

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

January 2016



Grand Knight
Jerry Calentine



Faithful Navigator
Tom Voloski



Ladies Auxiliary
President
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home
President
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A Word From the Grand Knight

Happy New Year. What a wonderful year 2015 was for the Council. There were a few ups and downs. The greatest down part was the passing of our fellow Knights. Let's pray the same does not happen in 2016. The last big things for the Council in 2015, were the District meeting and the annual kids Christmas party. It was proposed and passed that the Council will donate \$25,000.00 to Holy Family School and St. Elizabeth Schools. It is such a great feeling that as a Council, we are able to do such a wonderful deed. If it was not for all of your great work and the ladies great work, the Council would not be able to do great deeds that we do. To all 1st degree Knights wishing to take their 2nd and 3rd degree, Alton Council 460 will host a major on 1/17/16 with sign in time at 12:30 P.M. Then on 1/31/16 Council 1143 Edwardsville will host a major with signup time also at 12:30 P.M. Reminder for all of our new Knights. If you wish to hold a Council officer position, you must be a 3rd degree Knight. A couple of the Bingo teams are in great need of workers. Talk with any of the team captains about working on a team. Remember we have bingo on Friday and Sunday nights. If it was not for the bingos each week our Council we would not be able to do all of the great work that we do. Do not forget the semiannual Blood Drive. It is scheduled in mid-January. Any questions or if you wish to volunteer to help contact Jim DeRuntz or George Friedel. On December the 8th the Council hosted a 1st Degree. There were 5 candidates from our Council taking their 1st degree and 3 from Edwardsville. Plus Larry Ruder was elected our new Warden. Thank you Marty for all of the years of service and work.

Vivat Jesus
Jerry Calentine

From the Faithful Navigator

Bills for the months of November & December 2015.

Raffle		\$3,440.00
Bingo Workers Bar tab	11-01-15	84.81
	11-08-15	60.18
	11-15-15	147.20
	11-22-15	72.00
	11-29-15	81.94

DATES TO REMEMBER

We will host our semi-annual blood drive in Mid-January

Jan 17 – Major Degree hosted by Alton Council 460

Jan 19 – Ladies Aux. Christmas Party at Ravenelli's

Jan 31- Major Degree hosted by Edwardsville Council 1143

Every Sunday – Lounge has the NFL Package

Bingo

There will be a 5th Friday and a 5th Sunday Bingo in January. Please refer to the Calendar for appropriate Team assignments.

Bingo workers food for Month of Nov. 2015	281.00
Food for 4 th Degree meeting November 17, 2015	95.63
November 2015 Rent	1,500.00
White Linen Rental Communion Breakfast	40.00
November 1 st 2015 Communion Breakfast	777.00
Monies spent for November 21 st Christmas Parade.	
Candy, Tribout's for Beads, food for after parade.	<u>863.36</u>
Total	<u><u>\$7,363.12</u></u>

Request for Donations:

Larry Ruder for 100 Neediest Cases: \$100.00 - **Approved**

St. Clair County Associated Vocational Enterprises: **Denied**

Salvation Army Granite City: **Denied**

St. Louis Area Foodbank: **Denied**

Catholic Charities Request from Diocese of Springfield; **Denied**

There is a request from the Fourth Degree officers for more than \$500.00. Any request for more than \$500.00 must be published in the newsletter. It was approved at the December 15th meeting that this notice be placed in the January newsletter to donate \$25,000.00 to St. Elizabeth's Catholic School, and \$25,000.00 to Holy Family Catholic School. This request for donation to approve or deny will be voted on at the January 19th 2016 meeting.

Thank You from the following.

Madison County Catholic Charities for \$250.00 Donation

Notable quotes

Prayer

TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

"O most holy Angel of God, appointed by Him to be my guardian, I give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast ever bestowed on me in body and in soul. I praise and glorify thee that thou didst condescend to assist me with such patient fidelity, and to defend me against all the assaults of my enemies. Blessed be the hour in which thou was assigned me for my guardian, my defender, and

my patron. In acknowledgment and return of all thy loving ministries to me from my youth up, I offer thee the infinitely precious and noble Heart of Jesus, and firmly purpose to obey thee henceforward, and most faithfully to serve my God. Amen”

Honor Guard presence. No requests for the Honor Guard at this writing.

Announcement:

Have very Blessed and holy Christmas. May the coming New Year be all you can be.

Thanks to all those for attending the Christmas party Saturday December 19th. Right at 190 were present. All enjoyed a great dinner and dancing.

Thanks to all the bingo workers for their help this past year.

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 also ask you to pray to St. Michael the Archangel Patron Saint for all Police Officers.

“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 keep our street 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 and women, grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen.”

May 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

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are closing this year with 478 members, which 77 are Honorary Life, and 14 are Honorary members. I would also like to congratulate our five new members who are: Chad Roseman, Ronald Pointer, Scott Jansen, Joe Berg, and Jason Bartlett. The dues notices went out in early December, and I am very pleased with the returns so far, keep up the good work.

Be safe this winter when the bad weather comes upon us.

Richard Haack

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

I want to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a blessed NEW YEAR.

Our Sparkles and Sweets fundraiser was a success. I would like to THANK everyone who brought goodies and jewelry to this event and to those who assisted in the selling of the items. Your contributions enabled us to be successful. If you see Barb Lilley, extend her a big THANK YOU. Barb you are amazing, thank you very much for all you did on this fundraiser.

Our next meeting is in January. At that time we will have our Christmas Party. More details will be provided to you via mail.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

God Bless You
Cheryl Moe
President

Columbus Home President

A belated 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 a very comfortable facility (mainly the Santa Maria Lounge). Great TV viewing is present throughout the lounge and in the game room, while you enjoy tasty and more than reasonably priced beverages; give it a try. On Sundays we have the NFL package which allows viewing of "ANY" Sunday game.

The following information is important for all Knights: immediately following the Council business meeting to be held Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, February 9, 2016, 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 yr. terms), and three Board Members (3 yr. 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. Hope to see many of you there. If you are interested in running for any office see either George Friedel or Rob Hutson 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.

One more thing; Okay, you bingo workers go to the lounge and get a drink. I would imagine many of you members would really be interested in participating during fund raisers; like bar-b-ques, multi-stand picnics, Friday fish fry's, selling chances on big ticket items, Las Vegas nights, turkey shoots, or any number of fun events in the pursuit of funds to provide for the many charities our Council and Assembly have been helping

for years. That is a problem for you and, I guess, us. We do none of those events; we do bingo; we do bingo every Sunday night; we do bingo every Friday night. Comes to doing bingo just over 100 times per year.

If we have been doing this one type of fund raiser for so many years, what is the problem now? The answer to that is age has been catching up to the workers, and they either or unable to work multiple nights each month, or just no longer able to work. This situation is causing current workers to volunteer for additional duty, and without additional help will eventually put our "fund raiser" in jeopardy.

We have four Sunday night teams, and four Friday night teams (leader's names are in the newsletter calendar). The jobs are easy to learn, and if accomplished with the right attitude, workers always get a degree of pleasure from the effort.

Close your eyes, and "make believe" I have just put my hand on your shoulder, and asked you to give us a hand to provide support for many, many needy people. Thank you for your time, and the consideration I know you will give this request.

WALT BRUCH
CHA PRESIDENT



Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	2
3 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3034	4	5	6	7 5 th Degree Workday	8 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	9
10 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	11 Columbus Home Mtg 7:00pm	12 KC Business Mtg 7:30pm	13	14 5 th Degree Workday	15 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	16
17 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988 Major Degree at Alton Council 460	18	19 4 th Degree Mtg 7:30pm Ladies Aux Christmas Party- Ravenelli's	20	21 5 th Degree Workday	22 Hudson/Levy Bingo Team 973-5459 or 971-9817	23 February Newsletter Items Due
24 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	25	26 KC Social Mtg 7:30pm	27	28 5 th Degree Workday	29 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	30
31 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3034 Major Degree at Edwardsville Council 1143	Notes: There will be a 5th Friday and a 5th Sunday Bingo this month. Please check the calendar for appropriate Team assignment.					

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