



The Knights' Time

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BLUE SPRINGS, MO

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Council #14745

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The Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers Knights:

At our business meeting this month we will have elections for this next fraternal year. Please attend and show your support for those men that have volunteered to lead your council for this next year. The Trustees have developed a slate of nominees willing to serve, but as always, open nominations will be accepted and encourage. So that no-one is embarrassed, please verify that the brother you wish to nominate is willing to serve.

This past weekend, Brother Wendell Vice and I represented our council at our State Convention. I am always amazed at how the great things our 40+ members do for our Parish and our community multiplies when combined with the other 44,000 Knights of Missouri.

With each and every program report you could see the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in action. Just one example : A St. Louis Council came up with the idea of handing out baby bottles to raise Pro-Life funds. You hand out an empty bottle and in a couple of weeks you collect it, full of donations. That program was so successful, it has now spread throughout all of St. Louis and will migrate this year to the southern and western parts of our state. The funds are used to buy ultra-sound machines for Pregnancy Resource Centers around the state. These machines are a modern miracle in themselves. The vast majority of the time when a pregnant mother leaning towards an abortion sees their unborn child and hears the heartbeat, she chooses life for her baby. We actually met one of these mothers and her baby!

Take pride in knowing that you are part of a much larger movement focused on supporting our Church and our community, here, across our state, our country, and around the world!

God bless you and your family,

Kenny

P.S. Our June 5th Officers and Directors meeting is open to all. We will be working on our draft 2012-13 budget and business plan.

2011 — 2012 Officers

Officers:

Ken Yunker - Grand Knight
Tom Webb - D. G. Knight
Eugene Mantzey - Chancellor
David Bruns - Warden
Dan Sbisá - Recorder
Mike Meyers - Treasurer
Brad Wood - I. Guard
John Milosevich - I. Guard
Frank Hays - O. Guard
Henry Marsh - Financial Sec.
- Advocate
Juan Hinojosa - 3 Yr. Trustee
John McEntire—2 Yr. Trustee
Carol LaJaunie - 1 Yr. Trustee

Directors:

Tom Webb—Program Director
Chris Mattix—Membership Director
Ron Rey—Church Activities Dir.
John McEntire—Prolife Activities Dir.
Paul Gros—Youth Activities Dir.
Wendell Vice—Community Acts Dir.
Frank Hays—Family Activities Dir.
Volunteer—Council Activities Dir.

Next Officer & Director Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

**June 5th,
7:30 p.m.**

St. Robert's Parish Hall

Next Council Meeting

**May 9th,
St. Robert's Parish Hall
Approx. 7:30 PM**

Trustee's Report

My Brother Knights:

On May 9th at our General Business Meeting we will elect our Council Officers for the next fraternal year. As part of our assigned duties, the Trustees of our Council put forth the following list of candidates for your consideration. While we have confidence in each of these men, this is in no way put forth to discourage a member from nominating himself or a Brother Knight as an alternative. Nominations will be encouraged and accepted from the floor. A Council thrives through strong and active leadership!

Fraternally yours,

Juan Hinojosa, 3 Yr. Trustee
John McEntire, 2 Yr. Trustee
Carol LaJaunie, 1 Yr. Trustee

2012-2013

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David Bruns	- Chancellor
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Dan Sbisa	- Recorder
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John Milosevich	- I. Guard
Wayne Ratzburg	- I. Guard
Richard Adriano	- O. Guard
Henry Marsh	- Advocate
Don Portz	- 3 Yr. Trustee
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John McEntire	- 1 Yr. Trustee

St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus Council 14745 Website

<http://kofccouncil14745.shutterfly.com/>

Have you visited our Website yet. Because it is a member-only site, the first time you go to the site you will be required to register and create a password. I encourage you to join. Over time this site will become a great place to build our Council's history, share information, photos, etc.

Please let me know of suggestions for improvements.

Kenny Yunker

Convention Report

Worthy Grand Knight and Brothers all:

I had the privilege, and honor, this past weekend to represent our council 14745, along with Grand Knight Kenny Yunker, at the 111th MO state council Knights of Columbus convention held in Jefferson City, MO, where I witnessed a moving, sometimes emotional, business packed meeting of energized and focused leadership and delegates from across the state of Missouri. Each was there drawing on the strength of the entire order to find ways to continue to advance the precepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in our country, but more specifically in the state of MO.

After check-in on Friday afternoon, we had the opportunity to get acquainted, in an informal setting, with delegates from other parts of the state to talk about Knights of Columbus programs relevant to each other. Saturday morning, after a prayer service, the general session convened. It was filled with a review of the past year's accomplishments as well as plans for looking forward. The afternoon provided several 'break out' sessions where delegates could learn from others about specific topics of interest. For example, I came away with some ideas on running an effective, and more profitable, tootsie roll campaign to continue to provide needed funds for a new facility at Cardinal Glennon Developmental Center in St Louis, as well as efforts locally, and, from another, ways to 'retain members' in our council. All very worthwhile.

Saturday afternoon mass was a highlight to say the least. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Gaydos of Jefferson City. About 40 members from the Knights of Columbus honor guard team safeguarded this wonderful event by their presence.

At the Saturday evening Official Banquet, Awards were given for Lady of the Year, Family of the Year and various Service Program Awards for councils across the state before John Applebaum, State Deputy, made remarks about the state of the order in MO.

Sunday morning, after a mass held for the remembrance of the fallen Knights, and Ladies Auxiliary, during this fraternal year, nearly 300 of them, we resumed the final part of the general session. We got an update on the Meet Life campaign being conducted by the MO Knights of Columbus where Pregnancy Care Centers, equipped with an ultrasound machine, and staffed accordingly, are opening across the state. The new Mom gets to see her baby on the machine monitor and our prayer is that she chooses to continue life instead of abortion. A facility currently exists in Grandview and Lee's Summit and various other places throughout the state. Ideas were shared on how to effectively fund raise so each of the councils can help increase the number of centers in MO. The goal is to decrease abortions in MO by 50% by the year 2016. The current success rate is impressive and promising.

My brother Knights, our MO state council of the Knights of Columbus numbers 43,000 members, and growing. The leadership is strong and energetic and has laid the groundwork for programs that we will be proud to endorse and support in this coming fraternal year.

It was my pleasure to represent you at this year's convention and I thank you for that opportunity.

Wendell Vice
Community Activities Director

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
6	7	8	9 Council Meeting 7:30pm Parish Center (Election)	10	11	12 Mother's Day Carnations (4pm Mass)
13 Mother's Day Carnations (9 – 11 am Mass)	14		16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Parish Breakfast 9 & 11 a.m. Mass	28	29	30	31		



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"THINKING ABOUT A VACATION"

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter if we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses must still be paid. So you need a vacation fund.

All of this makes good sense. However, isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each year, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you. The only one left is you.... it's time you thought about it.

Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours. After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take.

Call me today and we'll plan it together.

Jeremy

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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