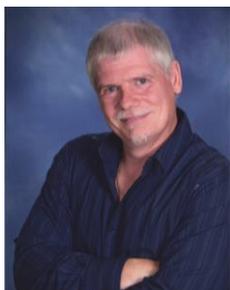


Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

January 2018



Grand Knight
Dwayne Saul



Faithful Navigator
Elmer Long



Ladies Auxiliary
President
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home
President
Jerry Lilley

A Word From the Grand Knight

Welcome Brother Knights,

Is everyone enjoying your Christmas season? Sitting here watching the first snow fall of the year means the season of winter is here and always makes me think of Christmas and the birth of the baby Jesus. I wish everyone a safe New Years, spiritual and profitable and productive 2018.

This will be the newsletter notice to the council that the donations of 25,000 dollar to each Holy Family and St. Elizabeth grade schools will be proposed and voted on in the January business meeting. Additional notice that donations of 2,000 dollars to each Father McGivney and Marquette Catholic high schools will be proposed and voted on in the January business meeting.

The District winter meeting was held at Glen Carbon council again this year. Membership is way down this year. Our annual goal was 2,050 but currently we are at 780 new members. Let's see what we all can do about that number by finding new members in 2018. I have the upmost faith in this marvelous council. I have the DVD that can be used in place of having a first degree. I wish not to use it, only if we need to. But I have it and it is a way for new members to get into our council quickly when the degree team is hard to gather.

The Kids Christmas party had a terrific turnout this year. Special thanks again to Zack White and all his helpers for an incredible job making this another year to remember. The kids loved the Science entertainment and Santa. Special thanks to Mary Austin for getting together the gifts for Santa and to the ladies auxiliary for all the delicious treats. Steve Cauble once again took a group of dedicated knights to the Alton children's home to visit with the kids. What a special group of men and families we have in this council to do this year after year. Thank you to all that were able to go. They were able to deliver treats and gift bags from the third and fourth degree with plenty of smiles in return.

Our semi-annual blood drive will be on January 16th. For any questions or anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please contact Zack White. Chairman Bob Palus is working on the arrangements for the KofC free throw contest and Chairman Ed Lenzi is working on the arrangements for the KofC spelling bee that will be coming in February for our grade school students. Please watch for times and info coming soon to volunteer.

Our Special 20th year anniversary of the KofC Special Olympic 1098/area 12 dinner/dance will be held on February 3, 2018. Chairman John Haug and his gang will be again heading this up for us. The format will be the same. The doors will open at 4:00 and all of the area athletes and sponsor will start arriving. Dinner will begin serving at 5:00-6:00 and dancing until 10:00. Please keep this date open, we need all the help we can get for this great group of athletes and

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16 – Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party at Ravanelli's

January 16 – KC Blood Drive

February 3 – Special Olympics Dinner/Dance

February 4 – Free Throw Contest

February 10 – Spelling Bee

guests. This will be John's last year as chairman, please look to see if this is something you would want to chair for next year. Our council wants to continue this special night for years to come. If anyone is interested, contact John Haug or myself to maybe shadow John this year to get the idea of how he puts on this great night.

Please pray for the friends and family of another fallen Brother Knight, Alan Smith.

Six new coats were delivered to Riverbend headstart from our council, thank you to you who donated coats.

Fraternally,
Grand Knight, Dwayne Saul
(email: dsaul@gckc.org)

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners and Losers

November 27: Howard Shim won the 50-50 and George Martinez failed to win attendance drawing.

December 12: Elmer Long won the 50-50 and Paul Mills failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the Faithful Navigator

The Meeting opened at 7:35. The attendance was real low. Our Fourth Degree meetings have been sparsely attended since the end of the summer. A motion was made to send to the newsletter the monies that are given to the two schools (Catholic) in the area. The motion was passed and sent to the newsletter.

The Christmas Party was well attended by both the Third and Fourth Degrees and their families and friends. Mother's Catering provided the meal. The Goodtime Band handled the music which was liked by everyone who attended.

There is a need for extra Bingo Workers on Dec. 31st for the New Year's Eve bingo. There is always a large crowd. Please volunteer if you can. The Bingo will be done in plenty time for parties at a later time.

This was the last Fourth Degree meeting for 2017. It had been brought up that a Formal Meeting was to be held. According to rules of having a Formal Meeting, it is to be held In March and October. So, look for one in March.

The Membership cards will be handed out when they are received from Supreme.

The Children's party went well as I was informed. The Children's Home in Alton received goodies and a monetary donation for Christmas, courtesy of The Knights Of Columbus in Granite City.

Before closing our meetings the Knights recite a prayer 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.

Elmer Long

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. E-4 Nolan Yehling, US Air Force stationed at Qatar, nephew of Paul Yehling and Grandson of Mark Yehling

From the Financial Secretary

I hope everyone had a very Happy Christmas and headed to a very Merry New Year. Our membership stands at 456 with 10 Honorary and 76 Honorable Life members.

Our 2018 dues are now due as all dues billing statements were mailed out. Please try to return your payment as soon as possible as this saves us money. Bills can be paid either by sending to the KC hall, leaving at the bar during operating hours or return to myself or the Grand Knight.

Membership cards were ordered and with luck will be printed before 9 Jan meeting allowing us to hand cards out at the meeting. All remaining membership cards will be mailed out the following Thursday to all members who have paid 2018 dues.

Again all the best to all and please remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

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From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

I would like to thank everyone who brought the wonderful goodies and vintage jewelry to our Sparkles and Sweets and took time out of their busy schedule to help sell the items. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Barb Lilley who put together the event. You did a fantastic job. I don't have the final totals, but I believe it was a success.

Our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, January 16, at Ravanelli's. Letters will be sent out right after Christmas with all the details. Keep a look out for the information.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cheryl Moe

Columbus Home Association

A belated MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. I will start this article with the Not So Good News.

As most of you know by now, The Tri-Cities Columbus Home Association, hereafter referred to as CHA, has been exploring the possibility of purchasing the property on Pontoon Road next to the St. Elizabeth School to build a new K of C Hall on. We had been advised to try to get the property rezoned before we purchase it. The current owners, The Diocese of Springfield, agreed to work with us on the endeavor. With their help we filed a Petition For Admendment of Zoning Ordinance with Steve Willaredt, Building and Zoning Administrator of Granite City. Our Petition requested that the property be rezoned from the current R1 Single Family Residential to a C3 Community Service District.

With the help of Greg Fleck from the Diocese, Dan Hurford of Hurford Architecs, Inc. and advice from Joe Juneau we put together a presentation that we thought would give us a fair chance at getting approval. But, with all of the planning and filling the Council Chambers with K of C members who are in favor of this project, we were turned down by The Zoning Commission.

The Commission members and about six residents claim that we would create issues with storm water drainage, traffic problems, noise, bright lights, undesirables patronizing our bar, etc. Granite City apparently does not want us at that location. I'm not convinced that they want us in Granite City. We will be investigating other options, such as, other locations to build on and the possibility of staying where we are.

In the last 11 months CHA has spent over \$110,000 in upgrades and repairs, not counting the utilities, administration, insurance, etc. As I write this article we are getting bids to replace the hot water boiler system that is failing rapidly. It is estimated that this repair will cost about \$40 to \$50 thousand dollars.

Let's move on to GOOD NEWS.

From what I hear the Bingo upgrades are working very well and creating some additional revenue. Thanks to all of the volunteers and to Tribot for putting in the new Bingo System. Revenue from the Gaming Machines is also up a little. We are renting out the Gym on a regular basis to a local school for basketball practice. The Lounge business has improved, I think primarily because we have very friendly bartenders. I have recently been complemented, on several occasions, about how friendly and accommodating our staff is. Our maintenance crew is doing a very good job. Everything related to our employees and building management seems to be running very smoothly, thanks to Mary Austin.

Following is some very important information. During the Social Meeting, Feb. 27th, the CHA annual meeting will take place. There will be a Financial Report and an Operational Report.

There will also be an election of officers; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, (these are all one year terms). There will also be an election of three Board Members (these are 3 year terms). If you are interested in running for one of the offices, please contact Larry Ruder or Jim Rotter to have your name entered in the nominations. Please plan on attending this meeting and election so that you can vote and maybe run for one of the offices.

THANKS AGAIN TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS ALL POSSIBLE.

Jerry W Lilley
CHA President

Photo Gallery

2017 KC Adult Christmas Party

Picture by Phil Achenbach



2017 Visit to Alton Children's Home

Picture by Phil Achenbach



2017 KC Children's Christmas Party

Picture by Dwayne Saul





Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 5 th Degree Workday	5 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	6
7 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	8 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm	9 KC Business Meeting 7:30pm	10	11 5 th Degree Workday	12 Dan Saul Bingo Team 798-0537	13
14 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	15	16 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm Blood Drive Ladies Aux Christmas Party	17	18 5 th Degree Workday	19 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	20 February Newsletter Items Due
21 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	22	23 KC Social Meeting 7:30pm	24	25 5 th Degree Workday	26 Hutson/Levy Bingo Team 973-5459 or 971-9817	27
28 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	29	30	31			

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