

Knighly News



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Greetings from the Grand Knight

Dear Brothers and Ladies,

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families!!! I hope you all found the time to thank our Lord for all the wonderful things he has provided us.

The Facility Accessibility Project work installing the wheelchair lift and refurbishing the restrooms on the entry level is complete. It is just beautiful!

Please come by and see what has been done when you can.

At this time of giving thanks, I would like to thank Bill Hebenstreit for his leadership and dedication in making this project a huge success. He is your

Council's Knight of the Month for October in recognition for all he has done with this project and the kitchen. Bill is our Knight of Knights!

The fundraising for the project has eclipsed the \$25,000 mark. We are in need of additional

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donations of our projected cost of \$35,000, which actually reached \$40,000 in actual expenses.

If you have not had a chance to contribute to the FAP and would like to, please forward your checks to me in care of the FAP at 402 E. Highway 50,

O'Fallon, IL 62269.

I hope you are considering joining us for our Christmas celebration on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Please see the article regarding the party in this newsletter. This is a big night!! It is the time each year we honor our charities with a check to their good works from our Council. It is always a special time. So, please join us.

God bless,
Jim Averkamp
Grand Knight

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Special points of interest:

- Joe and Mary Anne Burroughs discuss stem cell research
- Christmas parties scheduled for Dec. 9 at KC Hall
- Knight of the Year and Family of the Year named by PGK David Handel.

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Calvary

O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monument to the Unborn at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m.

Council Chaplain Reverend

Monsignor William Hitpas will lead the service.

All parishioners, Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary members and families are invited to attend this very meaningful ceremony.

There will be coffee, juice and a variety of baked good for everyone to enjoy at the KC Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Wayne Portell
Church Activities Director

Stem Cell Research - Adult, Cord, or Embryonic???

Taking the stem cells from a living human embryo is like snipping the bud from a flower before it has a chance to grow into a beautiful flower. Using adult or cord stem cells for research, is an answer already proven to be successful.

Research on these two types of stem cells has been studied for several years, in fact it has provided therapies for over 70 health conditions. On the other hand, embryonic stem cell research has been plagued with problems such as uncontrollable tumor growth and other anomalies.

In addition to killing the embryo to harvest its cells for research, this effort has yet to progress to human research trials. Given

the tremendous success of adult stem cells, why is modern medicine opting for the research strategy called embryonic stem cell research which has not been successful in over two decades?

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there were an embryonic stem cell for diabetes, it would take 800,000 human eggs from over 80,000,000 women to provide cures for all the diabetics living in the United States. Harvesting eggs can be painful and is linked to an increase risk of ovarian cancer and kidney failure. This

procedure also has been cited as the cause of numerous deaths of women.

This is a Pro-Life issue and to learn more details on the issue Vitae Caring Foundation has this website, www.stemcellresearchfacts.com.

Our Illinois governor, Ron Blagojevich, has already approved funding for embryonic stem cell research without voting by the public. We, the public, need to be informed on this topic.

PGK Joe and Mary Anne Burroughs

Annual Christmas Party Set for Dec. 9

We will have our 2006 Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the KC Hall.

As in the past we will have a great steak dinner provided by That's Cooking Catering. Music entertainment and dancing will highlight the evening following the dinner.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dancing beginning around 8:00 p.m.

In order to properly prepare and to curb costs we will charge \$5.00 per ticket. Tickets are available through Steve Frisch and

at the KC Hall bar. I can be reached at 624-5203.

Steve Frisch
Family Surge Director

Children Invited to Youth Christmas Party

Children and grandchildren of Brother Knights in grades 4th and lower are invited to attend Council 4239's Youth Christmas Party.

The party will take place on Saturday, Dec.

9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level of the KC Hall.

Entertainment will be provided along with refreshments. There will also be a special guest bearing gifts for the children.

So gather all the kids and come to this holiday event, a good time is had by all.

Rob Ratz
Youth Surge Director

Past Grand Knights Honored

Your Council honored it's Past Grand Knight's on Friday, Nov. 3, 2006 at a dinner attended by approximately fifty Brother Knights and Ladies.

Immediate Past Grand Knight David Handel was honored for his service to the

Council as Grand Knight.

David named the Dan and Tara Ashbaker family the Council 4239 2005-2006 Family of the Year. David also named A.J. Adams and Dan Ashbaker the 2005-2006 Knights of the Year.

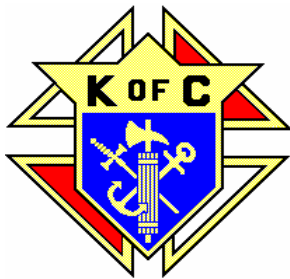
Congratulations to A.J, Dan and Tara!!!!

Jim Awerkamp
Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

Dec. 2	Wreath Laying at Memorial to Unborn	Mt. Carmel Cemetery	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 6	Squires meeting	KC Hall	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	4th Degree meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	Youth Christmas Party	KC Hall	1 p.m.
Dec. 9	Annual Christmas Party	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Columbus Club meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Columbus Club Appreciation Day	KC Hall	12 noon - 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Local Free Throw Contest		
Feb. 18	District Free Throw Contest		
Mar. 11	Regional Free Throw Contest		
Fridays	Fish Fry	KC Hall	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	Bingo	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.

Visit the web site of Council 4239 at www.kc4239.org to view past newsletters or to find out more about activities being organized by your council.



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Officers 2006 - 2007

Officers

Chaplain	Msgr. William Hitpas	632-1797
Grand Knight	Jim Awerkamp	628-9258
Deputy Grand Knight	Eugene Bringaze	234-9166
Chancellor	Craig Halpin	628-6080
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Treasurer	PGK Russ Thoman	624-6420
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Trustee	Joe Schuster	632-1108
Trustee	PGK Bill Musser Sr.	632-2332
Insurance Agent	PGK David Dempsey	667-0355
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Surge Directors

Council	Craig Halpin	628-8060
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	Gerald Dunn	624-5152
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Youth	Robert Ratz	622-0971