

Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and Ladies,

In the middle of winter it's cold and wet out, the grass is brown and the trees have no leaves. We long for the spring and better weather. It takes determination to stay positive and look forward to the change of the season and the reward it brings. Sometimes you might have a winter project to work on. The job always starts out with high hopes and ambition. Along the way you have a few setbacks, and may have to change your original plan. Things don't always work out like the programs on TV, the whole job magically finished in 1 half hour episode. If you stay determined and positive you can usually see it through. Without challenges there would be no rewards, kind of like winter and spring.

In news from the last meeting. We received several Christmas cards from charities that we support. They thanked us for all we do for them throughout the year. There will be a basketball free throw competition in late January or early February for boys and girls age 9-14. Watch for exact date announcement. The ladies restroom remodel is ongoing, and hope to be completed by early February. Thanks to all who help and have input in the process. As always there are a lot of events coming up at the hall. Dances, cornhole tournament, Sunday football in the club room, something for everyone. Through all this activity please keep in mind later in February, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent.

Fraternally, John Ziegler, Grand Knight

Thank You Section:

If you know of someone who deserves a little recognition, let John Ziegler or Bob Roth know and we will get them in the newsletter.

- Father Anderson for laminating our Fr. McGivney prayer cards.
- Jason Duepner for all of his work with the live Nativity Scene and all who helped in any way.
- Chris Allen for stepping up to help Ann and Vicky with ordering for the kitchen.
- Mary Ann Poncet, Karen Williams, Debbie Roth, Phyllis Horn, Pam Aylsworth & Jen Missey for baking cakes from October until the end of March 2023 for the shooting match. Cakes are sold to raise funds for the De Soto Food Pantry Christmas. You are so appreciated.
- Jenn Missey and Joe Missey for cleaning behind the ovens when they were pulled out for electrical updates.
- Jason Dupner and John Ziegler for always doing our electrical updates
- John Rogers and Sue Krodinger for being runners on the 2nd week bingo

Note, in the past Thank You section I incorrectly listed Marshall DuBuque as Marvin. My mistake and I apologize to Marshall.

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In Memoriam:

Laverne Thouvenot - Sister of member Paul Politte

Shirts with Emblems:

We did not get enough people wanting shirts, so we will not be ordering any.

Columbia Ann's Report:

February birthdays:	Kim Bourbon	2/10	Christine Yarbrough	2/12	Jennifer McAnally	2/17
	Traci Hardin	2/18	Sharon Missey	2/18	Pat Boyer	2/20

Dear Columbia Anns,

For anyone who attended the meeting on 1/12/23 I would like to apologize. The meeting was not productive and sidetracked on the issues of the Fish Fry and remodel of the Ladies restroom in the hall. I appreciate Jason Dupener and Danny Byers were willing to try to answer questions about painting the dividers in the restroom and remodel questions. My apologies we were not able to complete the meeting and pray for the sick.

Going forward if there are concerns with anything we go over I will ask you to hold your questions until after the meeting and I will devote 1 hour to go over any concerns or issues and get back to you with a response if I have to check with another member for the answer.

We had a few items to go over which were the cost and concerns of the Fish Fry for 2023. Coming out of 2 years of Covid and the Daughters of Isabella not having great success last year at the fish fry brings concern with the cost of having one in 2023. The hall is aging and needs some TLC which several members have jumped in to donate their time to do repairs and fix up bathrooms, kitchen ceilings, etc. You are all so greatly appreciated for donating your time.

The bathroom remodel is under way in the big hall and we appreciate, John Rogers, Marvin Williams, Chris Allen, Joe Missey and anyone else who is working very hard to fix up the Ladies bathroom.

We voted to give a donation to the Safe Prom. Two new members were voted in to join the Columbia Ann's. We voted to buy the table for the Auction and allow the Columbia Ann's to sit at it when they have time throughout the evening. Jenn is checking with Corrie to Auction off this year our table for next year. We will still pay for the table.

Shout outs :

Marvin Williams, Chris Allen, John Rogers, Joe Missey who have been working on the restroom in the big hall. Clubroom for taking on the 2nd week Bingo to provide food choices to our Bingo players

We have some busy months coming up and hope you will all consider helping and attending the Fish fry.

Upcoming dates to remember:

January 19- Meeting for Knights Little Elves to discuss changes for 2023 at 6:30 pm

January 20- Cornhole 5:30 pm kitchen opens until 8:30 pm

January 23rd- Fish fry meeting- Everyone welcome to attend and go over the final costs

January 27 - Cornhole 5:30 pm kitchen opens until 8:30 pm

February 3rd- Cornhole 5:30 pm kitchen opens until 8:30 pm

February 10th- Cornhole 5:30 pm kitchen opens until 8:30 pm

February 11th- Catering- upstairs- If you can help contact Vicky Moss

February 17 & 18th- KC State Cornhole tournament- Contact Vicky Moss if you can help in the kitchen

February 24- Fish Fry begins

March 3rd- No Fish Fry as this is the week for the Auction

March 4th-Auction

March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st and April 7th- Fish Fry

April 1st- Dinner and a show to raise money for the De Soto Food Pantry Children's Christmas- Men dress up as ladies and ladies if you want to dress up as men you are welcome to be in the show. 50/50 split with Columbia Ann's

Very truly yours, Vicky Moss, President

Changes in Dues:

At the January meeting, it was decided that a vote will be held at the March meeting to change dues from \$40/year to \$50/year. If you wish to discuss or have a say in this, please attend the March meeting which will start at the new time of 7 pm.

Club Room Report:

A few quick things to mention for the month of February. First, we would like to thank everyone who helped get our new golf simulator running. Thank you to Don Taylor and Bob Roth for going to pick up the machine, to Chris Allen for ordering the new sensor, and to Keith and Karen Newbury and Aril Hendricks and Matt McClinton for tee and club donations. The simulator is now available to use. The cost is \$25 an hour for up to 4 people and \$30 an hour for 6 people. We hope you enjoy this new addition to the clubroom.

We will be open on Sundays for playoff football. The remaining dates for these are January 29th and February 12th. On February 12 we will have a pork steak dinner available for purchase as well. February at the hall always consists of cornhole. There will be league play at the beginning of the month and a state tournament on the 3rd weekend. Come out and watch some great games and have a drink and dinner while you are here.

The clubroom will be hosting another trivia night on March 11th at 6 pm. This one is Disney Trivia and is sure to be a great time. Reserve your table online at our website. Last thing to mention, we would like to give you a heads up on Easter events. Mark your calendars for the Kids Easter party on Sunday April 2nd at Noon. Another date to keep in mind is Friday April 7th. We will be hosting our Adult Easter Egg hunt this evening. There will also be a fish fry and live Music in the Clubroom. Come out and enjoy the evening.

Clubroom Committee



Spiritual Report:

The man whispered, "God, speak to me", and a meadowlark sang.
But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me", and the thunder rolled across the sky.
But, the man did not listen. The man looked around and said,

"God let me see you." and a star shined brightly.
But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle." And, a life was born.
But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here."
Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.
But, the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted even in our electronic age, so I would like to add one more:

The man cried, "God, I need your help!" And an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement.
But, the man deleted it and continued crying...

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Lenten Fish Fry

We are picking up the fish fries from the Daughters of Isabella who decided to quit doing fish fries. The dates are February 24th, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. Help will be needed so if you can help, please contact Vicky Moss. Thanks

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo 6 pm	2	3 Fried Food Friday	4
5	6 Queen of Hearts Drawing	7 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	8 Bingo 6 pm	9 Knights of Columbus and Columbia Anns meetings at 7:00 pm. Food will be served.	10 Fried Food Friday	11
12 Super Bowl Party	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing	14 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room Valentine's Day	15 Bingo 6 pm	16	17 K of C State Cornhole Tournament	18 K of C State Cornhole Tournament
19	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing	21 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	22 Bingo 6 pm	23	24 Lenten Fish Fry	25
26	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing	28 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room				



Upcoming Events:

January 29th

5th Sunday Breakfast

A 5th Sunday breakfast is planned for Sunday January 29th after the 7 am mass. For a small fee of \$5.00, you get a wonderful breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit cocktail, juice, coffee and milk. Breakfast is usually over by 9 am. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast at a great price.

February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Shooting Matches

Shooting matches are held on Tuesday nights starting at 6 pm. The kitchen is open so food will be available to purchase.

February 3rd and 10th

Cornhole League

We will be holding our annual corn hole league on February 3rd and 10th see newsletter for more information.

February 12th

Super Bowl Party

There will be a Super Bowl party on Sunday February 12th. A pork steak dinner with beans and potato salad will be available for \$10 a plate starting at around 2 pm. There will be super bowl boards and drink specials. Come out and root your favorite team on and enjoy the day with friends.

February 17th and 18th

Missouri State K of C Cornhole Tournament

Our council will be hosting the Missouri State K of C Cornhole tournament on the weekend of the 17th of February. See the newsletter for more information.

February 24th

Lenten Fish Fry

Our council will hold a Lenten Fish fry on Friday February 24th. Details are still being worked out

March 4th

St. Rose of Lima Auction

The St. Rose School auction "Downton Abbey" will be held on March 4th. The regular oral and silent auctions will be held and a meal will be served. The auction is sold out.

February Birthdays:

Russell E. Lewis	1 st	Bill Rensing	1 st	Deacon Edward J. Boyer	2 nd
Steve Siadek	2 nd	Warren A. Muzzey	3 rd	Jason M. Cain	4 th
Eric Thompson	6 th	Donald R. Schaeffer	7 th	Todd N. Tucker	8 th
Paul J. Haverstick	9 th	Josh Boyer	9 th	Brian Baldwin	11 th
Danny E. Byers	11 th	Alexander J. Ruch	11 th	Steven G. Duepner	12 th
Charles M. Hardin	14 th	Thomas E. Muzzey	14 th	Michael E. Coleman	16 th
Wayne Haas	16 th	Edward J. Juliette	16 th	Isaias Penaloza	16 th
Eric D. Coleman	17 th	Dave Thomas	19 th	Gary Wood	19 th
Travis Ott	19 th	John Dontrich	20 th	Ron Politte	23 rd
Robert A. Naucke Jr	24 th	James T. Carrow	25 th	David L. Sprous	25 th
Ron Coleman	26 th	Andrew DeMarco	26 th	Josh Treis	27 th
J. R. Merseal	29 th				

Web Page:

Check out the new web page that Tiffany Viehman set up. It is at www.desotoKofC.org.

For up to date information on what's going on at the Knights of Columbus Hall, please "like" us on **Facebook**.
Knights of Columbus/KC Hall De Soto, MO

E-mailing the Newsletter:

We have been mailing the newsletter via e-mail for the past couple of year. We are trying to update our records so if you are not receiving the newsletter by e-mail and would like to, please send your e-mail address to bobroth@illumifin.com. This will save the council money and allow us to keep sending out a monthly newsletter.

Humor Me:

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

"House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa."

"Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ("el computador"), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

Missouri State K of C Cornhole Tournament

We will be hosting the 3rd annual Missouri State Corn Hole Tournament at the hall on Friday and Saturday February 17th and 18th of 2023. The tournament is open to all Missouri Knights of Columbus and their families.

On Friday February 17th a pork steak meal will be served from 5:30 till 7:30 at a cost of \$10 plate. Registration will be Saturday starting at 8 am. Breakfast will be served from 7 am till 10 am. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and biscuits and gravy. All you can eat \$10. Concessions will be sold on the premises after breakfast.

We are selling sponsorships as follows: The proceeds from this event will go to the Missouri Special Olympics.

Lane Sponsor \$100.00, Awards Sponsor \$200.00, Bar Sponsor \$300.00

All sponsors will be recognized throughout the tournament and names listed on a Banner posted in the council hall. Sponsorship at the Awards level will include 2 dinner tickets on Friday night. Sponsorship at the Bar level will include 2 dinner tickets on Friday night and 4 drink tickets.

The proceeds from this event will go to the Missouri Special Olympics. Help will be needed in the kitchen so if you would like to help contact Bob Roth or Vicky Moss.

Save the Date for our Golf Tournament:

The third annual Knights of Columbus Council #1185 golf tournament is being planned for Friday April 28th at Terre Du Lac golf course in Bonne Terre. While not all of the details are available, tee time will be 12 pm. The tournament format will be a 4 person scramble and cash prize for 3 flights minimum. There will be drinks and lunch available during the day and a dinner is planned for after the tournament. This is a good opportunity to have fun playing golf and also help your council. More information will be in the future newsletters.

Golf Simulator:

The golf simulator is now up and running in the club room. This is really easy to play and is a lot of fun. The cost is reasonable and if you can get some golf swings in in the middle of winter. Come out and give it a try. \$25 gets up to 4 people an hour to play.

Insurance Agent Report:

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year! It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?" Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them. Vivat Jesus!

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Fried Food Friday's:

Fried Food Fridays will continue thru February. We will be serving cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chicken strips, chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, mushrooms, fries, onion rings, shrimp, fried ravioli and mini tacos. Come out, have a drink or two and let us cook for you.

Financial Secretary Report

Dues notices have been sent out. Please make an attempt to pay these immediately as this helps our council. If you are several years in past dues, you will be dropped from our active roster. If you are having a problem paying your dues please give me a call and we will work something out. Todd Milner 314-287-1232.

We will be having a degree at 7 pm at our March meeting for any new members. If you are a 1st degree member and would like to become a 3rd degree member, just show up at the meeting and sit thru the degree and you will become a 3rd degree member.

