



Knighly News

Knights of Columbus
Council 4239
O'Fallon, Illinois
Sept—Oct 2010

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Greetings from the Grand Knight

Before I talk about our many upcoming events, I must take a moment to announce the Knights and Families of the Month for my first two months in office, as well as thank them for their service to our Council. July's Knight of the Month is DGK Jay Reeser. He has started a tradition which I hope continues for a long time. DGK Jay has been sending an e-mail reminder to Brother Knights a few days before our meetings and then sends out a meeting summary a few days after the meeting. Never have I heard so many compliments from the Council members thanking Jay. July's Family of the Month is the Wieman family. Frank, Denny and their respective families worked two Fish Fry events during the month. They pulled in all their family and friends to help, but they stood out because they did such a wonderful job.

August's Knight & Family of the Month is Rob Goodrich and family. Rob has volunteered to run the Family Surge events as well as become the Membership Director. Everyone should thank the Goodrich family for putting together and hosting the Knights Night at the Grizzlies. Even though the weather was warm, the event was a huge success and I am sure it will be even bigger next year. The success of this event was not limited to fun; Rob invited 3 families to the Grizzlies game as guests of the Council, and as a result we now have two applications for membership. Gentlemen and ladies, please take the time to thank these Knights and their families for doing an excellent job. Our Council is truly blessed to have members like these.

We are now entering one of our busier times of the year. Please check the event calendar for the exact dates and times. Upcoming events include our regular meetings as well as the Past Grand Knights Dinner honoring all of our Past Grand Knights and the "roast" of our immediate PGK Eugene Bringaze III. The date for this event is September 10, and a few reservations are still available. The Intellectual Disability "Tootsie Roll" Drive is September 17 and 18. This is our most visible event in the O'Fallon community, so please lend your support to this important Fundraiser. There is a Blood Drive on October 1. The Columbus Club is hosting a wine tasting event on October 9. Contact AJ Adams or the Hall for additional details. October 11 is the Columbus Day Kids Run as well as the Columbus Day Social at the Hall that evening. The next Cigar Dinner is October 14, with the proceeds benefitting Victims of Domestic Violence. It is not too early to mark your calendars for our November events, which include the Turkey Trot and the Second Annual Vegas Night at the Hall. Both of those events are scheduled for November 13. The Memorial Mass follows on November 18 with the Holidays shortly thereafter. I know it seems like a lot, but it is important to our Council that you allow some time in your schedule to help with and attend as many of these events as possible.

As a personal request, please take some time on 9/11 and say a prayer for all whom have been affected by the Tragedy that happened 9 years ago.

Stan Jones, Grand Knight

HONOR ROLL

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

July 2010
Weiman Family

August 2010
Goodrich
Family

September 2010

October 2010

November 2010

December 2010

January 2011

February 2011

March 2011

April 2011

May 2011

June 2011

FROM THE COLUMBUS CLUB CORNER

With our capital improvement project nearly complete, we are beginning to enjoy the fruits of our labors with significantly improved Hall rentals and Lounge area parties. Last years balance sheet finished better than it has for years.

We have several improvement projects we expect to complete this Fall. In September/October we intend to construct a memorial landscape area just behind the deck in memory of PGK Bill Munie. In November/December of this year we will carve out a refurbished Casino area to house 5 new gaming machines now approved by the state of Illinois. Expected date for gaming could be as early as December 2010 and no later than the end of February 2011.

Join us at the Hall anytime to enjoy the improved facility. The “back deck” is an excellent area to meet and enjoy now that the cooler weather is close at hand, and remember the Hall/Lounge for your holiday party needs. The Columbus Club is focused on the task of improving all our business cost centers via reduced costs and greater volume. We hope to become self-funded in the next 2 years.

As always, please continue to support our Monthly Drawing and other events we sponsor for you to enjoy the Hall as well as generate cash for ongoing maintenance and improvements of our facilities. Please feel free to call with any ideas, thoughts, or concerns you have that can improve our ability to serve our members. Thanks for your support

Bill Hebenstreit
Pres. Columbus Club
618-830-3116

ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

On Friday September 17th and Saturday the 18th our Council will hold it's annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The proceeds from this drive go towards improving the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities. We need your help so that we can properly staff the following locations & times.

Friday the 17th:	8 to 10 AM & 3 to 5 PM at State and Smiley 8 to 10 AM & 3 to 5 PM at State and Lincoln 9 AM to 6 PM at the Bank of O'Fallon & Wal-Mart
Saturday the 18th:	8 AM to Noon at State and Smiley 8 AM to Noon at State and Lincoln 9 to Noon at the Bank of O'Fallon

This is one of our primary fund raisers of the year and it can only be SUCCESSFUL if we have YOUR help. You can sign up on posters in the Lounge at the hall or by contacting HERB ROACH at hrroach1304@att.net or MIKE TIERNAN. All we need is a couple of hours of your time to make this drive a success and to allow us to help those that need assistance.

The volunteering of your time is appreciated.

Herb Roach, Community Director

Family Activity Surge Update:

Dear Brothers - This past month was a good month for our Council's Family Surge Activities. The Council reserved two suites at the Gateway Grizzly's GCS Ballpark in Sauget, IL for a home game against the Oakland County Cruisers. We were able to sell 46 of 50 tickets to the event that was held on 14 August. The evening was a big success for our council as we invited three prospective new Knights and their families. The fact that the Grizzly's put an old fashion whoppin' on the Frontier League Eastern Division leading Cruisers was an added bonus. Mark your calendars for the upcoming Family Events. Our calendar has been locked in with the Columbus Club. Thanks to Dan and Laurie for all their support with juggling the busy Club calendar. Please make it a point to bring the whole family for the event, or volunteer to help Rob Goodrich with set-up, cooking, or Hall prep. Every little bit helps. Hope to see you at one or all the events.
2010-2011 Family Activity Calendar

Date	Event
11 Oct 2010	Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner
18 Dec 2010	Christmas party
17 March 2011	St Patrick's Day Social
14 May 2011	May~fest Social

Rob Goodrich
Family Director & Membership Coordinator

Youth Activities

Building Leaders for the Future

Today's youth, the leaders of tomorrow, are looking for challenges, for responsibility, for faith and trust. Yet despite their commitments and dedication, the youth of the world are often condemned because of the uncontrolled actions of a minority of young people. As Knights of Columbus, it is our responsibility to provide youth with the means and the opportunities to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our times.

There is a great deal more all of us can do to improve our youth programs. Exert positive and constructive influence on young people by becoming involved with them. Recruit more men from the council to work with young people. These adult leaders will help to mold the youth of today into the influential citizens of tomorrow. Pay more attention to what they are saying.

Demonstrate your support by getting involved in one of the Council's existing youth groups, like Boy or Girl Scouts, aiding the youth athletics program like the Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship, promoting school educational programs like essay contests, scholarships, Spelling Bees, or helping with welfare programs combating drug and alcohol abuse. Numerous other avenues are always open in helping to build leaders for the future.

Pat Cummins
Youth Director

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NFL Sweepstakes in the Mail

TIME TO TAKE THE NFL SWEEPSTAKES TO THE NEXT LEVEL. We are all familiar with the NFL Sweepstakes, which has been going on the past several years. The excess monies earned from the NFL Sweepstakes have been earmarked for debt retirement.

All knights will be given 5 NFL Sweepstakes tickets to sell. Each Knight can determine whether they want to “buy” or “sell their 5 ticket allotment.

Reasons for making the NFL Sweepstakes a Major Fundraiser

- ◇ All Knights participate — its not just a select few
- ◇ In most instances the \$5000 payout goes back to Brother Knights
- ◇ All Knights become “owners” in a fundraising effort
- ◇ No major organization effort is needed that requires many volunteer hours
- ◇ It is a simple and fun way to raise needed funds

	In 2009 Payout of \$5,000	2010 Goal Payout of \$5,000
<i>Ticket sales by others of</i>	260	300
<i>Tickets sold by Council No. 4239</i>	1,231	2,000
<i>Total tickets sold</i>	1,491	2,300
<i>Value per ticket</i>	10	10
<i>Total amount collected</i>	\$ 14,910	\$ 23,000
<i>Payout to winners</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<i>Payment to Green Bee + Postage</i>	\$ 3,617	\$ 6,060
<i>Payment to other councils</i>	\$ 666	\$ 600
To Council No. 4239	\$ 5,627	\$ 11,340

**WE NEED ALL KNIGHTS PARTICIPATION - LET'S DOUBLE LAST YEAR
BROTHERS - WE CAN DO THIS ... WE NEED TO DO THIS**

Cigar Dinner

ATTENTION CIGAR LOVERS

The next O'Fallon K. of C. Semi-annual Cigar Dinner is scheduled for Thursday October 14th. The doors open at 6:30pm, with Dinner being served at 7:30; and the evening continues on until 2:00am. The cost of the Dinner is again \$50, which includes 3 Premium Cigars, a Gourmet Dinner, Cocktails, and Games.

For Reservations Call: Walt Haeffner — 632-9177
 Gary Welzbacher — 632-2486

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Victims of Domestic Violence

Just a reminder, the O'Fallon K. of C. Hall is a “SMOKE FREE” environment

1-Sep	Squires Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	4th Degree Meeting	
2-Sep	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Business Meeting	Start Time 8:00pm
6-Sep	Labor Day	
10-Sep	Past Grand Knights Dinner	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	in honor of PGK Eugene Bringaze	Doors open at 6:00pm
14-Sep	Columbus Club Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
		Start time 7:30pm
16-Sep	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	First Degree Scheduled	Start Time 8:00pm
	September 17 & 18	
	Intellectual Disabilities Drive - TOOTSIE ROLL	
23-Sep	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
		Start Time 7:00pm
1-Oct	Red Cross Blood Drive	O'Fallon K of C Hall
		3-7 pm
6-Oct	Squires Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	4th Degree Meeting	
7-Oct	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Business Meeting	Start Time 8:00pm
9-Oct	Columbus Club Wine Tasting Event	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Contact AJ Adams or the Hall for more info	Start Time 7:00pm
11-Oct	Columbus Day Kids Run	O'Fallon City Park
11-Oct	Columbus Day Social	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Spaghetti Dinner	Start Time
12-Oct	Columbus Club Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
		Start Time 7:30pm
14-Oct	Cigar Dinner	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Proceeds benefit <i>Victims of Domestic Violence</i>	Start Time 6:30pm
21-Oct	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Social Meeting	Start Time 8:00pm
28-Oct	Ladies Auxilliary Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
		Start Time at 7:00pm
3-Nov	Squires Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	4th Degree Meeting	
4-Nov	Council Meeting	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	Business Meeting	Start Time 8:00pm
13-Nov	Turkey Trot	O'Fallon City Parkl
	Vegas Night	O'Fallon K of C Hall
18-Nov	Memorial Mass	O'Fallon K of C Hall
	No Meeting	7:00pm
25-Nov	Thanksgiving	
4-Dec	Wreath Laying Ceremony	
	Mount Calavery Cemetery	

Fall Flavors Wine Tasting Event



Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010
Location: Columbus Club lower hall
Time: 7:00 p.m. - ???
Cost: \$30 per person

****Limited to the first 40 paid reservations!****

Join us for an informal evening of tasting a selection of varietals, in a 'blind-priceless' wine tasting format. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy and blindly rate various styles and wines from different price points selected for the evening. We'll be featuring three highly rated, yet different priced wines amongst four grape varieties. Ever wondered if you can really taste the difference between a \$5 and \$50 bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon? This is your chance!

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:00. Tasting to begin at 7:30. Snacks and a variety of 'palate cleansers' will be served throughout the tasting. Draft beer and soft drinks also included as an alternative or a break from the fruit of the vine.

FOR DETAILS OR RESERVATIONS, RSVP to

A.J. Adams: 314.258.2055 or via e-mail ajl403@sbcglobal.net