

## The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLUE SPRINGS, MO

St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus Council #14745

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## The Grand Knight's Corner

My Brother Knights:

I would like to talk about one of the goals of our Council and that is the Star Award. The award is the highest award a council can earn and it is based on very specific requirements of service, new member recruitment and support for our Order's Insurance program. A "sub-award" on the way to earning Star Council is the Columbian Award. To earn the Columbian Award, we must complete four projects in each program area: Community, Church, Family, Youth, and Pro-Life. At this time we have completed all of the requirements for the Columbian Award. The next step is to meet our new member recruitment goal. Based on the size of our council, our goal is three new members of which we have successfully done. The last requirement is for at least three members that currently do not have any KofC Insurance or annuities to purchase insurance or an annuity from the Knights of Columbus. I believe this could amount to a minimum of one hundred dollars. Do not quote me on that number. The insurance representative can tell you the amount. As of now I don't know if we have met that quota. I'm not pushing this, but Knights of Columbus Insurance is a direct extension of the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney's vision to help protect the widows and families of Catholic members. That being said, if you have bought a Knights of Columbus policy this fraternal year (7/1/13-6/30/14) please contact me. I am not interested in the details, that's private—I'm simply trying to get a count on how close we are to attaining Star Council! If you are interested in purchasing insurance please contact Kevin Palmer, his contact information is listed at the end of the news letter.

Matt Genasci has volunteered to check into CPR classes with the fire department. He has also contacted a company that sells defibrillators. Fr. John reported that the Church has purchased a new one. Look for sign ups in the future to learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Thank you Matt and Fr. John!

Ron Rey is our April Knight of the Month. Ron has been our Family Activities Director for the past couple of years. Ron has been helpful in many other departments as well as for the Church in general, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, yard work, cooking, ask him he probable has helped in some way or another. Ron requested to step down as Family Director because of physical problems. He has said he could help out doing paperwork. Collecting money etc. Thank you Ron for all of your hard work!

I want to thank all the Bingo workers. Our council would not be in the financial shape we are in without their dedication! Ken Yunker is stepping down from bingo to pursue the District Deputy position in July. Bob Drake and Tim Kahmann are joining the team to rotate every other month. Welcome brothers and thank you for stepping up!

Thanks for all that helped out with the fish dinners. Great job everybody and especially Wendell who chaired the events and dedicated a lot of time in to making them a success.

Dates to remember—Please checkout the calendar on the last page and pick a project!

Peace be with you and thanks be to God,

*Tommy,* Grand Knight

2013 — 2014 Officers

#### Officers:

Tom Webb - Grand Knight
Fr. John Bolderson - Chaplain
John Milosevich- D. G. Knight
Frank Hays- Chancellor
David Bruns - Warden
Richard Adriano - Recorder
Mike Meyers - Treasurer
Wayne Ratzburg - I. Guard
George Smith - O. Guard
Wendell Vice - Financial Sec.
Henry Marsh - Advocate
Ken Yunker - 3 Yr. Trustee
Don Portz - 2 Yr. Trustee
Juan Hinojosa - 1 Yr. Trustee

#### **Directors:**

John Milosevich—Program Director David Bruns —Membership Dir. Frank Hays—Church Activities Dir. Frank Hays—Prolife Activities Dir. Matt Minx—Youth Activities Dir. Bob Drake—Community Dir. Ron Rey—Family Activities Dir. George Smith—Council Activities Dir.

# Officers & Directors Meeting

May, 6th, 7:30 p.m. (1st Tuesday) St. Robert's Parish Hall

# Next Council Meeting

Apr. 9th, St. Robert's Parish Hall Approx. 8:00 PM (after Lenten Services)

## **Church Activities**

My Brother Knights,

As we past the halfway point of Lent I want to remind you of some opportunities to strengthen your Faith as well as help those in need. We have a busy month filled with opportunities, I pray you will take advantage of several!

## Wednesday Simple Supper and Pray Service:

We only have one Wednesday evening Simple Supper and Lenten Prayer Service remaining, next Wednesday. Supper is at 6pm followed by a prayer service at 7pm. With our monthly meeting to follow.

#### \$40 for Lent:

Have you made your contribution yet? As the sponsors of this program, it's up to us to set the example! This self-denial program is asking for each of us to give up just one dollar a day during Lent for the less fortunate. The reason we are asking for money is to assist our Food Pantry replenish non-food items that are less-often donated.

## What about May (our Mother's month)?

The month of May will be dedicated to Pro-Life. We will kick the month off with the "Baby Bottle Campaign" where our parish families will be encouraged to accept a baby bottle from us and over the month of May, fill it with money. The funds will then be used to purchase additional sonogram machines for our Pregnancy Centers across the state of Missouri.

On Mother's Day we will again be providing carnations for a donation with the proceeds going to Right to Life.

God Bless,

Frank Hays, Church Activities Director

## **Community & Family Activities**

### **Feed the Hungry:**

On Saturday, April 12th, once again, our Knights will travel to the Blue Springs American Inn to provide a compassionate meal to those less fortunate. Equipped with a variety of delicious deserts donated by the Women's Ministry, we will serve a Hy-Vee catered meal to those families that find themselves forced to use this motel as their long-term residence.

If you would like to be part of this experience, please meet at the Parish Center at 4pm to help load the tables, supplies, and deserts to take over to the motel. Once set-up, we will begin serving the residence at 5:30pm. If you have questions please call me at 578-4774 or Email at <a href="mailto:hmarshjr@gmail.com">hmarshjr@gmail.com</a>. Please consider joining us!

God Bless,

Henry Marsh, Council Advocate

## **Special Olympics:**

If you are available, on Saturday, April 26th, Special Olympics needs volunteers to help with the KC Metro Area Spring Games. They will be held at the Lee's Summit North High School. The games run from 8am til 5pm., but of course you do not have to signup to help for the entire day—any help is very much appreciated! If interested contact Bob Drake at <a href="mailto:bob.drake@gdsengr.com">bob.drake@gdsengr.com</a> or go to the Special Olympics Missouri website at: <a href="mailto:somo.org">somo.org</a>

## 4th Sunday Breakfasts:

Don't forget our 4th Sunday breakfast that is co-sponsored by the Men's Ministry and the Knights on April 27th. Please sign up to help when the list comes out.

#### **Parish Fish Dinners:**

Well, this year's dinners are a thing of the past, but they were a huge success by all standards. Many people attended and enjoyed a well planned meal of fish and shrimp with at least 5 sides, as well as a dessert and beverage. The price was right. Many pre-sale discounted tickets were snatched up by our parishioners for themselves and their guests. The Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry and the Knights teamed up to make these events run smooth. Plenty of help, plenty of food, and plenty of good times. Thanks to all.

Wendell Vice, Fish Fry Chairman & Financial Secretary







## Knights of Columbus Founder's Day Celebration—125 Years of Service

## St. Robert Bellarmine Council—5 Years of Service to our Parish

On March 29th our Council and the Parish celebrated our 5th year as a KofC Council by attending the Saturday 4pm Mass followed by refreshments. The evening's celebration continued with several KofC families going to dinner and attending the Mavericks

hockey game.















My Brother Knights:

Thanks to Wendell Vice, we now have found a local company, R&R Buttons, that will provide our KofC "dress shirts". While the prices are only a couple of \$s less per shirt, we can get all sizes, many more color selections, we do not have to pay any shipping charges, and we keep our money in the community.

These polo shirts are a 35/65% blend of cotton and polyester. They come with our embroidered KofC emblem, Council Name, number and your first name. Wendell is wearing Royal Blue. While there are many colors to choose from, the larger sizes (above XL are the ones with 4 dots). To date we have members with, White, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, and Kelly Green.

The cost is \$27 for S, M, L, and XL. Us "portly" guys have to pay a little more-(\$29=2XL, \$30=3XL, \$31-4XL & \$32-5XL). Since these will be customized with your name, we will need your money upfront.

If you are interested, please let Wendell know the following information if you wish to place an order:

Your full Name:		_ (Ken Yunker)		
Name you want name?)	embroidered on the shirt	(Ken, Kenny, nick-		
Shirt size:	(S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL,	, 4XL, 5XL)		
Cost:	( \$27= S,M,L,XL, \$29=2XL, \$	\$30=3XL, \$31-4XL & \$32-5XL)		

Would you rather have long sleeves? Add \$6.00 to the cost.

Long Sleeve: Yes (Please circle if you want Long Sleeve)

The following information and check can be given or mailed to Wendell Vice.

Wendell's home address is:

Wendell Vice 8816 S Shrout Rd. Grain Valley, MO 64029

If you have any questions, please contact Wendell via: Email at wjvice99@comcast.net, or By phone - 220-9327



APRIL 2013								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	7	1 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Cen- ter	2 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm KofC Leads Stations	3	4 Fish Dinner 4:30- 7:30pm, Parish Center	5 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Parish Center		
6 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	7	8	9 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm Council Meeting- After Lenten Services Parish Center	10		12 Feed the Hungry 5:30-7pm, American Inn		
13 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday Mass-7pm, Adora- tion,8-10pm, Night Prayer-10pm	18 Good Friday Morning Prayer-9am, Passion Service 7pm	19 Holy Saturday morning Prayer-9am, Easter Vigil-8pm		
20 EASTER Sunrise Service- 6:30am, Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt- 10am	21	22	23	24	State Convention, Jefferson City	26 State Convention, Jefferson City Special Olympics, KC Metro Area Spring Games (somo.org)		
27 State Convention, Jefferson City Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Parish Breakfast, 9 & 11am Masses	28 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	29	30	K OF C				



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Apparently our local KofC Insurance rep has moved on. In the interim if you are interested in learing about the benefits of KofC Insurance, or need immediate assistance, you can contact Kevin Palmer and he will service our council until a permanent field agent is hired.

<http://www.kofcmocw.org/> Missouri Insurance website <http://www.kofc.org/> Knights of Columbus Supreme website

Also, if you are interested in a possible career change, listed below is contact information on applying to be a KofC Insurance Representative for the BS and LS areas.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Sales
Representative for a career
opportunity representing their insurance program in your area. We offer a
complete benefits package with this full-time,
professional level earnings
potential position. In order to qualify, one
must be eligible for
membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, visit our Uknight Agency website at <a href="http://www.kofcmocw.org/">http://www.kofcmocw.org/</a> www.kofcmocw.org
If interested, email your resume to Gary
Struemph, General Agent, at
<a href="mailto:gary.struemph@kofc.org">gary.struemph@kofc.org</a>

#### For the Good of the Order

We pray for

- ...all the unborn and especially the aborted.
- ...an increase in vocations.
- ...our brother Knights and their families that are ill or in distress.
- ...the families of all our fallen brothers.

#### **Grand Knight**

Tom Webb tjwebsite@sbcglobal.net

**Financial Secretary** 

Wendell Vice wjvice99@comcast.net

Insurance Field Rep
Opportunity

