

# Knight News

Granite City Council 1098 – Assembly 0224

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Lawrence Ruder



Faithful Navigator  
Tom Voloski



Ladies Auxiliary  
President  
Cheryl Moe



Columbus Home  
President  
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## A Word from the Grand Knight

Hello to all our members from the Grand Knight

There are a couple of reasons why this Newsletter is being mailed to ALL members this one time only. Several years ago, a postcard was sent to all members stating that unless you returned the card, the newsletter would not be sent by mail. We would assume you would get it off the internet via [www.gkcc.org](http://www.gkcc.org). The newsletter was put on the internet in order to save money on postage and printing. It appears there may be some members who are not getting the Newsletter. The Newsletter is the primary means of transmitting what K of C Council activities are coming up. Unless you attend the meetings, it is the only way to know what your Council is doing. So, if you do not get the Newsletter, please do one of the following: notify either me (931-2706) or the Financial Secretary (931-5340) that you want a mailed paper copy or pull it off the [www.gkcc.org](http://www.gkcc.org) website. If you furnish us your e-mail address, we will send you notification that the Newsletter is available for the month, and it will have a link to the website. Also, if we have your e-mail address, we will send you notification of any special event that occurs between newsletters. Remember, if you have an address, e-mail address, or phone number change, please let us know. We have no way of knowing any change without your action.

The other reason for this mailing is the enclosed raffle book. The money raised by this raffle goes to Vocations. As everyone knows, we need more priests and this is a way to help. Last year our Ladies Auxiliary won \$1000 on this raffle. By selling these tickets, you help your Catholic Faith, you help your Council, and you have a chance to win money. Please make an effort to buy or sell the tickets and return the money, filled out stubs, and booklet cover to Chairman Gary Wilbur, any officer, or at the lounge. PLEASE, DO NOT tear the booklet cover from the stubs.

The Annual Family Picnic – What a great day. The weather turned out perfect. It looked like the 200+ who signed up, came to the picnic. Thanks to the cooks and servers, we had plenty of good things to eat. Thanks to the Columbus Home employees for all the set up and tear-down. Thanks to Tribout for the bounce house, games and prizes. Thanks to Calvary Cemetery for the awnings. Thanks to Holy Family students who helped with the outside activities. Thanks to our very own KC Face Painter.

The results of the ID Drive (Tootsie Roll), held on 9/26 & 9/27, are not available at this time. It will be reported on in the next newsletter.

Last year we did not have a Halloween Party due to several scheduling conflicts. I am looking for a chairperson(s) to handle this event. Please step up or we will not have this party. It will be held on 10/25 if it is planned.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4 – Pro Life Mass – Mass will be held at 9:00 am at Holy Family Church followed by a march with the Bishop to the Abortion Clinic

October 12 – Major Degree will be held at the Collinsville Council

October 25 – Possible Halloween Party. Chairman still needed.

### Bingo

The 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Bingo in October will be worked by the Dillier Bingo Team

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.

On 10/12, there will be a Major Degree at the Collinsville Council. If you have any candidates, please make sure they are approved at a Council meeting prior to this date. This is a great time to get your 2nd and 3rd Degree.

As your Grand Knight, I get caught up in the everyday duties of the position and sometimes get discouraged with my inability to motivate members. I believe we have a terrific Council and through the hard work of several of our members, our Council is still able to donate large sums of money to our parishes and schools. We donate to many other charitable organizations and we also have several fun social activities for our members and their families. Our Council, however, has slowly been reducing contributions and expenses due to lack of active members and the economy. It looks like this trend may well continue. I am proud to be your Grand Knight, but it takes all of us to keep our great Council's achievements going. I am always open to improvement ideas, and we certainly always need more active members. A reminder to those who have not been to a Council meeting lately – the business Meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and the Social Meeting is on the 4th Tuesday. The 4th Degree Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday. They all start at 7:30 pm. Seldom do the meetings last longer than 1 hour and all members are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Located in our building are some medical equipment items that have been donated. We are lending them out to whoever needs them. See either Rich Haack or Jim Bohn to check out any of this equipment.

See you in Church

Larry

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

**August 26, 2014** - Warren Bequette won the 50/50 Drawing and Joseph Groboski failed to win the Attendance Drawing

**September 9, 2014** – Sam Shambro won the 50/50 Drawing and Allen Charbonnier failed to win the Attendance Drawing.

### From the Faithful Navigator

Today Sunday September 14, 2014 the following were in attendance at St. Marks Church in Venice Illinois at the request of Jo Ann Blumenstock Barnett, Secretary, Venice History Committee. Past Master James DeRuntz, Faithful Navigator Tom Voloski, Sir Knights Ed Szczepanik and Ron Reish. Thank you for taking your time to attend this event.

Thank all the Sir Knights in attendance at the September 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting. All present enjoyed a very tasty dish of Chicken and Dumplings with homemade garlic bread.

Paul Hellrich has been appointed the Faithful Scribe for the Fourth Degree.

There is no news to report from the September meeting at this time.

ST.Michael, Defender of Christians.

More than ever in our present age do Catholics need the aid of St. Michael in order to

remain steadfast in the Faith. Unbelief has carried its insolence to the very limit and boldly proclaims that there is no God. It is our duty to be Faithful Catholics, to confess our Faith openly and energetically and to preserve a glowing, invincible love for Jesus Christ. (From St. Michael and the Angels)

- “No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.” (Stanislaw Jerzy Lee)
- The Feast Day for St. Michael is Monday September 29, 2014
- God Bless the Tri Cities Knights of Columbus.
- May Saint Michael The Archangle Defend Us In Our Travail.

Vivat Jesus  
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

By the time the newsletter is received at your home, the ID drive (tootsie roll) will be finished. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this year drive.

As of the end of this month we have 487 members, which 80 are Honorary Life, and 14 are Honorary.

If you have a new mailing address, or a new phone number (cell phones included) please let me know so I can update our records. We are also collecting E-mail address for our files, so we can let everyone know about a special event, or program we might be doing in the future.

Richard Haack

## From the Program Director

As you know, the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, and Service Organization that provides a lot of services to our community, not just to the member. The Service Programs for Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life and Youth Activities helps the Knights of Columbus to be an influential and important force in our community.

Please keep in mind that all of these good things we do depends entirely on our membership. As long as our members volunteer we can continue to work wonders in our community through these many Service Programs.

However, in order to continue WE REALLY NEED MORE HELP. Currently, we have a need for a Council Director, Family Director, Youth Director and Culture of Life Director. Also, all of the Service Programs have various committees that could use help.

If you are interested in learning more about these various Director and Committee positions you can call or email me for more information. Or, you can go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to learn more.

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## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

Volunteers are needed for the Tootsie Roll Drive that is taking place on Sept 26 and 27. If you can spare some time, please volunteer to help. The more the merrier.

Do you know of a fallen soldier that is buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery? Are you interested in honoring a fallen veteran? If so, you can have the opportunity to place a wreath at the headstone by participating in Wreaths Across America. Dorothy Jansen has the information if you wish to contact her. Or better yet, come to our next meeting on Oct 21 and talk to Dorothy one on one.

The annual Respect Life Mass will be on Oct 4. It will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by a procession praying the rosary. Our prayers together may save a life. Put it on your calendar.

We are making plans for our Christmas Party to be held in January in lieu of our regular meeting. It would be nice to see everyone. If you have any ideas, please bring them to our next meeting.

This past July, we had a Social Meeting. We played cards, ate pizza, and enjoyed friendship. It was voted to do so next July.

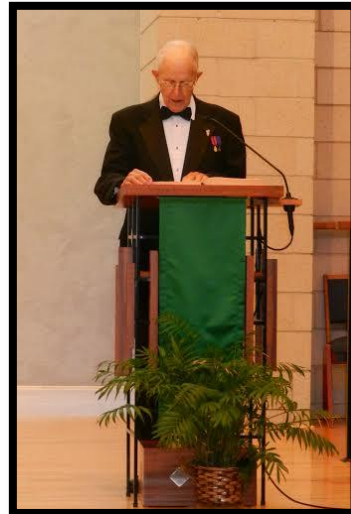
I would like to offer a heartfelt symphony to one of our charter members who passed away recently -- Mary Ann Harris. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a Mass said for her.

That is all for now. Hope to see each and every one of you on Oct 21.

Cheryl Moe, President

## Events Picture Gallery

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mass at St. Elizabeth's / Pictures by Jeannie Wilbur



**Labor Day Parade / Pictures by Phil Achenbach**



**Family Picnic / Ben Rotter (9 yrs old)  
won the closest to the hole contest.  
Picture by Mike Rotter**



**Family Picnic / Pictures by Jeannie Wilbur**





# Calendar for Granite City Council 1098

~ October 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	3 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo Team 452-6041	4 Pro Life Mass Holy Family at 9:00 am
5 Schuler Bingo Team 558-3043	6	7	8	9 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	10 Petty Bingo Team 877-2584	11
12 Gray Bingo Team 709-3970	13 <b>Columbus Day</b> Columbus Home Meeting 7:00 pm	14 KC Business Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	17 Friedel Bingo Team 876-5109	18
19 Softball Bingo Team 451-8988	20	21 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7:30 pm  Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	24 Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956	25 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>  Possible Halloween Party
26 Cauble Bingo Team 877-4542	27	28 KC Social Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree Workday	31 <b>Halloween</b> Dillier Bingo Team 409-3956	<b>Notes:</b>

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