



# Knighly News

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Pete Wyzykowski

## Message From Our Grand Knight

As my experiences grow in this Knights of Columbus organization, I realize more and more the things we all have to be proud of. But to experience the pride, you have to be there and be involved. I invite---no encourage---no challenge each and every one of you to get involved in at least enough activities and events that you, too, can be *proud to be a Knight*.

One of my experiences occurred a month or so ago when a dear friend and fellow Knight, Hal West, passed away. We, Council 1315 of the Knights of Columbus, were close enough as friends and family members that his wife, Stephanie, asked us to be pallbearers, mass readers, and color guard for his final service here on earth. Our Knights responded tenfold. I was proud of you.

Then in early in August, my wife, Marsha, and I attended the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. I saw Knights there reuniting with friends and family members whom they had not seen since the last convention and trading not only state pins but hugs and sincere acts of friendship and caring. We were both proud to be a part of this great event. We are only sorry that we have missed it so many years before.

But I'm not sure words can express the pride we both felt as we attended the masses at this convention. The procession alone included priests, deacons, cardinals, color guard members and so forth from around the world in numbers well in excess of the 100 mark. It was awesome. And then our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson once again made me realize the pride I feel from being a part of this organization. So did Cardinal Turcotte in his States Dinner Address.

I was challenged, too, by the acts of kindness and the desire that others put forth to include Marsha and I in our first Supreme convention. One person waited for us one morning to make sure we were with our Kentucky delegation for the opening mass, and they made sure we knew where our group was dining and that we had Kentucky pins, and knew where the hospitality room was, and so forth. I now must do this same act of service and caring for each of you.

You see, I think I had been taking being a Knight a bit for granted. Perhaps one or some of you have as well. I have seen first hand that to understand this great organization, you must be involved in it. I challenge you, my fellow members of Council 1315, to do or attend at least one more thing this month than you did last month. I want each and every one of you to be *proud to be a Knight* and I pray that you will be involved enough to have that opportunity.

## September Birthdays

02	Steve Swigonski
03	Tom Thompson
04	Larry Halida
06	Calvin Colburn III
08	Barry Howard
08	Bernie Schwitzgebel
10	Larry Willoughby
15	John Knepler
16	John Schnell Jr.
17	Michael Buser
17	Brian Collins
20	Maurice Oelker
23	Don Colvin
23	Ron Henry
23	Fred Sensing
23	Jack Thomas
24	Paul Ackerman
24	Hank Bormann
24	Donald Dobernic
24	Bob Imel
29	Lynn Davenport
29	David Finney
30	David Knappenberger
30	Calvin Oshefsky
30	John Phelps

## In Memorium

**David Edward Powers** died August 12, 2008.

The St. Louis native was a retiree of General Motors and a Navy veteran serving during the Lebanese crisis. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a member of Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree and the UAW Local No. 2164 and was a volunteer with the Special Olympics in St. Louis.

He was a son of the late Marcus E. Powers and Catherine A. Barron Powers. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Davette Marie Powers and Michele Marie Powers; and a sister, Shirley A. Simmons.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.

**William Thomas Payne** died August 18, 2008.

He was a retired controller of Auburn Hosiery Mill, a member of Knights of Columbus, a graduate of Western Kentucky University and a Navy veteran, serving as a sonar technician. He was a son of the late William Laverne Payne and Florence Mildred Raley Payne.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.

## September Anniversaries

01	V.W. & Sally Liles
02	William F. & Cindy Mills
05	Robert & Barbara Imel
06	Richard & Lois Heile
07	Gabriel & Claudine Cabral
07	Robert Sr. & Francis Fiore
09	Jimmy & Veronica Diemer
09	Steven & Imelda Korte
14	Anthony & Rhona Feckter
17	Virgil & Beverly Rakers
19	Bob & Mary Graham
20	Jeffrey & Karen Lipnichan
24	David & Debby Cherry
25	Richard & Kathy Granger
28	Stephen & Sharon Maloney
29	Dr. John L. & Cynthia Korba
29	Bob & Carolyn Panchyshyn
30	Robert & Jean Zeller

## Important Dates

### September 2008

02	Officers Meeting
02	Charity Committee Meeting
09	Council Meeting
12	September Friday Social
14	NFL Sunday Social
18	Fourth Degree
19	October Newsletter articles due
20	Golf Scamble
23	Columbus Club

### October 2008

03	First Friday
07	Officers Meeting
07	Charity Committee Meeting
14	Council Meeting
16	Fourth Degree
18	Family Picnic
20	November Newsletter articles due
28	Columbus Club

### November 2008

04	Officers Meeting
04	Charity Committee Meeting
07	First Friday
11	Council Meeting
20	Fourth Degree
19	December Newsletter articles due
25	Columbus Club

*Bingo is every Monday night at 5:00 p.m.*

# Family of the Month

## CHUCK AND DEE DEE LAWLESS

Chuck moved to Bowling Green from Owensboro in 1975. Dee Dee was born and raised in Bowling Green.

Chuck joined Council 1315 in 1995 and became fully involved in the knights' activities, holding offices of Outside Guard, Warden, Advocate, Chancellor, Kitchen Chairman, Columbus Club Vice President, Columbus Club President and Bingo Concessions Chairman. As a Chancellor for the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Initiations, Chuck memorized his entire 1<sup>st</sup> Degree part and portrayed his office magnificently.

He has been in charge of Council meeting dinners from 1998 until present, and also worked such programs as PSR dinners, awards dinners, family picnics, Corporate Communion breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, chicken dinners and Lenten fish Frys. He worked the Christmas Dinner Program for our council from 1998 until 2007, participated in the New Year's Eve Dance and helped on the Christmas Baskets program.

Likewise, Dee Dee participated in the dinners, dances and every other activity in which Chuck participated. They are members of Holy Spirit Parish where Chuck is an Usher and has worked with the Liturgy Core Group. Dee Dee is a Eucharistic Minister and is involved in several programs at St. Joseph Church as well.

Chuck and Dee Dee have two children: Elizabeth, 24 and Susan, 21. They also have one grandchild.

Congratulations to the August Family of the Month: Chuck and Dee Dee Lawless.

## A Message to Our Widows

Our Knights of Columbus council has always tried to maintain contact with the beloved widows of our deceased members. And we mail a copy of our monthly newsletter to those for whom we have a mailing address. But the newsletter often falls short of providing timely information because many things come up between publications. That is why our council maintains a list of member e-mail addresses so that we have a means of communicating with our membership when we have urgent or late-breaking information of interest; Such as a death, notice of members who are sick or in distress, information that does not make it into the newsletter, etc.

We would like to include our beloved widows on the e-mail list so that they can be informed about these things in a timely manner. So if you are one of our widows reading this newsletter please let us know if you have an

e-mail address and wish to be added to the list. Simply send a short message to [council1315@aol.com](mailto:council1315@aol.com) and tell us you wish to be added to the list. And don't forget

## Meet a New Member

Kevin Johnson obtained his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on July 13, 2008. Kevin is a member of St Joseph Parish. He grew up in Bowling Green and graduated from Warren Central High School. He has been married to Carolyn for seven years. They have a 5 year old son Matthew. Kevin has been a service technician with AT&T for 10 years. It is indeed a privilege to welcome Kevin to the Knights of Columbus Council 1315. Kevin is looking forward to becoming an active member.



## September Mass Readings

### Sunday, September 7

First Reading ..... Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Second Reading ..... Romans 13:8-10  
Gospel ..... Matthew 18:15-20

### Sunday, September 14

First Reading ..... Numbers 21:4-9  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel ..... John 3:13-17

### Sunday, September 21

First Reading ..... Isaiah 55:6-9  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Gospel ..... Matthew 20:1-16

### Sunday, September 28

First Reading ..... Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 2:1-11  
Gospel ..... Matthew 21:28-32

## NFL Sunday Socials

The Knights are pleased to make the KC Hall available for NFL Sunday Socials. Our Kickoff First KC Family NFL Social will be on September 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The Hall will be set up with wireless coverage for those interested in keeping track of their Fantasy Football Team. We will have the NFL Ticket Programming available on multiple televisions.

This will be a Pot Luck event so please bring your favorite snacks. The Family NFL Social is free to all KC members and prospective members. Mark your calendars as this should be a fun time which we will continue each month during NFL Season. Terry Hatler is the Chairman of NFL Family Social.

## September First Friday Social

The Knights of Columbus Friday Social for September will be held on Friday, September 12. The social will begin at 5:30 PM in the Outside Pavilion. We ask that everyone bring a Pot Luck Dish or a Desert. The Knights will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with the usual K of C Beverages. This is a family social and free to all members and prospective members. Our August Social had an attendance of around 300 so come early and stay late for some good fun and fellowship.

## Insurance News

### **Standard & Poor's reaffirms Knights of Columbus AAA rating K of C's investment portfolio has 'very strong credit quality'**

(NEW HAVEN, CT) — For the 16th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has earned Standard & Poor's highest rating: AAA (Extremely Strong). With more than 140 years experience, S&P is the financial industry's foremost independent rating bureau, providing investment, credit, and risk analyses of financial institutions around the world.

"K of C is achieving its primary objective of providing members and their families with high-quality, low-cost insurance products," the 2008 S&P rating report said. The Knights of Columbus insurance program has "a stable outlook," and in addition, its "capitalization is expected to remain extremely strong, and liquidity is expected to remain extremely strong also."

The report cited the strengths of the K of C's operational and financial management, calling its financial strategy "very conservative, as demonstrated by its capital structure, investment portfolio, and approach to business growth." It further claimed that "K of C's capital adequacy, as measured by Standard & Poor's capital model, is among the strongest in the industry."

Referring to the K of C's management of its assets, the S&P report stated, "the investment portfolio has very strong credit quality, with the majority of assets being invested in publicly traded investment-grade bonds. Management's strategy is to grow its business conservatively by offering profitable products and adhering to strict underwriting standards. Standard & Poor's expects this level of conservatism to continue."

"The company returned 87% of its earnings to its members in 2007," S&P added. "Its consistently strong profitability is attributable to high persistency rates, favorable mortality experience, and strong investment returns over the past 10 years."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the news from S&P, and noted that "despite the difficulties suffered by so many well-known financial institutions due to the sub-prime mortgage crisis, we have not only remained solvent but improved our financial stability, while continuing to provide top quality products and service to our members."

The Knights of Columbus recently received an A.M. Best Company rating of A++ (Superior) for the 33rd consecutive year. The K of C is one of only five insurance providers in North America to receive the highest ratings from both Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards

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# Insurance News (Continued)

Association (IMSA) for ethical business practices.

Founded 126 years ago, the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society and is the world's largest lay Catholic organization with more than 1.75 million members. Last year members of the Knights of Columbus donated more than 68 million hours of volunteer service for charitable causes, and contributed more than \$144 million to charity.

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## August Membership Meeting Minutes

The Knights of Columbus Council 1315 General Membership meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Grand Knight Pete Wyzykowski with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of the Officers was called.

Father Druery of St. Mary's was introduced. He thanked the group for inviting him and said a few words.

An installation of officers' ceremony was led by District Deputy Gabe Cabral.

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written in the July newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Grand Knight's Report**

The Grand Knight reported that Father Jerry is looking for someone to give Father Tom Kirkendoll a ride home to Mt St Joseph on Sunday afternoon after masses August 24th. Father Jerry will be out of town that weekend for his nieces wedding. Father Tom will be substituting for him.

The Grand Knight thanked the members for their support of Hal West's family at his funeral.

Thank you letters were acknowledged.

He announced that there will be a Teens Encounter Christ event at Gasper River on Labor Day and cooks are needed. Please contact Matt Kaiser if you can be a cook.

We have a transfer application for Mason Stevenson. There was a motion and 2nd to accept. Motion passed.

**Chaplain's Report** - Deacon Bob announced that Brother Knight David Powers passed away earlier that afternoon. He led the group in a prayer for David and his family.

**Treasurer's report** - Presented and approved.

**Financial Secretary Report** - We have 333 members. 22 are in arrears on their dues.

**Auditors Report** - No report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Family** - Family of the month for August is Chuck and Dee Dee Lawless.

**Bingo** - There was a meeting of the captains and callers during July. Some have rearranged schedules. Attendance has been low the last few weeks. There will be a \$1,000 prize next week; hopefully it will bring in a little bigger crowd. We can always use more workers. Contact Allen Freeland or one of the captains if you can help.

**Soccer Challenge** will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 on September 6th the first Saturday in the month. Boys and girls ages 10 - 14 are encouraged to participate. Contact Richard Zoellner for more information.

**NFL Football raffle tickets** are being sold again this year. Each of the last 10 weeks of the season there will be a drawing for a \$700 winner. Last year our Council had the second highest sales in the state. Our Council received \$433.18 back from the state council last year. It could be possible for us to have the highest sales this year. See Vic Billhartz if you want to sell tickets or if you would like to buy some.

Family picnic will be held on Saturday October 18th. We will have a First Friday social in September, but there will not be

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# August Membership Meeting Minutes (Continued)

one in October.

**Community** - The hall has been reserved for a Blood Drive on September 10th. Please sign up, the number of people eligible to give blood has gone down in recent years, so if you can donate, please do so.

**Pro Life** - Barren River Right to Life announced a nondenominational prayer service at Planned Parenthood in Nashville on Saturday September 6th. All are invited to a Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Fathers of Mercy. Then a caravan will go to Nashville after the Mass. On Saturday October 18th at 9:00 there will be a worldwide Rosary for unborn babies. Members are encouraged to say the rosary at that time.

**Membership** - We had 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree ceremony here at the hall recently. Sixteen members of council 1315 advanced to their 2nd and 3rd degree. We had all of the state officers here and 5 district deputies. Jimmy Diemer provided barbeque. Everyone involved enjoyed a good meal and a great ceremony. Pete Buser introduced Kevin Johnson who was here for his first meeting.

**Columbus Club** - It was reported that BGMU reimbursed the Columbus Club \$900 because of rewiring that needed to be done on the air conditioning units related to a problem they caused. Bernie Schwitzgebel was thanked for meeting with BGMU on behalf of the club and negotiating the reimbursement.

**4th Degree** - There will be an installation of Officers ceremony on August 21st. Dates for upcoming 4th degree exemplification ceremonies were announced. The 4th degree will be providing a new U.S.A. flag for Holy Spirit.

**District Deputy Report** - August 9th - 11th is Family Week. On September 11th the 7th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there will be a Worldwide Day for Prayer for peace. There will be a Soccer Challenge event in Grayson County. Then winners from here and there will have an opportunity to move on to either a District or Regional Soccer Challenge event. There is a Golf Scramble scheduled for August 22nd and 23rd. August 12th is the 156th anniversary of the birth of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

## **New Business**

There was one first reading item - Knights of Columbus will be asked to provide \$4,000 - \$5,000 to be used to remodel the bathrooms here at the hall.

There was a second reading request to provide \$550 to the Salvation Army to pay half the hall rental fee for an event they will be holding later this year. The motion was seconded and passed.

There was a second reading request to provide \$1,500 start up funds for a soccer program at St. Joseph School. The motion was seconded and passed.

There were 13 cards to sign for the sick and distressed.

John Becker presented a potential fund raising event. He would like to organize an event with a music group named Hot Club with singer Annie Selleck and guitar player Richard Smith. John is looking for people that may be interested in going to Nashville with him and his wife to see this group on August 27th. He is also looking for at least two people that would be interested in working as committee members on this project.

**Charity Report** - The council will be making the following donations:

\$125 to Barren River Long Term Care Ombudsman.

\$200 to the Downs Syndrome group

\$200 to the Ursuline Sisters Quilt fundraiser.

For the Good of the Order Birthdays and anniversaries for the month were announced.

On September 5th we will have a First Friday social at the hall. Hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dish to share if you plan to attend. We had approximately 300 people in attendance at the August 1st Friday social.

There is a sign up sheet for bowling teams.

This year we will start having an NFL Sunday program at the hall. There are plans to get TV access to multiple games. We may also have Wi-Fi access so people can do Fantasy Football while they are at the hall for the NFL games. The first one will be held on September 14th. Terry Hatler will be chairing this program.

Our annual Tootsie Roll program will be held on October 24th and 25th. A sign up sheet is available.

The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers during the Christmas season. Our Council may take the mall one Sunday in December.

A Council 1315 100th anniversary Mass is in the planning stages.

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Greg Kunkel talked about the softball team that our council sponsors. They only lost 4 games during the season. They came in second during the season and in the tournament. Hillview Heights got 1st. Several members from our team plan to participate with the Hillview Heights team members in an upcoming prison ministries softball game.

It was pointed out that Ray Grudzielanek will be celebrating 50 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus this year.

There are plans for a bus trip to Keenland on October 8th. The cost for anyone interested in going will be \$20.

There was a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## **Golf Scramble**

### **Knights of Columbus Council 1315 18 hole 4 Person Scramble Golf Tournament September 20, 2008**

**Lost River Golf Course with 8 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**The cost is \$40 per person which includes Cart, Green Fee, Prizes,  
Lunch and Drinks on the Course.**

**You will need your handicap (or average score).**

**Please contact John Buser @ 783-0974 or email [jpbuser@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpbuser@bellsouth.net) ASAP.**



## **The Worldwide Rosary for Unborn Babies**

The WORLDWIDE ROSARY FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 18th, 2008.

Participants will pray the Rosary during the 9:00 a.m. hour for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies. Because participants will be praying the Rosary during the 9:00 a.m. hour according to the particular time zone they are in, it is hoped that the earth will be circled with multiple waves of Rosaries within a 24-hour time period. (If a person needs to, he/she may pray the Rosary at another time on October 18th, 2008).

"This October 18th pro-life prayer event gives people throughout the world a great opportunity to unite in prayer for unborn babies," said Patrick Benedict, President of the

Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, the organization that is coordinating the WORLDWIDE ROSARY FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event. "

The primary way to stop the killing of unborn babies is by using spiritual weaponry. One of the greatest spiritual weapons is the Rosary, and I encourage everyone to pray the Rosary on October 18th for the unborn babies," concluded Benedict.

In addition to participating, people are also encouraged to promote the WORLDWIDE ROSARY FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event.

The Saint Michael the Archangel Organization's website has a one page information sheet about the prayer event available in the following languages: English, Italian, Korean, Polish, and Spanish. (Translators are still needed for Chinese, German, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Any person willing to do a translation may write a letter or send an email to [PatrickBenedict@rcin.net](mailto:PatrickBenedict@rcin.net).)

A person without internet access who wants more information about the WORLDWIDE ROSARY FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event may send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Saint Michael the Archangel Organization; P. O. Box 41257; Memphis, Tennessee 38174; United States of America.

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