

Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

December 2014



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Lawrence Ruder



Faithful Navigator
Tom Voloski



Ladies Auxiliary
President
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home
President
Walter Bruch

A Word From the Grand Knight

Sir Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give". The K of C believes in giving all year long, not just during the Holiday Season. Hopefully this giving of ourselves makes our community a better place. Think about making a New Year's Resolution to become a more active member in 2015.

I am so happy to announce that we had 4 candidates take their 1st Degree at the ceremony held at our Council on 11/11/14. The Financial Secretary will list their names in his section of the newsletter. Recently we also had a reinstatement and a transfer into our Council.

I neglected to mention Veterans Day on the last newsletter. Nov. 11 was the date set to honor all the men and women who served and those who are still serving to keep our country free. Thank You.

The Halloween Party was held on 10/25/14. I believe everyone who attended had a good time. There was plenty of chili, hot dogs, drinks, and snacks. The Kids had a special treat with a visit from Spiderman. Smores were enjoyed at the campfire. Thanks to everyone who helped make it an enjoyable evening.

The Vocational Raffle Ticket sales were very good. Just over 100 booklets were sold out of the 400 sent out. Thanks to those who helped. The Vocations and our Council will benefit. Maybe one of us will win.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on 12/20/14, starting at 10:00 am. Hot dogs, chips, and cookies are to be served. There will be some other treats and activities for the kids.

There will **NOT** be a Social Meeting this month. It falls too close to Christmas Eve.

On 12/14/14, the Diocesan Chapter Meeting will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Bethalto, IL. The meeting will include lunch at 1:00 pm with the meeting following. All Brother Knights are invited. Every Council in good standing (we are) is entitled to 2 votes on business matters. Notice will be posted on the Council's bulletin board.

There will be a K of C District Meeting on 12/20/14. It is to be hosted by the Collinsville Council. It is geared for officers, but any interested member can attend. I need to know who will be attending in order to notify the host Council.

Be sure to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
See you in Church
Larry

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 5 – Sparkles and Sweets 4pm to 8pm at St. Elizabeth's Church

Dec 14 – Diocesan Chapter Meeting 1:00pm

Dec 20 – K of C District Meeting

Dec 20 – Children's Christmas Party at 10 am at Columbus Home

Dec 20 – Adult Christmas Party at 5pm at Columbus Home

Dec 20 – Articles Due for the January Newsletter

Bingo

We are still looking for new bingo workers. Please contact one of our bingo chairpersons to volunteer. Names and phone numbers are located on the monthly calendar. Thanks for your consideration.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners & Losers

October 28, 2014

Sam Shambro won the 50/50 drawing and Charles Hagnauer failed to win the attendance drawing

November 11, 2014

Walt Bruch won the 50/50 drawing and Steve Schardan failed to win the attendance drawing

From the Faithful Navigator

The Memorial mass for the deceased members of Assembly 0224 was Sunday November 2, 2014. The 8:30 A.M. mass at Holy Family was attended by nine Sir Knights in Regalia. Ray Gutierrez, Dwayne Saul, Ronald Reish, James DeRuntz, Paul Mills, Steve Cauble, Jerry Calentine, Paul Schuler and Tom Voloski among other brother Knights. An excellent breakfast of eggs, hashed brown potatoes, ham, biscuits, gravy, fruit salad, sweet rolls, juice and coffee prepared and served by Carl Petty, Jerry Lilly, Ed Grey, David Ramey, Mike Harrison and Walter Bruch. Thank you for the excellent breakfast as it is always and no cost to the Knights in attendance. 57 Knights signed up for the breakfast and 54 attended the breakfast. Thank you all for attending.

On Wednesday November 5, 2014 I received a telephone call from Mary Jo Smith, BS Community Education Hospice of Southern Illinois requesting an Honor Guard from Assembly 0224 on Thursday November 13, 2014 to participate in a Veteran's day program at Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC).

Thursday November 13, 2014 the following Sir Knights participated in the Veterans Honor Flight at SWIC per request of Mary Jo Smith. Faithful Navigation Tom Voloski, Captain James DeRuntz, Sir Knights Walt Bruch, Steve Cauble, Jerry Calentine, Elmer Long and Ray Gutierrez. Photographs of this event were taken by K of C photojournalist Phil Achenbach and should be included elsewhere in this newsletter.

The following letter was read at the October 21st 4th degree meeting. The letter was sent to the Pastors of St. Elizabeth's, Holy Family and St. Mary and Mark Catholic Church on Friday October 24. I am including that letter in this newsletter for those members that did not or could not attend the October 21st meeting.

Greeting to you and your parish from the Fourth Degree. As you are aware, the Fourth Degree Knights have enjoyed a wonderful prosperous existence in the Tri Cities for many years due to the many blessings God has bestowed on us. As a result, we have been in a position to share this wealth with many organizations in the Tri-Cities, and most notably have been able to help grow our Catholic heritage in these communities. Not only have we provided direct assistance to both parish and school, but we have also helped spread the Church's message through our many acts of kindness and service. In recent years, we are making many necessary but painful cuts to our annual gifts. As you know, last year, we

reduced the support provided to St. Elizabeth for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. While we had hoped these reductions would be temporary, it has now become apparent that even deeper cuts are necessary to maintain the financial solvency of our organization. As a result, the Fourth Degree is informing you by way of this letter that we will no longer be able to provide any direct assistance for your ACSA. We will continue to make the same annual contribution to the School and hope to continue that as long as we are able to and God blesses us with workers and players at our bingo.

Asking God to bless us all as we continue to spread the work of His Holy Catholic Church.

For those that did not attend the November 18th meeting they missed a great meal of Italian beef with sweet rolls and chips prepared by Phil Achenbach. Thank you Phil.

The next scheduled 4th Degree meeting is Tuesday December 16, 2014. This meeting is before the Christmas party. Food will be served

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 20, 2014. The sign- up sheet should be posted in the meeting room by Monday November 24th 2014. Please come in and sign-up. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend. Cocktails will be served from 5pm. Dinner is at 6pm. Music starting at 7pm. Music will be provided by the same band as last year. The band will play from 7pm to 10pm.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW. THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOURTH DEGREE IS GETTING LOW. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE LESS THAT 200 MEMBERS IN ASSEMBLY 0224. SOME OF YOU THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS SHOULD START THE MOVE INTO THE FOURTH DEGREE. WHY NOT I ASK.

I have started to upgrade the Fourth degree Knights with Regalia for the honor guard. Since most of you do not attend an occasional meeting maybe you would be interested in participating with the honor guard. If so, please get me your name and phone number where you can be contacted. Usually about 35 to 40 attend a fourth degree meeting. So there are around 160 not attending meetings.

Fourth Degree emblem



The Fourth Degree emblem features a dove, a cross, and a globe. In the tradition of the Knights these symbols "typify the union of the three Divine Persons in one Godhead, referred to as the most Blessed [Trinity](#)."^[115] The red, white and blue are taken from the American flag and represent patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree. Styled with the continents of the western hemisphere in white, the blue globe represents God the Father. A red [Isabella](#) cross, for the queen who sponsored Columbus, serves as a symbol of God the Son. The white dove is a symbol of peace and God the Holy Spirit. Columbus' name in Italian (*Colombo*) also means "dove."

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

God Bless the Tri Cities Knights of Columbus.

May Saint Michael the Archangel Defend us in our Travail.

Best Regards,

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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; 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

Congratulation to our four new members, Zachary White, Brother Mathew Thomas, Jason Sitzes, and Michael Mecava, which brings our membership to 491 members, 79 which are Honorary Life, and 15 are Honorary members.

It is that time again, DUES TIME. What else can you get for 30.00 dollars a year. If you participate in any events throughout the year you know that it is a bargain. The 2015 notices will be mailed out December 11, 2014 and are due back in January 2015. As always if you have a financial problem, please call myself or the Grand Knight, this will be kept confidential. If for some reason you do not want to continue being a member please send me a signed note telling me the reason. Please let me know of any address or phone number changes

Richard Haack

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful **THANKSGIVING Day**.

We are now in the Advent Season - waiting for the coming of Jesus. This is the season of giving, spending time with family, renewing your faith.

Hopefully our **SPARKLES AND SWEETS FUNDRAISER** will be successful. A Big THANK YOU for everyone who makes sweets and for those who devote their time to this event. Without your contributions, nothing would be possible. Again, Thank you.

Just a reminder, there is no meeting in December. Our next get together will be at our Christmas Party being held on January 20th. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, make it a New Year's Resolution to come back. Start by coming to the Christmas Party. It is always a lot of fun. We love to see you.

It was suggested that we change the time of our monthly meetings back to 7:30. It was put to a vote and

approved. Starting in February 2015, our meetings will be the third Tuesday of every Month at 7:30 PM.

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

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!!

Cheryl Moe, President

Sparkles and Sweets

Please support the Ladies Auxiliary Sparkles and Sweet Fundraiser. The event will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm during St. Elizabeth's Fish Fry at 2300 Pontoon Road, Granite City, IL. Items for sale will include fresh baked cookies and baked goods (plus) as well as homemade candies.

Photo Gallery



Honor Flight at SWIC / Photo by Phil Achenbach



Honor Flight at SWIC / Photo by Phil Achenbach



Santa's Parade / Photo by Phil Achenbach



Santa's Parade / Photo by Phil Achenbach



K C Halloween Party



Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

~ December 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 5 th Degree Workday	5 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041 Sparkles and Sweets 4 to 8pm	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 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	13
14 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	15	16 4 th Degree Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Cancelled	17	18 5 th Degree Workday	19 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	20 Children's Christmas Party 10 am Adult Christmas Party 5 pm January Newsletter Items Due
21 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	22	23 KC Social Meeting Cancelled	24	25 Merry Christmas 5 th Degree Workday Cancelled	26 Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956	27
28 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	29	30	31 New Years Eve	Notes: Have a Happy New Year !!!!!!!		

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