



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

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The Grand Knight's Corner

2013 — 2014 Officers

My Brother Knights:

As we go through the holiday season, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's, there is a lot to do and think about.

Thanksgiving, as we know, goes back to the Pilgrims. There are other Thanksgiving celebrations that go way back using a different terms and dates. We celebrate ours as a meal and gathering together of friends and family. Thanksgiving is also a time of giving thanks. I am thankful for a lot of things, so many that you may have some of the same. One of those is having a family and a home to live in, which brings me to the Holiday meal the Knights are serving to the less fortunate that don't have a home.

I know you as Knights are compassionate and aware of these families and would do more if it were possible. Also remember our Flood of Joy Christians that need our help as well. Our ten-dollar donations will go a long way in meeting their needs.

I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Thanks be to God,

Tommy
Grand Knight

Officers:

Tom Webb - Grand Knight
Fr. John Bolderson - Chaplain
John Milosevich- D. G. Knight
Frank Hays- Chancellor
David Bruns - Warden
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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

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

Next Council

Meeting

Dec. 11th,
St. Robert's Parish Hall
KofC Rosary - 7:00 PM
Business Mtg. - 7:30 PM
(Refreshments following the Meeting)

Help Our Catholic Youth and Future Knights!

Don Allen the State Columbian Squires/Columbus Girls Chairman has asked me to tell all of you that they are in need of old ties. Yes that is OLD TIES!! Just think, that old tie you received for a Christmas present that you never liked??? What a great way to "donate" it to a great cause!!

Bring them to your meeting this Wednesday and your District Deputy will take them to the mid-year State KofC meeting.

Tim Beussink
State Youth Director
Missouri Knights of Columbus

Membership Report

My Brother Knights:

Please welcome Brothers George Soliz & James Dunkin, new transfers to our council. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting!

UPCOMING DEGREE DATES:

- Tuesday December 10, 2013 at Lee's Summit, there will be a 1st Degree. We have two candidates scheduled to take their first degree that night: Tim Kahmann & Daniel Bales. They need to be there by 6:30p.m. If you are able to attend and support these new candidates, we will be leaving from the St. Robert's parking lot at 6:00p.m. Please try and make it.
- The next 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees will be Sunday, January 26, 2014. We will have two or three candidates taking their 1st Degree and several brothers taking their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Those members that have only taken their 1st Degree should mark this date on their calendars and try to complete their journey to full Knighthood in our Order.

Please let me know if you have any additional prospective candidates. I would love to speak with your 'recruits' concerning questions they might have. You can contact me by Email at: dbrunskc@att.net or by phone, 229-5656.

Fraternally yours,

David Bruns,
Membership Director



Christmas Project for the Homeless



My Brother Knights:

For the past three Christmas seasons we have helped a Kansas City, Kansas Church that ministers to the homeless in downtown Kansas City, Kansas: The Floods of Joy Missionary Baptist Church. Originally we were helping with toy and clothing drives.

Last year we had to redesign our program to meet their needs. Their building was robbed of its copper electrical wire and plumbing causing a great deal of water damage and the building was considered unusable. But rather than suspend their ministry, they began working out of a vehicle. Of course this meant they had no storage. So rather than toys and clothing we requested our membership donate \$10 per KofC family.

Our Chairman, Brother Hays, arranged for a significant discount at one of our local thrift shops. This allowed their pastor to bring his parishioners out to Blue Springs and receive much more value for our donated dollars.

This was such a huge success their Pastor has requested we follow the same formula this year.

If you wish to participate, you can make your \$10 (or whatever you can afford), tax-deductible contribution to our Council (either check or cash) to Mike Meyers, or myself by **Sunday Dec. 15th**.

God Bless,

Frank Hays
Church Activities Director

Church Activities Report

KofC Family Communion Sunday, December 29, 2013 11am Mass

My Brother Knights:

We are continuing our newest KofC Council 14745 tradition. In months that have five Sundays, we will join our Brother Knights and their families in celebrating our Catholic faith by attending the Holy Mass as a "**KofC Council Family**".

Since December has 5th Sundays, we will celebrate together on December 29th. Since we are rotating the assigned Mass each time, this month we will attend the **11am** Mass .

If you can make it, we will start our celebration at 10:30am with Brother Knights leading the Rosary. If you are not able to make it that early, please join our group when you and your family arrive. We will try and sit together in the Center - left pews.

Please wear your Knights of Columbus shirt. If you haven't received your shirt, please contact Ken Yunker at kyunker@swbell.net

Fraternally yours,
Frank Hays, Church Activities Director

Family Activities

Breakfast With Santa

My Brother Knights,

Saturday, December 14th, we will be cooking and serving the breakfast for our Parish youngsters as they come to visit Santa. I will need 5 or 6 Brother Knights to help. We begin serving at 9am, so please try and arrive around 8:30am.

Please call me at 229-0783, or email me at rrey3@att.net, to let me know you are coming.

Blessings,

Ron Rey,
Family Activities Director

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



St. John Lalande KofC Council 6506 Trivia Night



My Brother Knights,

Are you interested in an evening of Trivia fun where you are not working the event? Well, St. John's Council is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday Evening - January 18, 2014. You might even get some ideas on how we can improve ours.

You can either go to their council website at www.kofc6506.org and click on the Trivia Night link or go directly to www.triviaknight6506.wix.com/kofc.

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	2	3 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	4	5	6	7 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Parish Center Feed the Less Fortunate, 3pm-6pm, American Inn
8 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	9	10 1st Degree, Lee's Summit Council Meet at St. Robert's, 6pm	11 Council Rosary, 7pm Council Mtg, 7:30pm, Parish Center	12	13	14 Breakfast w/ Santa, 8:30am
15 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Coffee & Donuts, 9 & 11am Masses	23 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am KofC Communion Mass, 11am	30	31 New Year's Eve	KofC Family Communion Mass, 11am. Knights and their families should try and at- tend the 11am Mass and sit as a group.			



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"Scrooge Didn't Believe"

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it warm feelings of family ties, and joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others. That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come. This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection.

Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

Fraternally yours,

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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.

Grand Knight

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