



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



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Lawrence Ruder



Faithful Navigator
David Cruse



Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

HOW DO WE DO IT? How does the Tri-Cities Council #1098 afford to give the local parishes and schools over \$80,000.00 per year, donate thousands to other charities and community events, sponsor a dinner/dance for Special Olympics participants and their families (over 500 people), \$3000.00 per month rent, scholarships, seminarian support, and pay for a few events for our members? The answer is **BINGOS and Pull-Tabbs**. These are our money makers. The yearly dues collected only pay for our per capita assessments from Supreme, State, and Chapter and our office supplies.

We have some of the most dedicated workers around. There are several members who work more than one bingo a month. We also have some wives and other family members who donate their time. A few members work both bingos and pull-tabbs.

The main theme of the Knights of Columbus is CHARITY. Our Council lives and promotes this theme.

I just want all of Council #1098 members to understand how we operate. The Council is like all other organizations in that 20% of the members do the work. We want all members to enjoy the benefits of the organization, but we need help. It is very discouraging to have K of C sponsored events that we do not participate in because no one volunteers to be the chairman (i.e. essay contest, soccer kicking contest, etc.). Every year we are short people to work the Tootsie Roll Drive. With 500 members it is hard to believe that we are always asking for help.

Come to a meeting if you have not been for a while. I know people who have been a member for years and have not been to a single meeting since their initiation. If you have opinions on how we can improve, bring your ideas to a meeting.

You can help by just asking members to read the monthly newsletter. How many times have you been asked what is going on in the Council and your answer is 'I don't know' because you have not read the newsletter.

Some people say they need to be asked to help or they didn't know help was needed. You NOW have been asked. You may be surprised that involvement in your Council can bring you enjoyment and great satisfaction. Working one bingo a month would really help ensure our ability to maintain the level of support we now give to our parishes, schools, and community.

Please note that the 4th Degree donates an additional \$80,000.00 per year solely through their Sunday Bingos. Yes, they are short-handed also.

The Blood Drive held on January 21st yielded 23 pints. Thanks to the Blood Drive Chairman Jim DeRuntz with help from Paul Schuler and all those who donated.

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Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1 – Special Olympic Dinner/Dance
- Feb. 15 – Spelling Bee
- Mar. 9 – Major Degree Highland
- Mar. 12 – First Degree Troy
- Mar. 15 – 100 Year 0224 Assembly Anniversary Celebration



From the Faithful Navigator

Brother Knights,
I hope everyone had a very happy Christmas and New Year. Now it's time to start thinking about our ONE HUNDRED year Anniversary as an Assembly. It will be celebrated on Saturday, March 15 at the hall. We are planning to have a mass, dinner and dance. The details aren't completely worked out but they will be by the meeting in February. We do have some very nice wind shirts for sale for \$22 in all sizes and various colors. The committee will try to find a zip up type jacket before the next 4th Degree meeting.

Bingo attendance has been on a little decline lately, but our commitment to our churches and schools has not. As far as I am concerned they are still our #1 priority. We still need callers and auditors for the various teams, and from what I have seen of the bills we could use a cook or two also.

Remember this YOUR council and YOUR assembly!

Get involved!!! Vivat Jesus!

Dave

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. Campbell, KY.



GK Continued:

The report on the Free Throw Contest and the Special Olympics Dinner/Dance will be in the next newsletter.

There will be a Major Degree at Highland on March 9th and a 1st Degree at Troy on March 12th. We are always looking for good Catholic men to join our Council.

The Spelling Bee will be at our building on February 15th. Ron Stern is our Chairman with Andy Yurko and Elmer Long helping. Everyone is welcome to help or observe.

Please keep our sick members and those in various nursing homes in your prayers; Tom Byer, Rudy Hoffek, and Jerry Peiper. Also, Doc Stanton is battling cancer with chemo and radiation.

See you in Church,
Larry Ruder

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

December 24, 2013

No meeting.

January 14, 2014

Jack Kennedy won the 50/50 drawing and Mark Wiesehan failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

February is the month of love. Ladies, what a way to celebrate the LOVE of February by participating in the Annual Special Olympics Dinner/Dance February 1st at the KC Hall. If interested and the newsletter arrives to you in time consider being at the KC Hall at 3:15 so a position of assistance can be given to you. If the newsletter arrives to you after the dinner/dance, many thanks to all who volunteered their time!

A very special thank you, thank you, thank you to Joan Achenbach, Pat Alsop and Jeannie Wilbur for planning the fantastic evening of the Auxiliary Christmas Party. The gathering was the usual night of our regular meeting on January 21st and held at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Food was hot and tasteful. Bunco was enjoyed by all. Special guest honoree was Sister Lynda Hylla. Along with the Bunco prizes were Poinsettia flower centerpieces given out as attendance prizes. At each place on the table were religious bookmarks for souvenirs. Blessings and thanks Ladies.

Next meeting, we will decide on how much money to give to the Seminarians. We have two Seminarians that I know of and no novices. If anyone knows of more, please contact me.

Easter is April 20th. We need a volunteer for the Children's Easter Party. Be thinking of the April Auxiliary Rummage sale also. A chair Lady is needed. Save your items now for the sale. Do some housecleaning!

At our next meeting in February Vice President Cheryl Moe will preside over the meeting. Please contact me for anything you want discussed to put on the Agenda. All items must be on the agenda. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!! If you contact me immediately before the meeting or a few days ahead it will not get on the agenda. We must do this to get Cheryl adjusted to the order of the meeting.

Forty-eight more days until spring which begins March 20th. Sounds good doesn't it.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, LADIES

Nancy Diak

From the Columbus Home President

The following information is important for all Knights:

At the social meeting to be held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:30 pm, the Columbus Home annual meeting will take place. There will be a financial report and an operational report. Election of Officers and Board members will also take place. This 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 serve. We will be glad to discuss it with you. If you are interested in running for any office see either Gary Wilbur or John Motria to get your name entered in nomination.

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

If you have access to this newsletter prior to Super Bowl Sunday, just want to let you know we have about the best viewing in the area. We will provide some snacks during the game; usually additional snacks are provided by attendees. We will also have our usual kitchen fare available.

Our video gaming machines have arrived. We expect installation and approval for operation to be completed within the next ten days (hopefully). Stop in and give them a try.

WALT BRUCH

CHA PRESIDENT

From the Financial Secretary

Congratulations to our new Honorary Life member, John Yobby, and our new Honorary member John Bukovac. Our membership stands at 501 members, with 78 Honorary Life, and 14 Honorary members.

I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues. Keep them coming in. I will be sending out second notices by month end. If you do not want to be a member anymore please send me a signed note telling me the reason, and you will not receive anymore notices. Please keep me informed of any changes to your address or telephone number. A lot a members are removing their land lines. If you only have a cell phone, please send the number to me so I can update the master file.

Richard Haack

931-5340

INSIGHTS & INSPIRATIONS – THE STATION

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We are traveling by train-out the windows, we drink in the passing scenes of children waving at a crossing, cattle grazing on a distant hillside, row upon row of corn and wheat, flatlands and valleys, mountains and rolling hillsides and city skylines.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day, we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. once we get there, our dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. Restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes-waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later, we realize there is no station, no one place to arrive. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

Robert J. Hastings, Condensed Chicken Soup for the Soul

"The Station" submitted by Walt Burch.



Walt is always inviting members to come out to the Columbus Home, but REALLY? Check this out! Two of a kind.

Picture submitted by Ron Reisch

FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
2 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	3	4	5	6 5th Degree Workday	7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	8
9 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	10 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	11 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	12	13 5th Degree Workday	14 Petty Bingo Team 877-3584 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Spelling Bee
16 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	17	18 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 pm	19	20 5th Degree Workday	21 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	22
23 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Newsletter Items Due	24	25 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27 5th Degree Workday	28 Dillier Bingo Team 452-8041	

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