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### Dates to Remember

- Jan. 5—Major Degree Alton
- Jan. 11—District Mtg.
- Jan. 21—Blood Drive
- Jan. 22—March for Life
- Jan. 26—Basketball Free Throw
- Feb. 1—Special Olympic Dinner/Dance

# Knight News

## A Word From the Grand Knight

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season. Now we can all start the New Year with a renewed spirit of good works and good will. As our holiday tradition continues in Council #1098, Mel Byrd delivered our donated hams to our local priests and Steve Cauble delivered our annual monetary gifts to the children at the Alton Children's Home. Steve and his helpers also delivered cookies, chocolate milk, and some small gift bags.

Our Kid's Christmas Party was held on December 21st. Santa was there to make sure the little ones could tell him what they wanted. Thank you to all that helped.

Thanks to the 4th Degree for the great food and music for the Annual Adult Christmas Party. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

The Ladies Auxiliary made a very good investment last year. They donated \$15.00 for a Vocation Raffle booklet and won \$1000.00 out of a total of 14,000 tickets sold. Congratulations and thanks for the donation. Through the generosity of our Council, we sold a little over 1000 tickets.

There will be a Major Degree at the Alton Council on January 5, 2014. We hope to have a couple of our members getting their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Please contact Rich Haack, our Financial Secretary, if you plan on attending. The District meeting will be hosted by the Maryville Council on January 11, 2014.

Our Blood Drive chairman, Jim DeRuntz, has a drive set up for January 21, 2014. We set a record at our last blood drive, and it would be great to continue the trend.

Bob Palus, (451-8988), will be running the Youth Basketball Free Throw again this year. It will begin on January 26 in our gym. He will be placing notices in the parish bulletins about times and eligibility. Please help him out if possible.

Please keep Jim Dedara and Eugene Forsys in your prayers. Both members past away in December.

The annual March for Life is scheduled for January 22, 2014 in Washington D.C. This annual event commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. While we may not be able to attend, we certainly can pray for the cause.

Dr. Peter Carich, Pastoral Associate at St. Elizabeth's Church and Council 1098 member has recently published a book entitled: "Case Histories: Using Creative

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## From the Faithful Navigator

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### 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:

Existential Eclectic Approach.” The book contains the following: Use of creativity with difficult cases; Authors view of humankind; 75 cases presented including; history, treatment and results; self hypnosis as an anesthetic for Apicoetomy surgery, and Spirituality in contemporary existentialism and seeds of Adler. The book is geared towards lay people as well as professionals. A lot of the therapy is slated in the framework of Spirituality. In the process of therapy, he witnessed several miracles. Everything is written as it actually happened and nothing written in reference to what is politically correct. If you are interested, please contact Pete.

If you need an idea for a New Year’s resolution, here is a couple: attend a K of C meeting, help with a K of C charity function (i.e. Special Olympics Dinner/Dance in Feb, Tootsie Roll Drive, Bingo, etc.). Your Council needs your help.

See you in Church,  
Larry Ruder

### KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

**November 26, 2013**

John Yobby won the 50/50 drawing and Steve Novosel failed to win the attendance drawing.

**November 11, 2013**

Emilio Campos won the 50/50 drawing and Thomas Schooley failed to win the attendance drawing.

### From the Financial Secretary

It's time for your 2014 dues. If you participate in any events during the year you know membership is a bargain. The 2014 notices were mailed out and are due back by January 1, 2014. As always if you have a financial problem, please call myself or the Grand Knight; this will be kept confidential. If for some reason you do not want to continue being a member, please send me a signed note letting me know. Please keep giving any address or telephone numbers changes to me.

Congratulations to James Mason on becoming the newest Honorary Life member. Our membership stands at 502 with 14 Honorary, and 76 Honorary Life members.

Richard Haack  
931-5340

## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies, Don't you ask yourself what the year 2014 will bring? Well, we should not anticipate. We should live everyday like it is going to be our last day here on earth. Kind of hard to do, is it not? FAITH, LADIES! We have to live our Catholic Faith!!!

Not much to report on this month since we did not hold a December meeting.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Thanks to Fourth Degree for the Adult Christmas Party. It is always great to get together with friends. On that same note, thanks to the Third Degree for hosting our annual Kid's Christmas Party. As always, many thanks to employees of the Columbus Home for their assistance with the parties. We could not have them without your help. Also, Auxiliary Members, thanks for your volunteer assistance at the events.

Ladies, be looking for your invitation to The Annual Auxiliary Christmas Party in January. It will be held the original date of our meeting night and at Ravanelli's. Jeannie Wilbur and Joan Achenbach will be chairing the event. We thank these Ladies for providing a fun filled evening.

**One Last Note:** Remember our vote to buy a Vocation Raffle Book from the State Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle? Well Ladies, the good news is the Auxiliary WON \$1,000.00. AWESOME!!!!!!

Have a very faith-filled, blessed new year,

Nancy Diak

## Special Olympics Dinner/Dance—February 1, 2014

Plans are underway for the annual Special Olympics Dinner/Dance. Food crews are in place and serving team captains are Steve Cauble, John Moutria, Roy Ponce and Gary Wilbur. If you are new and want to help, let us know or just come out about 3:15 and we will find something for you to do. It requires a lot of volunteers and is a very rewarding evening. We look forward to seeing you all.

John Haug, Event Chairman, 876.0167

## From the Columbus Home President

Abelated Merry Christmas to all. Hopefully, the New Year will be joyful and fruitful for our members and families. I hope to see many members taking advantage of our very comfortable facility (mainly the Santa Maria Lounge). We now have kitchen food (very tasty) available every evening from 5:30 until 8:15 pm, and Saturday and Sunday during bingo. Great TV viewing is present throughout the lounge while you enjoy the good food and beverages; give it a try.

### 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.

WALT BRUCH

CHA PRESIDENT



# Knights Holiday Party



Ladies' Raffle Items



Pictures submitted by Phil Achenbach & Tom Voloski

# JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>Happy New Year</b>	2 5th Degree Workday	3 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	4
5 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	6	7	8	9 5th Degree Workday	10 Petty Bingo Team 877-3584	11
12 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	13 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	14 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16 5th Degree Workday	17 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	18
19 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm  Ladies Christmas Party	22	23 5th Degree Workday	24 Dillier Bingo Team 452-8041	25
26 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542  Newsletter Items Due	27	28 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30	31	FEB 1  <b>Special Olympics Dinner/Dance</b>

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