



# 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 Burch

### Dates to Remember

- Aug 15—4th Degree Installation
- Aug 16—Honor Guard St. Mark's
- Aug 24—MV Council Steak Dinner
- Aug 29—Communion Mass St. Mary's
- Sept 12—KC Family Picnic

**T**hank you Ray! Thanks go to Ray Hoffman for a fine year of service. He had many activities and did an exceptional job controlling expenses. I'm hoping Ray will continue his service to the Council as Community Director. Ray is very involved with the park district and has many connections throughout the community. He would function very well as the Council's liaison to the Tri-Cities community.

I intend to continue Ray's expense controlling measures and with the help of the Officers and the Council implement more. As we all know these are tough times all over. Bingo profits are down and there is legislation pending that could also hurt our profitability. We need to cut back.

First, we must remember that we are a Knights of Columbus Council and have K of C obligations. It is our duty to support the Knight's Mentally Handicapped, Neuman and Disaster funds. Secondly, we are a Catholic fraternal organization and should continue to support our Catholic churches, schools and other Catholic organizations. If this is all we do we can still hold our heads up high as a successful K of C council. With the help of the Officers, all other requests for donations will be highly scrutinized, the requesters must be accountable. We have to get the biggest bang for the buck.

We have almost 600 members in Council 1098 and my estimate says we

only have a little over 100 active members. Not only are these members active but many of their wives also support the organization. These are the bingo workers, 5th degree workers, pull tab workers and many others who perform tasks around the club. I'm not going to fall into the trap and cut the benefits of our active members. In fact it is my intention to increase the benefits of the people that do all the work around the club. Hopefully the word will spread and more inactive members will become activated.

One of our goals will be to get quality active members, not a quantity of members. With the help of the officers and active members we will go through a three step process to define, recognize and reward active members. We want men to join because they and their families want to be an active part of the organization. We don't want men joining just to get scholarships, half price room rentals, to play golf or softball. You'll be hearing more about the three step process in the coming months in the newsletters and at the meetings.

I look forward to the continued support of the many active members and their wives. This is a great organization with great people which does a lot of good for many. If you're not active—come out and join us. Ask what you can do. There's a job for everyone and you'll find out we have a lot of fun doing what we do.

Sincerely,  
John Haug Sr.

## From the Faithful Navigator



**M**y first order of business is to thank Steve Connolly for another two years of dedicated service as Faithful Navigator of our Assembly. Also, thanks to the officers that assisted Steve and our Assembly. I am very grateful of the fact that most of the officers stayed with us to continue serving.

The installation of officers will be August 15th. A sign-up sheet will be going up soon. Please keep watching the bulletin board! As in past years, dress for the occasion is formal. (Tuxedo or suit.)

I am proud to announce that Rev. Chris Comeford has accepted my invitation to serve as our Faithful Friar for the year. Please make Father Chris feel welcome with his new duties here with our organization, as well as Pastor at St. Elizabeth Parish.

We have another two chances to do what I consider the “most important” duties of an Assembly. We have an invitation to stand Honor Guard at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine at the

closing of the Novena on August 5th. Also, we have an invitation to have an Honor Guard at St. Marks church in Venice August 16th at the 9:00 am Mass in Memory of the Deceased Knights from Venice. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Sir Knight Carl Petty has agreed to supply us with lunch after the 4th Degree meetings. For this I am very grateful as I hope the rest of you are also. Don't hesitate to give praise when due!!

Maryville Assembly 1758 is hosting their annual Steak Dinner on Monday, August 24, 2009. Please sign-up if you plan on attending so I can notify them how many of us will attend.

In closing, let me challenge every brother knight, regardless of degree, to “get involved!”

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; Corey Bronnbauer, PFC, Army Reserves, Granite City; 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, Kentucky.

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## From the President of the Ladies Auxiliary

### HAPPY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LADIES AUXILIARY

We had a WONDERFUL celebration on July 18th for the Auxiliary Charter 25th Anniversary. Auxiliary members Diane McIntyre, Gert Petty, Joyce Jenness, Jane Freeman and Paula Long planned a TEA PARTY that was everything a Lady could ask for. We had some of the original Charter members in attendance. Some of the Ladies came dressed in their hats and fancy dresses. The finger foods were outstanding and the entertainment was delightful! Mr. Lou played the keyboard of great songs and Father Larry sang to the hearts of the Ladies. Each of the Charter Members present were presented with an angel necklace. The theme of the Tea Party was "Charter Members are the Heart of the Auxiliary." If not for these Ladies and their constant hard work, we would not have what we have today. We owe them a great deal of THANKS.

We had NO Business Meeting in July as for the Installation of Officers. Due to that occurrence, there is not much to discuss.

The Ladies have started working on the landscape. Thanks go to Marie Gray and Barb Little for their creations in front of the building by the entrance. Very Pretty!

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I wish to extend our Welcome to Father Chris at St. Elizabeth and Mr. Al, a Seminarian interning at Holy Family.

The Auxiliary looks forward to cooperating with the new Grand Knight, John Haug, Sr. and the new Faithful Navigator, George Friedel, as they start their new assignments.

The Auxiliary would like to say THANK YOU to Jim Alsop for keeping the communication of this Council on going by his volunteering to create a newsletter. We wish Vickie all the best in creating the future correspondences for this Council.

The recent Installation of Officers and dinner was very nice and food was great. Thanks, to our new District Deputy, Dave Cruse on his first assignment of installation.

The Ladies Auxiliary sends many wishes for a blessed recovery to Knight Walter Bruch and prayers for his wife, Thelma to help in his recovery.

Next meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Keep promoting Christian Family Life,  
Nancy Diak



**Tea Party  
Pictures**

**Congrats  
Ladies**



## From the Columbus Home Association

**M**ark your calendar for September 12th, KC Family Picnic. I would like to personally congratulate John Haug, our new Grand Knight and George Friedel, our new Faithful Navigator on their elected terms to lead our organization thru some difficult and changing times. I look forward working with the both of you in coming months.

**Building News:** If you currently have a locker over by the gym, you are being asked to contact either George Friedel or myself, so that we may update the usage list. If you have more than one (1) locker that you are using, please combine to just one and remove your lock from the other locker. **We will be cutting locks off of unidentified lockers on September 15, 2009.**

Thanks to those ladies from the Auxiliary that expanded our flower gardens in the front entrance, around the pole sign and the weekly watering to make it **LOOK BEAUTIFUL.**

**Santa Maria Lounge:** Our first Dinner/Show was a success and Elvis (Steve Brandes) performed well. Although I did not make my goal of 120 guests, we only had 91 in attendance for dinner and 96 in attendance for the show.

Our next Dinner/Show is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be in the Lounge and will require the purchase of a ticket. Tickets will be \$15.00 (in advance) and will be on sale, starting August 10<sup>th</sup> until we sell out, due to our limited space in the lounge. Ticket price will include;

## From the Financial Secretary

**O**ur current membership stands at 585 members. This does not include any new members that may be joining at the last meeting of July.

Supreme has changed the rules for Star Council. The new quota is now 7% or 35 members. We now need 35 new members for Star Council versus the 29 required last year. A good place to recruit a new member is at any parish function. Just ask if they would be interested, all they can say is no. It is up to every member to try to recruit.

Thank you, thank you to all volunteers. Just look around at all the volunteers at our council, at our parishes, at all other areas of our lives. Many lives are influenced by the work volunteers do. If you do not already volunteer, maybe now is a good time to try it. There are so many

dinner (Baked pork chops, cinnamon apples, baby red potatoes, soup, roll and dessert), tea or coffee and the show. Soda and alcohol will be extra, in hopes to offset some of our show expenses. Please patronize the bar that evening. The show for that evening will be Swing St. Louis, featuring the 30's, 40's & 50's music era. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm -7:30 pm and the show starts at 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Don't forget about our weekly drink specials in the Lounge, Mondays are \$1.50 Domestic Longnecks, Tuesdays are Frozen Blended Drinks for \$3.00, Wednesdays are \$2.25 mixed drinks (rail liq.), Thursdays is Big Boy Night, \$2.25 for 22oz & 24oz Domestic Beers, Fridays are \$1.00 shots (Rail Liq.), Saturdays are \$1.50 Schnapps shots & Sundays are Big Boy Night for \$2.25 again. Bucket of 12 oz Beer Nights are every day except Mondays for \$11.00.

**Family Picnic Info:** **Date:** Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> — **Time:** 12:00 pm until 10:00 pm — **Where:** On the Back Parking Lot — **Lunch:** 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm — **Dinner:** 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm — **Music:** 6:00 until 10:00 pm

Don't forget to check out the web site for upcoming calendar of events @ [gckc.org](http://gckc.org)

Thanks to all, for your support,  
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opportunities in helping others and you will get a great satisfaction out of doing good works.

A couple of reminders. I am still maintaining the list of 4th Degree Bingo workers. The 4th Degree Bingos do not have Team Captains. Without them, it does no good to tell anyone you will not make your designated Bingo.

Therefore you must find a replacement if you cannot make your Bingo. It would be very good to have Team Captains but no one has stepped forward. If anyone would be interested, please talk to any of the 3rd Degree captains to get the specifics on their duties.

Also, please inform me of any address or phone number changes.

Larry Ruder  
Financial Secretary 931-2706

# FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 12th  
12:00 pm — 10:00 pm

Something for everyone.



Food, games, fun.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board. All attendees must sign up.

Please come, bring your family and enjoy a day of great camaraderie.



Prizes and music.

# August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4th Degree Bingo	3	4	5	6	7 Wilbur/Alsop Bingo	8
9 4th Degree Bingo	10 Columbus Home Mtg.	11 Business Meeting	12	13	14 Petty Team Bingo	15 4th Degree Installation 5:30 pm
16 Honor Guard St. Mark's 9:00 am  Ball Team Bingo	17	18 4th Degree Ladies Auxiliary	19	20	21 Friedel Team Bingo	22 Columbus Home Dinner
23 4th Degree Bingo	24 MV Steak Dinner 6:30 pm	25 Social Meeting	26	27	28 Domagalski Team Bingo	29 Communion Mass St. Mary's Madison 4:30 pm
30 4th Degree (Ball Team)	31					