



The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINA 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:

This year's fraternal year has only four months left and it is time to begin thinking about electing new officers to carry on. Why is it so hard to get some of you to volunteer to serve as an officer or director? Most will say "I'm too busy". OK - everyone is busy, but if you believe in the work we as Knights do, you find the time! The way our Council is structured, no one person carries all the load: it is shared and no one is overly burdened. Please consider volunteering for an office or directorship. You can contact any of the Trustees or myself.

Speaking of service, Lent is approximately half-over. This is a good time to take stock in how you are doing on your journey towards Easter. It's not too late to rededicate yourself: rededicate yourself to the path of service: service to your family, your church, and your community. As I continue to take plums from Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism", in particular, one excerpt from a John Henry Newman quote especially rang true to me,

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good-I shall do his work." (p. 143)

As Knights, we share that common bond of "I shall do good - I shall do his work." I invite you to join your Brothers as we try to fulfill that mission together.

I hope to see you at our March meeting, and at our Lenten Fish Fry.

God Bless and fraternally yours,

Kenny

P.S. If you are considering taking your 4th Degree, you need to see me for an application to include with the attached information (pages 3-6).

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

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

Next Council Meeting

March 13th,
St. Robert's Parish Hall
Approx. 8:00 PM
(after Lenten Services)

Membership Activities

My Brother Knights,

Last month we held our annual membership drive and we received interest from seven gentlemen. We are currently following up with each person to try and turn interest into a signed application and eventually a Knight. Please continue to talk to you Catholic male friends about joining our order. If you need any literature or help, please contact myself or our Grand Knight.

Fraternally yours,
Tom Webb, Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director.

Council Activities - Trivia Night

My Brother Knights,

We had another outstanding Trivia Night! Based on feedback, I do not believe anyone left without having a great time, including all the Knights that worked the event. Besides raising a little money for our treasury we are able to donate to the Parish a little over \$500.

I want to thank all of you that worked the event, it could not have been the success that it was, without you. I need to especially recognize Ken Horrell, he does an outstanding job for us as the facilitator each year and he's not even a Knight (yet)!

Fraternally yours,
Ken Yunker, Grand Knight

Community Activities - Fish Fry 3/22

My Brother Knights,

Once again as Knights we are going to donate our time frying the fish for the Parish Fish Fry. While the Men's Ministry is responsible for the kitchen, (cooking the baked fish and all the side dishes, plus serving), please be aware that when we say "Men's Ministry" we really are saying us! Almost all of the active members of the Men's Ministry are also Knights with only a couple of exceptions. The sign-up sheet that I keep filling your Email with, has assignments for both areas. Feel free to sign-up for wherever you would like to work, but please, sign up for something - it takes a lot of help to pull this off.

Fraternally yours,
Ken Yunker, Grand Knight

Church Activities - Sunday Rosary & \$40 for Lent

My Brother Knights,

For those of you that are not aware, we've started a new tradition at St. Robert's - a Rosary before the 9 A.M. Sunday Mass. Sundays at 8:25 A.M. a group of us get together and pray the Rosary. Last week we had approximately 25 parishioners participate and each week our numbers grow. Please consider joining us.

Again this year, we are sponsored the "\$40 for Lent" program. The Parish Office tells us that the first three weeks of Lent have been very successful with cash and food donations. This program appears to be second only to the Men's Ministry's Golf Tournament in providing funds for our Parish Food Pantry. The Pantry is currently supporting approximately 80 local families.

God bless,
Frank Hays, Church Activities 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



MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Parish Center
3	4	5 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	6 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm Council Meeting, After Service, 8pm Parish Center	14	15	16 St. Joseph Table
17	18	19	20 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm	21	22 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	23
24 Parish Breakfast, 9 & 11am Masses	25	26	27 Simple Supper, 6pm Lenten Service, 7pm	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
31 EASTER						



Paul Leuschen,
Field Agent
(816) 739-8793
Paul.leuschen@kofc.org

Please let me introduce myself. I'm Paul Leuschen, your new KofC field agent. Jeremy has left KofC Insurance to pursue other interests and I will be picking up some of his councils. Please call me if I can be of any assistance to you and your family. The Knights have an outstanding portfolio of products to meet your individual needs.

When thinking about you financial needs, please consider...

"THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY"

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments - real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts - require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars,

the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying - occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO). Think of that, the ability to secure additional insurance depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis - without necessarily being in good health! This option can be added at issue of a new policy or an in-force policy up through age 37.

Find out how little it cost to guarantee the right to increase your protection. Call me today for an appointment. I am available 7 days a week from 8am to 9pm.

Fraternally yours,

Paul
(816) 739-8793
Paul.leuschen@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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