



Knight Life

OF THE BLUE SPRINGS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Our Council Continues to Grow—3 New Members!

Grand Knight's Corner

My Brother Knights:

We are closing in on the end of another year. As you probably know, the Knight's year starts in July. At our May meeting we will be considering nominations for officers, and then in June we will have our elections for the new year. I am aware of one officer position that will need to be filled, and that is for Deputy Grand Knight. Jack will be stepping down to make this position available to a younger Knight. If you might consider this position, I'm sure Jack will be glad to answer any of your questions.

If you have not been as active lately as you wanted, this is the perfect time to get started. To become an officer, you must be at least a Third Degree Knight. You can also become active in any of our Programs. All you have to do is decide which Program you have interest in, and tell the Program Director that you would like to be a part of it.

As you know, we seem to be involved with our Youth quite a bit. One of our latest activities was the Drug Abuse Poster Contest. I want to send a big congratulations to Emily Royer from St. John's. Her poster received Second Place in the State of

Missouri. Great job Emily! Thanks for taking part in the contest.

Our Council is constantly growing in both quantity and quality. Due to our dedicated members, we have been able to increase our Programs to help our Church and our Community. I invite you to come to a meeting, and be part of our many good works. We can work together to help others.

Bill Kennedy
Grand Knight

Why Me Lord?

Why Not You?

Council Meeting.
May. 25, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

Council Meeting.
June 22, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center
Council Elections

2005 — 2006 Officers & Directors

Officers:

Bill Kennedy - Grand Knight
Fr. Walter Pilecki - Chaplain
Jack Dwyer - Deputy G. Knight
T.J. Murphy - Recorder
David Longstreet - Treasurer
Charles Russo - Chancellor
Kurt Marquart - Advocate
Gale O'Neal - Warden
Charles Brecheisen - I. Guard
Derek Brecheisen - O. Guard
George Burgard - Financial Sec.
Mike Bajkowski - 3 Yr. Trustee
Mike Manczuk - 2 Yr. Trustee
Tony Schamel - 1 Yr. Trustee

Directors:

Lou Soliz-Program Dir.
David McLean - Membership
Mark Schollmeyer - Church
Tony Schamel - Community
Gale O'Neal - Council
Steven Schonfeldt - Family
David Hillerman - Youth

Council Meeting.
July 27, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

Council Meeting.
Aug 24, 7:00 p.m. meal,
7:30 Rosary, 8p.m. meeting
St. Robert's Parish Center

Program Director's Report

Since our last newsletter...

We'd like to extend a big welcome to our newest council members:

- Gene Belvin
- David Gaulden
- Joe Marquez

Re-Admissions:

- Steve Fiedler
- Terry Forsythe

His work is Done!

Bob Wynn passed to his eternal reward 3-26-06

Future Degree Dates

Please contact David McLean at 229-8687 or Jack Dwyer at 229-2168 if you are interested in taking any future degrees.

www.KofC6506.org

Our council now has a new WebMaster. Thanks to Lou Soliz for taking on this additional responsibility.

Please send Lou an email with suggestions for improvements.

Better Communications

We currently have about 85 Knights on our E-mail list. We use E-mail quite often to remind members of upcoming events, requests for volunteers, and notices of all kinds.

If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send Jack Dwyer your E-mail ID. His E-mail ID is:

kofcjack@sbcglobal.net

Dear Brothers Knights,

As your new Program Director, I first want to say how honored I am to be in this position in your great council! Thank you for letting me serve you. I want to apologize about being a little slow at getting started, but I hope to make it up to you all in the future.

First off I want to thank Steven Schonfeldt for taking the long empty Family Directorship. If you see him, say congratulations! He had his first project on April 30th: he organized the 5th Sunday Family Breakfast. I think it was a success and it can only grow from here. Great job Steve!

Next I want to thank Mark Schollmeyer for continuing to be our Church Director. He is very busy and we are blessed with his contributions to our council. His current project is recognizing our 1st Communion, Confirmation, and Baptized children.

I really appreciate David Hillerman taking my old position of Youth Director. He is taking over a program that has a lot of carry over volunteers that enjoy doing their events so much that they want to do them next year. This makes David's job unique in our service program: watching over these great helpers. Thank you David.

That leads me to Council Director, Gale O'Neal. Need I say more. He has been a great example of a Council Director. Under his leadership we have enjoyed Fish Fries, Chiefs Tailgates, a source for shirts and jackets, cooking hot dogs and many other events I don't even know about. Gale is willing to step down to make room for a new Council Director. If you are interested in this position I would love to hear from you. Gale is willing to stay on as shirt and jacket guy, and is willing to help who ever takes over. Gale will continue until this position is filled. I would like this person to have good PR skills to help out with communications.

Last but not least, Tony Schamel, our Community Director. Right now his current project is helping distribute carnations at all the masses for Mother's Day and for Right-to-Life. Thank you Tony for stepping up to fill this role. Tony is a past Grand Knight and a very active Knight. He organizes blood drives, pancake breakfasts, our former sign maker (don't ask), and is our Council's 1st Year Trustee. He also is willing to give up his position because he is involved with so many other activities. He will also continue until this position is filled. You can count on Tony to know how to run any event!

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

Vivat Jesus!

Lou Soliz
Program Director



Membership Report



Our newest members Joseph Marquez, David Gaulden and Gene Belvin

We currently have four candidates that will receive their 1st degree on May 17th in Belton, MO. I invite all Brother Knights to join us on the 17th.

We will meet at the lower parking lot at St. John LaLande at 5:30 and travel to Belton. I hope to see you there.

David McLean
Membership director

Pro-Life Report

Dear Brother Knights:

To keep up on the day to day developments in the Pro-Life Movement, check out

<http://LifeNews.com/>

The Pro-Life News Report. It is free.
Mario

Financial Secretary Report

PAID UP DUES GOAL

Paid up Knights of Columbus dues memberships now stands at 87.7 %

21 brother Knights needed to respond to reach 100 %

Please pay your 2006 dues ASAP. Thank you. As always if you are having financial difficulties currently, your council will be happy to cover the dues. Just call me and it will be handled in confidence.

Viva Jesus,

**George Burgard
Financial Secretary Council # 6506
816-229-4540**

THANK YOU!

To all the Brother Knights and their families that made our fish fries the huge success they were

2006 Fish Fry Summary Knights of Columbus

Date	Meals Served	Receipts	Expenses
3/3/06	266	\$1692	\$1180
3/10/06	350 (St Roberts)	\$ 556	\$ 52
3/24/06	368	\$2146	\$ 600
3/31/06	163	\$1136	\$ 587
4/7/06	<u>159</u>	<u>\$1103</u>	<u>\$ 319</u>
	1306	\$6633	\$2738

Net Profit \$3,895

It wouldn't have happened without you!

The Insurance Corner

Knights of Columbus Life Insurance
Retirement Annuities & Long Term Care Insurance

“WHY BUY LIFE INSURANCE?”

Why should you buy life insurance anyway? Because, if your wife does become a widow, funds are created automatically, immediately, and at the least possible cost. In addition, only life insurance will provide a guaranteed steady income month after month.

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Brother Eugene Seguin

How About a Morning of Golf and Fellowship June 10th, 8 A.M. Hoot's Hollow Golf Course

St. Robert's Men's Ministry is hosting a fellowship Golf Tournament June 10th, at Hoot's Hollow Golf Course. 7:30 Registration—Shotgun Start at 8am. The cost is \$ 70 per golfer - Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Golf Shirt, Lunch w/ Beverages. See registration form to sign up— Individual and team sign ups are welcome.



Council Activities Report

Have you gotten your Knights of Columbus shirt, jacket, and/or hat?

George Burgard has a limited supply of KofC hats for \$ 9.00 each. Please contact George at 229-4540 if interested.

Our Council also is able to get Knights of Columbus polo shirts and jackets that are individualized with your name. The shirts are available in several colors. So far we've ordered shirts in blue, white and grey. The jackets come in blue. The prices are:

If interested you can mail me the attached coupon or call me with the information at 229-1799 or email me at gale.oneal@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you,
Gale O'Neal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Shirt: YES or NO

Size: _____ Color : _____

Jacket: YES or NO

Size: _____ Color : _____

Name to be used: _____

Mail to: Gale O'Neal
512 NE 2nd Street
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Recent Community and Charitable Projects

- Lenten Fish Fries
- KofC Essay Contest
- Pro-Life Mother Day Carnations
- Family Corporate Communion

Shirts

- S—XL \$ 15.00
- 2 XL \$ 17.00
- 3 XL \$ 19.00

Jackets

- S—XL \$ 44.75
- 2 XL \$ 46.75
- 3 XL \$ 48.75

Important Dates—Please Mark Your Calendar

May 25 Council Meeting, 7 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. Rosary, 8 p.m. Business Meeting, St. Robert Bellarmine

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For the Good of the Order

We pray for
...all the unborn and especially the aborted.
...an increase in vocations.
...our brother Knights and their families that are ill or in distress.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE KANSAS CITY STAR

I read an article which was a reprint of an article in the *New York Times* in your January 1, 2006, edition, section A, page 17. After reading, I felt moved to respond with my thoughts on the subject of limbo.

The article begins by saying it may seem half a shame to get rid of a church tradition which, though cruel, has been inspirational. I find nothing inspirational about limbo. The thinking on this subject is diabolical and certainly anti-Christ in its premise. How could something which has caused women who have lost unbaptized children to salvation be God-like? Limbo has been an infernal lie from its inception.

Jesus spoke out to His followers that they were not to suffer the little ones from Him. When Herod put the Holy Innocents to the sword in Bethlehem, were they not transported to the throne of God? What has happened to all the victims of abortion and other holocausts throughout history?

When I was still very young, I was presented with this premise of the existence of limbo by clerics and religious of the Catholic Church and could not accept it because it did not make sense to me and fit who I visualized as God.

I felt the only reason I could not see God clearly was the fact that the dimension I was locked in by my earthly existence separated me from the realization of the fullness of God's light. The life I have veils me from clearly seeing my Lord God in His truth.

Baptism comes to us in various ways and measures:

We may be baptized with water and the Word.

We may be baptized by a pure desire to be with God Almighty.

We may be baptized when we sacrifice our life for another, as in martyrdom.

I know I have hit some points which are different for many to understand, but let me assure you the answers I received to my questions were in His Holy Word.

God bless you all,

Eugene D. Seguin
Blue Springs, MO