



# 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

My Brother Knights:

Welcome to your award winning State newsletter. Every year a council newsletter is selected to be the best in the state. The award was the last one given out at the convention dinner by Publicity Chairman Dennis Buchheit. John Milosevich and I looked at each other in surprised to hear our St. Robert Bellarmine Council 14745 was announced. Congratulations to all that contribute articles to our newsletter!

I'm not going to bore you with a lengthy report on the State Convention that was held on April 25th to the 27th in Jefferson City. Here are some of the highlights:

- Special Olympics received \$47,030.08 from all the councils, \$3,643.50 was the highest donation and \$25.00 the lowest. Our Council contributed \$784.19 for the Silver award.
- The Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities collected \$619,538.91
- Wheelchair drive collected \$14,081.50, which will supply almost 94 wheelchairs.
- Ultrasound machines that are provided by our fundraising resulted in saving 1,600 babies. (The Kansas City inner-city recently opened a pregnancy resource center.)
- In January we distributed over 70,000 roses in over 160 parishes
- State athletics raised over \$23,000 from our state events of golf, BBQ contest, horse-shoes, clay shooting and bowling. (We should consider attending some of these events, they are a lot of fun and the proceeds go to a good cause!)
- State Family of the Year was Eric and Frances Tichy
- Youth of the Year was Clarissa Emanuel, a seventh grade student
- Our own 10th grade essay contest winner was Natalie Pace. Her essay will be in an upcoming church bulletin.
- Our own Benjamin Hays (Frank's Son) received one of three Luke E. Hart Scholarships.
- The state has 934 new members
- Lastly, Kieth Milson was voted in as the new State Deputy

Selected for our Knight of the month is Wendell Vice. Wendell as you know, is our Financial Secretary. I can't say enough of how valuable his position is. He recently organized two fish fries during Lent to raise much needed funds for our different ministries. He serves as an usher and at times leads the rosary before Sunday Masses and before our general KofC meeting. He has helped in serving coffee and donuts on several Sundays, plus the fourth Sunday breakfast. Wendell has donated bottles of water from his business. He helps AARP members do their taxes. Congratulations Wendell for all you do.

Peace be with you and thanks be to God,

*Tommy,*  
Grand Knight

## 2013 — 2014 Officers

### Officers:

**Tom Webb - Grand Knight**  
**Fr. John Bolderson - Chaplain**  
**John Milosevich - D. G. Knight**  
**Frank Hays - Chancellor**  
**David Bruns - Warden**  
**Richard Adriano - Recorder**  
**Mike Meyers - Treasurer**  
**Wayne Ratzburg - I. Guard**  
**George Smith - O. Guard**  
**Wendell Vice - Financial Sec.**  
**Henry Marsh - Advocate**  
**Ken Yunker - 3 Yr. Trustee**  
**Don Portz - 2 Yr. Trustee**  
**Juan Hinojosa - 1 Yr. Trustee**

### Directors:

**John Milosevich—Program Director**  
**David Bruns—Membership Dir.**  
**Frank Hays—Church Activities Dir.**  
**Frank Hays—Prolife Activities Dir.**  
**Matt Minx—Youth Activities Dir.**  
**Bob Drake—Community Dir.**  
**Ron Rey—Family Activities Dir.**  
**George Smith—Council Activities Dir.**

### Officers & Directors

#### Meeting

**June 3rd, 7:30 p.m.**  
**(1st Tuesday)**  
**St. Robert's Parish Hall**

### Next Council

#### Meeting

**May. 14th,**  
**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 11th, 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 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,

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

## 2014-2015

<b>Tom Webb</b>	- <b>Grand Knight</b>
<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>
<b>Ron Rey</b>	- <b>3 Yr. Trustee</b>
<b>Ken Yunker</b>	- <b>2 Yr. Trustee</b>
<b>Don Portz</b>	- <b>1 Yr. Trustee</b>

## Community & Family Activities

### Feed the Hungry:

On Saturday, April 12th, once again, our Knights traveled to the Blue Springs American Inn to provide a compassionate meal to those less fortunate. Equipped with a variety of delicious deserts donated by the Women's Ministry, we served a Hy-Vee catered meal to those families that find themselves forced to use this motel as their long-term residence. Besides Knights, we had several youth and parish volunteers attend to help serve the meal to over 70 residents.

The remaining deserts were used in a parish bake sale to defray the cost of the dinner. Overall, \$829 was donated to this project. All surplus funds over the cost of the dinner will be designated for future Social Justice projects.

Thanks to all that were able to make this a great event.

God Bless,  
Henry Marsh, Council Advocate

### Calling all Golfers:

Our annual golf tournament is Saturday, June 7th, at the Adams Point Golf Club. If you would like to play, please contact David Bruns, he is putting together a Knights team. You can reach David at: [dbrunskc@att.net](mailto:dbrunskc@att.net) or 816-229-5656.

### Not a Golfer:

Consider signing up to help us run the event—no experience necessary! This is a great event with all of the proceeds going to help fund our parish food pantry. To volunteer please contact Jim McCauley at: [mccauleytool@aol.com](mailto:mccauleytool@aol.com) or 816-806-8110.

### Not Available to Work the Event:

Consider buying a Family Pennant. It will fly at one of the golf holes. The pennant would have you family name demonstrating to all the golfers your support for this worthy cause. The cost? \$75 (and you will receive the pennant at the end of the event). To purchase please contact Wendell Vice at: [wjvice99@comcast.net](mailto:wjvice99@comcast.net) or 816-220-9327.

## **KofC Meet Life Campaign: Baby Bottles for Life**

The month of May will be dedicated to Pro-Life. We will kick the month off with the “Baby Bottle Campaign” where our parish families will be encouraged to accept a baby bottle from us and over the month of May, fill it with money. The funds will then be used to purchase additional sonogram machines for our Pregnancy Centers across the state of Missouri.



Here are some helpful facts that will help you understand why this program is so important and help you explain its importance to your fellow parishioners and family:

- 92% of the time when an abortion minded woman meets her baby on the ultrasound screen, sees his little fingers and toes, and hears his heartbeat— she chooses life for her baby!
- The Missouri Knights of Columbus launched the Meet Life Campaign in July of 2011, with the goal of reducing abortions in Missouri by 50% by the end of 2016. Since then, abortions are down 17% in our state.
- Our plan includes placement of 50 new ultrasound machines in qualified pregnancy centers and to provide training of those centers.
- We are also providing strategic marketing to direct abortion minded women to these pregnancy centers before they go to the abortion clinic.
- We estimate that 5,000 babies will be saved each year as a result of our efforts.

We will be asking our parish families for their prayers and their generous contributions to our campaign to help reduce abortions now!

Baby bottles will be available after the Masses during May. We will be asking parishioners to fill their bottle(s) with spare change, bills or a personal check payable to Columbian Charities and to return the filled bottle(s) the weekend of May 31-June 1.

## **Mother’s Day Carnations**

Also, don’t forget that on Mother’s Day we will again provide carnations for a donation. All of the profit will be donated to our local Pro-Life committee.

## **“\$40 For Lent” Update**

Once again our "\$40 For Lent" campaign was a huge success! Besides the pounds of products parishioners donated, we collected \$3,045 in cash and checks and another \$1,000 in gift cards. 100% of the donations have been turned over to our parish food pantry to serve the needs of our local community.

God Bless,  
Frank Hays,  
Church Activities Director

**MAY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p align="center">PRO-LIFE KofC Meet Life Campaign: Baby Bottles for Life Month</p>				1	2	3 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast, 8am, Parish Center
4 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Pass out Baby-Bottles	5	6 Officers' Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Center	7	8	9	10 TMIY Mass, 8am, Catholic Center <b>Mother's Day</b> carnations after 4pm Mass
11 <b>Mother's Day</b> Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Mother's Day carnations after Masses	12	13	14 Council Rosary, 7pm Council Mtg, 7:30pm, Parish Center	15	16	17
18 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Rosary Before Mass 8:30 & 10:30am Coffee & Donuts, 9 & 11am Masses	26 Respect Life Mtg. 7pm St. John's in the Lalande Rm.	27	28	29	30	31



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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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