



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

- Jan 16—Major Degree
- Jan 27— Blood Drive
- Feb 4—S/O Meeting
- Feb 6—Special Olympics Dinner/Dance

Welcome to 2010!! The first thing I have to do is apologize for the late delivery of last month's mailed newsletter. Apparently the St. Louis post office had some problems. Our postal correspondent, Ron Reish, filed a complaint and that took care of the situation.

Keep in mind if you haven't returned the postcard we included in the newsletter two months ago this will be the last newsletter you receive by the U.S. Postal service.

I would like to thank Tommy and Venny Youngblood, Dennis Shoreack, Cliff Jones and Charlie Polach for their efforts in decorating the Christmas float as I failed to include them last month.

Some important events coming up after the first of the year include:

- Major degree in Bethalto Saturday, January 16th — 1st degree begins at noon, 2nd degree at 1:30 and 3rd degree follows. Contact Gene DeRuntz or myself if you would like to attend. First degree candidates should meet at the GC KC hall at 10:30 am. This is an excellent opportunity if you need to complete your 2nd and 3rd degree.
- The Knights of Columbus Red Cross Blood Drive is January 27th — 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the gym.
- The Special Olympics Dinner/Dance is Saturday, February 6, 2010. There will be a planning meeting Thursday

evening February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Council room for team leaders and workers.

- The Columbus Home Annual Meeting and Elections will be at the Social Meeting Tuesday, February 23rd. See Carl Petty, Alan Schuler or myself if you want to run for a position. If you decide to run please discuss the job with the incumbent so you know what you're getting into.

Our Kid's and Adult Christmas parties were a huge success. Thanks to Chairman Deputy Grand Knight Dave Ramey, our cookie team of Gert Petty, Marie Gray, Joe Groboski and Diane McIntyre, Columbus Home staff, 5th Degree and Santa and his Elves. Thanks to George Friedel and the 4th Degree for an outstanding adult party.

WHAT WORKS . . . TEAM WORK

I can't believe that I've been the Grand Knight for a half of a year already. Time flies when you're having fun and surrounded by such a great group of people with common faith and concerns. I like to think we've made some significant progress so far. Alone we can do little but together we can move mountains.

Donations to be voted on — \$2000 for Catholic Charities

Sincerely,
John Haug Sr.

From the Faithful Navigator



I hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas Party. It was nice to see such a big crowd—good crowd, good food, good music!!! What a way to celebrate. Please don't forget what makes all this possible — the dedication and work of our Bingo Workers every week.

Speaking of Bingo—we are still in need of one cook, three team captains and it would be nice to add several more bingo callers. As you can see, we have plenty of need so now is the time to step forward and volunteer.

I am proud to announce we have recently added three Sir Knights to our Honor Guard. Ray Gutierrez, Tom Voloski, and Tim Wimberly now have full Regalia. Congratulations!!! Lets keep the list growing.

We are in the process of sending \$1,000 donations to all of the Seminarians in the Springfield Diocese.

We now have thirteen in the diocese and one in our local parish. Council 1098 and Assembly 0224 are splitting the donations.

In keeping with the Order's longstanding "In Solidarity with Our Priests" Campaign, we will be going to our three parishes and passing out a holy card featuring a prayer for our priests. I expect this to happen during January and February.

I will again take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Donations over \$500 to be voted on in January:

Madison County Catholic Charities—\$3,000

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

November 24, 2009

Ray Gutierrez won the 50/50 drawing and Jim Bucatch failed to win the attendance drawing.

December 8, 2009

Dave Cruse won the 50/50 drawing and Roger Knobeloch failed to win the attendance drawing.

Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

The K of C sponsored Blood Drive will be held **Wednesday, January 27th from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm** in the gym. The Red Cross is encouraging appointments to prevent waiting and long lines. Call **Jim DeRuntz at 791-5370** to schedule your appointment. Donors may still drop-in at their convenience but remember scheduled appointments will be served first.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Happy 2010! Here we are embarking on a new year, another decade.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, we wish to thank our Knights for a wonderful Christmas Celebration. The celebrations, which included the Kid's Christmas Party and the Adult Dinner/Dance, are great tributes to the hard work of the fellow members. Thanks also to the personnel of the Columbus Home who provide many of the behind the scenes activities and the Ladies Auxiliary members who helped with these festivities.

Thanks to Helen (Kiwi) DeRuntz and Judy Shoeack who delivered the checks of \$500 to Catholic Charities, Good Samaritan House, Faith in Action, Phoenix Crisis Center and Small Victories. Jane Freeman, Judy Shoeack and myself delivered the monies to the Nuns in Alton. There are 11 Nuns

residing at the Villa. We hand-delivered \$50 to each Nun and enjoyed our visit with each of them.

No new news to report since we did not meet in December. Your invitation to the Annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party will be in the mail. The date is January 19 and it will be held at Ravanelli's.

Time for Dues: Please pay in January or February.

Please pray for Roberta Bellovich who is recovering from knee surgery.

Ladies, how is your spiritual journey coming along? Remember this is a new year and a new decade. Please open your hearts to receive the spirit of Christ and see where it leads you!!

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,
Nancy Diak

Join the Campaign to Promote the Canonization of our Founding Father, The Venerable Michael McGivney

✂ Complete and return to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3325

YES, I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Country: _____

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild's work.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Country: _____ City/State/Country: _____

MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

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Knights Support Seminarians

Council 1098 and Assembly 0224 each sponsored 7 seminarians for \$1,000 each from the Springfield Diocese to help them on their journey to priesthood. Listed below are the 14 seminarians:

Rev. Mr. Paul Kala
Stephen Thompson
Brian Alford
Albert Allen
Zachary Edgar
Scott Snider
Seth Brown

Hyland Smith
David Curtin
Jason Stone
Steven Arisman
Martin Smith
Branden Maher
Jason Nesbit (Member Council 1098)

Kid Christmas Party



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Adult Christmas Party



**Congratulations Jeannie & Gary Wilbur
on your 40th Wedding Anniversary**



January 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Wilbur/Alsop Team Bingo	2
3 4th Degree Bingo	4	5	6	7	8 Petty Team Bingo	9
10 4th Degree Bingo	11 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	12 KC Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14	15 Friedel Team Bingo	16 Major Degree in Bethalto
17 Softball Team Bingo	18	19 Ladies Auxiliary 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	20	21	22 Dillier Team Bingo	23
24 Newsletter Items Due 4th Degree Bingo	25	26 Social Meeting 7:30 pm	27 Blood Drive 2:00—6:00 Gym	28	29 Wilbur/Alsop Team Bingo	30
31 4th Degree Bingo						

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