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*Jeff Kaminski, 1st yr Trustee*

*Tom Davis, 2nd yr Trustee*

*Dan Hagerman, 3rd yr Trustee*

*Tim O'Donnell, Lecture*

## Knights Happenings

### August 2012

7 K of C Regular meeting 7:30pm-Rosary at 7pm

### September 2012

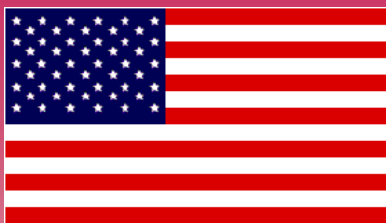
5 K of C Regular meeting 7:30pm-Rosary at 7pm  
(Meeting in gym).

16 K of C Breakfast after Masses on Sunday

21-23 "Fishing for Vocations" Lake of the Ozarks.

### October 2012

3 K of C Regular meeting 7:30pm-Rosary at 7pm



*Fly Your Flag*

*Welcome New Members*

*Greg Gilmore*

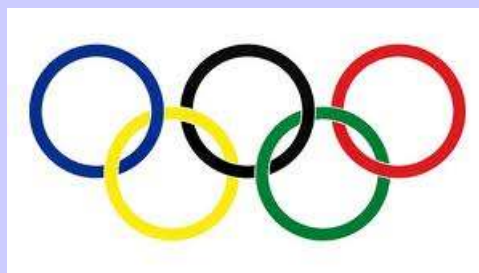
*Matt Finch*

*James Gately*

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## *Grand Knight's Corner*



- An update on the “Jazz in the Woods” event, a review of the income and expenses are corrected to a net gain of \$914.93 for the event.
- Fireworks tent – due to the slow economy and the hot weather the income from sales were low. Winco agreed to give the council \$2500 and the remaining \$1000 to be added to next year's settlement.
- A new insurance policy has been taken out for events the councils does. This will now allow for adult beverages to be offered at fish fry etc. The Ladies Auxiliary has agreed to pay for 1/3 of the cost of \$600. Officers meeting will be Aug. 28 at 7:00PM.
- The Raymore Price Chopper /St. James run now has 6 participants. We would like 2 more volunteers.

*Fraternally,*

*John Brownfield, Grand Knight*

## *Financial Secretary Report*



**Please! Don't let your dues fall behind**

Contact Mick (Financial Secretary) if you find yourself having trouble paying your dues.

Name tags are \$8, T-shirts are \$8, Polo Shirts are \$22, Hats are \$10.

*Fraternally,*

*Mick Mithelavage, Financial Secretary*

## *Treasurer's Report*

- The 50/50 for the evening was won by George Owen \$35.50.
- Baskets for the evening Vocations \$28, 50/50 \$30.
- Bills for the evening \$250.20 to J. Brown field and \$50 for the DJ at the Father/Daughter dance.

*Fraternally,*

*John Mulvihill, Treasurer*



# Service Committee Reports:

## *Membership Director: Wayne Lamb*

### **1st Degree:**

8/19 Council 4918

8/19 @11am Harrisonville

9/11 Council 6819

9/19 Belton

9/23 Warrensburg

### **2nd/3rd Degree**

8/19 Council 6550 Harrisonville @1pm

There are **169 Active members** in our council (1 inactive ins members per the latest roster)

## *Program Director: Gary Beier*

- There is still a need for 4 directors

## *Church Dir:*

### *Fish Fry's: Tom DeDonder*

- Fish fry's will start on 2/15/2013.

### *Breakfast Committee:*

- At this time 3 breakfasts are planned for Sept, Oct and Jan 2013.
- 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast 9/16, signup sheets circulated. 2 shifts needed.
- Cooking will also be done for the Parish Picnic on 9/8.

## *Hillcrest Ministries: Tony Molina*

### *Council Director:*

- There is still no date for Highway 150 Cleanup... will advise when ready.

## *Family Director: Jeff Kaminski*

- "Fishing for Vocations 9/21-23, Lake of the Ozarks. \$40/person.

## *Youth Director: Keith Hoffman*

## *Vocations: Gary Van VanBlarcum*

## *Pro-Life: Veryl Klein*

- Thank you received from the MO Right to Life office.

## *Tootsie Roll Director:*

## *GYM: Dave Adams*

- Parish Golf Tournament 8/12. 132 players signed up.
- Dave Adams requested a Thank you from the council be sent to Tom Hanard for the parts and labor donated for the automatic door.

## *Strotherfest:*

## ***OLD BUSINESS***



.The “Hunting for Vocations” will be 12/7-9. Need 1 to 12 hunters. Deposit of \$100 at October meeting.



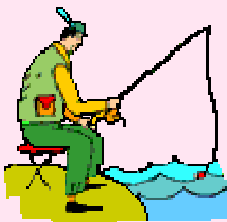
Parish Golf Tournament at Shamrock Hills on 8/12. To be called “Holy Spirit Golf Tournament”. All funds go to the Knights. Fr. Clary requested the revenue be set aside for parish buildings. Agreed.



Father/Daughter dance- still need photographer. The date will be Oct 13, 2012. The cost of a DJ is \$400; plan to charge \$10/family.



RE: the Garage/Storage building. The Grand Knight made a motion “**The proceeds from the Holy Spirit Golf Tournaments are to be placed in the Holding company**”. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed on a unanimous voice vote. This will speed up the accumulation of funds for the project.



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## **COME TO A MEETING**

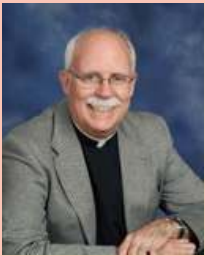
### **33 Brothers were at the last meeting**

Come join us at the next meeting. Not everything that goes on at a meeting is printed here. You are really missing out on the good stuff and Great food. Come on over...

Your newsletter editor

*Ray Theiling*

## **Chaplain's Report**



Father commented on the ongoing theme of "Jesus Bread of Life."

*Fraternally,*

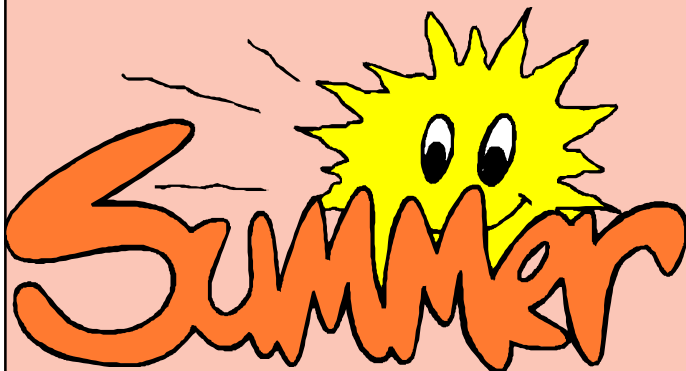
*Fr. Michael Clary, Pastor*

## **District Deputy 55 Report**

13 new members were added, need 3 more for Star Council Status. Council received "Circle of Honor" for RIBA.

*Fraternally,*

*Chuck Paquette, DD #55*



## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Info**

Sat 9/29 the Honor Guard will be in the American Royal parade. All knights are invited to attend and walk with the guard. The Assembly is considering a Valentine's Dance of Feb 16, 2013 at Holy Spirit. All knights' and parishioners would be invited.



Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.



# ***NEW BUSINESS***



A request for the council to sponsor/donate the Pleasant Hill council bike Dice Run.

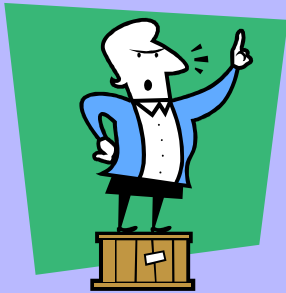
Motion made **“Council to donate \$200 to the Dice Run”**. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed on unanimous voice vote.



The first Knights breakfast will be 9/16.



The Meditation Garden needs to have dead trees replaced. They are covered by a 1yr. guarantee. A request for the Eagle Scout projects to replace the dead trees.



The Lecture has requested that all knights read the attached policy statement from Supreme, “Catholic Citizenship and Public Policy.”



The Council will have a paper ballot vote at our September meeting to decide if the Holding Company money should be spent on the Detached Garage.





## ***GOOD OF THE ORDER***

*Prayers were said for the following*

Leslie Burkett	Mark Chilote
Jack Cronhardt	Pat Neaves
Felipa Martinez	Pete Fobes
Jordan Zenor	Jeff Wharton
Ashley Queen	Jack Huckabay
Tom Brown	Debbie Espy
Bill Rentel	Debora Latendressee
Fr. Michael Tierney	R.T. Ryan
Andrew Bird	Karen Bird
Dave King	Fr. Joseph Matt
Bill Brady	Gene Stark
Sara Clore	Felix Witkowicz
Mary Anne Zetz	Ray Kimsey
Merlin Cross	Fr. Tom Ward
Maryann Cooper	Matt Fobes
Laurie & Kaylee Briscoe	Kimberly Cooper
Marge Kelly	Lori Sterling
Jim Cross	Kent Neal
James Green	

Those struggling in difficult financial times and  
the Men and Women of the Armed Forces.

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## ***Catholic Citizenship and Public Policy***

At the April 2012 meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors, a policy statement was approved by the Board which offers guidance on how to exercise our citizenship responsibilities as Catholics and in so doing help shape public policy. The policy statement was developed by staff of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and was presented by Supreme Advocate John Marrella. Much of the following discussion is taken from that document.

As an organization whose mission is to witness to our Catholic principles of charity, unity and fraternity, through the performance of spiritual and corporal works of mercy, the Knights of Columbus believes that the best way to renew society and build a true “civilization of love” is through the personal witness of its members to the love of Jesus Christ. When Knights are united in fraternal bond, performing charitable works, they are not only displaying two of our core principles, but are also offering compelling witness to that love of Jesus Christ. While Charity is the “foremost principle of our Order,” the Knights of Columbus also encourages its members to meet their responsibilities as Catholic citizens and to become active in the political life of their local communities, to vote and to speak out on the public issues of the day.

Our guide here is the statement of the Second Vatican Council in *Lumen Gentium*. This document of the Council identifies the mission of the Catholic faithful to build a society consistent with Gospel values when it states “By reason of their special vocation, it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God’s will... Thus especially by the witness of their life resplendent in faith, hope and charity, they must manifest Christ to others.”

Blessed Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* stated “Abortion and euthanasia are ...crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.” This statement of principled disagreement guides our efforts, as in accord with our Bishops, the Knights of Columbus at all levels maintain positions that support and promote the social doctrine of the Church, including a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion’s proper role in the private and public arenas. In addition to those Culture of Life issues identified in Blessed Pope John Paul II’s statement above, the Knights of Columbus also promotes the dignity and the irreplaceable value of the family founded on the Church’s understanding of marriage as the faithful, inclusive, exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman joined in an intimate partnership of life and love.

These two issues—the dignity of marriage and the dignity of each human person from conception to natural death-- form the foundation of much of our Bishops’ (and our Order’s) public policy compass. If a candidate for public office displays a sustained commitment to policies conflicting with these two bedrock principles, we reserve the right to withhold our votes from such a candidate. If such a candidate prevails, we will express our principled disagreement with his or her policy choices as informed Catholic constituents.

Directly quoting the Board of Directors’ statement “In all these efforts prayer is indispensable. We will pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten elected officials and judges to adopt laws and make judicial decisions that respect religious liberty and affirm life and the authentic nature of marriage. “



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Governor Nixon's veto of SB 749 should have reminded us (if we needed reminding) of the importance Catholic participation in the public policy process. To help members know what can and cannot be done in the political arena, the following list of political activity DOs and DON'Ts has been approved by the Supreme Board of Directors.

#### DO's

- DO become active in the political life of your local community
- DO register to vote, and encourage others to register to vote
- DO initiate and participate in robust "get out the vote" efforts to bring voters to the polls in all primary, general and special elections;
- DO become acquainted with public policy initiatives of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Missouri Catholic Conference;
- DO share with others the Catholic Church's teachings on moral issues of fundamental importance to society;
- DO advocate for Catholic positions on local and national legislative and other issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church; action alert announcements issued by the Missouri Catholic Conference are a good example of this;
- DO write letters to the editor of local newspapers;
- DO know your elected representatives and their positions on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO correspond with those representatives and let them know that you support the Catholic position on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO thank representatives for their actions taken on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO join the Supreme Council and the Missouri State Council in advocating for public policy issues; when doing so, echo the sentiments and wording already articulated by those bodies;
- DO VOTE!

#### DON'Ts

- DO NOT engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus; partisan political activity is defined as including activity that seeks to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office;
- DO NOT make partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus; this is defined as including statements that seek to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office;
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, congratulate or admonish public officials in the name of the Knights of Columbus;
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, take a position on a matter of public policy unless you are joining a position the Supreme Council or the Missouri State Council has already articulated;
- DO NOT distribute any Knights of Columbus member lists or contact information to political campaigns or to individuals running for office;

- DO NOT use an official fraternal title in connection with your personal political activity, except to convey biographical information;
- DO NOT use Knights of Columbus facilities, including, but not limited to, email accounts, social media, fax machines, letterhead and the like, in connection with partisan political activity.

This list is available at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), in the Officer's Desk Reference. Further questions or inquiries may be directed to the State Advocate. There will almost certainly be a veto-override attempt on SB 749. The above list may provide helpful guidance.

*Next month—The Supreme Knight's comments on Religious Liberty.*

*Clarence Millers Daughter ... Lori Brisko's Ramp*



***Great Job!!!!***

***This is what the Knight's of Columbus are all about.***

# August 2012

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# October 2012

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