



# Knight News

## A Word From the Grand Knight

**A**pril 27th was a busy day for Council 1098. We hosted the 8th grade dinner/dance for our Catholic schools and participated in the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics spring games.

All but one student (who was out of town for a sporting event) attended the dinner/dance along with Father Chris and some of the school's staff. They had the gym rockin' with good music and dancing and improvised during an hour long power failure. We were just getting ready to call off the event when the Good Lord answered our prayers and allowed Ameren to restore the power. DJ Rusty Stiller graciously volunteered to play an extra hour to make up for time lost due to the power outage. Numerous parents thanked the Knights for hosting the party and the graduates appreciated their rosary gifts. This has become a very popular event for the schools and each class really looks forward to it. Vickie and I are very pleased that Paul and Joyce Mills have volunteered to take over chairing the event and we're confident they will I do a fine job. After twenty years it's time for us to retire to let some fresh talent take over.

Hats off the Carolyn and Marty Thomason and their crew of Knights and Ladies who volunteered to help out at the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics spring games. Although they got a bit wet everyone had a great time and commented on the enthusiasm of the athletes despite the rain. The competition was eventually postponed and rescheduled due to the weather but at least they got a decent kick off.

In my humble opinion, these types of events are what make our Council among the best in the State. We may not get many State awards but we do an outstanding job of taking care of business at home where it really counts. But, we are facing a huge problem continuing because we are currently in a bingo crisis mode.

It's time for me to jump up on my soapbox again. WE NEED HELP! I hate to yell but the Faithful Navigator and I are at our wit's end harping on this subject. If you are a member and don't come around, please consider joining us. Working bingo is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members and their wives and it is fun. We have a lot of people who enjoy working multiple bingos each month and without them we'd be sunk. Many of us are busy with work, family and other projects and it's hard to work multiple monthly bingos. Bingo earns us good, honest money which helps us help others, especially our Catholic community who gets the lion's share for school donations and ACSA support. It would be a crying shame if we'd have to cut back supporting our churches, schools and other worthwhile causes because we couldn't man two bingos a week with 520 members and their wives.

Sincerely,  
John Haug Sr.

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### Dates to Remember

**June 29th –Communion  
Mass St. Mary's 4:30  
with dinner to follow at  
the hall.**



## From the Faithful Navigator

No Report.

Dave Cruse



Procession of 4th Degree Knights at the Memorial Day Mass held at Calvary Cemetery.

Photo by Phil Achenbach.

## K of C Core Principle

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

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

**April 23, 2013**

Frank Vivod won the 50/50 drawing and Mercie Mendoza failed to win the attendance drawing.

**May 14, 2013**

Steve Cauble won the 50/50 drawing and Paul Bonk failed to win the attendance drawing.

## From the Financial Secretary

**C**ongratulations to our two new members, David Spicer and Jack Kennedy, who took their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees on Sunday May 19, 2013. I also would like to congratulate our two new Honorary Life members: Jim Wheeler and John Sihrer.

We have 524 members as of now, but there are 27 members who have not paid their 2013 dues. If you are one of these members please pay as soon as possible or you will be dropped.

Richard Haack, 931-5340

## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

**B**lessings Ladies – Congratulations Gert Petty! Our very own Gert Petty!!! At the recent Knights of Columbus State Convention Gert was presented the **STATE AUXILIARY LADY OF THE YEAR** award!!! Awesome! A well-deserved accomplishment.

The Auxiliary also received awards for:

1. Community Project for the basket created for the fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Raffle
2. Joint effort between the Council and the Auxiliary for the Special Olympics Dinner
3. Fundraiser activity for Sparkles and Sweets
4. Scrapbook award for 90-plus members AAAA Division

These awards could not have been received without the help of each and every one of you whether by physical help or your prayers. We thank you and bless you for all of you!

The Elections of Officers was held last meeting. Below is the list of elected officers:

President – Nancy Diak

Vice President – Cheryl Moe (while Cheryl is Vice President she will be taught the State Protocols, procedures and local organization information so she is prepared to become President)

Secretary – Barb Schmedake

Treasurer – Diane Vivod

3 year Trustee – Barb Lilley

2 year Trustee – Gert Petty

1 year Trustee – Barb Gibson

Social/Guard Hostess – Diane McIntyre and Vivian Grimes

Parliamentarian – Jeannie Wilbur

Thanks to the outgoing officers of Jane Freeman, Juanita James, Dolores Moseley, Linda Reish and Joyce Jachino.

Remember each Lady has a certain gift that the Lord gives her. Our many gifts make ONE great Auxiliary.

The Annual Memorial Service for our deceased Ladies Auxiliary members was held last meeting. The great observance to our past loyal ladies was well attended.

The Ladies Auxiliary sends empathy to our fellow member Josephine Uram on the passing of her husband. We love you, Josephine.

Ladies, have a pleasant and blessed summer.

Nancy Diak

# Knights in Action



Dedicated Knights from the Fifth degree (Thursday work crew) who took time out of their busy work schedule to place flags at the graves of our deceased Knights at Calvary Cemetery for Memorial Day. Not pictured is Phil Achenbach who took the photograph.

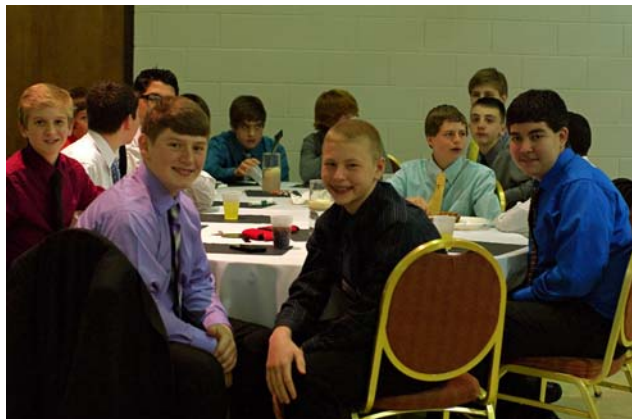
## Honoring Those Who Serve

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., Sergeant, Hanscom AFB, MA; Lee Brown, Master Sergeant, Army, Ft. Hood Texas; Jon P. Connolly, Major, Marine Corps, Hawaii; 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; Gregory Voloski, Chief Petty Officer, Navy, Des Moines, IA; Chris Wilbur, SPC, Army, Ft. Campbell, KY.





8th Grade Graduation Party – Photos by Gina Miller/Gina Maria Photography



# JUNE 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Schuler Bingo Team	3	4	5	6 5th Degree Workday	7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	8
9 Rotter/Gray Bingo Team	10 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	11 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	12	13 5th Degree Workday	14 Petty Bingo Team	15
16 Softball Bingo Team  <b>Father's Day</b>	17	18 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00  4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 5th Degree Workday	21 Friedel Bingo Team	22
23 Cauble Bingo Team  <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	24	25 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27 5th Degree Workday	28 Dillier Bingo Team	29 <b>Communion Mass St. Mary's at 4:30 pm</b>
30 Rotter/Gray Bingo Team						

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