



Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight



Grand Knight
John Haug, Sr.



Faithful Navigator
George Friedel



Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

Dates to Remember

- Feb 4—Special Olympics Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 6—Special Olympics Dinner/Dance
- Feb 23—Columbus Home Annual Meeting and Elections

Thanks to our Pro-Life couple, Betty and Bob Stegemeier. They ordered and inserted the Pro-Life pamphlets that appeared in your parish bulletins. I think they did a fine job in picking out an appropriate pamphlet with a good message. I learned a lot from it and if you didn't get a chance to read it yet, please do—you will be impressed.

I want to encourage attendance at the Columbus Home Annual Meeting and Elections to be held at the social meeting February 23rd.

I would like to congratulate Jason Thompson for completing his 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree and Joe Pastoriza and Steve Pistorius for completing their 2nd and 3rd degree. Gene DeRuntz, Joe Schmedeke and I went with them to the Bethalto Major Degree. There was a good turn out initiating 32 new Knights. It is always rewarding meeting with Knights from other councils, sharing ideas and discussing K of C business and activities.

A number of us determined we have one common thread running through our councils which is the lack of active members. It seems the ratio runs about the same throughout the organization. Therefore, I am declaring 2010 the "Year of the Active Member." I am open to your ideas. What will it take to get more members active? What kind of activities do we need to provide?

Speaking of active members, I would like to profile Rudy Hoffek this month.



Rudy is 91 years young and has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 63 years. He reports on ailing and hospitalized Knights at Council Meetings during The Good of the Order. He visits and delivers fruit baskets to those Knights. He sends sympathy cards and presents plaques to deceased members' families. He delivers food to the local clergy during certain holidays. He still hands out bulletins at mass after retiring from ushering due to foot and leg ailments. (WWII veteran who suffered frost bite while in combat.) Rudy continues to work bingo and Thursday 5th Degree regularly. He has served at the Special Olympics Dinner Dance since its inception 12 years ago.

A shining example of an active member . . . what's your excuse?

WHAT WORKS . . . TEAM WORK

Sincerely,
John Haug Sr.

From the Faithful Navigator



My sympathy to the families of Sir Knights Pete Ferro, John Bronnbauer, and David House who were called to their eternal reward this month. Additionally to Sir Knight Gordon Mason on the loss of his wife.

Thank you to the Sir Knights that stood Honor Guard and did the Chalice Service during the wake service. Our next opportunity for Honor Guard will be January 31st at 8:00 am at St. Elizabeth Church for the Communion Mass.

We are in the process of upgrading our call list for Honor Guard. When finished, I will put a copy on the bulletin board in the Council Room. If there are still corrections to be made, please contact me or Steve Connolly.

I had an opportunity to attend Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral parish in Cape Girardeau, Missouri a

couple weeks ago. The Knights of Columbus there were passing out small roses with an attached tag asking to stamp out abortion. They were asking parishioners to sign the tag and send it to their Congressman. It sure is nice to see some of the various, different things our organization does. In the very near future we will be passing out prayer cards at our three parishes.

Donations over \$500 to be voted on in January:
\$25,000 to St. Elizabeth School
\$25,000 to Holy Family School
\$30,000 ASCA Relief for our 3 parishes
\$1,000 to Father Bob's church

Vivat Jesus

George Friedel,
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. Jeffery Bilyeu, SPC, Army, South Korea; David Breeden Jr., Airman 1st Class, Air Force, North Carolina; Lee Brown, Master Sergeant, Army, Ft. Hood Texas; Jon P. Connolly, Captain, Marine Corps, Hawaii; Scott Griffin, Sergeant, Army National Guard, USA; Stephani Luebben, Captain, Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB WY; Jason Scaturro, Sergeant, Army, Iraq; Brett Taylor, PFC, Army, Ft. Drum NY; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, San Diego, CA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Kentucky.

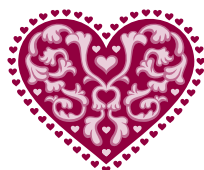
KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners/Losers

December 22, 2009

Warren Bequette won the 50/50 drawing of \$30 and Gene DeRuntz failed to win the attendance drawing.

January 12, 2010

Jerry Lilly won the 50/50 drawing of \$27 and Philip Resnack failed to win the attendance drawing.



Valentine's Day
Is a wonderful way
To make "I love you"
Easy to say.



From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Valentine's Day — Many thanks to Joan Achenbach and Jeannie Wilbur for hosting another great Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party. Even though many attendees cannot make the meetings regularly for personal reasons, it was awesome seeing you at the party. Please remember to pray for the Auxiliary when you do not make the meetings.

The Ladies Auxiliary is an organization of many qualities. Let's take wording from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "As a body is ONE though it has many parts, and all the PARTS of the body, though many, are ONE body so also in Christ." One of the objectives of the Ladies Auxiliary as sited per the bi-laws is: "To assist in promoting the welfare of the Knights of Columbus Council 1098." This is what the Ladies do to the best of their abilities and 100% from their hearts. The Knights of Columbus Council 1098 is the ONE body which has

many PARTS — the Ladies Auxiliary is just one part. Though there are many other parts, there is the ONE Body — Knights of Columbus Council 1098.

At our next business meeting, February 16th, we need to discuss:

1. Amount of monies to give to your Novice and Seminarian.
2. Need a volunteer to chair the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
3. Discussion of the annual Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale (April 10th)

Please attend if possible to voice your opinions as time is against us. We only have one more meeting to tie up loose ends. Remember you each bring a certain gift to the Auxiliary to make it a great organization.

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,
Nancy Diak

From the Columbus Home

Iwish to remind everyone of the Columbus Home Annual Meeting that will take place February 23rd during the Social Meeting of Council 1098. We will have elections of Officers and Board Members. The officer positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be electing three (3) Board Members. If anyone has an interest in running for any position, you may contact Carl Petty, John Haug, or Allan Schuler, all on the Election Committee. If interested, you would be well served to contact any of the current Officers or Board Members and inquire about the responsibilities and duties. You are also welcome to attend the next Board Meeting

which will be held Monday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the Council room.

If you would like a casual evening out without cooking, you might like to come to the Santa Maria Lounge Tuesdays or Wednesdays (or both). Tuesdays we have TACOS and Wednesdays we have WINGS and FRIES. If you are acquainted with the lounge, you are aware of the great TV viewing — 6 TV's plus a large projector screen — all in a comfortable atmosphere. Come out and enjoy yourself.

Hope to see you out,
Walt Bruch
Columbus Home President



Super Bowl Party — Santa Maria Lounge February 7th

The Santa Maria Lounge is having a STEAK DINNER preceding the Super Bowl. Cost is \$15 per person for a steak, baked potato, salad and drink of your choice. Serving will begin at approximately 3:00 pm and continue until 5:00. Come on out!

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From the Treasurer

Upon the advice of our auditors, three policies were passed at the Business Meeting in January. I want to emphasize that these policies were requested due to new questions being asked on our annual tax return. They were not in response to any problems or suspected problems with any officer or member.

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy:** All officers and trustees must report to the Grand Knight on an annual basis any potential conflict of interest between their personal interests and those of the Knights of Columbus. It will be the responsibility of the Grand Knight to enforce this policy.
2. **Whistleblower Policy:** It shall be the duty of each member of the Knights of Columbus to report

privately to the Grand Knight any impropriety taking place in any area or activity of the organization. The Grand Knight will investigate all such reports.

3. **Retention and Destruction Policy:** All financial documents used in preparing annual audits will be maintained for a minimum of seven years. All other documents will be maintained for a minimum of one year.

Also, under the direction of Grand Knight John Haug, we are doing a better job of living within our reduced level of income. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Rotter

From the Financial Secretary

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Vocation Raffle program. We collected \$855 towards our \$1,385 quota.

Also, thank you to all the members who have paid their dues on time. The second dues notice was sent out on January 16th to 133 members. This amounts to almost \$60 in postage which could be put to a better use. While we discourage any member to drop

out, if this is your intent please send me a note. Otherwise, by the rules, I must keep sending out notices. As always, if there is a financial burden, please contact the Grand Knight or myself. All requests will be kept confidential.

Larry Ruder,
Financial Secretary
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On the left, Joe Schemdeke, Knights of Columbus Council 1098 member and Area 12 athlete presents a \$4,000 check to Dave Crouthers, Director-Area 12 Special Olympics. On the right, Deputy Grand Knight Dave Ramey presents a \$5,000 check to Kathy and George Gregus from Tri-Cities Area Association for the Handicapped. These donations were made possible by the generosity of the Granite City community and the hard work of K of C Council 1098 members and their families during the annual MRLD Tootsie roll drive held each fall.

Every job at any one of our bingos is important – from the back office to the paper pushers, sorters, payout, floor workers and callers. This month we want to introduce you to our callers – ***the voice of our bingos***. Do YOU like to get in front of a crowd?? Could this be your calling?? There is always a need for additional callers. Interested—speak up at a meeting or come out to any Friday or Sunday bingo. We would love to have you.



Joe Schuler



John Haug, Jr.



Ken Bench



Dave Cruse



Bobby Stegemeier



George Friedel

February 2010

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Sat

	1	2	3	4 5th Degree Workday S/O Meeting 7:00	5 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	6 Special Olympics Dinner/ Dance
7 4th Degree Bingo	8 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	9 KC Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 5th Degree Workday	12 Petty Bingo Team	13
14 4th Degree Bingo	15	16 Ladies Auxiliary 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18 5th Degree Workday	19 Friedel Bingo Team	20
21 Softball Team Bingo Newsletter Items Due	22	23 Social Meeting 7:30 pm (Columbus Home Elections)	24	25 5th Degree Workday	26 Dillier Bingo Team	27
28 4th Degree Bingo						

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