



GOOD KNIGHT NEWS

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From the Desk of Grand Knight
Bart Hulsmeyer



May meetings on the 13th and 27th
Meetings start at 7 PM in the St Vincent De Paul
Building

May is here ! ! ! !

This is Mary's Month. It is a great time to say the Rosary. Remember, we received them upon entering the Knights of Columbus.



Time to get out doors and plant something. Make something grow or at least feed the birds. Backyard pools will be opened as a sign that warm weather is here to stay. May ends the school year so be careful when driving around town. The barbecue should be open by now and the grilling begins.



May is the fifth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. It is also a month within the northern season of spring. The month may have been named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Therefore the early church chose May as the month of Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ our Savior. May was also chosen to have Mother's Day. No other month begins on the same day of the week as May. This month and June are the only two months that have this.

Remember to look at the schedules in this Newsletter. If you can not make the event you are scheduled for, please get a replacement. If you are unable to get a replacement then you must call some one and let them know so arrangements can be made.



They will be missed

At the end of April and one week later we lost a big part of our council. Brother John Dunham passed away on April 26th, 2009. Then on May 3rd, 2009 we lost Elbert France. This newsletter will be dedicated in their honor.



Our Future

Our council continues to grow and expand its activities. Consider asking some one to become a Knight. Please call Bart Hulsmeyer (498-3202). We'll be glad to answer your questions. Our Council needs to grow. New Members bring new life and excitement with them. And this rubs off on us. Bring in a new member this Year. We will have a first degree in the next month.

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect.

There is some one you know that you have asked many times to join us and they haven't. Maybe they need to be asked just one more time.



Knights of Columbus #7847 Gaming License 2085

That is the title of our Bingo

We received our license on April 21st and Bingo kicked off on April 23rd and 24th at the Amvets Hall in Oak Grove. The crowds on both nights were a little thin but that was because there was no time to advertise. We did turn a profit on both nights and also on April 30th and May 1st. Come to the meeting and find out how we did. The members came out to work and learn. We did not just sit around and find out what has to be done, we actually worked the floor verifying Bingos and selling Jack Pot games along with working behind the counter with the TED's. The members who came out were enthusiastic about the prospects of our Bingo. Sooner or later a schedule will be posted so let the Grand Knight know what night (Thursday or Friday) you want. Don't forget to ask your wife if she would volunteer. Pam Carlton, wife of Brother Knight Steve, has volunteered. No doubt her name will be placed on the Bingo Roster.



With the help of all Brother Knights there is no doubt that this endeavor will reap many rewards. We will take over all the Bingo jobs little by little. First we will continue to be behind the counter and take a "section" of the Hall as our own. Then move to the next "section" and then to the other jobs. Again, with everyone helping out, at least once a month, we can accomplish much.



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Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why?--because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Contact your local field agent or myself. We are here to help and answer any questions you may have.

Call Today!



BINGO

This is where the Bingo Schedule will be. Hopefully, we can make teams and everyone works the same night each time with the same Brother Knights. The more volunteers, the more teams. The more teams mean less weeks. Eight teams mean that all the volunteers work one night a month. If we can make up four teams then we work twice a month.

A team will be nine Brother Knights. Not all Knights are needed at 5 PM when the doors open, but they are all needed between 7 PM and 9 PM. Each team can work out how this will be accomplished. If we find out that more are needed on Thursday than Friday, then we can adjust the number on a team and maybe reduce one to seven Brother Knights.

The jobs are as follows:

- 1 volunteer to be there at 5 PM to "open up" and to work the floor at 7 PM
- 2 more volunteers at 6 PM to start setting up the Pull Tabs.
- 2 More volunteers at 6:30 to open the register and the TED machines
- 2 More volunteer at 6:30 one to be a "Caller" and one to help with the Pull Tabs
- 2 More volunteers at 7 PM to work the floor for Bingo.

This, of course, is not written in stone and can and should be adjusted by each team.



Come to the next meeting a be informed as to how we did in the six Bingo Nights so far. If all goes as planned we should have profited about \$7,000.00 total during those six nights. Not bad for a just little work.

Our next meeting is May 13th at the Saint Vincent de Paul Society meeting room, top floor.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY



1	Bingo at the Amvets	
2	Kentucky Derby	
7	Bingo at the Amvets	
8	Bingo at the Amvets	
9	Golf Tournament	
10	Mother's Day	
10	4th Degree Meeting	
13	Business Meeting	
14	Bingo at the Amvets	
15	Bingo at the Amvets	
15-17	Kentucky State K of C Meeting	
16	Armed Forces Day	
21	Bingo at the Amvets	
22	Bingo at the Amvets	
24	Corporate Communion	
25	Memorial Day	
27	Social Meeting	
28	Bingo at the Amvets	
29	Bingo at the Amvets	
31	Fr Josh McCarthy Mass	

This is your council. Come to the meetings and be an active member. Don't forget the next meeting is May 13th. If you need a ride, call a Brother Knight. Hope to see you there.

The annual Golf Tournament will be held on May 9th.at the Western Hills Golf Course.

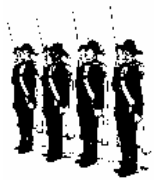
Good Fun, Good Golf, Good Food and Good Prizes. Chuck Puckett will be on the grill so the burgers will be cooked to perfection.

Come join in the fun. Treat yourself nice for a change.



4th Degree

Our next meeting will be May 10th in Madisonville at the Madisonville Knights of Columbus Hall located at the very end of Weinbarger Lane. Take the Pennyrile to Exit 44. Take 41 Alt west about a few miles to Rainwater Lane (make a right), this will split in about a mile, you go left on Weinbarger Lane. There should be a sing on 41 Alt at Rainwater. The May meeting will be "Mother's Day". As usual, there will be a FREE Repast followed by the Meeting. There should be some new members in attendance. Bart Hulsmeyer, David Allard and Father Shijo did the Exemplification of the 4th Degree.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Arrive for Bingo before 7PM on Thursday and stay until closing. If you can not work on your scheduled night call another Knight or Chuck Pucket. Bingo is **important** to the Parish and if it is **important** to the Parish it is **VERY important** to the Knights of Columbus.



MAY Adoration



30-Apr	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241	21-May	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Gary Harden	886-6382
30-Apr	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606	21-May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chas Mowan	305-4330
5-May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824	26-May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Bruce Wilcox	484-0523
5-May	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695	26-May	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Dan Gardner	885-8028
7-May	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560	28-May	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Franco Cincotti	886-2241
7-May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Steve Carlton	885-0596	28-May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Tim Barnes	885-6606
12May	1:00-2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050	2-Jun	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Carl Schmidt	886-1824
12May	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504	2-Jun	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	John Soldo	889-9695
14May	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Dick Dymek	885-5754	4-Jun	12:00-1:00 a.m.	Doyle Shelton	886-3560
14May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Thomas	424-2461	4-Jun	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Steve Carlton	885-0596
19May	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Don McCowan	886-4605	9-Jun	1:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Chris Stevens	886-0050
19May	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Jim Creighton	886-0454	9-Jun	2:00 - 3:00 a.m.	Ron Lee	886-5504

Knight of the Month



John Dunham is the Knight of the month for May. John was the creator and editor of the monthly newsletter just hours before he left us he forwarded the newsletter to me and said all that was left to complete were the few parts I add each month. He will be greatly missed by the council and me personally. In the short time he was with us in Hopkinsville he showed great leadership and was eager to share with us his vast knowledge of the nights of Columbus. A native of New York he was born January 26, 1946. He served on our degree team and was the current district deputy for our region. He was the driving force behind so many things in the council most recently it was our Bingo fundraiser. John helped out on the Friday April 24th bingo night. He departed this world on Sunday April 26th. His wife Donna said she was glad that he was able to receive communion that Sunday which was brought to his house by Brother Tim Barnes. John was a true Catholic Gentleman in every sense of the word.

Senior Knight of the Month



Elbert France is the Senior Knight of the month for May. Elbert was a founding member of our council. He passed away on the Sunday following John Dunham, May 3rd, 2009. Elbert leaves a strong legacy in his son Anthony who is also a member of our council. Anyone who met Elbert was entertained by his quick wit and fun loving spirit. He was a fourth degree member and retired Air Force Vietnam Veteran. Elbert loved his church and his family. He was a pillar of the council. Elbert was born on December 11th, 1936. If you've met any of Elbert's grandchildren you can tell his humorous nature has passed straight through to them. They are joy to be around.



Family of the Month



The family of the Month is the John Pace Family. The Pace Family is a very close knit group and John helps out with the Knights when he can. This past month their 3 year old Son Ben who has Downs Syndrome went through another step in his development when they removed his tracheotomy. Angie, Johnny's wife said the first night at the hospital was very rough and she sent out an e-mail asking for prayers. Well as expected the prayers worked and now Ben is breathing without the tube. John is active duty military and has served several tours in Iraq. He has 4 lovely daughters Abby 15, Amelia 12, Meredith 8 and Hope 7.



A Look at the Future

JUNE

June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 and July 2, 3 are all Bingo Nights. Come and learn what has to be done. Get there at about 6:30 and figure out what job you want to do and ask questions of the "volunteers" doing the work.

June is the month that we take the Special Needs People to a baseball game in Dawson Springs.

Our meetings will be on the 10th and 24th. Father's Day is on the 25th.