



# KNIGHTS NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10794  
HOLY INFANT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
BALLWIN, MISSOURI

NOVEMBER 2015

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**Adoration Schedule** (Every Monday from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Holy Infant Adoration Chapel):

11/9	Dan Kuhlenbeck	Mike Utt
11/16	Al Bouckaert	Ken Clemmons
11/23	Paul Mallery	Bob Hoelscher
11/30	Jim Schmitt	Ted Tabayoyong

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## **Grand Knight's Knots**

Brothers,

Thank you all for the Tootsie Roll Drive success with over \$7,500.00 collected. As in past years we will be distributing gift cards to all veterans in appreciation of their service to our nation on the weekend prior to Veterans Day. We will be having a first degree at 7:30 pm prior to the general meeting on November 10. Also, November 29 is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and as is now the tradition we will follow up with the recitation of the rosary afterwards. The Christmas party will be Sunday, December 6, at 5 pm at West County Lanes as was the case last year. Please RSVP to Walter Batz or Ted Salvia by November 24. Please see additional details about the party below. Brother Brossette has graced us with some reflections about the recent Kairos retreat he completed. Please read his submission at end of the newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Fred Lagos

## **Christmas Party Details**

- Knights will pay for the food
- RSVP by 11/24/15 to Walter Batz or Ted Salvia (# of Adults and Kids with ages)
- \$15 gift wrapped for "Rob Your Neighbor"
- Bring wrapped gift for your kids with name (suggest \$15 range)
- If financial problems, let Walter know. Knights will cover the expense.
- Trivia(Christmas) game with prizes for kids and adults

## **October 13, 2015 Knights of Columbus General Meeting Council #10794**

- GK - We started the evening with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and rosary at 7:45 p.m. Then opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
  - The Columbian Fund Committee has some retiring members and some new members. New members were voted on and accepted.
    - Kairos Prison Ministry - we voted to provide \$200 to help with ministry bills.
    - Donut Sunday Oct 11 - some folks showed interest in joining K of C
    - Spoke of a terminated members list, who are still paying for life insurance. List given to Steve Lane to follow up on the folks.
  - Treasurer - report was given.
  - Financial Secretary - gave a report on bills to be paid. We voted to pay them.
  - 4th Degree Assemblies - Tom Wardenburg said 3588 West County Assembly will meet at Holy Infant for next meeting. Bob Hawkins said the St. Louis Assembly will meet at 7 Holy Founders.
  - Steve Lane reported no calls from the Holy Infant Bulleting advertising for K of C.
    - There will be a 1st Degree ceremony here Nov 10th at 7:30 p.m.
  - GK - reported the 2016 Corpus Christi celebration will be on Ballwin Days again.
  - Jim Schmitt gave a report on the dedication of the pro life sculptures
  - Bob Brosette - reported that this weekend is the Kairos prison retreat. Asks for prayers for success.
    - spoke about the success of the Serve St. Louis event this past weekend.

- Walter Batz spoke about what is required of a Family Activities Coordinator. There was discussion about the Christmas party games.
  - also gave the baseball and football pool report.
  - Gift cards for Veterans to be given out on Veterans Day after Masses Nov 7-8.
  - Ray Brune - Bingo this weekend. Team A sets up.
    - There was some discussion about some folks who wanted to get in at a reduced price because they did not want to play bingo, just drink and visit, or come in and share bingo cards.
  - Steve Lane - Developmentally Disabled Drive (3D drive) report. We voted to pay for the Tootsie Rolls so that all collected funds go to charities. (\$468)
    - There is a Children's Hospital event Nov 8, noon-2:00 at Rams Park in Earth City.
  - 3rd Yr Trustee - Bob Hawkins spoke about the need to increase membership.
  - Dist Deputy - Bob Walker gave our quota report. Spoke about various 1st Degree ceremonies coming up. The need to track our service hours. The latest food drive collected 700 pounds of food.
- GK - closed the meeting at 9:15p.m.

Recorder Gene Hanneke

### **10/27/15 Planning Meeting Minutes**

GK Lagos called the meeting to order with a prayer

GK report:

- Discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> degree prior to the next general meeting on Tuesday 11/10. 7 pm arrival, 7:30 degree. New Form 100s can be read prior to the degree if we have any.
- Nov 7-8 after Mass we need volunteers to hand out Lee's Gift Cards to Veterans

Steve Lane stated that the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (recently coined the 3D Drive) set a new record this year with \$7,501.58 collected.

Rich Lacaille discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass and breakfast following on Nov 29.

- Intentions have been reserved for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Masses through 2016 year.
  - We pray the Rosary after each 8:30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass. There are 4 of these and that satisfies our requirement for Church Activities.
  - Suggested window decals with the phrase "In God We Trust" be purchased and re-sold by the council.
- MOTION PASSED that we spend up to \$100 on decals.

Ray Brune warned us of a Bingo violation where we cannot pay our security guard in cash.

Bob Brossette will be training to teach a Finance course prepared by Dave Ramsey which will help people learn to budget.

Joe Strange

- Thanked the Council for their prayers and for the sympathy card sent to his family upon the death of his father in law.
- Mentioned the Christmas Party on Dec 6 at Ellisville Bowl. Discussed the menu and Walter Batz suggested a \$15 gift instead of \$10 gift for the Rob Your Neighbor game and RSVP by Nov 24.
- Suggested that each month, the Bingo 50/50 and tips be earmarked for a certain cause. For example, October, the 3D Drive, for November, St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Fund.
- Suggested soda shelves for the fridge, which would help us see what soda and beer inventory we have for Bingo.
- Stated the Holy Spirit 4<sup>th</sup> degree Assembly meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

Walter Batz

- Read the Football Pool results.
- Led a discussion about the scrip funds and MOTION PASSED that Officers recommend to the council to have Father Stanger and St Vincent de Paul participate in distribution of funds.

Ted Salvia

- Passed around samples of Keep Christ in Christmas and He Is Risen magnets that he would like to buy and provide to parishioners for \$5. Cost is less so this is a fundraiser.
- MOTION PASSED to buy \$200 of the magnets.

Jim Rolwes discussed quotes on Corpus Christi supplies and mentioned the planning meeting is in November. If you would like to participate in the planning process, contact Jim.

Jack Rempe (hello stranger!) read a slate of Officers for the Columbian Association which resulted from the Columbian Association meeting held just prior to the Knights meeting.

GK Lagos closed with a prayer

Steve Lane – Substitute Recorder

## **Kairos Prison Ministry**

Jon Nienas and Bob Brossette were part of the Kairos team of 29 men and 36 residents that participated at the recently completed Menard Kairos Weekend #10. After 2 cancellations in the spring, I think it was a miracle we got in. Menard was on lock down the day before we went in and went back on lock down the day after we left.

This was a very humbling and spiritually rewarding weekend. The residents entered the retreat with various levels of spirituality: some were reading the Bible and practicing Christ's message, some didn't believe in God, others were cautious as to our motives, some there for the cookies, etc. However as we progressed through the retreat we could see several changes in the men:

For the entire retreat, a resident at our table said he did not believe in God and did not read the Bible or any religious material. But participated in discussions, sang and bowed his head to pray when everyone else prayed. Didn't know if any of the talks and power of the Holy Spirit made any impact on him. But, at closing he was the first to jump up and speak. He started by naming his victims by name and said he always prayed for them but could not pray for himself. He broke down in front of 80 men and this just does not happen in prison where weakness is not an attribute to show. He was filled with guilt and could not accept God's love or his forgiveness. His healing can now begin and we look forward to seeing and talking to him at the monthly reunions we have at Menard.

A forgiveness ceremony is held on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning a resident said Correction Officer's were hassling them on the way over to the retreat and were being disrespectful towards Kairos. At first, he was resentful and angry towards them, but our family table used the experience as a teaching tool. He then indicated he would forgive them and pray for them. Great response!!

Another inmate family member after hearing the tearing down the walls talk, reflected on it overnight and significantly trimmed his beard and indicated that was his first step in dismantling his walls as he didn't want to continue looking like a dangerous person

The posters, placemats, prayer chain, letters and cookies made a tremendous impression on the men as it was clear that many Christians were praying for them and that was a powerful impact on the residents. One of the posters made an impression on all of us where the child made the statement "drowning in life, but our lifeguard walks on water."

Christ was with us during the retreat and there was no disputing that many of the residents were in a much better place spiritually. AS one resident said: I am NOT where I want to be, but I am NOT where I used to be!"

Bob Brossette