



# The Knights' Time

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## The Grand Knight's Corner

My Brother Knights:

This month we are celebrating our Independence. Numbers of people in other countries cannot say they are free. Our forefathers fought for rights they didn't have and won. Here is a little trivia. Enjoy!

**Independence Day**, commonly known as the **Fourth of July**, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain (now officially known as the United Kingdom). Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain.<sup>[4][5]</sup> After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.<sup>[6]</sup>

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.<sup>[7]</sup>

Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third President in a row who died on this memorable day. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only President to have been born on Independence Day.

### Observance

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once

## 2014 — 2015 Officers

### Officers:

**Tom Webb - Grand Knight**  
**Fr. John Bolderson - Chaplain**  
**John Milosevich- D. G. Knight**  
**Frank Hays- Chancellor**  
**David Bruns - Warden**  
**Daniel Bales - Recorder**  
**Mike Meyers - Treasurer**  
**Chris Fox - I. Guard**  
**James Dunkin - O. Guard**  
**Wendell Vice - Financial Sec.**  
**Henry Marsh - Advocate**  
**Ron Rey - 3 Yr. Trustee**  
**Ken Yunker - 2 Yr. Trustee**  
**Don Portz - 1 Yr. Trustee**

### Directors:

**John Milosevich—Program Director**  
**David Bruns —Membership Dir.**  
**Frank Hays—Church Activities Dir.**  
**Frank Hays—Prolife Activities Dir.**  
**\*\*\*\*\*—Youth Activities Dir.**  
**Bob Drake—Community Dir.**  
**Chris Bamman—Family Activities Dir.**  
**\*\*\*\*\*—Council Activities Dir.**  
**Shaun Horner—WebMaster**

**Officers & Directors  
Meeting**  
**Aug. 5th, 7:30 p.m.**  
**(1st Tuesday)**  
**St. Robert's Parish Hall**

**Next Council  
Meeting**  
**July 9th,**  
**St. Robert's Parish Hall**  
**KofC Rosary - 7:00 PM**  
**Business Mtg. - 7:30 PM**  
**(Refreshments following  
the Meeting)**

again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.<sup>[13]</sup>

In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.<sup>[14]</sup>

In 1781 the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.<sup>[14]</sup>

In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy." This is recognized as the first recorded celebration and is still celebrated there today.<sup>[15]</sup>

In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.<sup>[16]</sup>

In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.<sup>[17]</sup>



Independence Day fireworks are often accompanied by patriotic songs such as the national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", "This Land Is Your Land", "Stars and Stripes Forever", and, regionally, "Yankee Doodle" in northeastern states and "Dixie" in southern states. Some of the lyrics recall images of the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812

A salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a "salute to the union," is fired on Independence Day at noon by any capable military base.

This month's Knight of the Month is Ken Yunker. Ken of course is our award winning newsletter editor. He volunteered to be the District Deputy for this upcoming fraternal year. This will be his second time serving as a DD. He is a Eucharistic Ministry, Usher, and Past Grand Knight (twice). He is a counselor at Grain Valley High School, Chiefs fan, and he called bingo once a month for our charity fund raiser and participated in several fund raisers. Thank you Ken for your service.

Peace be with you and thanks be to God,

**Tommy,**  
Grand Knight

P.S. Thanks to all of you that participated in moving, cleaning, changing book holders on the backs of the chairs and removing again. Can't mention all of you but just some of the many volunteers were: Shaun Horner and his Young Marines, Mark McCaffery carrying a chair in each arm, and of course, Frank and Ruth Hays leading the project. You all played an important role and I thank you! What a great job Brother Knights!

# Trustee's Report

My Brother Knights:

Please congratulate your new Council Officers!

On June 11th, at our General Business Meeting, we elected the following Brother Knights to lead our Council for the next fraternal year. Please support them in their efforts to support our God, our Parish, and our community!

Fraternally yours,

**Ken Yunker, 3 Yr. Trustee**  
**Don Portz, 2 Yr. Trustee**  
**Juan Hinojosa, 1 Yr. Trustee**  
**2014-2015**

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<b>John Milosevich</b>	- <b>D. G. Knight</b>
<b>Frank Hays</b>	- <b>Chancellor</b>
<b>David Bruns</b>	- <b>Warden</b>
<b>Daniel Bales</b>	- <b>Recorder</b>
<b>Mike Meyers</b>	- <b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Chris Fox</b>	- <b>I. Guard</b>
<b>James Duncan</b>	- <b>O. Guard</b>
<b>Henry Marsh</b>	- <b>Advocate</b>
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Grand Knight Webb, and Deputy Grand Knight Milosevich tell us that there are still some unfilled Program Director positions. Please do not be over-whelmed by the "title"! As a Director you become the focal point for information for those programs, but there is always lots of help in organizing and working the various events. Please search your heart and volunteer to accept one of these positions.

**If not you - then who? If not now - then when?**

## Fourth Degree Installation of Officers and Dinner July 17th

The 4th degree is having their annual Installation of Officers dinner the evening of Thursday, July 17th.

If you are a member in good standing of the 4th Degree, you are encouraged to attend. While there is no charge, you do need to make reservations by July 10th.

If you are available to attend, give me a call to consider car pooling. I will send you the link if you didn't get it.

Grand Knight, Tommy Webb

## Knights Provide two Boy Scout Camp Scholarships

Our Knights of Columbus Council awarded two camp scholarships to help pay the way for two scouts to attend summer camp at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

Adam Ford of Troop 251 and Erik Via of Troop 175 each received a \$150 scholarship.

**Best wishes to Adam and Eric, as they continue on their trail to Eagle Scout!**

Matt Minx, Youth Activities Director

## Financial Secretary's Report

My Brother Knights:

If you did not know, our "KofC fraternal year" begins on July 1, 2014, and will conclude on June 30, 2015. I am in the process of sending out notices. You will see a "bill" for the annual \$30 dues as well as an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of \$7.50 to support our State KofC Religious Information Bureau (RIB). They need our continued help in this area.

Please be prompt in your payment to reduce the need for subsequent billings. That being said, as a Brotherhood, we do not want to put any undue financial burden on a member. If you are unable to send in your payment right now, please let me know---or our Grand Knight, Tommy Webb, what works for you---and when you believe you will be able to send in a payment. I'll put a note in your personal file. As always, discussions and comments are in the strictest of confidence. Fraternally yours,

Wendell Vice, Financial Secretary  
816-560-5919

## Community & Family Activities

**Party! Party! Party!**  
**A Good Old Fashion Pig Roast!**  
**July 13th @ 2pm**

Father is inviting the "Shakers and Movers" of the Parish (The Women's Ministry, The Knights & the Men's Ministry (and their families) down to his "Lake" house for an old fashioned pig roast.

Father is providing the pig and the beer. Please bring lawn chairs, a dish or a desert to share along with anything different from beer you wish to drink.

Directions:

1. Depart from St. Roberts going south on 7
2. At Harrisonville proceed straight to U.S. 49. Go under the bridge and make a left.
3. You are going south on 49.
4. The first exit past Archie is AA (exit 144) make a right onto AA.
5. Immediately go left onto the service road.
6. Go 1/2 a mile and make a right onto the gravel road. Go 2.4 miles to my cabin. (You will cross rail road tracks after 1/2 a mile and then cross another gravel road at .4 miles--continue straight and you will find that the road makes a sharp left turn, continue for .8 miles and you are there.)

The total trip is about 45 miles and takes just under one hour. My cabin is on the hill behind the large pond. There are three red roof buildings. The drive takes you over the damn of my pond.

The pig arrives around 2pm 13 July.

**Father John**

Tropical Pink	•	•	•	•
Hibiscus	•	•	•	•
Red	•	•	•	•
Burgundy	•	•	•	•
Maroon	•	•	•	•
Banana	•	•	•	•
Gold	•	•	•	•
Texas Orange	•	•	•	•
Orange	•	•	•	•
Light Stone	•	•	•	•
Stone	•	•	•	•
Coffee Bean	•	•	•	•
Light Blue	•	•	•	•
Ultramarine Blue	•	•	•	•
Masai 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



P.S. shirts are also available in long sleeve - Talk to Wendell concerning the specifics.

JULY 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	7	8	9 Council Rosary, 7pm Council Mtg, 7:30pm Parish Center (Installation of Offi- cers)	10	11	12
13 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30  Pig Roast at Father's Country Home 2pm  CPR, 12:30pm, Par- ish Center	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	21 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	22	23	24	25	26
27 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Coffee & Donuts, 9 & 11am Masses	28	29	30	31	2014-2015 Fraternal Year Begins Installation of Officers - July	



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Apparently our local KofC Insurance rep has moved on. In the interim if you are interested in learning about the benefits of KofC Insurance, or need immediate assistance, you can contact Kevin Palmer and he will service our council until a permanent field agent is hired.

<<http://www.kofcmocw.org/>> Missouri Insurance website  
<<http://www.kofc.org/>> Knights of Columbus Supreme website

### Did You Know

That as a new KofC member you can become an Insurance member by signing up for an annuity for as little as \$100. Existing members, the cost is \$300. Think about it!

Also, if you are interested in a possible career change, listed below is contact information on applying to be a KofC Insurance Representative for the BS and LS areas.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Sales Representative for a career opportunity representing their insurance program in your area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time, professional level earnings potential position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, visit our Uknight Agency website at <<http://www.kofcmocw.org/>> [www.kofcmocw.org](http://www.kofcmocw.org)  
If interested, email your resume to Gary Struempf, General Agent, at [gary.struempf@kofc.org](mailto:gary.struempf@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

Tom Webb  
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#### Financial Secretary

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