



Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 Newsletter March 2013

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**State Deputy
Scott Maurath**

**Insurance Agent
Terry Patry**

**Newsletter
Scott Gordine &
Lawrence Wetter**

2012- 2013 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Jan 2013: 6 Birthright Benefit Breakfast
8 Council Meeting
19 Bunko Party
20 Local Free Throw Contest
? District Meeting**
- Feb 3 District Free Throw Contest
5 Council Meeting
9 Ladies Appreciation Party
17 Major Degrees (@ Council 601)**
- March 3 State Free Throw Contest
5 Council Meeting
8 Fish Fry
17 CYO Benefit Breakfast
24 Rosary for Unborn
25 Mass for Unborn**
- April 2 Council Meeting
16 First Degree
21 Corporate Communion
Breakfast**
- May 3-5 State Convention @ Olathe
7 Council Meeting**
- June 4 Family Picnic @ Lakewood
Park
18 First Degree**

Knight of the Month


**Dec: Bob Brown
Jan: Al Koch
Feb: Scott Budreau**

Family of the Month

**Dec: Chase Maxtons
Dave Maxwells
Jan: Jerry Bases
Feb: Terry Hauschels**

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Bunko

January 19 was the annual Bunko party hosted by council 8196. This party was open to anyone in the parish and was well attended. Bunko is a dice game in which there are six rounds in each set of Bunko. The bell signals the beginning and the end of each round. Players earn points by rolling three dice. In each round, players are trying to roll the same number as the number of the round (for example, rolling  in Round 3). One point is awarded for each number rolled that matches the round number. A player continues rolling until no points are scored. The scorekeeper records this score on the table tally as the temporary team score. The dice then pass to the player on the left. The round is over when the Head Table reaches 21 points. Players change partners at the end of each round. The player with the most BUNKOs, wins, losses, etc, at the end wins. Normally, two to four sets are played at a time.

The winner of the 2013 Bunko night was.....
Lou Meredith



Players get ready for the next round of Bunko



Youth Free Throw competition

The 2013 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Local Championships was held on Jan 20.

At this event, 9 boys and 2 girls shot 15 free throws each to determine a champion in 5 age groups. The winners advance to the District Championship on February 3, 2013. Grand Knight Doug Mergen presented 1st place ribbons and KofC Mini Basketballs to:

Girls:	10yr	Peyton Piepho	10/15
	12yr	Taylor Robertson	15/15
Boys:	10yr	Tate Herrenbruck	13/15 & 4/5
	11yr	Trace Leners	12/15
	12yr	Grant Herrenbruck	13/15
	13yr	Rase Welsh	6/15

Thank you to Youth Activities Director Harold Klein and Brother Knights, Gage Cranmer, Chase Maxton, Kenton Dreiling, John Ourada, Pat Ochs, Neal Saskowski, Larry Denning, Gregg Lyon, Charley Rhein, Brian Schaulis and potential member Chris Barlow who helped conduct this event. Special thanks go to a past state champion, Kate Mergen, for her assistance in welcoming shooters and preparing participant and champion certificates. As always, thank you to John Krajccek of Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School for allowing us to use the gym.

Below are the winners from the local competition

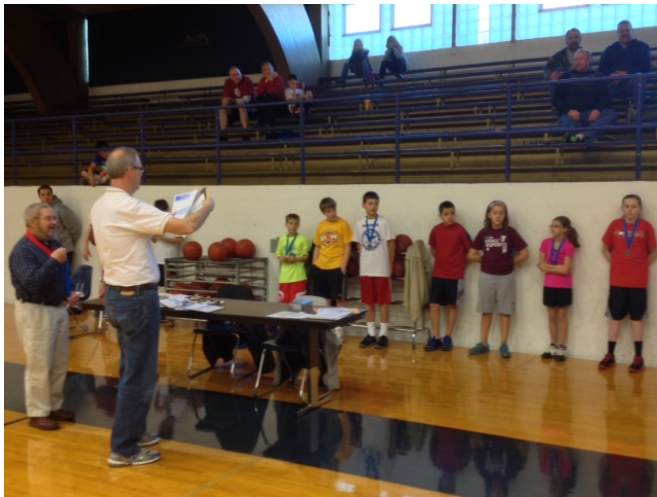


February 3rd the district free throw championships were held at Sacred Heart High School. During this round each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 25 consecutive free throw attempts from the foul line to determine who would advance to the Regional contest in Tipton, KS on February 17, 2013. District Deputy David Fox presented 1st place medals to the following winners:

Girls: 10yr Peyton Piepho 11/25 Council 8196
 12yr Taylor Robertson 25/25 Council 8196
 13yr Alize Heysquierdo 3/25 Council 601
 14yr Araeleigha Marcy 5/25 Council 601
 Boys: 10yr Tate Herrenbruck 18/25 Council 8196
 11yr Trace Leners 16/25 Council 8196
 12yr Devin Feil 21/25 Council 601
 13yr Rase Welsch 10/25 Council 8196

Thanks to the Knights from all Salina councils: Michael Bonilla, Tim Bonilla, Matt Soukup, Gregg Lyon, Harold Klein, Larry Denning, Neal Saskowski, Chuck Schroder, Pat Ochs, Santos Bonilla, Bruce Richardson, Justin Martin, Bob Pahls, and Kenny Roths. Thanks again to Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School and John Krajicek for allowing us to use the gym.

Our Grand Knight Doug Mergen is seen here presenting the winners with their awards.



March 3, 2013 the Knights of Columbus Free Throw State Championship was held at Sacred Heart High School. Boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, from six regional sites around the state, met to determine the state's best free throw shooters.

Knights from the Salina councils assisted in judging the contest. Assisting with the championship were: Bob Pahls, Gregg Lyon, Neal Saskowski, Pete Martin, Phil Sauer(son Sam), Tym Bonilla(son Tymony), Chuck Schroder, Brian Schaulis, Santos Bonilla, Terry Hauschel, Greg Lust, Terry Bohm, Tom Katafiasz, Pat Ochs, Clint Newton, Rod Bonilla, Kenny Roths(daughter Megan), Kirk Stover, Virgil Kinkelaar, Bobby Lawson, Steve Nordhus and Harold Klein. Special thanks to Harold for his assistance with set up.

Thank you to Chris and Renee Thompson and St. Mary's/Sacred Heart CYO for running the concession stand.

Final thanks go to Principal John Krajicek and Asst. Principal Eric Muninger for allowing us to use the gym, basketball court and sound system.

The opening prayer this year was offered by Sr. Pauline Kukula. State Deputy Scott Maurath, State Youth Activity Director Rod Hoffman and District Deputy David Fox presented 1st place trophies to the following champions:

- 10yr Elizabeth Martin *from Lansing* 20/25
Thomas Biery *from Clyde* 22/25
- 11yr Adell Riedel *from WaKeeney* 19/25
Trey Bright *from Wichita* 21/25 and 4/5
- 12yr Taylor Robertson *from McPherson* 24/25
John Pfannenstiel *from Ness City* 23/25
- 13yr Riley Doebele *from Hanover* 25/25
Remington Cravens *from Ellsworth* 21/25
- 14yr Jenna Kramer *from Winchester* 20/25
Daniel Dawdy *from Haysville* 23/25 and 5/5

The NW and SW regions each had 1 champion. The NE and SC regions each had 2 champions, and the NC region had 4 champions. Taylor Robertson was the only repeat champion having won previously as a 10yr old. By making 25/25 free throws, Riley Doebele should be an International winner which is based on state results.

Below is a picture of all the state champions with State Deputy Scott Maurath, State Youth Activity Director Rod Hoffman.



Ladies Appreciation Night

Ladies Appreciation night was February 9 and was held in the St Mary's Parish Hall. Bob Brown led the efforts of preparing the nice eloquent dinner for everyone, while the rest of the Knights entertained their ladies by serenading. At the end of the evening, a check was presented to Birthright from the proceeds of the breakfast for Birthright held in January.

All the men wait in line to server dinner to their ladies.



Here we see the men doing their best to sing their hearts out.

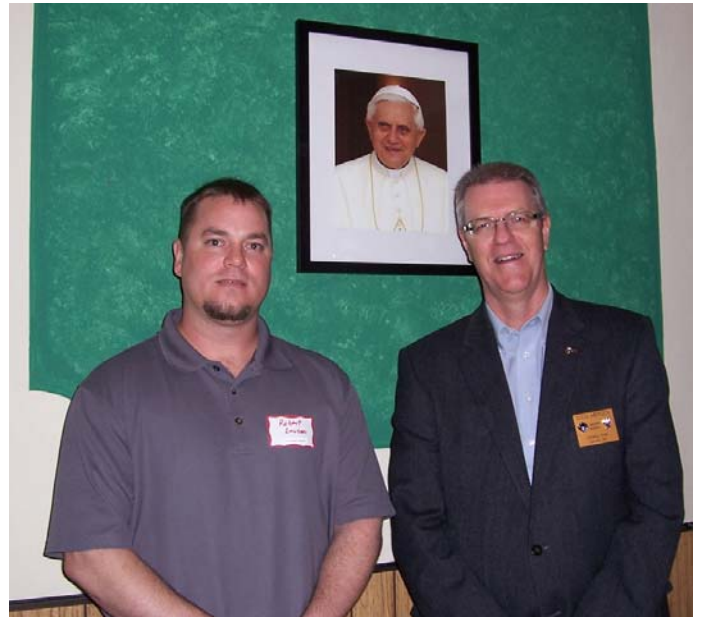


Marge Ahern, pictured with our Grand Knight Doug Mergen, accepts the donation check on behalf of Birthright.



Degrees

On February 17, a major degree was held at council 601's hall. Bobby Lawson joined our council in the 1st degree during the morning session. Bobby works for Farm Bureau Insurance and is married to Tonya.



Bobby Lawson and Grand Knight Doug Mergen

That afternoon we had 5 members of our council complete the 2nd and 3rd degrees. The new 3rd degree members are:

Brent Montgomery
Gage Cranmer
Brian Yockers
Pat Ochs
Randy Worcester



New 3rd degree members

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As we approach the end of the fraternal year, I want to take this opportunity to again thank everyone for helping make all our activities successful for the past few months. You make me proud to serve as Grand Knight of Council 8196.

As a last challenge to you, I am asking each of you to give me the name and contact information of a prospective Knight. Tell me at the next meeting. Call or email me with the information. We have first Degrees scheduled for April 16 and June 18. Take a moment to ask a friend or relative to consider joining a group of Catholic men and their families who work hard to make our parish and community a better place. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

**Vivat Jesu,
Doug Mergen, Grand Knight**

Insurance

Membership growth is everyone's goal. The membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

At the beginning of the fraternal year, we set our eyes on the goal of achieving the Star Council Award. This means running many successful and varied programs throughout the year and using this activity to spread the word about the Order. This will bring in new members.

Don't forget the strength of our life insurance, long-term care and annuities products is also a selling point of membership. For more than 129 years, our insurance has been "making a difference for life." Our ratings are among the best in the business. In fact, there is no more highly rated insurer in North America. And our ethical standards are second-to-none.

I can help not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of becoming a knight. I am happy to be an advocate for the Order and for our council. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" to prospects yourself.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity. Lets all help with "The Power of One, ...One Member ... per Council ... per Month"

I'm at 785 820-7486. Call me – let's talk. Or drop me a note at terry.patry@kofc.org

Terry Patry
Knights of Coulumbus
Field Agent



Chaplain's Corner

Blessings on all of yours,

Last Monday evening (March 25), our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As I came out of Church around 8:15, I could not help noticing the full moon. Besides being strikingly beautiful, I also realized this was the first full moon after the first day of spring. This coming Sunday is Easter, which is always celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring.

It is all about newness. We are given the chance to being again. Christ's first words to his apostles after his resurrection was, "Peace be with you." These are words of forgiveness and they (and we) are entering into a new relationship with him. I invite you to enjoy these Easter days and DARE TO HOPE.

In addition, March 25, is normally the day we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation (nine months before Christmas). This is the day on which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of Jesus. However, this year March 25 fell on Monday of Holy Week. Holy Week takes precedence over all other feasts. The week after Easter is called the Octave (eight days) of Easter. This week also takes precedence.

Consequently, we will celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on the Monday of the second week of the Easter season. This is important to us Knights of Columbus because we also remember all the unborn on this feast. Viewed in another way, the Annunciation is also the moment of Jesus conception. We Catholics believe life begins at conception. Thus, I ask you Knights to remember to pray for all expectant mothers on this day. Easter is the season of new life and there is no greater new life than the beginning of another human being. Again, I invite you to enjoy these Easter days and celebrate LIFE

Father Kerry Ninemire

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