



# The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELERMINE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

St. Robert Bellarmine  
Knights of Columbus  
Council #14745

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## The Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights,

As we start a new year with our Charter, I look back almost two years ago when we began to form this council. For myself, it's not been easy, filled with a myriad of tribulations: frustration, disappointments, set backs, and much more, but I never gave up!

As you frequently heard me say over and over: "I can not do it by myself" - and I didn't have to! It took the support of ALL of You to make it happen, and it did happen because of your unselfish support. All of you helped me achieve my goal of starting a Knights Council in this Parish. There are not enough words that can express my thanks for making this happen. Now, we must look to the future and see how great our council is to become. I for one, know that it will be!

God Bless

Juan E Hinojosa  
Grand Knight  
Council 14745  
Saint Roberts Bellarmine

## 2010 — 2011 Officers

### Officers:

**Juan Himjosa - Grand Knight**  
**Ken Yunker - D. G. Knight**  
**Eugene Mantzey - Chancellor**  
**Chris Mattix - Warden**  
**Dan Sbisa - Recorder**  
**Mike Meyers - Treasurer**  
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**Brad Wood - O. Guard**  
**Henry Marsh - Financial Sec.**  
**John Milosevich - Advocate**  
**Tom Webb - 3 Yr. Trustee**  
**Carol LaJaunie - 2 Yr. Trustee**  
**John McEntire - 1 Yr. Trustee**

### Directors:

**Ken Yunker—Program director**  
**Eugene Mantzey—Membershp**  
**Ron Rey—Church Activities Dir.**  
**Paul Gros—Youth Activities Dir.**  
**Volunteer—Community Act. Dir.**  
**Volunteer—Council Activities Dir.**

**January 9, 2011**  
**11 a.m. Mass**

## Knights of Columbus Council 14745 Charter Presentation & Celebration

Please join your fellow Knights and their families as we celebrate the "official" formation of our Council.

Wear your KofC Shirt if you have one.

Light refreshments to follow Mass  
12 noon, Parish Center

### **Next Officer Meeting**

**January 2th,**  
**10:15 a.m.**

**St. Robert's Rm. 124**

### **Next Council Mtg.**

**January 12th**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**St. Roberts Parish  
Center**

## Membership Director's Report

My Brother Knights,

Our Council is so new and so small that we need everyone of us working to grow our Council. Each of us needs to recruit our Catholic friends. As a Council we will either succeed or fail based not only on the number of new members but also how involved they become and we stay involved.

We have several 1st Degree ceremonies coming up in the next few months. Let's focus on getting new members signed up and ready to take their Degree on one of the following dates:

January 19, February 1, 27, and March 8, & 20.

**1st Degree members**— Please hold open Sunday, March 20th to take your 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Several of us will be attending with you.

Please call myself, Ken Yunker, or Juan Hinojosa if you need recruitment materials and to refer prospective members.

Fraternally yours,

Gene Mantzey, Membership Director, 816-228-8950

## **Church Activities Director—Ron Rey**

My Brother Knights:

The weekend of January 15 & 16th is "Roses for Life" weekend. As Knights we will ask our fellow parishioners to stand with us as we send a united message to Washington in the fight against abortion. We need three or four volunteers to man the doors at all the Masses on Sunday, January 15th & 16th to pass out paper "Roses for Life". These roses will then be sent to a Congressman signifying our "political" position against this dreaded evil.

So that I can be sure of having each Mass properly covered, please call or Email me and let e know which Mass you can cover. You can reach me at 229-0783 or [rrey3@att.net](mailto:rrey3@att.net)

Merry Christmas & Happy and Blessed New Year!

Ron

## **Parish Breakfasts the Fourth Sundays of the Month**

As you know the Men's Ministry and the Knights have responsibility to host the Coffee & Donuts on the fourth Sunday of each month. On Sunday, January 23rd, we will begin to provide a hot breakfast for the Parish instead of coffee and donuts each month. The intent is to provide another opportunity for Parish fellowship that is an alternative to coffee and doughnuts.

The Men's Ministry will be responsible for setting up and fixing breakfast for the 9 a.m. Mass and the Knights will be responsible for preparing breakfast for the 11 a.m. Mass and doing the clean-up. My Brothers, this is a BIGGER commitment than we previously had with coffee and donuts. We will need more help than in the past. Please consider helping with this parish event. To volunteer, please contact Dan Sbisà, at 229-8287 or Email [dan.sbisà@gmail.com](mailto:dan.sbisà@gmail.com)

Brother Knights,

As the end of the year is coming to a close, I need to remind everyone that our annual dues are not tax deductible, but our donations to charities are - such as the RIB. If you need information what you gave for 2010 please send me an e-mail - [hmarshjr@embarqmail.com](mailto:hmarshjr@embarqmail.com). "Contributions, gifts, etc., paid or given to the Knights of Columbus, St Robert Bellarmine Council, 14745, are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes."

Thank you.

Henry Marsh, Financial Secretary

### **Better Communications**

When possible, we try to use E-Mail to keep our members better informed of upcoming events, requests for volunteers, or other various notices. We currently have 38 members on our list. Please send your email ID to **Henry Marsh** [hmarshjr@embarqmail.com](mailto:hmarshjr@embarqmail.com)

**This will save your council expense and improve your knowledge of what's going on!**



## Youth Activities Director—Paul Gros

My Brother Knights,

We are tentatively slated to conduct our annual Basket Ball Free Throw Contest for our Parish Youth on January 29th at the St. John LaLande parish gym. I am still working out the details with the St. John's Council that has graciously agreed to allow us to conduct our program along with them. This will get us both some valuable OJT and a warm gym! I will need a couple of volunteers to assist with the judging—overall we are only looking at a couple of hours. Please give me a call at 224-0867 or Email [paul@insitegroup.net](mailto:paul@insitegroup.net)

to volunteer.

Our winners will advance to the District 55 competition to be held on Feb. 12, at 9 a.m., at Holy Spirit's gym in Lee's Summit.

Happy New Year!

Paul

## KofC Council 14745 Christmas Spirit Alive and Well!

Even though as a Council we did not have time to set up a "formal" Christmas donation program, we had two Brother Knights take it upon themselves to organize, collect, purchase, and delivery multiple loads of clothing, food, and gifts to the needy of the inner-city Flood of Joy, Missionary Baptist Church.

Brother David Lehning, a manager for the Frito Lay Company, offered our Council as a distribution organization for his regional organization's annual toy collection that is part of their national program. He organized his team of 9 route managers, collected the toys and financial contribution, purchased additional toys and delivered them to where Brother Frank Hays could pick them up. Brother Frank has had a long relationship with the Flood of Joy Church and he and his family have made it an annual Christmas project helping this faith community that is always in need. As soon as Thanksgiving is over he and his family begin collecting clothing, dry goods, and then closer to Christmas, food etc. and then deliver the multiple loads the week before Christmas.

These two Knights have developed the game plan for what I hope will become our annual Christmas community program.

Happy New Year,

Ken Yunker

## Support for our Primary Fund-Raiser

Brothers, it is time to commit to the Optimists for next year's volunteers. This is our main fund-raiser; without it we could not do the work we do without being in a constant fund-raising mode. Please consider donating 4 hours on six different Sundays over the next 12 months—that's all! It's the easiest money we could ever earn. Please call Matt Minx at 697-4175 or email him at [matt.minx@sprint.com](mailto:matt.minx@sprint.com) to volunteer. We also need a couple of Brothers that would be willing to be an alternate a couple of times a year to fill in for a Brother that can't make their assignment.

Fraternally yours,

Matt Minx

## What Should Our Meeting Nights Look Like?

In November we began the discussion on how we want our regular business meeting nights to look. Unfortunately, do to time, we were not able to discuss the topic at our December meeting. Please think about that and be prepared to discuss it at this month's meeting.

We will always have an hour or so of Council business to conduct and that will follow a specific protocol, but beyond that, we can structure the evening as we wish.

Just a few ideas:

- Pray the rosary before or after the meeting,
- Have a meal before the meeting,
- Have a meal after the meeting,
- Have light refreshments after the meeting,
- Breakup into smaller groups to play various board or card games after the meeting,
- Other possibilities?



**Council Activities Report**

Have you gotten your KofC Council Shirt?

We have M, L & XL for \$ 7.00 and XXL for \$ 8.50.

Contact Ken Yunker to reserve your shirt.

We will also have them at the monthly meetings.

Ken Yunker  
229-2587  
or email:  
[kyunker@swbell.net](mailto:kyunker@swbell.net)

**Important Dates  
Please Mark Your Calendar**

**St. Robert's Men's Group  
Prayer Breakfast & Meeting  
Jan. 8, 8a.m. Parish Center  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**KofC Council Charter  
Presentation Mass  
Jan. 9, 11:00 a.m., Mass  
Knights and their Families  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Charter Celebration  
Jan. 9, Following the  
11:00 a.m., Mass  
Light Refreshments,  
Parish Center  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting  
Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**Roses for Life  
Jan. 15 & 16, Following all  
Masses  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council 6506 Trivia Night  
Jan. 22, 6 p.m.  
St. John LaLande**

**Parish Breakfast  
Jan. 23, After 9 & 11 Masses  
Men's Group has set-up &  
the 9 a.m. Mass  
KofC has the 11 a.m. Mass &  
clean-up, Parish Center  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Level Basket Ball  
Free Throw Contest  
Jan. 29, Time-TBD  
St. John's Gym**

**St. Robert's Men's Group  
Prayer Breakfast & Meeting  
Feb. 5, 8a.m. Parish Center  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Officer Meeting  
Feb. 6, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124  
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting  
Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Robert's Parish Center**

**District 55 Basket Ball  
Free Throw Contest  
Feb. 12, 9 a.m.  
Holy Spirit Gym, Lee's Summit**

**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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