



Knightly News

Greetings From the Grand Knight

As happens every year we are faced with a busy fall and early winter. We recently completed the Tootsie Roll Drive and the Columbus Day Kids Run will have taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. Deep heartfelt thanks to Tootsie Roll co-chairs Brothers PGK Bob Cunningham and Chancellor Eugene Bringaze, all members who stood on the corners or at establishments, Ladies Auxiliary and Squires for your support as well. It was a truly a Team O'Fallon effort. Through everyone's effort, we collected \$5,304.75. And more thanks to Columbus Day Kids Run Chairman Brother PGK Richard "Foz" Ryan, who has handled this annual event for many years and to all who helped "Foz" in this endeavor. On the immediate horizon are the Children's Halloween Party, Turkey Trot, Memorial Mass, and Wreath Laying Ceremony. I know you all will continue to support these events in an outstanding manner.

I just received our Charitable Activities Goals for 2005-2006. They are listed in a separate article in this newsletter.

I also received a letter from Father Matthias in Uganda thanking us for the \$500.00 we sent him to support two seminarians. He told how thankful both seminarians are of our support and reiterated again, as he did last year, that these two young men would have to leave the seminary if not for our financial support. We should all feel very proud of our support for these young men.

We must remain very committed to vocations. The annual Illinois Knights of Columbus Council Vocations raffle will be starting very shortly.

Thank you for all you do in our church, community, council, family and youth endeavors. Let us remember in our prayers those people in the south who lost everything in the hurricanes that devastated Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. God Bless You.

Fraternally yours,
David Handel
Grand Knight

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very well attended, and delicious, Annual Pot Luck Dinner in September. We had four ladies attend as guests, and two signed up as new members.

October will be a fun month. The Ladies will man the registration desk and hand out shirts for the Columbus Day Kids Day Run. This is always a fun event. Also, our October meeting will be a Baby Shower with all items going to the Pregnancy Care Center. Items can be new or gently used, from infant to age 4. Also, maternity clothes are always needed.

The Ladies Auxiliary is open to all practicing Catholic women age 18 or better. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hall. Please come and see what we're all about.

Judy Lemansky
President

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4th Degree

The Pope John Paul I Assembly is open to members of the Knights of Columbus who have been a member for at least one year, and are a Third Degree member in good standing. Please consider reaching even further with your faith by joining. We foster patriotism through our works and Color Corps. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. Initiation is \$65 and annual dues are \$15.

We will be hosting a Fourth Degree exemplification for new members to join April 29, 2006 at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Please make plans to attend.

Prospective members and guests are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Dress is Military Dress, formal or dark suit for the men. The evening will include a meal with desert and gift exchange.

All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend our Nov. 2, 2005 meeting. We will update our bi-laws and food will be provided after.

Our assembly will participate in the Honor Guard at the Collinsville Exemplification on Oct. 22, 2005. Please contact David Dempsey at 667-0355 or DavidKofC@aol.com to RSVP for any of the events above.

Blood Drives – Your Chance to be a Holiday Hero

Believe it or not, the holidays are once again upon us. And sadly, with that comes an increased need for blood donations. Demand is at a particular high right now after the disasters of the past months along the Gulf Coast. Your chance to be a Holiday Hero by taking a half-an-hour out of your schedule is at the hall on Friday, Nov. 25 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please take the time to donate blood at this next Red Cross Blood Drive and you may very well save someone's life!

A.J. Adams
Community Activities Director

Fish Fry on the Bayou?

The aromas of an authentic Cajun Shrimp Boil will be wafting through the KC Hall every third Friday of the month throughout the fall and winter. Along with our regular delectable cod cut-ups, bluegill, and fried shrimp plates, the club will be offering The Cajun Shrimp Boil Plate. Plate includes 6 oz. of Cajun Boiled Jumbo Shrimp, Andouille Sausage, Cajun Seasoned Potatoes, and Corn-on-the-Cob. Plates are \$8.75 and a 12-piece Boiled Shrimp basket is \$5.75. Bring your appetite and *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* (That's "Let the good times roll" for those of you that don't speak Cajun!)

A.J. Adams
Community Activities Director

BINGO

every Sunday night
beginning at 6:30 p.m.
at the Knights of Columbus Hall

Columbus Club News and Notes

Since the last Knightly News, the Columbus Club Board of Directors had held elections of Directors and its Board Officers.

The 2005-2006 Board of Directors

President – A. J. Adams

Vice President – Bill Blair

Secretary – Brian Kloustermeyer

Treasurer – PGK Russ Thoman, Jr.

Director (1 year) – Bruce Murphy

Director (2 years) - Phil Hocher, Sr.

Director (2 years) – Rob Ratz

GK – Dave Handel

PGK – Jim Awerkamp

Sadly, after years of service to the Council and the Club, Brothers Barry Copelin, Paul Stroh, and Bill Musser, Jr. decided not to seek re-election to the Board. Their dedication, hard work, and insight will be sorely missed. The next time you see them, please take the time to thank them for all of the efforts.

Several changes have occurred over the past year at the Club and over the next fiscal year the club manager, Bill Bronnbauer, and the Board of Directors will continue making operational and physical plant improvements. Some of the projects completed over the past year or that are in progress include:

1. Remodeling and redecorating of the lounge restrooms (Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work and support).
2. Removal of the 22 year-old HVAC system and installation of a modern automated HVAC system and controls to vastly improve the air quality of the building (Thanks to Mike Burroughs for his tireless efforts in helping coordinate this project).
3. Development of all volunteer bingo kitchen and fish fry cooking crews (Savings for the club of \$10,000 per year).
4. Emphasis on cleanness of the facility (Thanks to new head janitor Jim Farrell for his hard work).
5. Development of a '5th Degree' team to work on small but important repairs and renovation projects around the hall (Thanks to George Henken and Earl Christ for all of their hard work).
6. Renovation, painting, and redecorating of the lounge (Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their input and support of this project).
7. Development of an inventory control system to better track our sales, purchases, and product management.

All of these operational and physical changes to the facility were initiated to enhance the sustainability and aesthetics of our facility and to provide a place for our membership and the O'Fallon community to meet, congregate, and further the goals of the Council. Please take the time to come by the hall and check out the progress!

There's also one procedural item that needs to be addressed. The monthly Board of Directors meetings which are typically held at the club on the second Tuesday at each month will be moved off-site once per quarter. PGK Russ Thoman, Jr., has offered us the use of the conference room at the Community Financial Center (at Lincoln and Highway 50, across from the Bank of O'Fallon). Our monthly meetings on Oct. 11, 2005, Jan. 10, 2006, and May 9, 2006 will be held at the CFC. Please note the change.

As always, members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings to become active in the operation of our Council's home. Please do not hesitate to bring comments, questions, or concerns to either the club manager, Bill Bronnbauer, at the club, or feel free to e-mail me at aja1403@yahoo.com. Thanks for your continued support and interest!

A.J. Adams
President, O'Fallon Columbus Club, Inc.

Family Fun

We had another wonderful picnic!! Many thanks to all who assisted in making it an event that was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Brother Knights Dave Handel, Jim Awerkamp, Mike Tiernan and Mike Kaelin for cooking all of the food in 100 degree temps!

Monday, Oct. 10 we will have the annual Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner at the hall. All Brother Knights and their families are invited. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Call Steve Frisch 624-5302 for reservations.

Saturday, Dec. 10th we will have our Christmas Party at the hall. All Brother Knights and their spouses/guests are invited. Please call Steve Frisch 624-5302 for reservations.

Steve Frisch
Family Surge Director

Notice to All Brother Knights

Brother Knights,

At our July 6, 2005 business meeting, a motion was made from the floor to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Council general fund to the Columbus Club Inc. for the purpose of building maintenance, debt retirement, or other such expenditures that may be deemed necessary by the Columbus Club Board.

At the same meeting, a second motion was made to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Council general fund to retire a portion of the debt on the new HVAC system project.

This notice is in accordance with our Knights of Columbus Council 4239 by-laws and a final vote will be taken at the October 20, 2005 business meeting. If you wish to vote on this transfer, please attend.

David Handel
Grand Knight

Halloween Party

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239 is hosting its annual Halloween Party for children throughout the O'Fallon area from pre-school through the fourth grade. The party is scheduled to take place Friday, Oct. 28 at the KC Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, Twisty the Clown, games, prizes and much more. The O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Department will also be at the party to provide fire engine rides.

Call Youth Activities Director Rob Ratz at 622-0971 for more information or to volunteer to help out at this exciting and fun-filled event.

Rob Ratz
Youth Activities Director

Coming Events

<u>Oct. 5</u> Fourth Degree Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 2</u> Fourth Degree Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 3</u> Wreath Laying Ceremony - 10 a.m. Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Shiloh
<u>Oct. 5</u> Squires Meeting - 7 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 2</u> Squires Meeting - 7 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 7</u> Fourth Degree Christmas Party KC Hall
<u>Oct. 6</u> Council Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 3</u> Council Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 7</u> Squires Meeting - 7 p.m. KC Hall
<u>Oct. 10</u> Columbus Day Kid's Run - 11 a.m. O'Fallon Community Park	<u>Nov. 12</u> Turkey Trot 1-Mile Run - 10 a.m. 3-Mile Run - 10:30 a.m. O'Fallon Community Park	<u>Dec. 10</u> Children's Christmas Party - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. KC Hall
<u>Oct. 10</u> Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner - 6 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 17</u> Council Memorial Mass - 7:30 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 10</u> Council Christmas Party - 6:30 p.m. KC Hall
<u>Oct. 20</u> Council Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 24</u> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 15</u> Council Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall
<u>Oct. 27</u> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Nov. 25</u> Blood Drive - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 22</u> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 p.m. KC Hall
<u>Oct. 28</u> Halloween Children's Party - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. KC Hall	<u>Dec. 1</u> Council Meeting - 8 p.m. KC Hall	

So, You're Thinking of Investing

Some facts to consider before you make your investment:

1. Make sure your investment is placed beyond the reach of your creditors and those of your beneficiaries – a judgement proof investment.
2. Make sure that the value of your investment at death will not be subject to probate costs, legal fees and usual delays of court proceedings – a probate proof investment.
3. Make sure that your investment guarantees that principle and interest will always be available in the amounts and in the installments called for and that the investment will never go sour regardless of down-trends in the economy – a depression proof investment.
4. Make sure that your investment guarantees that you can always borrow 95-100% of the value as stipulated in your investment without delay or requirement of co-signers.
5. Make sure that, as your investment appreciates each year, the gain will not be subject to federal income tax – a favorable tax investment.
6. Make sure your investment contains a clause which guarantees that proceeds payable upon death will be delivered entirely free of income tax liability for your beneficiary.
7. Make sure that your investment contains a clause which guarantees that your investment program will stay intact and continue to grow even though you are unable to continue to work and earn as a result of total and permanent disability – a guaranteed investment.

If you are interested in an investment that contains all of the above features, and more, call me today at 667-0355 for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

David T. Dempsey P.G.K.
Field Agent

Annual Vocations Raffle

In the very near future the 2005-2006 Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council Vocation Support raffle ticket booklets will be mailed to each of you. Specific instructions will also be included.

As in the past, you will receive two booklets, each containing 15 tickets. When you sell all 15 tickets per booklet at \$1.00 each, you will return \$12.00 to the Council and can keep the remaining \$3.00. Please support this effort. The monies we collect allow us to support our seminarians in the Belleville Diocese.

David Handel
Grand Knight
Vocations Chairman

Memorial Mass

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239 will celebrate a memorial mass on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the upper council chambers. Council Chaplain Reverend Monsignor William Hitpas and Reverend Father James Dieters will concelebrate. The mass is in remembrance of all deceased Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Members with special intentions for our Brothers and Ladies who passed away during the past year. Brother Knights and their families are invited to attend.

Wayne Portell
Church Activities Director

Squires Report

It has been a busy two months for our Squires Circle. I am continually amazed at the commitment these young men bring to their Circle activities and their sense of volunteerism and charity.

In August we had our annual BBQ to raise funds for our ongoing expenses and to fund the charitable donations that our Circle supports. We netted over \$550 from the BBQ. Special thanks to all of our Knights of Columbus who stopped by and purchased lunch that day, your support helped make this the success it was.

It was incredible to see that 14 boys volunteered and worked this event. These young men get it! Congratulations on your hard work and success.

At our September meeting, we held an Investiture and welcomed six new members into our Circle. Grand Knight Dave Handel, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Averkamp, PGK Bill Munie, Jr. and Trustee Chris Pendegraft attended, thank you for your support! It was a special gift indeed when Grand Knight Dave Handel addressed our Circle. It meant so much to the young men. Thank you!

Also, at our meeting that evening the Squires voted to donate roughly 25% of our profits from the BBQ for the benefit of Katrina victims. \$150 was sent to the Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Hurricane Katrina Relief fund, now that's what I call stewardship!

The Circle also supported the Tootsie Roll Drive, Squires collected at the Bank of O'Fallon and Walmart locations. We will be helping at the K of C Hall Sunday, Oct. 9 for Clean-Up Day and of course, supporting the Columbus Day Kids Run and Halloween Party coming up this month.

Thank you for supporting our Circle as you do.

Dan Ashbaker
Chief Counselor

Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239 and the Ladies Auxiliary will conduct the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monument to the Unborn at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. Council Chaplain Reverend Monsignor William Hitpas will lead the service. All parishioners, Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and families are invited.

There will be coffee, juice and baked goods immediately following at the KC Hall.

Wayne Portell
Church Activities Director

Children's Christmas Party

Christmas is just around the corner and planning has already begun for the annual Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party. The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the downstairs of the KC Hall.

This party is open to all KC members' children fourth grade and younger. Entertainment will be provided by a clown/magician and there will be snacks as well as a goody bag to take home. Of course there will also be a special appearance by Santa Claus.

Call Youth Activities Direct Rob Ratz at 622-0971 with any questions.

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