



Knighly News

Knights of Columbus

Council 4239

O'Fallon, Illinois

November — December 2009

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Greetings from the Grand Knight

With the holidays upon us, it is time to step back a bit and look at what has been going on around the Council. Two of the most noticeable occurrences are

1. the continued improvements to our Hall, the place we call home and where we perform most of our charitable works. Every Brother Knights should thank Bill Hebenstreit and Rich Gorazd and friends and all that donated their time to the upstairs hall improvements
2. and the continued dedication of many of our brother knights who have been very busy raising an incredible amounts of money for charity

The Fundraising started with our annual MRLD Tootsie Roll drive, which was chaired by PGK Bob Cunningham and DGK Stan Jones. We raised just shy of \$5000 and with the Ladies Auxiliary donation of \$1000; the total was about \$6000. I want to thank, so many that helped.

On Columbus Day, we entertained about 100 youngsters with our Columbus Day Kids Run. PGK Foz Ryan and his crew raised about \$800 this year. Everyone should congratulate Foz for another successful event this year. And as is tradition, we held the Columbus Day Social that evening. Family Director Rob Ratz and his volunteers served about 80 spaghetti dinner to our assembled brothers and guests. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and enjoyed the hospitality of the Columbus Club. Thanks to Rob Ratz and entire his team.

Our football sweepstakes raised more than \$5600 this year. A special thanks to Duane Daniels for the great job of organizing the selling of the tickets and continuing to provide us with the weekly updates

At the time of this writing, the Turkey Trot is just a couple days away and I am sure it will a great success and the weather appears to be cooperating this year too. Thanks to Foz and PGK Paul Riley for another successful fundraising Run and to all your brother Knights who also volunteer.

I want to note that we have a new fundraising event this year, on Saturday November 14th *A Knight in Vegas*. Jay Reeser and Chris Pendegraft and team are working hard to ensure this event will be a huge success.

Lastly, please make sure to get your reservation in for the Council Christmas party on Dec. 12th, 6:30pm. I will take this opportunity to announce the 2007 & 2008 Knights and Families of the year awards. More importantly we will be dispersing our charitable monies to our worth charities that evening. Please come and take part in a special evening.

God bless you and your family

Eugene Bringaze III

Grand Knight

HONOR ROLL

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

July 2009
Bye Family

August 2009
Ratz Family

September 2009
Leninsky Family

October 2009
Armstrong Family

November 2009

December 2009

January 2010

February 2010

March 2010

April 2010

May 2010

June 2010

SQUIRES ACTIVITIES

In October, we had 12 Squires participate in the State Squires Tournament, in Springfield. They will not tell us the results till the State Convention in April. We had a few bowlers that bowled their high games. One of the Squire said that he has been practicing using his Wii game at home. He had the high game of 174.

On November 8th we had the State Retreat. There were three Squires from our Circle that participated, and only seven total Squires in all from four different Circles. The talk was on the importance in keeping your faith thru college life.

We do have a family that we are helping for Christmas, We will be shopping for them in the next week or so.

We are going to be sending three soldiers care packages for Christmas this year. One of our soldiers just made it home last month.

Our December meeting is going to be held December 9th. This is going to be a special meeting. The fathers of the Squires are going to be joining us. If anyone is interested in coming to a Squires meeting please join us. We will be starting at 7:00 pm.

Bill Munie
Squires Counselor

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Council 4239 will celebrate a Memorial Mass on Thursday November 19th at 7:30 pm 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 deceases Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members with special intentions for our Brothers and Ladies who have passed away during the past year. Brother Knights and their Families are invited to attend.

At 10:00 am on Saturday, December 5th, the 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 Mount Calvary Cemetery in Shiloh, Illinois. Sister Judy McKenna will lead the prayer service for the gathering of Knights, Ladies, and parishioners. Please consider taking some time over the Holiday season, to visit the Monument to the Unborn and say a prayer in quiet meditation.

A Special thanks to the Squires for the continued maintenance that they perform around the Monument area of the Cemetery,

Wayne Portell
632-7509
Church Surge Director

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 12TH

The Christmas Party for Council 4239 is set for Sat. Dec 12th at the hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. As always we will have great food and good times with entertainment provided by "A Step Beyond" featuring Forrest Bevineau.

This is a wonderful night and a good time to celebrate the Christmas Season with brother Knights and their spouses or guests. Another reason to attend this wonderful event is that we also distribute the funds to the various charities that we support and you can see firsthand the fruits of our labors from all the fundraisers and the countless hours of charity work that we perform. It is a special time to spend with our guests from the Area 12 Special Olympics, IL. Center for Autism, St. Clair Associated Vocation Ent.(SAVE) and Parents & Teachers of Exceptional Children.

It is really heartwarming to spend time with our guests and I encourage you to take time to visit with our guests and make them welcome. So do not miss this wonderful event. We will be charging the same amount as last year to help defray some of the costs, \$25 per couple or \$15 per individuals, which will include appetizers, dinner, dessert, entertainment and beverages including soda, draft beer and wine. Not a bad deal and then there is of course the added benefit that is priceless of spending time with good people at a special time as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Please call Rob Ratz 622-0971 or e-mail robratz@att.net with any questions or for reservations.

This is very important that we get an accurate count as we plan for this event, so we can plan food and tables accordingly.

Hope to see everyone there and let me be the first to wish you Merry Christmas.

Rob Ratz
Family Activities Director

**Keep
Christ
in
Christmas**

HONOR ROLL

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

July 2009

Joe Burroughs

August 2009

Walt Leninsky

September 2009

Pat Cummings

October 2009

Jay Reeser

November 2009

December 2009

January 2010

February 2010

March 2010

April 2010

May 2010

June 2010

Surge Directors

Church

Wayne Portell

Community

Mike McAnally

Council

Craig Halpin

Family

Rob Ratz

Youth

Jay Resser

Ladies Aux Pres

Kitty Hohrein

Squires Counselor

Bill Munie

4th Degree F.N.

Rob Ratz

The Columbus Club will be hosting several functions and events

Bragging Rights Game - Fighting Illini vs. Mizzou Tigers

Come and root for your favorite team as the Fighting Illini take on the Mizzou Tigers on December 23rd. For \$10 a person you get free Draft Beer and Appetizers.

Game starts at 8:30 but the fun will start at 7:00.

Contact Jay Resser at 624-8404 if you have any questions.

More details to come.

Customer Appreciation on Christmas Eve

We will be open the bar at 12:00 and provide free appetizers throughout the day. The bar will close at 6:00 that night. This is our appreciation to everyone for what you do to help the Columbus Club run the operations of the facility and hall.

Eugene Bringaze III
Grand Knight

Duane Daniels
President – Columbus Club

Jay Resser
VP of CC

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Kid's Christmas Party will be on December 12th starting at 1:00. We will be having a Magic Show, balloon shaping, and special visit from Santa Clause. Goodies and snacks will be provided, so come on down and bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. This is for kids 10 years and younger and for KC members. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 624-8404. Look forward to seeing you at the event.

Jay Resser
Youth Activities Director

LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party is on December 10th at 6:30 pm. Call Connie Garrett 632-8062 to RSVP. It will be catered.

Julie Halpin
Vice President Ladies Auxiliary

CALENDAR

4-Nov	Squires Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
5-Nov	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 8:00pm
10-Nov	Columbus Club	O'Fallon K of C Hall
11-Nov	VETERANS DAY	
14-Nov	Turkey Trot Run	O'Fallon City Park Start time 9:00 am
	A Knight in Vegas Doors open at 6:00 pm	O'Fallon K of C Hall Gaming starts at 7:00
19-Nov	Memorial Mass	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 7:30 pm
26-Nov	THANKSGIVING	
27-Nov	Blood Drive Blood-Mobile Bus	O'Fallon K of C Hall 3—7:00 pm
2-Dec	Fourth Degree Christmas Party	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 6:00 pm
3-Dec	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 8:00pm
5-Dec	Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony	Mount Calvary Cemetery 10:00 am
8-Dec	Columbus Club Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 7:30 pm
9-Dec	Squires Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
10-Dec	Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 6:30 pm
12-Dec	Kids Christmas Party Small Hall Council Christmas Party	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 1:00pm O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 6:30 pm
17-Dec	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 8:00 pm
23-Dec	Bragging Rights Illini versus Mizzou	O'Fallon K of C Hall Start time 7:00 pm
24-Dec	Customer Appreciation Day	Noon—6:00pm
25-Dec	CHRISTMAS	Hall closed No fish fry

Fish Fry Every Friday 4-8 pm

Cod	French Fries
Salmon	Onion Rings
Shrimp	Stewed Tomatoes
Blue Gill	Cole Slaw
Hamburgers	Potato Salad
Cheeseburgers	Mac-n-Cheese
Hot Dogs	Applesauce
Chicken Tenders	Green Beans
	Baked Beans

Sunday Bingo Start time 6:30 pm

23 Games of Bingo
Plus Early Bird and Halftime Games

Dinner special available
Drinks available on both floors

Check the web-site for
Game Information
www.kc4239.org



Date: Friday, December 4, 2009

Time: Doors open 6:30 PM; Games begin 7:30

(Silent Auction opens at 6:30 and will continue through the 7th Round)

Where: O'Fallon Knights of Columbus, 402 East US Highway 50

Prices: \$160 per table (up to 8 people) or \$20 per individual

The Law Enforcement Torch Run Trivia Knight will include 10 rounds of entertainment questions
The top 2 tables will win a cash prize at the end of the night.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own table snacks. There will be a prize for the best
"Movie Themed" table spread. A cash bar will be available.

All proceeds will benefit 1200+ athletes in the Southwestern Illinois area!

Reserve your table by returning this form to: Special Olympics 1318 Mercantile Dr,
Highland, IL 62249 or by contacting Sandy Stover 618-654-6680 sstover@soill.org

Deliver Tickets To:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Signature

Number of Tables (\$160 each) _____

Number of Tickets (\$20) _____

Total: _____

Payment Method: Check Money Order
 Visa Master Card
 American Express

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____