



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:

What a start to May, I can't believe we almost had a "Snow Day" at school because of this crazy weather - well that's Missouri for you!

May is our Mother Mary's month and as Knights we've always held a special place for her in our hearts and a commitment to her Rosary. As part of that commitment, we continue to partner with our Mens Ministry and lead a Rosary every Sunday before the 9am Mass (8:25-8:30 start).

To support this effort, our council purchased "A Guide to Praying the Rosary" and 50 rosaries that are available for parishioners. Parishioners are welcome to borrow and even keep the rosary if they wish.

I consider these rosaries "seed". I am hopeful they take root and grow our Parish's involvement in this Sunday preparation for Mass. It will be interesting to see how long these initial 50 rosaries last and if our Sunday crowd continues to grow!

May is also the month in which we celebrate Mother's Day and life. To honor our Mothers, we will again provide carnations after all the Masses the weekend of May, 11-12. Any net gain from donations will be given to our Pro-Life committee.

Please assist Past Grand Knight Juan Hinojosa after each of the Masses. You simply need to come to one of the exists and help parishioners select the carnation of their choice and if they want to make a donation, put the money in the can. It will only take about 10 minutes of your time, will you please help out?

God Bless and fraternally yours,

Kenny

P.S. I hope to see you at our meeting Wednesday evening and please try and join us for our 7pm Rosary dedicated to Pro-Life.

Venerable Michael J McGivney, pray for us!
St. Robert Bellarmine, 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

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

Next Council Meeting

May 8th,
St. Robert's Parish Hall
KofC Rosary - 7:00 PM
Business Mtg. - 7:30 PM
**(Refreshments following
the Meeting)**

Trustee's Report

My Brother Knights:

On June 12th, 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,

Don Portz, 3 Yr. Trustee

Juan Hinojosa, 2 Yr. Trustee

John McEntire, 1 Yr. Trustee

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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.

If you are not receiving "reminders", then I do not have you set up in the system correctly. Please send me an Email - kyunker@swbell.net so I can get it fixed.

Kenny Yunker

Membership Report

My Brother Knights:

Please welcome our newest 1st Degree member: **Jerry Wade**

Jerry, we are glad to call you brother!



Also, congratulations are in order for four of our brother Knights that received their 4th Degree in our Order.



On April 20, Robert Drake, Todd Polk, Wendell Vice and Tommy Webb each received the honor of the Patriotic Fourth degree, the highest degree of our Order. The Exemplification & banquet was held at the Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. There were a total of 137 candidates which is a much larger class than usual. Also attending the 4th degree was our very own John McEntire as one of the 4th Degree Honor Guard.

The very first 4th Degree Exemplification was held on February 22, 1900, in New York City for 1,000 Knights. There are approximately 300,000 Sir Knights today!

The Honorary speaker at this year's banquet was our State Chaplain, Rev. Christian Malewski. He grew up in several places but settled in St. Joseph Mo., where his parents still reside. His brothers and sisters live in the K.C. area. He is proud of the Knights of Columbus and is eternally grateful for all the help he has received from the Knights, both as a seminarian and a priest. At our banquet table we had the pleasure of having a seminarian, Nicolas, from Conception Abby and his dad, Willard, from Pittsburg, Pa.

In closing, I would encourage all of our 3rd degree members to advance to the 4th degree in the future. It was a great experience.

Membership Director
Deputy Grand Knight
Tommy A. Webb

Convention Report

My Brother Knights:

Deputy Grand Knight Tom Webb and I attended the 112th Annual Missouri State Convention in Jefferson City, MO on April 27-29, 2013.

On Friday, after registering for the convention, we spent time reviewing displays/exhibits by various councils, and speaking with their representatives, about activities that they each conduct within their councils to facilitate fundraising, and fellowship. As well, we learned more about various sports events, including bowling, horseshoes, and golf, planned for the MO state councils throughout the coming fraternal year, which purpose is to promote fraternity and additional fundraising. Council representatives sold raffle tickets for such things as travel, car, grocery store gift cards, and quilting.

We attended a 'convention opening' mass celebrated by Bishop Finn and Bishop Carlson from St Louis.

We attended a planned dinner Friday evening held at the Cathedral parish center for the benefit of that parish's council, and later mingled at the KC hospitality suite back at the hotel.

Saturday morning the general session began at 8am with Brother Tom representing our council as a delegate to the "Election Tellers" committee. There were no election or voting issues, so the committee had 'no report'.

The general session got under way at 8:30am and ran until about 12:15pm when it adjourned for lunch.

During the session, we discussed:

The "tootsie roll" drive for the developmentally disabled and the benefits that go to Cardinal Glennon hospital, and specifically the Knights of Columbus wing, and how they are being used for the autistic patients and those with neurodevelopmental disorders. A new, larger, more patient/family-friendly wing is being constructed with dollars from our many councils' support. We viewed a video of the progress. Impressive.

The Special Olympics, and the relationship The Knights has with them, was reviewed. A father of an enrolled child spoke to the group about the value of our support to his family. It was heartfelt. By-the-way, we learned the Special Olympics is looking for couches in this area.

We watched a video presentation of the success of the 'wheelchair' campaign supported by the Knights. It is worldwide and growing. Because of the volume of interest and number of chairs the Knights buys annually, a \$500 wheelchair is being purchased for \$150. The video showed many individual Knights, and others, personally placing the handicapped person into a 'donated' chair. Moving.

A representative from VITAE, the sponsor organization for the "Meet Life Sonogram Program", spoke to the group about the progress it is making with reducing the number of abortions statewide. They have been instrumental, with our help, in establishing pregnancy centers in several locations across the state. Each site is equipped with a sonogram machine and the requisite talent to demonstrate to the pregnant lady the importance of carrying her child to term. Mobile units, used for interviewing, and screening, abortion-minded women have been strategically set up in front of, or across the street from, current Planned Parenthood sites to intercept and deter abortion-minded women. The program is showing great success.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke, via video presentation, about the many programs the Knights is involved in and encouraged each of us in this year of faith, and in solidarity with Pope Francis, to continue to find new ways to increase our charitable efforts in our parish and our community.

State Deputy Brad Grill, in his address, encouraged each council, among other things, to continue to support the 'seminarian program' for vocations as well as the 'baby bottle campaign' geared to raising funds to purchase more sonogram machines, and develop facilities, for the Meet Life Program effort.

After lunch, the program included several workshops to learn more about areas of interest of the Knights.

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Brother Tom Webb attended a session on "Leadership Training", which consisted of ways of bettering yourself and preparing to lead a group in a positive direction. Organization doesn't really accomplish things - they went over several things that would, like having fun.

While Tom was there, I learned more about the Vitae Foundation (Meet Life Program) and their efforts to get women into the pro-life 'store' and then attended a workshop to find out ways to increase our efforts with the Special Olympics. Should we wish to grow with them, we could help any of the 21 sports venues in their Young Athlete program by volunteering as coaches, or cook for them at one or more of their events, or provide space for them to have the event, etc. We are encouraged to learn more.

Next we listened to Fr. Lukefar present information about Mary, Jesus, and the year of Faith. He pointed out Jesus asks only ONE thing of us. HE offers his body and blood and asks, "do this in memory of me". Inspiring.

Later, a couple of 'field agents' discussed their disappointment in the response they often get from Grand Knights about the Knights insurance programs. The agents offered solutions by suggested they can be valuable supporters of our efforts to obtain new, and retain existing Knights. While there may be exceptions, they profess their primary objective is to "promote the order first" and sell insurance next. They can help with members who have not been active, or not keeping current on dues, or are about to be suspended. They encouraged us to invite them to our events and to be part of our membership drives.

Brother Tom attended the workshop on Retaining Members where the facilitators basically explained that the insurance agent would help the council in retaining members that are on the verge of being let go because of various reasons. They average 65% in successful retention of members. Therefore contact the insurance agent for help. Just a note, the Elks club, and other civic organizations are losing members. While the Knights continue to add members because of the Church.

I took in the session on the MO state website availability and features. Go to WWW.MOKOFC.ORG. Much going on there that can be helpful to the leadership and informative to all brothers. It currently is a public site with no log-in requirements. Look up who our leaders are, what the MO calendar contains, when and where the next degrees are, what happened at this year's convention, etc. You will be reasonably impressed with its improvements. Ongoing.

At 4:30pm we attended an afternoon Mass celebrated by Bishop Finn. Over 65, 4th degree Honor Guard Knights, in full regalia, from across the state of MO, supported this very special mass. Very nice.

The evening banquet was the 'facilitator' to allow the Knights leadership to recognize outstanding achievement throughout the state. Notable speakers included Supreme Advocate John Medalla from Connecticut, State Deputy Brad Grill, Bishop Finn, and others. We didn't get a darn thing.

Sunday morning we attended a Memorial Mass for over 300 member Knights and Ladies Auxiliary that have died during this fraternal year. Each name was read out loud to facilitate our prayers for them.

The final activities of the general session took place from 9:30am to Noon where various reports from committees were read into the minutes. As well, a slate of delegates was voted on to attend the 2013 Supreme Convention in San Antonio, TX. Neither of us will get to go.

We had to sing the opening and closing odes. Good thing we have been practicing that. We sounded good as a group!

Fraternally yours,

Wendell Vice
Financial Secretary

MAY 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Rosary Before Mass 8:25am	6	7 Officers' Meet- ing, 7:30pm, Parish Center	8 Council Rosary, 7:00pm Council Meeting, 7:30pm Parish Center	9 1st Degree Raytown Council, 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff Checkin 6:30pm	10	11 Parish Clean- up 8am Mother's Day Carnations after Mass
12 Mother's Day Rosary Before Mass 8:25am Mother's Day Carnations after the Masses	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Rosary Before Mass 8:25am	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Breakfast, 9 & 11am Masses Rosary Before Mass 8:25am	27	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 vaca-

tion - 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.

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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.

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