

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

February 2015



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A Word From the Grand Knight

Hopefully, January will be a good month for membership in our Council. We have 2 candidates set for initiation on Jan 25 along with a re-instatement of 1 member. If we can get 3 more new members in the next couple of months, we will have fulfilled one of the Supreme Council goals for this fiscal year of: 1 new member, per Council, per month. Thanks to those members who are helping to keep our Council growing.

The month of March is Membership Drive Month. Our Council will be developing a plan to recruit new members, but we need suggestions. Please give any ideas you may have to our membership Chairman, Gary Wilbur, myself, or join in the discussions at the upcoming meetings on how to accomplish this goal. Membership is the future of our Council. The next Major Degrees scheduled are: Highland on 03/08 and Breese on 03/29. If you have not received your 2nd and 3rd Degrees, this would be a good opportunity.

The K of C rules require that any donation over \$500 must be read at a meeting, put in the newsletter, and approved at the next meeting. The following donations, which were read for approval at the December meeting, will be brought to the floor at the February meeting for final approval: \$25,000 to Holy Family's School, \$25,000 to St. Elizabeth's School, \$7,500 to Holy Family's ACSA, \$7,500 to St. Elizabeth's ACSA, \$3,000 to St. Mary/Mark's ACSA, and \$600 to St. Mary Greek Catholic Church.

The Blood Drive Chairman, Jim DeRuntz, reported that there were 32 donors at the Blood Drive on 20 Jan. This netted 22 pints. Thanks to all who donated and helped.

The Grade School Free Throw Contest which will be held in January and February will be reported on in the next newsletter.

Our Annual Special Olympic Dinner/Dance will be held on Sat, Feb 7, beginning at 4:00 pm. This is a BIG event of eating and dancing for the Special Olympians and their families from our surrounding area. Please come out and help make this another memorable evening for these young people. Contact Chairman, John Haug, or any officer with any questions.

The Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb 14. Contact Chairman, Ed Lenzi, with any questions.

Our Council has had an unusual number of members admitted to area hospitals for various reasons. Some of these members are in serious condition. Please keep them in your prayers. The ones I know of are: Jose Alegre, Walt Bruch, Ed Essington, Larry Falbe, Bob LaRue, Emil Neubauer, and Bill Rotter.

See you in Church,
Larry

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 7 – 4:00 pm
Special Olympics
Dinner at Columbus
Home.

Feb 14 – Spelling Bee
at Columbus Home

March 28 –
Color Guard at St.
Elizabeth's Church.

Bingo

We are still looking for new bingo workers. Please contact one of our bingo chairpersons to volunteer. Names and numbers are located on the monthly calendar.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

January 12, 2015

Jerry Calentine won the 50/50 drawing and Lawrence Gavilski, jr. failed to win the attendance drawing

From the Faithful Navigator



Not a lot to report for this February 2015. **Thank you Gary Wilbur and Jim Alsop** for preparing the food for the January 20th meeting.

Money voted on for donation at the January meeting.

Madison County Catholic Charities	\$250.00
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Exemplification Add book Ad.	60.00
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That was the only request for donations.

St. Elizabeth's Church has requested an Honor Guard on Saturday March 28th, 2015. I'll mention this request again in the March newsletter. The Honor Guard is for our Bishop who will be at St. Elizabeth's. I pray we can get a very good turnout of Sir Knights for this event.

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 will also ask that you pray to St. Michael the Archangel Patron Saint for all Policemen.

"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 them keep our streets 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, grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen .

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

Our membership stands at 488 members, with 79 Honorary Life, and 16 Honorary members. I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues, keep them coming. I will be sending out the SECOND NOTICES by the end of the month. 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 any more notices. Please keep me informed of any changes to your address or telephone number. Some members are removing their land lines. If you only have cell phone, please send the number to me so I can update the master file.

Richard Haack

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

In January we had our Annual Christmas Party. It was wonderful. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jeannie Wilbur and Joan Achenbach. You did an exceptional job putting this year's party together. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

It is a New Year. Our First regular meeting will be on February 17 (Day before Ash Wednesday). Don't forget the time change. It was suggested that we change the time of our monthly meetings back to 7:30. It was put to a vote and approved. **Starting in February 2015, our meetings will be the third Tuesday of every Month at 7:30 PM.**

I look forward to seeing everyone. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!!

Cheryl Moe, President



Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

~ February 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 5 th Degree Workday	6 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	7 Special Olympics Dinner 4:00 pm
8 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	9 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	10 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 5 th Degree Workday	13 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	14 Valentine's Day Spelling Bee
15 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	16 Presidents' Day	17 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 5 th Degree Workday	20 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	21 March Newsletter Items Due
22 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	23	24 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26 5 th Degree Workday	27 Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956	28

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