

Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and Ladies,

I hope everyone had a Holy and reflective Advent season and a Merry Christmas. January starts the New Year and gives us the opportunity to look back on how we did last year and forward to the year that lies ahead. As we take stock of our success and failures, we can make a resolution to change the things we struggled with and improve on our achievements, in our council and our personal lives.

At the meeting in December, I am pleased to welcome 3 new members Alex Short, David Ryan, and Garrett Ponzar. There was also a transfer to our council, Patrick Yeung and 2 re-instatements, John Ponzar and Mike Newbury. It's always great to see new members joining. During the meeting there was a discussion on bylaw changes. It was decided that the meeting time would move to 7:00 on the 2nd Thursday of the month. This will be the new start time if we have a 1st degree or not. If the meeting falls on a Holy Day of Obligation, it will be cancelled for that month. Changes to the dues structure was also debated. A decision was made to table the issue until some research could be done on what other organizations charge. The general consensus was to raise them, but with deadline approaching we will wait until next year to adjust. You get a lot of facilities and activities for your \$40 here!

I encourage you to check out our calendar of events in this newsletter. You will see many activities scheduled. Please feel free to come out and participate in some. It could be good medicine for a case of wintertime cabin fever.

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.

- Vicky Moss for all her work on organizing the food pantry kids Christmas Party
- Jason Duepner for all of his work with the live Nativity Scene and all who helped in any way.
- Ron "Blue" Christopher, Jason Cain, Wayne Haws, Joe Missey and Dustin Schutte for cooking the steaks for the adult Christmas party.
- Debbie Roth, Don and Pam Aylsworth, Carl and Ann Oberle and Jen Missey for helping clean up after the adult Christmas Party
- Skip Newbury and Chris Allen for helping prepare the salad for the adult Christmas Party.
- Skip Newbury, Warren Muzzey and Rich Charboneau for running the Queen of Hearts game throughout the year
- Ray Choate for setting up for the adult Christmas Party
- Amanda Gale, Jodi Haws and all of the bartenders who worked throughout the year.
- Cassie and Eric Coleman for organizing and running the kids Christmas Party
- Wayne and Jodi Haws, Debbie and Bob Roth, Marvin and Judy DuBuque and Tiffany Viehman for helping with the kids Christmas Party

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In Memoriam:

Rod Rhodes - Member

Columbia Ann's Report:

January birthdays:	Delores Dvorak	1/2	Cristy Heur	1/07	Linda Buxton	1/17
	Shannon Johnston	1/21	Lindsey Johnston	1/25	Madison Chibitty	1/26
	Cassie Coleman	1/28	Jocelyn Penaloza	1/28	Mary Johnson	1/30
	Dawn Selsor	1/31				

Dear Columbia Anns,

With the celebration of the Christmas season coming to an end, we look forward to the coming year. If you have a chance drive by the Nativity Scene on Main St which is a lot of hard work each year and yet so beautiful to see. Thank you Knights for setting this up each year.

We did not have a meeting in December with the celebration on the 17th of this month of the holiday, thank you to all the Columbia Ann's and friends for helping with Bingo's, shooting matches, car shows, 4th of July , catering, Fashion show, Poker run, Church Picnic & Gun Show. Thank you, Thank you for all you do to keep the hall and kitchen up and running.

Awards for the Columbia Ann of the Year went to Debbie Roth, GEM of the Year to Jenn Missey and Beth Novotny. Way to go and well deserved. Flowers were presented to Ann Oberle for all she does to keep the kitchen going. Thank you Carl Oberle for hanging up plaques and fixing things in the kitchen for us all year long.

Upcoming events in 2023

January 20th, 27th, 3rd & 10th is Cornhole on Friday nights. (need kitchen help (see Vicky)

Feb. 17th & 18th- State KC Cornhole(Need help in the kitchen(See Vicky or Bob)

March 4th- Auction (no details yet)

April 1st- Fashion Show to benefit the Children's Christmas party (Dinner and a show) Awesome fun. (Calling all you gentlemen to dress up.) Cash prize this year

May 20th- Possible Catering

September 23rd (First outside catering) We charge a \$300.00 fee and a Columbia Ann must be present while he caterer is there.

Have a blessed holiday Season,

Very truly yours, Vicky Moss, President

Club Room Report:

What a great year we had in 2022 and hope that 2023 is even better. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the kids Christmas party including Wayne and Jodi Haws, Bob and Debbie Roth, Marshall and Judy DuBuque, and Tiffany Viehman. You all were a blessing that day.

A few quick notes on things coming up. The first is we will be open again for playoff football on a few Sundays this year. The dates will be Sunday January 15th, Jan 22nd, Jan 29th, and Feb 12th. Times will vary by week but will be posted in the clubroom and on Facebook. Also, we will continue to have fried food Fridays in the clubroom, come enjoy a night off from cooking. The clubroom will also be open on New Year's eve for anyone wanting to come have a drink and ring in the new year with friends. The gym will be open if you want to bring your kids. We look forward to seeing you all.

-The Clubroom Committee

Cornhole League:

The annual corn hole league is scheduled for the following Fridays, January 20th, January 27th, February 3rd, and February 10th. Space is limited and teams that played last year will get priority, but payment of \$40 per team, \$45 if you have a 3rd person is due at the time of signup. Sign ups are being accepted in the club room or at the following website. <https://forms.office.com/r/Gd5AjSM9X6>.



Spiritual Report:

One night in July at an all-girls summer camp, the campers were gathered around in a circle for their nighttime devotions. The counselor asked if any of the girls wanted to share something that had happened that day that impacted them.

One camper raised her hand and said a girl from another camp cabin had said something that hurt her feelings and she was really upset about it. The camp counselor went to the bathroom to grab a tube of toothpaste. She took the tube and squeezed it just a bit so some toothpaste came out. She then tried to put the toothpaste back in the tube, but it just created a mess. Then she squeezed the tube even more, pushing more toothpaste out and creating even more of a mess, but none of it would go back into the tube.

The counselor then told the campers, “This toothpaste represents the words you speak. Once you say something that you want to take back, it’s impossible and it only creates a mess. Think before you speak, and make sure your words are going to good use before you let them out.”

The Moral:

Speaking is a fundamental social skill required for living a successful life. However, many are careless with their words, but they hold so much power. They can have a direct impact on the outcome of a situation, creating a helpful or hurtful reaction in our world. The problem is, once words come out of your mouth, no amount of “I’m sorry’s” will make them go back in: blurting something out and then attempting to take it back is like shutting the gate after the horse has taken off.

Words define who we are by revealing our attitudes and character, giving people an indication of our intellect or ignorance. Stop for a minute before you speak and question yourself about why you’re saying what you are. Are you trying to relay information? Relate to someone else? Make sure you’re able to take responsibility for whatever you’re about to say.

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.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 Queen of Hearts Drawing	3 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	4 Bingo 6 pm	5	6 Fried Food Friday	7
8	9 Queen of Hearts Drawing	10 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	11 Bingo 6 pm	12 Knights of Columbus and Columbia Anns meetings at 7:00 pm. Food will be served.	13 Fried Food Friday	14
15 Club Room open for NFL playoffs.	16 Queen of Hearts Drawing	17 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	18 Bingo 6 pm	19	20 Fried Food Friday Cornhole league	21
22 Club Room open for NFL playoffs.	23 Queen of Hearts Drawing	24 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	25 Bingo 6 pm	26	27 Fried Food Friday Cornhole league	28
29 5 th Sunday Breakfast Club Room open for NFL playoffs.	30 Queen of Hearts Drawing	31 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room				



Upcoming Events:

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

Shooting Matches

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

January 20th and 27th

Cornhole League

We will be holding our annual corn hole league on January 20th and 27th and February 3rd and 10th see newsletter for more information.

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 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.

January Birthdays:

Robert Cleary	6 th	Terry G. Duepner	7 th	Marvin L. Williams	7 th
Matthew J. Mc Anally	10 th	Ryan M. Mc Clinton	11 th	Frank S. Wilson	14 th
Darrell A. Boyer	14 th	Jeff Penaloza	16 th	Connor Hardin	15 th
William H. Cartee Jr	18 th	Doyle G. Poncet	19 th	Mark J. Solomon	19 th
Jordan Reando	20 th	Blaine A. Baisch	21 st	Lawrence P. Krodinger Sr	22 nd
Jackie L. Brock	23 rd	William E. Leftridge	24 th	Mike Pinson	24 th
Edward D. Clancy	25 th	Ken J. Boyer	25 th	Scott Politte	25 th
William D. Boley Jr	26 th	Richard E. Rennick	26 th	Michael J. Jennings	27 th
Rodney A. Newbury	27 th	James Mayfield	29 th	Lance O'Neal	29 th
Dan Anthonis	30 th	Keith A. Newbury	31 st	Dwayne Taylor	31 st

Shirts with Emblems:

Last chance to order. Several people have asked me about getting shirts with our council information on them. There is a website now available that allows you to buy shirts that can be customized. The problem is you have to have a minimum of 12 shirts. I am attaching the url to access this site and will take orders for the Custom Sport-Tek Racer Mesh Polo for 28.50 each. There are 3 colors to choose from. If you would like to order a shirt, send me the size and color you want and I will order them and you can pay for them when you pick them up. Send orders to bobroth@illumifin.com. The url is: <https://knightsgear.com/collections/custom>

Humor Me:

I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So I say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?" He says, "My brother might be coming."

New Members:

As stated in the Grand Knights report, we initiated 3 new members to our council prior to our December meeting. Please welcome Alex Short, David Ryan, and Garrett Ponzar. There was also a transfer to our council, Patrick Yeung and 2 reinstatements, John Ponzar and Mike Newbury. Congratulations to all the new members and welcome them when you see them at the hall.

Insurance Agent Report:

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas.

It seems we say it every year: "It's Christmas; where did the year go?" Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us. Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned. The Order gave more than \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals. Look at these specifics: we gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign. We gave 8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program. We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages. RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants. And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood. These are gifts that change lives. Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts.

As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you. Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

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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.

Adult Christmas Party:

The adult Christmas party was a big success. A delicious steak dinner with all the fixings was prepared and everyone had a good time. A total of \$525 was collected for DeSoto Contact, thanks to all who donated. The clergy were presented with gifts and The Knight of the Year was Chris Allen and the Family of the Year was Beth and Walt Novotny. Congratulate them when you get a chance and thank them for all they do around the hall and for the council.

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

