



Grand Knight
John Haug, Sr.



Faithful Navigator
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Ladies Auxiliary
President Nancy Diak



Columbus Home
President Walter Bruch

Dates to Remember

- May 9th—Mother's Day
- May 16th—Blue Mass—8:30 Holy Family
- May 31st—Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery

Knight News

A Word From the Grand Knight

Hats off to Linda Reish and her Ladies Auxiliary crew for having a very successful Easter Egg Hunt. The snacks and drinks were great and the place was nicely decorated. Also thanks to Jerry Lilley and his team who hid the eggs and of course we all know the roll Tim Bronnbauer played. I know everyone had a great time, lots of nice pictures were taken and things ran smoothly.

One thing that did stress us out a little is there were a number of people who attended the party that didn't sign up and some people called the day before to make reservations. We need an accurate count so we can make sure we have plenty of snacks, drinks and give-aways. We don't want to disappoint anyone, especially the children, by running out of stuff. When we have events like these, communion breakfasts and dinner parties, it is imperative that the attendees sign up well in advance. Usually the sign up sheet comes down a week before the event so preparations can be made. After discussions with a number of the Ladies and Council officers, from now on the signup sheets will be posted in the Council Room. We encourage members to attend any of the four monthly meetings to see what's going on and sign up. We are in the process of making plans so these type situations can be avoided.

Congratulations to our graduating Holy Family and St. Elizabeth 8th graders. I had the privilege of co-chairing the annual dinner dance with my wife, Vickie, along with Bill and Pat Loftus Saturday evening. What a fine group of Catholic young men and young ladies. Special thanks goes to Father Chris for blessing the evening, the meal and the rosary gifts given to each student from our Council. We recognized the real heroes that evening — the fine teachers who guide these youth and the parents who step up to the plate and buck up for the fine education our Catholic schools provide. The attendees were very grateful and numerous thanks are to be passed on to the Council for sponsoring this annual event.

We will host a Blue Mass to honor our Policemen and Firemen Sunday morning May 16th. It will take place at Holy Family Church at 8:30 am with breakfast following at the KC hall. Please join us and show your support of these Civil Servants who help protect our communities. **Signup is required** and the sheet is posted in the Council room.

And last but not least, the annual Memorial Day mass will be at Calvary Cemetery. The mass will start at 10:00 am with refreshments following. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

Sincerely,

John Haug, Sr.



From the Faithful Navigator

It was great to hold a meeting as we did Tuesday evening and have three Priests in attendance. Our Faithful Friar, Father Chris, Father Gene, and Father Bob were all present. THANK YOU!!

We will be needing an Honor Guard for the upcoming Blue Mass May 16, 8:30 AM at Holy Family Church. It would be wonderful to have the kind of turn out for this event like we have been having. Even bigger would be better. Let's honor those who protect us, our families, and our homes. It was decided at the meeting to dress for this event in our regular regalia. The only time we will wear our white jackets will be on Memorial Day unless we stand Honor Guard with other Assemblies and they wear white.

It was good to have everyone in the Council Room during the meeting Tuesday evening instead of part of us staying in the recreation room and leaving half of

the meeting room empty. I will be asking the Grand Knight to do the same during third degree meetings. If the meeting room is full we can arrange for the overflow to sit in the recreation room. Wouldn't it be something to have that happen!!!

The only fourth degree exemplifications scheduled in the southern part of the State will be August 20 & 21 at Effingham and March 5, 2011 at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. Keep these dates on your calendars if you wish to join fourth degree. Also get an application filled out and to me in plenty of time because it is a formality to vote on the applications at our meeting.

No donations over \$500 to be voted on May 18.

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, Afghanistan.

Memorial Day Mass

A Memorial Day Mass will be held at Calvary Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. with donuts following the service. Take an extra moment this Memorial Day to remember all those who have served and those continuing to serve.

KC Meeting Attendance/50-50 Winners — No Losers!

March 23, 2010

Charles Hagnauer won the 50/50 drawing and Jim Friedel won the attendance drawing.

April 13, 2010

John Moseley won the 50/50 drawing and Rich Kalka won the attendance drawing.

From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Mother's Day Ladies. In April the Auxiliary accomplished a successful rummage sale. Thanks go out to co-chairs Pat Alsop and Marie Gray along with all of you who helped either by donating items or assisting in the sale.

May 8th will be a gold fund raiser for the upcoming Father McGivney High School. The Ladies Auxiliary has been requested to assist the registration and any other miscellaneous duties deemed to help the event run smoothly. If any lady would like to help, please contact Nancy at 876-2603. The ladies are needed to be at Arlington Golf Course at 7:00 am — registration will begin at 7:30 am. If you choose to help, remember to wear your blue Auxiliary shirt. If a lady wants to work later shifts, please call as any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please keep our Novice, Sister Betsa in your prayers as she has left the community. We wish her many blessings and will keep her in our prayers.

We have new, updated rosters. Please pick one up at the next meeting — especially the Hotline Team Captains . . . with recent deaths and new members,

the roster has been realigned. Ladies, **please pay your dues and get updated membership cards.**

At the May meeting we will have the Annual Memorial Service for our deceased Auxiliary members and the election of officers for the coming year. Please come out and pay your respect to our predecessors. We have the Auxiliary today because of the trials and tribulations of our past members. To continue the Solidarity of the Auxiliary, the election of officers and any voices of our future should be heard. Please make it a point to attend the May meeting.

At the June meeting we will have our annual Personal Shower for a needy family, which Catholic Charities will help with assistance of placement of the family or person the Auxiliary will assist.

Don't forget the Blue Mass, May 16th at Holy Family 8:30 mass. Breakfast will follow at the KC Hall. Sign up sheet is in the Council Room.

The Auxiliary will keep in prayers the family of Betty Gac. Betty was a charter member of the Auxiliary. Her daughter, Liz Hoffman, is an Auxiliary member. Betty died Saturday, April 24th. Prayers are also needed for Auxiliary member Mary Jo Holzum's husband, Joe, for a blessed recovery.

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,
Nancy Diak



Face Painter Flo Moore



Easter Party Committee: Linda Reish, Chairman, Barbara Lilley, Marie Gray, Diane MacIntyre, Maggie Groboski, and Flo Moore



Face Painter Hannah Gray

From the Financial Secretary

We currently stand at 583 members. There are 16 members who have not paid their 2010 dues and will be suspended by the middle of May if they do not pay.

Please email news1098@gckc.org if you want to get a reminder when the newsletter is posted at the web site for viewing over the internet. If you know of any member who is not getting the newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service who wants to get a mailed hard copy, contact me.

For some reason we are losing Bingo workers. Those who do not work Bingos have their excuses, but it is hard to believe a member cannot find 3 to 4 hours

once a month to help the organization and all the charities they support. We all have busy lives but the main purpose of the Knights of Columbus is charity. The Bingos are our primary way of fulfilling this purpose. Thanks to those who are working multiple Bingos a month and are carrying the burden of those who don't work. Of course, I am not talking to those who are physically unable to help. Possibly, the people who do not help out do not read the newsletter. Please consider helping, you will find the social interaction enjoyable.

Thank you, Larry Ruder,
Financial Secretary 931-2706

What Does Memorial Day Mean to Me?

What does Memorial Day mean to you? Is it putting out your flag because that's what everyone does? Is it barbequing with friends and having an extra day off? Is it swimming in the pool or taking your first vacation of the year?

Often we get caught up in taking holiday breaks and we often forget what the holiday is all about. There are several holidays throughout the year that I could care less about but Memorial Day and Veterans Day are definitely two that I think we need to remember for more than just spending time with friends and family.

So what does Memorial Day mean to me? Memorial Day is a day where I can remember all of the many blessings that have been poured down on me by God that have been protected by countless deaths of our armed forces. Today I remember all of the fallen heroes and their families that have sacrificed so much for me to do what I do each and every day.

Most of us cannot even begin to understand what it takes to be one of those heroes. I am not sure that I could be one. It takes a special person. It takes a person willing to die for his or her country. We cannot fathom what those fallen heroes went through in their sacrifice for us. It's not just a movie or a story. It's something that really happened to each of our fallen.

Memorial Day is a day where we can remember the countless heroes that fought for our freedoms somewhere...fought to preserve our God-given blessings and never came home to be able to enjoy those freedoms themselves.

Memorial Day is also a day where we MUST remember that our freedom isn't free. It came and continues to come at a high price. The price is the blood of our fallen, the blood of our heroes. But this Memorial Day let's not forget the families of our fallen. Also let us not forget the heroes who did come back but maybe with limbs missing or scars on their bodies. And let us not forget the heroes who continue to fight for our freedoms heroically each and every day!

If Memorial Day has been a day off for you or a day to get together with friends and family, that's great! That is what our fallen have fought for. But fly your flag proudly and know why you are doing it. Also remember that the fun you experience on Memorial Day came at a price! Let's appreciate that price! Let's remember our armed forces and show them our love for them and for our great Country that they gave so much to protect!

John Heida, Author



***Holy Family & St. Elizabeth
8th Grade Dinner Dance***



May 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 KC Convention Peoria, IL
2 4th Degree Bingo Team	3	4	5	6 5th Degree Workday	7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team	8
9 4th Degree Bingo Team Mother's Day	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	17	18 Ladies Auxiliary 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 5th Degree Workday	21 Friedel Bingo Team	22
23 4th Degree Bingo Team	24	25 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27 5th Degree Workday	28 Dillier Bingo Team	29
30 4th Degree Bingo Team (2nd Sunday Team)	31 Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery 10:00 am					

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