



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

St. Robert Bellarmine
Knights of Columbus
Council #14745

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The Grand Knight's Corner

2012 — 2013 Officers

My Brothers Knights:

February again sees the Knights out front sponsoring Parish activities of both a Spiritual and community nature.

Along with our Brothers of the Men's Ministry, we were instrumental in adding the Rosary as part of our Parish's Sunday liturgy. Hopefully with yours and fellow parishioners support, this will become a tradition for years to come. The Rosary will start at 8:25am every Sunday.

Because of space conflicts, you saw our organizations adapt our annual Super Bowl Chili dinner to a "Chili-To-Go" event with great success and we still have our annual Trivia Night with all signs pointing to another evening of fun for all that attend.

On Wednesday, February 20th, the Knights will host the first Simple Supper of this year's Lenten season followed by Knights leading a Stations of the Cross service. Will you be there?

As Knights, Lent offers us a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal if we will only take advantage of it. When was the last time you spent just 15 minutes in prayer outside of Sunday Mass? When was the last time you attend a church service other than to fulfill your Sunday obligation? When was the last time you were to Confession? I know when I asked myself these questions a while ago, I didn't think much of my answers.

One of the great gifts God has given us, is the ability to change, to make amends. It is never easy, it's not suppose to be! Our basic nature always wants to take the easy path, the one that puts "ME" before God and my brother. But where does that lead, fleeting happiness maybe, happiness that is momentary and soon gone.

If that sounds like the treadmill you are currently on, then try a different path. Make this Lenten Season mean something on your spiritual journey. Examine your prayer life and try to join us on Wednesdays starting with Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent. If that's not possible, find other opportunities to commune with our Lord. The Catholic Church has given us a great gift in Lent, if only we are willing to accept it!

God Bless and fraternally yours,

Kenny

Venerable Michael J McGivney, pray for us!

Officers:

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

Directors:

Tom Webb—Program Director
Volunteer Needed—Membership Dir.
Frank Hays—Church Activities Dir.
Frank Hays—Prolife Activities Dir.
Paul Gros—Youth Activities Dir.
Volunteer Needed—Community Dir.
Ron Rey—Family Activities Dir.
George Smith—Council Activities Dir.

Next Officer & Director Meeting

February 5th, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall

Next Council Meeting

February 13th,
St. Robert's Parish Hall
Approx. 8:00 PM
(after Lenten Services)
**(Refreshments following
the Meeting)**

Membership Activities

My Brother Knights,

Congratulations to Jim McCauley who took his 1st Degree in January. As most of you know, Jim has been a key member of the Men's Ministry and the "Key to Success" with the annual Golf Tournament raising money for the Parish Food Party. Please welcome Jim into our Order!



Please congratulate Todd Polk & Bob Drake. These Brothers took their 2nd and 3rd Degrees during January and have achieved full Knighthood in our Order.



Membership Recruitment



While attending the first degree at St. Thomas Moore, I couldn't help noticing their display case of six back to back Double Star awards (this means they doubled their new member goal). This year they have already recruited eight new members and now need eight more to make Double Star again. Now that is an outstanding accomplishment.

We should at least make our goal a Single Star, this would require three new members over any that we suspend for nonpayment of dues. Supreme is asking Councils to recruit one member a month. I would like to quote a phrase from the book Rediscover Catholicism page 30 (one of our programs we supported this year) A reporter once asked Gandhi why he had never become a Christian. He answered, "If I had ever met one, I would have become one." Brothers keep this in

mind when you talk to or meet people that you are a Knight.

This month is our annual state-wide membership drive (The Bishop's Blast), on February 16-17. Please encourage your fellow male practicing Catholics (18 and older), to consider joining our Order. Please take time to participate. We will be handing out business cards with our web site and contacts. I will need help handing our cards before all the Masses and talking to prospective members after all the Masses in the Parish Center. If you wish to catch up on some of the things we have done in the past, we have a pamphlet for you.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

I'm starting to notice that many members are not wearing their KofC shirts or name badges at our official functions. Our organization is a big part in the Parish and it helps with recruitment for our fellow parishioners to see our active involvement. Be proud of wearing the symbol that represents yourself as a member that helps so many charity programs. When working as a bingo volunteer, we are under the Optimist Club and should not wear a KofC shirt. Consider wearing yours anytime you're involved in a parish function, I try to remember to wear mine when ushering. Remember, every member should have one of our grey "work" council shirts. If you do not have one, please contact Kenny. We also have "dress" shirts that can be ordered (see page 7). We want you and our council to be recognized. I can't tell you how many times I've been told thank you for what you're doing.

We are more than half done with our programs for this fraternal year. Thanks to all the volunteers that made that possible. Grand Knight, Ken Yunker and myself filled in for two of the director positions - we shouldn't have to do that! My hope is that somebody steps up to fill them. Ron Rey, Frank Hays, Paul Gros, and George Smith has done a wonderful job in their respectful departments. We continue to need more help - please volunteer!

Peace be with you,

Tom Webb, Deputy Grand Knight & Membership Director

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Kansas City Airport Hilton
8801 NW 112th Street
Kansas City, Mo. 64153
816-891-8984
April 20, 2013

There will be an exemplification of the Fourth Degree held in Kansas City, Mo. on Saturday April 20, 2013 at the Airport Hilton. Cost is \$79 plus tax per night. Deadline is April 1, 2013.

Our Honoree this year will be Father Christian Malewski. He is the pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Harrisonville. He is also the Missouri State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

The schedule for the day will be:

Registration of Candidates.....9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.
Candidates in Place.....11:30 a.m.
Exemplification.....12:30 p.m.
Mass..... 4:00 p.m.
Banquet..... 7:00 p.m.

All applications must have the candidate member's number and date of First Degree, the Candidates name, the signatures of the Financial Secretary of his Council, Navigator and Comptroller of his Assembly. He must be a 3rd Degree Knight. The first two pages of the application, along with the full initiation fee, shall be sent to the District Master (by the Navigator), and must be received no later than April 1, 2013 to allow sufficient time for printing of the banquet program and arrangement of banquet seating. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. Since signatures are often difficult or impossible to decipher, please enclose a type written or printed list of candidates and proposers with the application.

The initiation fee is \$70.00 for laymen and Deacons and \$37 for Clergy. This fee will cover the social baldric, a lapel pin, 4th Degree certificate, and one banquet ticket. A suspender baldric will be available at a cost of an extra \$10.00. The cost of additional banquet tickets for wives, friends or other members is \$32.00 each. Enclosed is a banquet reservation Form to be used by all members and candidates to order additional banquet tickets. Please copy this form as needed.

Forward all completed banquet forms to **Charles Bernskoetter, PSD, Secretary to the Master, no later than April 1, 2013.** The official attire for candidates is black tuxedo, black bow tie, white formal shirt and black shoes. It will be the candidate's responsibility to make prior arrangements for the purchase or rental of his attire. Because the Honor Guard Regalia includes a tuxedo and many social events that your assembly will sponsor may also require a tuxedo, you may wish to consider purchasing a tuxedo for this purpose. We ask that as many Honor Guard members as possible dress out for the Degree, the Mass, and the Banquet. Much help will be needed.

Reservation forms for the Ladies Tea is enclosed.

Items to remember:

- *All membership applications to Master by April 1, 2013
- *Banquet reservations to PSD Charles Bernskoetter by April 1st
- *Ladies Tea reservations to Nancy Meiron by April 6, 2013.
- *Tuxedo rental due to Anderson Rental by April 13, 2013.

Please feel free to make any necessary copies of this letter or enclosures as needed.

I look forward to a great degree in Kansas City and will appreciate all your assistance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Tony Braun, PSD
Master, Missouri District
631 Sun Valley Dr. N
Arnold, Mo. 63010
636-287-6659
e-mail: francisbraun@sbcglobal.net

Enc: Banquet form
Ladies Tea form
Tuxedo Rental Info

BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM
Kansas City Exemplification

Charles Bernskoetter
Secretary to the Master, Missouri District
5203 Glovers Ford Road
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
573-635-4289

Please reserve _____ places at the **Fourth Degree Exemplification Banquet, Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Kansas City Airport Hilton Hotel.** **If you are a candidate, the above number should include you and your guest, even though you have paid your banquet fee with your candidate fee, to the Master.**

Check enclosed for \$ _____ for _____ tickets at \$32.00 each.

Name: _____ Candidate or Member
(Circle one)

Guest _____ Council# _____
Assembly# _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone#(_____) _____

Make checks payable to: **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree**

ALL SEATS WILL BE RESERVED:
Please remit by deadline of April 1, 2013.

Tables will seat 8. We will make every effort to seat you with the group you request if sent in by deadline. Reservations received after the deadline will be accepted, but we cannot guarantee group seating after that date.

Tickets may be picked up from the Secretary on the day of the Degree.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
LADIES TEA

Saturday April 20, 2013
12:00 p.m.

Kansas City Airport Hilton
8801 NW 112th Street
Kansas City, Mo. 64153

Ladies Tea will be in Shawnee B

Dress for the afternoon is business casual

Please join us for tea, entertainment and fellowship.

Ladies are invited to snack, drink and have fun in the Hospitality rooms before the Tea.

To reserve your spot, please send reservations to:

Nancy Meiron
1000 Knocke
Raymore, Mo. 64083
816-820-6109

Name: _____ **Auxiliary#** _____

Knights Name: _____ **Assembly#** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Reservation deadline is April 6, 2013.

For questions, Call Nancy Meiron
816-820-6109

Tuxedo Rental

Anderson's will offer a Tuxedo Rental package including coat, trouser, pleated lay down collar shirt with black studs and links, black bow tie, cummerbund, black suspenders, formal shoes and socks for \$65.36 with tax. If the candidates wish to purchase a used Tuxedo, the above package will be available to them for \$163.40 with tax. With the Exemplification being April 20, 23 should probably give candidates a deadline date of April 13, so we aren't rushing around at the last minute trying to run down measurements, etc. **I prefer that Tuxedos are paid for in full when we take the order so we aren't dealing with the money at the hotel Saturday morning.**

For Councils in the immediate KC area, if they have at least 6 guys needing Tuxedos, we also make appointments, and the candidates are welcome to come to my office for measurements. **Be sure to make an appointment, so we can be sure to have someone here.**

In the past, we tried to deliver all of the Tuxedos that were purchased prior to the exemplification, so these candidates could come dressed if desired. The **rental** tuxedos will be brought to the hotel to a salon designated by the Knights' 4th Degree staff, where the candidates are assisted with getting dressed in a timely fashion. Once the event starts we lock up the salon room and reopen around 9:30 PM until 12 midnight to give rental customers an opportunity to return that evening. We then reopen Sunday morning at about 7:30 AM until 10:30 AM for the balance of the rental returns.

For the candidates located out of town, they can go to a Tuxedo store or Menswear store for measurements. Then they can forward a measurement card to us along with a check to Anderson's Formal Wear, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway Suite 221, Kansas City, 66115. The candidates can call us at 913-321-8920 and ask for Dennis or Bobbie with questions. Please be sure all information on the card is filled out completely, especially phone number, so if we have a question, we can contact the candidates.

Dennis L. Gerber

dgerber@AndersonsFormalWear.com

1401 Fairfax Trafficway

Kansas City, Mo. 66115

913-321-8920

Council Activities



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.

We will be taking orders between now and our January 9th meeting. We plan on putting our order in after that meeting. Please let Wendell know the following information if you wish to place an order:

Tropical Pink	•	•	•	•
Hibiscus	•	•	•	•
Red	•	•	•	•
Burgundy	•	•	•	•
Maroon	•	•	•	•
Banana	•	•	•	•
Gold	•	•	•	•
Texas Orange	•	•	•	•
Orange	•	•	•	•
Light Stone	•	•	•	•
Stone	•	•	•	•
Coffee Bean	•	•	•	•
Light Blue	•	•	•	•
Ultramarine Blue	•	•	•	•
Mauve Blue	•	•	•	•
Mediterranean Blue	•	•	•	•
Royal	•	•	•	•
Navy	•	•	•	•
Purple	•	•	•	•
Eggplant	•	•	•	•
Lime	•	•	•	•
Mint Green	•	•	•	•
Kelly Green	•	•	•	•
Court Green	•	•	•	•
Clover Green	•	•	•	•
Dark Green	•	•	•	•
Bark	•	•	•	•
Steel Grey	•	•	•	•
Cool Grey	•	•	•	•

Your full Name: _____ (Ken Yunker)

Name you want embroidered on the shirt _____ (Ken, Kenny, nickname?)

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



FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Parish Center To-Go Chili 4pm Mass
3 To-Go Chili 9 & 11 Masses	4	5 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	6	7	8	9 Trivia Night 2:30pm Set-up 6pm Doors Open
10	11	12	13 Ash Wednesday Council Meeting, After Lenten Service, aprox. 8pm, Parish Center	14	15	16 4pm Mass Bishop's Blast Re- cruitment Drive
17 9 & 11am Masses Bishop's Blast Re- cruitment Drive	18	19	20 Simple Supper, 6pm Stations 7pm	21	22	23
24 Parish Breakfast, 9 & 11am Masses	25	26	27 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service 7pm	28		



**Jeremy Radford, FIC,
MDRT - Field Agent
(816) 769-0596
Jeremy@radford-kofc.org**

"TAX TIME AGAIN"

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the age old cliché about two things we must do.... although the timing should certainly bring it to mind. This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all of our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere....the grocer, the mortgage, and the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's left-over... and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing

for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue - food, shelter, and clothing - even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this...it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate- when you consider that your family will be without any income should you die. With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Please call me to set up an appointment.

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy
(816) 769-0596
Jeremy@radford-kofc.org

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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