



# The Knights' Time

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI 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:

What a great time to be a Knight. We just finished up with our most successful Tootsie Roll Drive ever (\$ 1,600+) for the mentally disabled, we are in the process of donating \$800 in gift cards to be used to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys, and we are very active in the support of our parish - bottom line:

**WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE A DIFERENCE!**

What more can anyone ask?

As we continue to try and make that difference, please remember our upcoming projects; our chili dinner to help pay for the new parish freezer, the parish grounds clean-up, our upcoming clothing drive, etc.

I know in my life, and I would guess in most of yours as well, when I focus on trying to ease the pain in someone else's life, my problems don't seem nearly as big or worrisome.

In closing, I hope to see you at our next meeting, I try and keep them short, and then we spend some quality time with good food and fellowship.

God bless,

**Kenny**

## Membership Report

My Brothers,

I am glad to report that we have two new 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights. Brothers Frank Hays and Wendell Vice, both took their 2nd & 3rd Degrees this last Sunday. Please congratulate them the next time you see them.

Have you asked a fellow Catholic man to be a knight this month?

Why not?

Fraternally yours,

Chris Mattix,  
Membership Director



## 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.**  
**Ed Newland - 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)

**Nov. 1st,**  
**8:00 p.m. (after 7pm Mass)**

**St. Robert's Parish Hall**

## Next Council Meeting

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

## Family Activities Report

My Brother Knights,

I have spoken with Pastor Bill Harris from the Flood of Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas about the needs of his flock in the coming winter. In the past, as a Family Activity, we have delivered coats and other warm clothing as well as food, when the donators allowed. Last year a fellow Knight, Dave Lehning, in cooperation with his company, brought a large donation of toys for the kids at Flood of Joy. As always, Pastor Harris is grateful for anything that can come his way this year.

If you are not aware of this church, let me say that it is a church of the homeless. The Pastor works very hard for the folks in the street and relies solely on the generosity of others. Every year, he and his staff do all that they can to feed and clothe as many as possible from their small building. His passion for the homeless and helpless has been inspirational.

One thought he had was that typically, everything has been delivered a few days before Christmas, but in the past couple of years, winter came early and some of the folks were cold and without a coat. My thoughts, and we will discuss it at November's meeting, would be to do two collection drives for this church: a coat and warm clothing drive in November, and a toy and food drive for Christmas in December.

Details will be sent out after the discussion. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to this cause.

Frank Hays  
Family Activities Director

## Community Activities Report

### **Tootsie Roll Drive for those with Developmental Disabilities October 8-9, 2010. UPDATED**

You really stepped up my Brother Knights.

Our council collected about \$1,600 for Missouri's Developmentally Disabled and our local children's charities.

We 'manned' each of the weekend Masses, several Blue Springs retailer sites, and one busy intersection. Your help, and of course the result, was terrific.

### **Thanksgiving Turkeys**

This is a time to be proud that you are a Knight of Columbus! Our Council will make it possible for 80 families (that our Parish food pantry supports) to have a 10 lb. turkey on Thanksgiving.

It made the most sense to provide families with a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card (Pat didn't want 80 frozen turkeys in his office). But each gift card is accompanied with a note from us, "Thanksgiving and turkey is traditional. With this Wal-Mart gift card, the Knights pray you and your family can enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving dinner."

Wendell Vice,  
Community Activities Director

**St. Robert Bellarmine Knights of Columbus  
Council 14745  
Website**

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

My Brother Knights,

We now have our own website. 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.

Now that the site has been created I'm looking for a "webmaster". You would be responsible for managing the site going forward. Please let me know if you are interested. It is very easy and requires only a minimum amount of time.

Kenny Yunker  
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**St. Robert's Chili Dinner  
Saturday, Nov. 5th & Sunday, Nov. 6th**

This is a combined effort of the Men's and Women's Ministries and the Knights to help pay for the new freezer in the parish kitchen.

Some of you may not know, but for our Parish picnic we were actually keeping our frozen foods, frozen, by having 20 lb bags of ice on the bottom shelf - our freezer had become a refrigerator, unable to keep things frozen!

According to the Parish bulletin, we will serve dinner from 5 to 7 pm, Saturday evening, and 12 to 2 pm, Sunday. We will need your help serving and cleaning up. Please try to support and help on one of those days.

**2011-2012 Dues Are Due**

My Brother Knights:

As Grand Knight, I have a financial responsibility to our council. If you choose not to pay your dues, then we will have to suspend your membership: it simply is not fair to those brothers that are paying. That being said, if you are having financial problems and need help paying your dues, please contact myself or Henry—our conversation will be kept confidential. It is not a matter of the money, but of fairness and responsibility!

Our dues are \$30 per year with an additional voluntary requested donation of \$7.50 for the Religious Information Bureau (R.I.B.). This is sent directly to the State Council. Please mail your dues payment of \$30 as soon as possible and please consider adding the \$7.50 donation for the R.I.B. to:

**Henry Marsh  
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Fraternally yours,  
Ken Yunker, Grand Knight

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deadline for Articles submitted for December Mariner Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> . Ken Wehmeyer – Email is <a href="mailto:mari-ner@mokofc.org">mari-ner@mokofc.org</a> .		1 <b>All Saints Day</b> Officers' Meeting 8:00 p.m. Parish Center	2 <b>All Souls Day</b>	3	4	5 Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast Chili dinner
6 <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>	7	8	9 Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Parish Center	10	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 Parish Grounds clean-up
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  Parish Office Closed	25  Parish Office Closed	26
27 Parish Breakfast 9 & 11 a.m. Mass	28	29	30	Christmas Toy & Clothing Drive		



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## "Rendering Pecuniary Aid"

The month of November in the Knights of Columbus is traditionally the time during which we remember our deceased Brother Knights - those that have gone to their eternal reward. Our thoughts also turn, naturally, to those who our Brother Knights that have left behind their widows and children. These are the same people, though of a different generation, who occupied Father McGivney's thoughts in 1882 when he founded the Order.

The first two reasons listed on our charter for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus are:

**"rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members"**

**"rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families"**

My position as a field agent for the Order has evolved from these principles. I am here to help you plan financial security - both for yourself and for those who you may leave behind.

I am not here to sell you insurance because you might die and be a part of our remembrances next November. I am here to sell you insurance because someone else might live.... and I think you love that some-one and would like her to continue to live with dignity. It's not a pretty thought, but picture the first November your loved ones will spend without you.

**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.

**Grand Knight**

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