



# 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

Many examples of teamwork and team players occurred in our Council and Assembly during the month of May.

Marty and Carolyn Thomason did a fine job leading a group of twenty-five Knights and Ladies to support the start of the spring games for Area 12 Special Olympics. This team organized the athletes for the parade at the opening ceremonies entry march. Many of the group I spoke to said this was a moving and fun filled experience well worth repeating. Photos of the event are shown in another section of this newsletter.

Thanks to Tom Voloski and Steve Cauble who co-chaired the Blue Mass held at Holy Family Church. (See the Faithful Navigator's article in this newsletter for a detailed report of that event.)

It is with great sadness that I have to report the loss of a fellow bingo teammate. Brother Knight, Catholic Gentleman, bingo caller and good friend Kenny Bench is moving to Kentucky this month. His civil service job was transferred and I couldn't talk him into retiring. Kenny quickly caught on to calling bingo and he really enjoyed it. He has the thick skin and sense of humor it takes to be a bingo caller, traits that are few and far between for many of us. We're going to miss Ken not only as a bingo caller but as an active Knight and St. Elizabeth parishioner. He has

promised to visit and will keep in touch. God speed Kenny and good luck in your new environment.



I'd like to put the challenge to some of our younger members to help fill the void left in losing a bingo caller. Do you have the traits previously mentioned to be a bingo caller? If you think you do, please come out and give it a try. You will be trained by a seasoned caller until you feel you're ready to call on your own. It only takes four hours of your time one Friday or Sunday a month.

Elections of Council 1098 officers will be held at the June 8th business meeting.

Financial Secretary Larry Ruder will be retiring after 7 1/2 years of service. Larry was very thorough and diligent in performing his duties and will leave big shoes to fill. We all owe Larry a big THANK YOU and wish his successor, Rich Haack, good luck.

Sincerely,  
John Haug, Sr.

**What Works . . . Teamwork**

### Dates to Remember

**June 8th—Council 1098**

**Election of Officers** (See Walt Bruch, Tom Grimes or Ed Lenzi if you want to run for an office, but make sure you know what you're getting into if you do decide to run.)

**June 15th—Assembly 0224 Election of Officers**



## From the Faithful Navigator

**W**e were called on to bid farewell to Sir Knight Eugene Koehler who was called home. The Honor Guard responded well. That was nice to see as Gene was a long time member of the Honor Guard. May he rest in peace.

The election of officers was postponed and will be held at the June 15 meeting. The chairman of the election, Sir Knight John Straubinger, was out of town on business. I am proud to announce that our Faithful Friar, Father Chris Comerford, has agreed to stay on as Faithful Friar. Thank You Father Chris!!

The Blue Mass honoring those who protect us and our property held at Holy Family Church was a success. It was great to have some local dignitaries in attendance. (Please see the pictures later in this newsletter.) It would have been good to have more Policemen and Firemen present, but it should be known that we were

honoring you even if you were unable to attend. It certainly made my day to have 23 Sir Knights in Regalia for the Honor Guard.

The Memorial Day Mass will be May 31, 10:00 AM, at Calvary Cemetery. In case of bad weather it will be at Holy Family Church. For this event the Honor Guard will be wearing White Jackets. Hope to see you there.

I have not received a report from the Master's meeting held April 25. I heard some changes are being made in the Exemplification scheduled for August 21 & 22. Will report more on this after I receive the information.

No donations over \$500.00 to be voted on in June.

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, Major, Marine Corps, Afghanistan; Darrel D. Eickoff Jr., CW2, Army Reserve, 739th Eng. Co. (MRBC), Joint Base Balad, Iraq; Scott Griffin, Sergeant, Army National Guard, USA; Evan Jones, 2nd Lt., Marine Corps, Quantico, VA; 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, Afghanistan.

## From the Financial Secretary

**W**ell, it has been 7 ½ years since I started the job as Financial Secretary of Council #1098 and this will be my last input to your newsletter. I hope I will be remembered as doing a good job because that is all I tried to do. I will be leaving the job in the good hands of Rich Haack and hope everyone will give him the cooperation and respect I received. See you all at the meetings.

Thank you, Larry Ruder

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

**April 27 2010**

Kerry Bundy won the 50/50 drawing and John Ziegler won the attendance drawing.

**May 11, 2010**

John Moutria won the 50/50 drawing and Tony Besserman failed to win the attendance drawing.

## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies, we did it. The Auxiliary was presented with three awards and one honorable mention at the Knights of Columbus State Convention. The Auxiliary brought home a plaque for Community Service for presenting the retired Sisters of Divine Providence residing at the Villa in Alton \$50 cash each in December from fundraising monies.

The next award was a new category given out this year. The award represents how the Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights work together on events throughout the year, i.e., Special Olympics Dinner Dance, Tootsie Roll Drive, Labor Day and Christmas Parades, Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Communion Masses, Priesthood Sunday and bingo.

The Auxiliary also won an award for our Scrapbook. We all thank Martha Dorris as she compiled the scrapbook. She put her heart into it and it shows. Thank you and congratulations Martha!!

Finally, the Auxiliary entered Cleo Schnefke for Auxiliary Lady of the Year. Well there was a tie with another woman from the Highland Council. The judges deliberated for a total of eight hours with the award going to the Highland Council but Cleo was given an Honorable Mention. The State Auxiliary Chairperson read parts of the entry for Cleo at the Ladies Convention and remarked what a difficult decision it was. The Auxiliary is very **PROUD** of Cleo.

Now back to the current business of the Auxiliary. Election of Officers were completed at the May meeting. Newly elected officers are as follows:

**President** – Kathy Mangi

**Vice President** – Gert Petty

**Secretary** – Jane Freeman

**Treasurer** – Pat Alsop

**Trustees** – Jeannie Wilbur, Sue Burmeister and Millie Noeth

**Guards and Social Hostesses** – Barb Schmedake and Mary Jane Moutria

I would like to offer thanks and great affection for the officers who held positions and completed their duties honorably: Vice President Helen DeRuntz, Treasurer Judy Shoreack, Secretary Jane Freeman (reelected), Freda Hicks and Connie Wheeler who provided the

atmosphere and refreshments – their jobs as Guard/Social Hostess was greatly fulfilled, Barb Schmedake completed her term as Trustee and Millie Noeth will serve another term. The Auxiliary lost one of its Trustees, Gloria Heinz, last year. She was called to serve the Lord; she will be greatly missed.

Please support and welcome your new President and slate of officers.

Ladies, thank you for a good attendance at the Annual Ladies Memorial Service at our last meeting. Can you believe we lost nine members this past year? We must believe they are serving the Lord in their own special way.

At the June meeting, we will discuss the future of the Craft Fair and Rummage Sale. As Diane McIntyre reported last meeting, the June meeting is the annual Baby Shower/Personal Shower helping a needy family. Catholic Charities is in the process of moving into another building and has a surplus of items so at this time we will put this project on hold. We will be discussing both projects. Please, this is the time to get any questions answered or comments addressed about continuing the events or what to do for fundraisers. If any lady wishes to be a Chair for the events, please attend the meeting. Remember, the Auxiliary is as successful as you make it. The Auxiliary can resolve to be a social club if you want it to be. The time has come for the decision. Each lady of the Auxiliary needs to be prepared to voice their thoughts at the June meeting.

Team Captains, please report at the June meeting if you want to continue to do this job.

If any lady needs a new roster, they are available.

If any lady needs a new or updated membership card, please get this done at the June Meeting.

Prayers are sent for Connie Wheeler. Please pray for her to have the grace of the Spirit come upon her at this time. We love you, Connie.

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,

Nancy Diak



Council 1098 along with Assembly 0224 sponsored a Blue Mass Communion breakfast to honor local police and fire protection agencies. Assembly 0224 Member Father Larry Brunette celebrated the Mass. Some of the higher ranking officials attending were States Attorney William A. Mudge, Madison County Sheriff Robert J. Hertz, Chief Judge Ann Callis and Judge David Hylla.

# Blue Mass



Pictured above, the Knights cook team who prepared the breakfast. Left to right are Walt Bruch, Carl Petty, Dan McIntyre, John Moutria and John Ziegler. Cooks not pictured are Ed Gray and Dave Ramey.



Thank you to Special Olympic Volunteers Marty & Carolyn Thomason, Chairpersons, Kerry, Vickie, & Jonathon Bundy, Frank & Diane Vivod, John & Ellen Yobby, Pat & Mary Davis, Dennis & Judy Shoreack, Phil Achenbach, Jerry & Barb Lilley, Sam Shambro, Brian Kelly, Bob Pare, Bill & Mary Rotter, Steve & Dorothy Jansen, Joe Burmeister, Ron & Linda Reish.

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