HOME

I'm going to start at the end, because that is what I want you to remember - New Year's Eve. The Columbus Home will per usual have a party to bring in the New Year. We will have the usual, with a taste of the bubbly at midnight. However this year we will be gracing the lounge and coho with live music of an acoustic band; Scott and Mechelle. There will also be food, and of course the drinks you can have the bartender invent. I hope to see many of you there to bring in the New Year.

Speaking of parties, don't forget the Children's Christmas party; always a great time that the Council puts on for the kids and their families. Also that evening will be the Fourth Degree Christmas party for the members and wives. In between those two events will be the trip to the Alton orphanage. I know most members have never gone there after the kid's party. We take a gift package for each child there. It can be a real eye opener, and I recommend everyone should at least try to go with the group at least once. If you see it, you'll certainly know why we have continued the practice. Please make an effort.

By the way; we now have the NFL package. Watch any game showing; good since locals no longer have a home team to root for; and on Sunday the beer prices are great. Probably near the best in town; and a good atmosphere.

Any member that attends meetings, or is close to a member that does, knows that the Columbus Home for the past many months has been very busy with a highly technical and challenging quest. We know that within our membership we have people qualified in land survey and preparation, building design and construction, and all the incidentals that go with it. Over the next many months, if anyone feels they have knowledge in these areas and would like to help out, just let your name be known. Every little bit would be greatly appreciated.

By the way, without going into great detail, we can always use help with the bingos; age has caught up with us. Stay active/get active; participate with this great Council and its great membership. Hope to see you soon. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year

Walt Bruch, President  
Tri-Cities Columbus Home Assn.

## Picture Gallery

Coats for Kids



Kid's Halloween Party



Plaque awarded by The Southwestern IL Chapter of the Chamber of Commerce for our charitable endeavors





# Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	<b>2</b> Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	<b>9</b> Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	<b>12</b> Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm	<b>13</b> KC Business Meeting 7:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	<b>16</b> Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	<b>17</b> Children's Christmas Party 10am; Visit Alton Children's Home 1pm; Adult Christmas Party 5pm; Wreaths Across America;
<b>18</b> Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30pm  No Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in December	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	<b>23</b> Hutson/Levy Bingo Team 973-5459 or 971-9817	<b>24</b> <b>January 2017 Newsletter Items Due</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b>  No Bingo  Columbus Home Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KC Social Meeting 7:30pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	<b>30</b> Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	<b>31</b> Columbus Home New Year's Eve Party

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