

Knighly News



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Greetings from the Grand Knight

Dear Brothers and Ladies,

There are many activities occurring at your Council Hall these days.

The restrooms in the entry foyer have been renovated and the wheelchair lift is in place. Our Project Manager, Bill Hebenstreit, has done an incredible job organizing the vendors and the volunteers to get this project done during the month

of October. Each member of this Council and Auxiliary owes Bill a deep debt of gratitude for his tireless dedication to this important project. Bill is our Knight of Knights!!!

I would also like to thank Debbie Hocher for her hard work and keen decorative eye in helping Bill plan the restroom renovation. Our Club Manager, Ann Martin, was very instrumental in helping Debbie with

the décor (Bill H. loves that word).

Thanks also go to Derrick Averick, Bill Musser Jr., Mike Vernier, Dave Fritsch, Phil Hocher, Keith Bye, Club President A.J. Adams, DGK Eugene Bringaze, Stan Jones, Bruce Murphy, Rob Ratz, and others who I know I am missing. I apologize if I omitted

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Nicole Halpin Wins Again; Heading to State

Nicole Halpin, a freshman at O'Fallon Township High School and the 14-year-old daughter of Craig and Julie Halpin, has advanced for the second year in a row to the State Soccer Challenge hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Nicole competed in the 14-year-old age bracket at the District event held in Fairview Heights and the Regional competition in Breese.

Last year, Nicole was the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge State Champion in the 13-year-old category.

Other winners from the Council 4239 competition that was held in September at Rohr



Nicole Halpin won the 14-year-old category at the recently held District 80 Soccer Challenge. She has now advanced to the State competition for the second straight year. Pictured with Nicole, from left to right, are Frank Schmidt, Grand Knight from Fairview Heights Council 6996, Nicole's father Craig Halpin, who is Council 4239's Chancellor, and District Deputy Al Grudzinski.

Field include Marland Hibbler, tree, and Andrew Trelow. Alex Feathers, Kirsten Crab-

Special points of interest:

- Squires BBQ nets more than \$600
- Vocations Raffle underway
- Special guest to appear Dec. 9 at Youth Christmas Party

October Squires Circle Report

I want to thank everyone who supported the Squires BBQ in August. It was our biggest ever, with more than \$ 600 netted for the Circle.

Once again the Squires helped with the Tootsie Roll Drive. We collected in front of Wal-Mart, five Squires volunteered.

At our Oct. 4 meeting we welcomed four

new members into our Circle. Snacks and drinks were enjoyed after the Investiture. We will be having another Investiture soon for five other young men who could not make it to the meeting.

On Oct. 7 four Squires helped with the 4th Degree Trivia Night and on Columbus Day six Squires helped serve drinks to the participants of the Annual Columbus Day Kids

Run. We also helped clean up after the event.

These young men are doing great work and their commitment to serve and support other projects for the Council and the 4th Degree Assembly is inspiring.

Dan Ashbaker
Chief Counselor

Annual Vocations Support Raffle

The Annual Vocations Support Raffle began Oct. 1, 2006. The purpose of the raffle is to acquire funds for future priests and religious who are currently preparing for the priesthood and religious life.

These financial resources will assist these men and women with their education and

personal expenses.

Letters have been mailed to each council member containing at least one raffle booklet and instructions for completing and returning them to the Council.

To show our admiration and appreciation to

our future priests, religious and brothers, let us all actively support this very worthwhile effort. Suspense this year is early December.

David P. Handel, PGK
Vocations Chairman

Fall Social Successful, Christmas Party Set for Dec. 9

Once again we had a great Fall Social. About 150 people attended and a great time was had by all.

Many thanks to Mike Frisch and family, Rob Ratz and Roz and Greg Bianchi for helping out with the event.

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

Grand Knight's Kudos

The days are getting shorter and that means your Directors and Officers are busy staging numerous activities.

I want to thank Youth Directors, Rob Ratz and Chris Armstrong, for there outstanding work with the Soccer Challenge and Youth Dance. A big thank you goes to A.J. Adams, Bill Blair, and Rob Ratz during the transition to our new Club

Manager. The guys worked many hours when the need was there.

PGK Foz Ryan did his usual outstanding job of raising \$1,700 at the Columbus Day Kid's Run. Foz had a lot of help from numerous volunteers.

And last but certainly not least, our Family Director Steve Frisch, his brother

Mike, and their wonderful spouses, for their back-to-back Family Picnic and Spaghetti Dinner presentations.

These are the people who make this Council tick!! Thank them when you see them.

Jim Averkamp
Grand Knight

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anyone.

Fundraising for the Facility Accessibility Project is at 45% of our goal. We have raised more than \$15,000 of the \$35,000 we estimated the project would cost. If you would like to donate to this worthy project it would be greatly appreciated. Please

forward your donation to me at 402 E. Highway 50, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

At the Oct. 5 Council meeting, a motion was made to transfer \$5,000 to the Columbus Club to pay insurance and taxes. This notice is pursuant to our by-laws requiring notification of a second reading and vote,

which will take place at the Nov. 2 Council meeting.

God Bless you and your family,

Jim Averkamp
Grand Knight

Calendar of Events

Nov. 1	Squires meeting	KC Hall	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	4th Degree meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Council meeting	KC Hall	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Past Grand Knight's Dinner	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	KC Friendship Golf Classic	Yorktown	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 9	Cigar Dinner	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Turkey Trot		10:00 a.m.
Nov. 14	Columbus Club Board meeting	KC Hall	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Memorial Mass		7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving - No Ladies Auxiliary meeting		
Dec. 2	Wreath Laying at Memorial to Unborn	Mt. Carmel Cemetery	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 9	Youth Christmas Party	KC Hall	1 p.m.
Dec. 9	Annual Christmas Party	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party	KC Hall	
Jan. 28	Local Free Throw Contest		
Feb. 18	District Free Throw Contest		
Mar. 11	Regional Free Throw Contest		
Frridays	Fish Fry	KC Hall	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	Bingo	KC Hall	6:30 p.m.



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Treasurer	PGK Russ Thoman	624-6420
Financial Secretary	PGK Joe Mehallow	632-5457
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Trustee	Chris Pendegraft	624-8039
Trustee	Joe Schuster	632-1108
Trustee	PGK Bill Musser Sr.	632-2332
Insurance Agent	PGK David Dempsey	667-0355
Membership Director/Recorder	Rob Goodrich	624-1390

Surge Directors

Council	Craig Halpin	628-8060
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