



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



Grand Knight
John Haug, Sr.



Faithful Navigator
David Cruse



Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

Dates to Remember

February 4th—Special Olympics Dinner/Dance

During the January 10th business meeting I had the pleasure of presenting the membership with the first place trophy won by Marie Gray's team at the Springfield Diocese Bowl for the Bishop. Marie's teammates were Linda Reish, Gert Petty, Mary Jo Holzum, and Juanita James. The other ladies' team and the two men's teams didn't place as high but all four teams did a great job representing our Council at this Diocesan event.

Unless you receive the newsletter via email, the annual Area 12 Special Olympics dinner/dance scheduled for Saturday, February 4th will probably be over. We will have a complete report with pictures in next month's newsletter. I'm sure it will be a successful and enjoyable event but we still need to pray for good weather.

Welcome new member Darren Williams and congratulations to Jerry Calentine for completing his 2nd and 3rd degree at the Bethalto installation.

All three of our entities, Council, Assembly and Columbus Home, will have elections coming up soon. If you are interested in running for an office talk to the existing officers so you understand what the job entails and know what you're getting into. To be an effective officer you have to be able to devote the time and make some difficult decisions.

There is not to much to report on this month since it's a slow time of the year as we recover from the holidays.

To be voted on at February Business Meeting February 14th:

ACSA Holy Family	\$12,500
ACSA St. Elizabeth	\$12,500
ACSA St. Mary's/St. Mark	\$5,000
St. Mary's Orthodox	\$1,000
Holy Family School	\$25,000
St. Elizabeth School	\$25,000

Hope to see you at a meeting,

John Haug Sr.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

December 27, 2011

Bob Kalka won the 50/50 drawing and David Hylla failed to win the attendance drawing.

January 10, 2011

Joe Czwozorg won the 50/50 drawing and Leonard Mikolaszuk failed to win attendance drawing.



From the Faithful Navigator

Brother Knights . . . Two things need to be mentioned this month. First, contrary to popular belief, we need bingo workers. Especially the first and fourth Sundays and the fourth Friday of each month. We have lost at least six bingo workers to sickness, age or death. We need help.

Second, there will be an exemplification at the Lady of the Snows March 9, 10 and 11. If you would like to attend, please call me at 618.931.5679. The Assembly will pay for you and your spouse for dinner and the Ladies Luncheon. If you sign up, please show up.

Get Involved!

Vivat Jesus! Dave Cruse

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., Sergeant, Hanscom AFB, MA; Lee Brown, Master Sergeant, Army, Ft. Hood Texas; Jon P. Connolly, Major, Marine Corps, Hawaii; 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.



From the Columbus Home

Many members came out to the Santa Maria Lounge for the holidays and enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere and camaraderie. In February, we would like to see you for the Super Bowl, February 5th. The lounge offers great viewing with 7 TV screens and we will have a variety of snack foods available. Everyone is invited.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL KNIGHTS:

At the social meeting to be held **Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, February 28, 2012, the Columbus Home annual meeting will take place.** There will be a financial report, and also an operational report. **Election of Officers and Board members will also take place:** Includes; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (these are all 1 year terms), and three Board Members (3 year terms).

Give consideration to attending so you might take advantage of your vote. Also consider running for an office. Talk to one of the current officers or board members to find out what can be involved during a term. We will be glad to discuss it with you. Hope to see many of you there. If you are interested in running for any office, see either Larry Ruder or Tom Grimes to get your name entered on the nomination list.

Hope to see many of you for all the club events — or just take advantage of a great facility.

WALT BRUCH, CHA PRESIDENT

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

The Holiday Season is over and it is time to get back to the work of the Auxiliary. There are several activities to look forward to. But first, let's thank Jeannie Wilbur and Joan Achenbach for co-chairing the Annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party. We had very good attendance. The Auxiliary was introduced to the two Novices that we are supporting: Sister Karina Conrad and Sister Sally Vega-Alvarado of the Sisters of Divine Providence Postulants. Sister Margaret Mertens, who assists the Novices, was in attendance as well as Sister Linda Hylla.

At our next meeting, February 21st, the Auxiliary will honor Karen Costello of the Granite City Catholic Charities for her many years of dedicated service. Due to the restructuring of Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois per the Springfield Diocese, Karen's job has been eliminated. Karen has been the leading lady for many years and the Auxiliary has gone to her for names of people and families that needed assistance in the Tri-Cities area. PLEASE COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR HER WORK!!!

New Procedure for Attendance at Council Communion Masses and Meals

Council 1098 has introduced a new procedure for attendance at Communion Masses and meals. The men have to sign-up during their meetings and sign-up sheets are no longer posted in the Council Room. A person MUST attend BOTH the Mass and meal.

Any Auxiliary Member who is widowed or with a husband in ill health limiting his attendance at

meetings may contact the Auxiliary President who can sign her up for the activity. Thus the Auxiliary President will inform the Council of number of attendees from the Auxiliary perspective.

Do you want a rewarding, spirit-filled evening? Volunteer your time to assist at the Special Olympics Dinner/Dance held February 4th at the K. C. Hall. Wear your Auxiliary Shirt. Jobs are available for anyone wishing to come out and help.

This year the Auxiliary is giving financial support to four in the religious order: 2 Novices and 2 Seminarians. During the February meeting we will be discuss how much to disperse to them.

EASTER is April 8th. It will be here before you know it. The Ladies Auxiliary needs volunteers for the Easter Party. Please someone volunteer to chair or co-chair the party. For a successful party for the kids, we need to start planning now. There is only one more meeting to get together as an Auxiliary to discuss the party after our February meeting. Please pray and volunteer to do what you can to help. Please respond at the February Meeting.

Koinonia Weekend is March 16, 17, and 18 at St. Elizabeth Church. If you have not attended a Koinonia, please pray and let the Holy Spirit guide you. You will not regret it.

HAVE A BLESSED VALENTINE'S DAY

Nancy Diak

From the Financial Secretary

Congratulations to Mike Harris for becoming an Honorary Member. I would like to thank everyone who has paid their 2012 dues. Keep them coming in. I will be sending out second notices the first week of February. As always if you have a financial problem in paying your dues, please call myself or the Grand Knight; this will be kept confidential. Please update any address or telephone changes.

Richard Haack, 931-5340

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 5th Degree Workday	3 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	4 Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
5 Schuler Bingo Team	6	7	8	9 5th Degree Workday	10 Petty Bingo Team	11
12 Rotter/Gray Bingo Team	13 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	14 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 5th Degree Workday	17 Friedel Bingo Team	18
19 Softball Bingo Team	20	21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23 5th Degree Workday	24 Dillier Bingo Team	25
26 Cauble Bingo Team Newsletter Items Due	27	28 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	29 Leap Day			

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