



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

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Council #14745

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The Grand Knight's Corner

2013 — 2014 Officers

My Brother Knights:

Looking back and finishing the year with December, we see that end-of-year goals were met: Raising funds for the Flood of Joy Church and Feed the Less fortunate. In the last six months we supported and raised funds for several programs, too numerous to mention in this short message.

Thanks to the many volunteers, especially the bingo volunteers. January brings us to the Roses for Life Campaign. We will be handing out paper roses and getting signatures to send to our lawmakers. Here are a few stats I got from the Mariner. In the 1980's there were 23,000 abortions a year. In 2012 that number has declined to 9,027. The weekend of January 4th and 5th we will be collecting signatures to bring more awareness to our fight to end abortion. The Meet Life Campaign is also helping by raising funds for ultrasound machines. When abortion minded women meet their unborn child and hear the heartbeat, 90% of them choose life. Our council is currently looking into the Baby Bottle Campaign, which funds are used to support this program of putting an ultrasound machine in every Women's Crisis Center in the State of Missouri.

Dates to remember;

Saturday, February 1st--- Chili Bowl

Saturday, February 8th---- Trivia Night

Thank you and peace be with you,

Tommy

Grand Knight

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

Jan. 7th, 7:30 p.m.

(1st Tuesday)

St. Robert's Parish Hall

Next Council

Meeting

Jan. 8th,

St. Robert's Parish Hall

KofC Rosary - 7:00 PM

Business Mtg. - 7:30 PM

(Refreshments following
the Meeting)

A Note from Our Financial Secretary

My Brother Knights,

I know I sound like a broken record, but I need your 2013 calendar year volunteer hours by January 6, 2014, if possible. These hours are sent to the State KofC for their reports to the Supreme (International) Council. Any hours you devote to voluntary activities at church or the community count and should be reported. Whether you realize it or not, anything and everything you do reflects on the Knights of Columbus as the world's largest Catholic Men's fraternal organization.

Please send them to me at: wjvice99@comcast.net

Wendell Vice, Financial Secretary

Membership Report

My Brother Knights:

UPCOMING DEGREE DATES:

The next 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees will be Sunday, January 26, 2014. We will have two candidates taking their 1st Degree, Matt Genasci & Tony Mesa, and several brothers taking their 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

The Degrees will be at: ST. ANNS HALL, 10113 E. LEXINGTON, INDEPENDENCE, MO 64053, 1st Degree candidates will need to be there by 10:30am and 2nd & 3rd Degree candidates at the hall by 12:30pm. Carpooling will be available. Those attending the 1st Degree need to leave the St. Robert's parking lot at 10am and those attending the 2nd and 3rd, 12 noon.

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:

On December 21, my wife Ruth and I visited the Floods of Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City Kansas to deliver the gift of our Council and Parish. We went with \$1800 in cash donations and a handful of gift cards. Our Council was responsible for \$800 of that amount...thank you. Pastor Bill Harris was very grateful for the gift and assured us that it would be used to continue the blessing in his community.



The year had been one of ups and downs for Floods of Joy. They continue to struggle with vandalism, but many of the neighbors are becoming more vigilant with regard to watching and guarding the Lord's house. Many have become more regular members and have made outward commitments to Christ. Pastor Bill made several acres of land behind the church available for a community garden. Many plots were claimed and tended and the gardeners shared their harvest with all.

There is a new volunteer staff member, Brother Jim Echols, who is working closely with the men in the community to help them understand and keep their commitments to their wives and family. One of the problems in the neighborhood is that so many of the men are in jail or prison and the young boys and girls run unsupervised. Part of his program is working with the adults, but they plan on using some of our gift to fund a program that catches and guides the youth before trouble begins. He is meeting with some resistance but has also had some great successes. He asks for your prayers.

The Floods of Joy Missionary Baptist Church is growing from all these efforts. It was such a blessing to see all that they have accomplished this year. Pastor Bill prayed a great prayer for us and our Parish and we did the same for them. He and his staff are so grateful for your gifts and extend an invitation for us to come and hear the Word with them any Sunday at 11:00.

Pictured in the attached photo are, from L to R, the SRB representative Brad Pitt, Volunteer Delores, Pastor Bill's wife, Pastor Bill Harris, and Brother Jim Echols.

God Bless,

Frank Hays, Church Activities Director

Church Activities Report

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

My Brother Knights:

We had a great turn-out of Knights and their families at our KofC Family Communion Mass.

In months that have five Sundays, we join our Brother Knights and their families in celebrating our Catholic faith by attending the Holy Mass as a "**KofC Council Family**". We will rotate through all of our Parish's Masses.

Our next Communion Mass will be Saturday, March 29th at the 4pm Mass. Please mark your calendars and try to attend with your family.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Hays, Church Activities Director

Family Activities

My Brother Knights,

Saturday, December 14th, we cooked and served the breakfast for our Parish youngsters as they came to visit Santa. Once again, we had an abundance of Knights volunteer their time and we had a good turnout of parish families and children. Thanks again to Mr. & Mrs. Santa, the Women's Ministry, and all the Knights that helped put on a great event for our Parish.

Roses for Life were collected the weekend of January 4-5, and will be mailed to a legislator this month.

Don't forget "Our Super Chili Bowl" Sat., Feb.1- Dine-in and Take-out and Sun. Feb 2 - Take-out.

Blessings,

Ron Rey,
Family Activities Director

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



St. Robert's KofC Council 14745 Trivia Night, Saturday, February 8th



My Brother Knights,

We need your help. February 8th is our annual Trivia Night and if you are not playing with friends and family, we need you to assist with helping us put on a great evening of entertainment. It takes approximately 18 brother Knights to put on this quality event. No previous experience needed, all of the jobs are easy, but necessary to serve our patrons effectively. The proceeds are split between the Parish and our Council and help to defray the costs of our various programs for the Parish and community.

Please attend our January meeting or contact Deputy Grand Knight, John Milosevich, at jjmil914@gmail.com or 443-5483 to volunteer.

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

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 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 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Ministry Prayer Break- fast, 8am, Parish Center
2 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	3	4 Officers' Meet- ing, 7:30pm, Parish Center	5	6	7	8 Trivia Night 4pm Set-up 6pm Doors Open
9 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	10	11	12 Council Rosary, 7pm Council Mtg, 7:30pm, Parish Center	13	14	15
16 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Parish Break- fast, 9 & 11am Masses	24 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	25	26	27	28	2/1 - 2/14 "Super Chili Bowl"



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"Your Business Belongs Here"

Do you know that the Knights of Columbus can take care of your IRA Rollovers, Transfers, and Section 1035 Exchanges? In addition, did you know that the Knights of Columbus offer IRA's, Roth IRA's, and SEP Plans?

Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture?

I would like you to answer three questions:

1. Are you, like most people, interested in saving money?
2. Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods?

3. Take the number of years you've been working, times your average salary. What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answers bother you, I would like the chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about our alternatives - annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs.

Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father McGivney founded the Order in 1882 - taking care of our members and their families.

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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