

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

January 2015



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Faithful Navigator
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A Word From the Grand Knight

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Season. A new year is upon us, and we can only guess what joy and tribulations it will bring. A good attitude and faith in God will only make life better.

In the 12/14/14 issue of the Catholic Times, Bishop Paprocki wrote about 'Stewardship'. He is establishing a 'Director of Stewardship and Discipleship' position and will be bringing this message to our parishes. My understanding of this program, and I tend to simplify thoughts, is that we all need to become active in our Faith. A big question we need to ask ourselves is "Are we doing enough to help others? Did we get involved enough in our Faith?" Of course, there are many ways we can do this. Ask a friend or relative to come back to church, donate time to parish functions, be more active in charitable organizations, and prayer. There are many other ways we can promote Stewardship and Discipleship.

Please keep the following members in your prayers: Joseph Mikolaszuk, died 11/27/14 and Ferdinand Rosales, died 11/29/14.

Over 100 kids and adults came to our Council's Kid's Christmas Party. Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Calentine did a great job with all the arrangements. The kids were entertained and food was available.

The priests for our local parishes each received a \$25 gift card for Christmas from our Council. This was in place of the ham we used to give them.

I received notification of the winners of the Vocation Raffle Tickets. Unfortunately no one from our Council won any prizes, but we did help the vocations. A record of over \$100,000 was raised. Thanks again to all who supported this program.

There will be a Blood Drive on 01/20/15 from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm. at our facility, chaired by Jim De Runtz. Please donate if possible.

Chairman Bob Palus reported that he is working on the arrangements for the annual K of C sponsored Free Throw Contest for the Grade Schools.

The K of C 1098 / Area 12 Special Olympics Dinner / Dance will be held on 02/07/15. Chairman John Haug has begun to get arrangements in place. The format will be the same as always with the doors opening at 4:00 pm, dinner served from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, and dancing until 10:00 pm. Please keep this date open so you can come out and help make this annual event a success for the Special Olympians and their families.

The annual K of C sponsored Spelling Bee will be held on 02/14/15 at our facility. Ed Lenzi is making the arrangements.

Joe Burmeister has volunteered be the chairman of our Fruit Basket program. Any member who spends more than 2 days in the hospital is eligible for a basket. Thanks Joe.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 14 - 1st Degree held in Glen Carbon

Jan 20 - Blood Drive at Columbus Home from 2pm to 7pm

Jan 20 - Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party at Ravenelli's

Jan 25 - Major Degree held in Alton

Feb 7 - Special Olympics Dinner at Columbus Home from 4pm to 10pm

Feb 14 - Spelling Bee at Columbus Home

Feb 24 - Columbus Home Election of Officers and Board Members held at the Council Social Meeting

There is a 1st Degree scheduled on 01/14/15 at Glen Carbon and a Major Degree scheduled on 01/25/15 in Alton. If you have any potential candidates, please bring their application to the January business meeting for approval.

Let me keep 'beating a dead horse'. The Bingos we hold are our primary source of funds. Without the Bingos, we stop ALL donations. Without the Bingos we cannot support our building. Both the number of customers and workers has been slipping. Please get a replacement for your spot if you cannot work your night. Please start working a Bingo if you possibly can. Promote our Bingos whenever possible. The phone number of all the Team Captains is always on the calendar in the newsletter or talk to any officer.

It was decided at the December Business Meeting that the donations to our local parishes will be cut by 25%. The donations to the parish schools will remain the same for now. Also, our Scholarship program is being reduced. These Council approved actions are due to the reduction of Bingo and Pull-Tab profits.

See you in Church,
Larry

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

November 25, 2014

Tom Voloski won the 50/50 drawing and Arthur Hoff failed to win the attendance drawing.

December 9, 2014

Dominick Arnotti won the 50/50 drawing and Brian Babillis failed to win the attendance drawing.

From the Faithful Navigator

Not a lot to report for this January 2015. Thank you Howard Shim for the very tasty food you prepared for the December 16th meeting. Also I will start to report some of the items voted on at the 4th degree meetings mostly the monies the 4th degree contributes to charities in the area starting with the month of November 2014.

- Sabre \$150.00----Sabre is what replaced the DARE program at the Granite City Police Dept.
- Alton Catholic Children home. Christmas gifts to the children at the home. Usually there are about 30 children. The 4th degree donates \$30.00 per child. This amounts to \$900.00. This donation has been contributed in past years.
- 100 Neediest cases - \$100.00.
- Billie's Kids Christmas donation - \$100.00
- Granite City Area Salvation Army - \$50.00

Total donations - \$1300.00

By the time you receive this newsletter the Christmas party will have already been celebrated.

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 will also ask that you pray to St. Michael the Archangel Patron Saint for all Policemen.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 489 members which 78 are Honorary Life, and 15 are Honorary. The dues notices were sent out on December 11, 2014, and I am very pleased with the return so far, keep up the good work. Here is hoping we have a good Christmas party, and that everyone who signs-up, comes and enjoys them self. Be safe this winter when the bad weather comes upon us.

Richard Haack

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

MERRY CHRISTMAS LADIES!

Just wanted to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our Christmas Party will be held on January 20 at Ravenelli's Restaurant. Look for the invite in the mail. I would like to see everyone there.

Remember - our February meeting will start at 7:30.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WITH A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

Cheryl Moe

From the 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.

The following information is important for all Knights: At the Council social meeting to be held Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, February 24, 2015, 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 Brian Kelly or Ron Jachino 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 barbeques, multi-stand picnics, Friday fish fries, 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

Events Picture Gallery

Ladies Aux. Quilt Raffle Winner – Joan Achenbach



Christmas at the Catholic Boys Club in Alton



Pictures by Phil Achenbach

2014 Christmas Party



Pictures by Tom Voloski



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Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

~ January 2015 ~

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 New Year's Day 5 th Degree Workday Cancelled | 2 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041 | 3 |
| 4 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 5 th Degree Workday | 9 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584 | 10 |
| 11 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970 | 12 Columbus Home Meeting 7:00pm | 13 KC Business Meeting 7:30pm | 14 1 st Degree in Glen Carbon | 15 5 th Degree Workday | 16 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109 | 17 |
| 18 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988 | 19 | 20 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party at Ravenelli's Blood Drive 2pm to 7pm | 21 | 22 5 th Degree Workday | 23 Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956 | 24 February Newsletter Items Due |
| 25 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542 Major Degree in Alton | 26 | 27 KC Social Meeting 7:30pm | 28 | 29 5 th Degree Workday | 30 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041 | 31 |

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