



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

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The Grand Knight's Corner

2013 — 2014 Officers

Brother Knights:

I recently had cataract surgery that hindered my reading abilities, therefore I asked Ken Yunker to reside over the meeting last month. Thank you Ken.

One of the highlights of the meeting was welcoming Fr. John Bolderson to the Council. Not only is he the Chaplain, but our priest as well. Fr. John didn't ask for much when he got here. He just asked us to fix the back porch and especially the steps leading out to the yard. Ken Yunker, Frank Hays and myself rebuilt the steps on the 4th of July.

This month I'm looking forward to completing the yearly calendar. Most events have already been established from years past. New and old dates have to be approved by the Council officers and the Church office.

One of the dates is the annual Council picnic. Henry and Nina Marsh are again giving their home for an afternoon-evening of food and fellowship on August 17th, starting at five pm. All members and their families are encouraged to come. The Council will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish and your favorite drink.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson congratulated our Council on the successful Forty Dollars for Lent drive. His letter will be read at the August meeting.

God Bless and fraternally yours,

Tommy

Venerable Michael J McGivney, pray for us!
St. Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

Officers:

Tom Webb - Grand Knight
Fr. John Bolderson - Chaplain
John Milosevich- D. G. Knight
Frank Hays- Chancellor
David Bruns - Warden
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Mike Meyers - Treasurer
Wayne Ratzburg - I. Guard
George Smith - O. Guard
Wendell Vice - Financial Sec.
Henry Marsh - Advocate
Ken Yunker - 3 Yr. Trustee
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Directors:

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

Officers & Directors

Meeting

Aug. 13th, 7:30 p.m.

(2nd Tuesday)

St. Robert's Parish Hall

Next Council

Meeting

Aug. 14th,

St. Robert's Parish Hall

KofC Rosary - 7:00 PM

Business Mtg. - 7:30 PM

(Refreshments following
the Meeting)

St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus Council 14745 Website

<http://kofccouncil14745.shutterfly.com/>

Our site it is a member-only site, the first time you go to the site you will be required to register and create a password. Please consider joining. Over time this site will become a great place to build our Council's history, share information, photos, etc.

Chaplain's Chat

My Brother Knights:

As the "new" pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine my first concern is to find out what the members of the parish family need from me. That means I have to be sure that there are structures in place that make it possible for individuals to express their needs and concerns. If someone wants bells at mass, or the singing of the litany during Easter, or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament there has to be a way of making those ideas known in an orderly way. Simply expressing them to the pastor is not enough. This is not just the pastor's parish--it belongs to us all. Accordingly, I am learning how the parish communicates, one to another.

In the past I have found that the five major areas of parish life--liturgy, social, justice, education, and property (including finances)--are most effectively examined by various lay led committees or commissions. For example, the liturgy council has representatives of those who have served the parish as liturgical leaders. These members of the parish are most aware of how things have been done and what things are most effective. They should meet as a group a few times each year and be well enough known to the parish as to provide a way for individuals to bring their ideas to a group for discussion and recommended of courses of action. Then the ideas proposed by the liturgy council are presented to the Parish Council for final approval. The Parish Council, along with the pastor, then proceed to act upon those recommendations.

The same process is used for each of the other areas of parish life. While this may seem long and over institutionalized, it actually divides the work and makes it more possible to deal with many more concerns. Not every idea will be accepted. However, every idea will be considered and given a fair hearing.

The parish is not the private domain of its priest. The pastor leads the parish but does not rule it. Most issues are not matters of doctrine or finances. Those areas are more properly the responsibility of the pastor. However, the financial issues of a parish require the wise advice of a finance council. This is required by the universal canon law of the Catholic Church. The finance council advises the pastor and does not represent the parish. That is the job of the Parish Council.

I realize that this structure may take a few months to put into place. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the widest parish ownership of the entire parish will be shared by every member of the parish family. In all of this I will rely on the support of those groups within the parish that have demonstrated their dedication and loyalty. Among the most important of these is the Knights of Columbus. I shall be leaning on you good men and count on your loyal Catholic fraternity and support.

Fr. John

Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Parade, Sept. 14th, 9AM



Calling all Parents and Grand-parents:

Once again our Knights will march in the BSFFF Parade with a great addition. Brother Paul Gros' dad is bring his train which has room for (depending upon size) 10 to 12 children (3 to 10 yrs. Old). WHAT A KODAK MOMENT! We already have 4 slots filled.

Please contact John Milosevich, August 1st through the 11th (443-5483), or Tommy Webb after the 11th (847-6852).

We will need the parents' name and phone number. (The parent can walk along with them if they want too)



So that we have enough candy for the kids along the parade route, we are asking every member to donate 10lbs of individually wrapped bite size candy. If you can't do 10lbs then how about 5? What ever you can afford to do will be greatly appreciated. We're asking you to bring it to one of our meetings. If you are unable to make it to a meeting you can call John Milosevich at 443-5483, or Tommy Webb at 847-6852 and we'll make arrangements to pick it up.

On behalf of the little ones along the parade route, we thank you in advance!

Membership Report

As the new Membership Director, I would like to encourage all Brother Knights to always be looking for opportunities to recruit new members to our council. Any man 18 and older, and a 'practicing' Catholic, is welcome to join. You can find pamphlets and other Knights publications at the entrances to the church to help in explaining what the Knights are all about.

I believe with the addition of Father John as our Council Chaplain, and of course as our new Pastor at St. Roberts, more men will be interested in becoming a Knight - and I know Father John will be a vocal champion in this pursuit.

Please let me know if you have any prospective candidates. I will love to speak with any 'recruits' that might have questions or be interested in joining. You can contact me by Email at: dbrunskc@att.net or by phone, 229-5656.

Fraternally yours,

David Bruns, Membership Director



1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees in Harrisonville



Several of our members are traveling to Harrisonville this Sunday, August 4th.

Candidate Wes Condron will be receiving his 1st Degree and later in the day, his 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Brothers:

- Joe Gimmarro,
- Chris Bamman,
- Chris Fox, and
- Randy King

are planning on also attending to receive their 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Any 3rd Degree Knight wishing to go and observe the degrees and support these brothers please meet in the lower church parking lot a little before 11:30am this Sunday. If you plan on meeting us there, the ceremony will be at Henderson Hall, 2700 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Please arrive before 12:45pm.

Council Family Picnic, Aug. 17th

Once again Henry and Nina Marsh have offered up their house to host our annual KofC family picnic. Saturday, August 17th is the date. We can gather anytime after 5:00 pm to eat and enjoy each other's company until around 8:00 pm. The council will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. Each member and family are responsible for their favorite beverage and a favorite dish or dessert, to share. The rule is bring enough for your family and to share with others. The Marsh' do not keep leftovers, so please plan to take home what you brought. They appreciate the generosity, but with just two people in the house they wind up throwing food away. Paper plates, cups, and plastic ware will be provided by the council.

Henry and Nina's house is on the lake and has a dock, and they have one basic rule - No small children, or non-swimmers are allowed near the lake or on the dock without wearing a personal floatation life vest. They do have a few life vests, but no guarantee they will have the right size. Please do not bring fishing gear to the picnic. The dock is small and if people are swimming it could be a problem. Their address is C-63 and you enter through Gate 2. Gate 2 is off of Colbern Road, 1 mile east of Highway 7. Enter gate 2, drive down about a 1/2 mile, turn left in front of the real estate office, C-63 is an Off-White house on your left as you are facing the lake. If there is no parking at the house you may park in front of the real estate office. See you at the picnic.

Church Activities Report

In cooperation with the Women's and Men's Ministries we have been leading a Parish Rosary before the 9am Mass each week with growing attendance.

With Father's approval we are now expanding this program to include the 11am Mass as well.

Beginning Sunday, August 11th, we will lead Rosaries at 8:30 and 10:30am. Now that we have taken on this mission, we need volunteer leaders. Anyone, Knight or family member that would like to lead a decade is welcome. We have handouts that make it very easy.

Please contact Frank Hays, 578-4806, Wendell Vice, 560-5919, or Kenny Yunker, 229-2587 for details.

Community Activities Report

Missouri Special Olympics Area Bocce Ball Tournament

Brother Richard Adriano has volunteered to chair the MOSO area bocce ball tournament on Saturday, September 14, at Sports City, 425 NE Mock Ave, Blue Springs.

The competition is scheduled from 1 PM to 8 PM. He is looking for volunteers to work 3 to 4 hour shifts. Spouses and other family members are encouraged to help supervise and officiate the developmentally disadvantaged competitors from our area.

While this event is the same day as the Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest parade he is hoping we can help MOSO with a few volunteers. The parade starts at 10 AM and usually ends around noon. To signup please contact Richard at 229-8573 or by Email at: richardadriano@concast.net

As Knights, we have a special commitment to assisting the mentally disadvantaged. Please consider volunteering; this is one of those opportunities that can be a great "life lesson" of service for your children!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Report of Service Program Personnel (#365) - Due 8/1/13 Semi-Annual Council Audit Report (#1295) is due				1	2	3
4 Rosary Before Mass 8:30am 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees - Harrisonville 11am & 1pm	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	12	13 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	14 Council Rosary, 7pm Council Mtg, 7:30pm Parish Center	15	16	17 KofC Family Picnic Henry Marsh's Home 5pm
18 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Coffee & Donuts, 9 & 11am Masses Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	26 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	27	28	29	30	31



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"A WAY OF LIFE"

When was the last time your wife went shopping for the day and left you to mind the children? How would you handle this responsibility, day after day, plus having to work?

When I ask this question, I find that most of our members have closed their minds to this possibility. Unfortunately, it does happen. No man likes to place a monetary value on

his spouse. However, money is the only thing that will give you a fighting chance to keep a semblance of a home for your kids should anything happen to your wife.

Many insurance men call it "wife insurance". I like to call it "way of life" insurance.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

Fraternally ours,

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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.

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