



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

My Brothers Knights:

As I send you my last article as your Grand Knight my emotions are running high. These last 2 years have been a real roller coaster run for me.

While I never stopped believing I would achieve my goal of have this council its Charter before leaving office, there were times I wondered.

I do believe that some of you do not like my way of doing business, but that is just me- after 70 years it is hard to change my ways. I have always made it a point to try and never hurt or offend any one.

I have said this before and I will say it one more time. THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU,

Juan E Hinojosa
Grand Knight
Saint Robert Bellarmine
Council 14745

2010 — 2011 Officers

Officers:

Juan Hinojosa - Grand Knight
Ken Yunker - D. G. Knight
Eugene Mantzey - Chancellor
Chris Mattix - Warden
Dan Sbisa - Recorder
Mike Meyers - Treasurer
David Bruns - I. Guard
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—Membership
Ron Rey—Church Activities Dir.
Paul Gros—Youth Activities Dir.
Volunteer—Community Act. Dir.
Volunteer—Council Activities Dir.

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers for this next Fraternal Year. We ask God's Blessing on these men that they may lead our council in proper support to our Parish, our Community, and our Brotherhood.

July, 2011– June, 2012

Grand Knight	Ken Yunker
D. G. Knight	Tommy Webb
Chancellor	Gene Mantzey
Warden	David Bruns
Recorder	Dan Sbisa
Treasurer	Mike Meyers
Inside Guard	Brad Wood
Inside Guard	John Milosevich
Outside Guard	Frank Hays
Advocate	Ed Newlin
3 Yr. Trustee	Juan Hinojosa
2 Yr. Trustee	John McEntire
1 Yr. Trustee	Carroll LaJaunie

Next Officer Meeting

(1st Sunday of Each Month)

**June 5th,
10:15 a.m.**

St. Robert's Rm. 124

**Next Council
Meeting
June 8th,
St. Robert Parish Hall
7:30 PM**

My Brother Knights,

As we bring this Fraternal Year to a close it is time to reflect and celebrate our young Council's successes. It was only two years ago that Juan and a few hearty souls had a vision of St. Robert's having its own Council, and look at us today!

STAR Council is the highest award a Council can receive and we are being told that we meet all the requirements. There are a number of requirements including meeting your new members quota, but the real measure is what has a Council done in the areas listed below, with a minimum of four activities/projects in each area. But awards are only as good as what they represent: in our case—the dedication of a band of brothers committed to doing their part in helping to support our Parish and our Community through acts of charity and service.

I believe the list speaks for itself — we've been a very busy Council this past year! Be proud of what we've accomplished!

Church Activities:

- In participation with Men's Ministry, we have a leadership role in assisting with lawn care and snow removal
- In participation with Men's Ministry, several Knights painted the Parish Center, hallway and vestibule
- Several of our Knights are active in various Church Ministries: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectures, Ushers, etc.
- We provided financial support to the KofC State Missouri Religious Vocations Fund
- We provided financial support and exceeded our KofC State Religious Information Bureau quota (116%)
- We purchased and distributed "A Guide to Confession" pamphlets to all of our parishioners to assist with their Lenten journey.

Community Activities:

- We raised \$ 705 in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities— our portion of the proceeds went to Special Olympics
- Several Knights assisted with the preparation of sack lunches for the local Special Olympics meet
- Two of our Knights organized a Christmas clothing and gift drive for the Flood of Joy, Missionary Baptist Church
- We purchased a wheel chair in support of the KofC State Wheel Chair program

Council Activities:

- Our council marched in the Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Parade
- Our council hosted two Trivia Nights
- Several of our Knights participated and assisted with the annual St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Ministry Golf Tournament
- Our council publishes and distributes a monthly Council Newsletter to all members

Family Activities:

- Our council prepares the food for the annual "Breakfast with Santa" sponsored by our Parish's Women's Ministry
- We enjoyed our annual Family Picnic at Henry Marsh's house
- In participation with Men's Ministry we assisted with our annual parish Super-Bowl Chili dinner
- In participation with the Men's and Women's Ministries we assisted with our annual parish Fish Fry
- In participation with Men's Ministry we assist with the Monthly Sunday Parish Breakfasts

Pro-Life Activities:

- Our council sponsored the KofC annual "Roses for Life" campaign in our parish
- Our council assisted in collecting petition signatures in behalf of Pro-Life legislation
- We sponsored and distributed the "Carnations for Life" on Mother's Day in our parish
- Several Knights are active members on the St. Robert Bellarmine Pro-Life Committee
- We provided financial support to the St. Robert Bellarmine Pro-Life Committee

Youth Activities:

- Membership deeply involved as Adult Leaders with local Boy Scout Troops and at the District Level
- Ten Council members assist on a monthly basis the local Optimist Club raise funds for their various youth projects
- Our council sponsored and contributed \$500 towards a scholarship for a parish high school senior
- Our council supported and assisted in the local portion of the KofC State Basketball Free Throw Contest

**OUR STRENGTH DOES NOT COME FROM EVERY KNIGHT BEING INVOLVED IN EVERY THING,
BUT RATHER, EVERY KNIGHT BEING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING!**

Ken Yunker, Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director

St. Robert Bellarmine KofC Trivia Night Saturday, May 7th

My Brother Knights,

Our Parish Trivia Night was a great success! As the pictures below help to illustrate, we received nothing but compliments from those that attended on how well of a job the Knights did in putting on this event. The Men's Ministry raised \$106 for their charities, while we raised a little over \$140.00 for the Parish, and \$ 280.00 for our KofC programs.

At our last meeting we voted to have one Trivia Night per year targeted for late January-early February. We will coordinate with our fellow Parish Committees in scheduling the date.





Council Activities Report

**KofC State Council
Convention Report**

Henry Marsh and I attended the 110th Annual Convention representing you.

It was quite an eye opener as to how our small council's efforts geometrically explode when multiplied by all the other councils in this state, country, and yes, even the world!

- Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, the state raised almost \$628,000.
- On target to raise \$60,000 for Special Olympics
- On target to raise \$280,00 for R.I.B. (KofC program to spread the Word of God and Catholicism). We also received a free R.I.B. board for displaying Catholic literature at our events.
- Over \$22,500 donated to various Religious Vocations programs throughout the state.
- \$40,000 given out in Catholic Education Grants.
- 82,000 Roses for Life distributed throughout the state.
- Over \$53,000 raised for the Vitae Foundation that supports pro-life advertising.
- 40 wheelchair donations.
- State Ultra Sound Initiative - Place an Ultra Sound machine in every Pregnancy Resource Center in Missouri—purchased 5 this year.

And these are just our State highlights!

We are making a difference!

Ken Yunker
Deputy Grand Knight

**Important Dates
Please Mark Your Calendar**

**St. Robert's Charity
Golf Tournament
June 4, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
Country Creek
Hoots Hollow Course**

**Officer Meeting
June 5, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
June 8, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall**

**Officers & Directors
Planning Meeting
June 28, 7 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall**

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

**Council Meeting
July 13, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall**

**KofC Council Family Picnic
Date to be Determined**

**Officer Meeting
Aug 7, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
Aug 10, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall**

**Officer Meeting
Sept 11, 10:15 a.m., Rm. 124
St. Robert Bellarmine**

**Council Meeting
Sept 14, 7:30 p.m.
St. Robert's Parish Hall**

**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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