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CLUBROOM HOURS

Sunday: Noon-9pm

Monday: 3pm-10pm

Tuesday: 3pm-10pm

Wednesday: 3pm-10pm

Thursday: 3pm-10pm

Friday: 3pm-Midnight

Saturday: 11am-Midnight

Bartenders may stay open later if there is sufficient business.

A REMINDER...

- **Council Meetings**
Dec 4th and 18th
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meetings**
Dec 4th, at the Ozark House, make reservations for dinner with Julie Wefer, ph 309-838-7015

HOLD THE DATES

- **Recruiting Drive** at St Mary's Dec after masses **need help**
- **Kids Christmas Party**, Dec 14th, please sign up.
- **Hoop Shoot** January 10th, 2015 1:30 till 3 PM Holy Trinity gym on East Lincoln St
- **Christmas morning** Tom & Jerry's 9 till Noon

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Pat Chalmers
- Don Wollenslager
- Jackie Jones wife of Al Jones

IN GOD'S CARE

- Tim Flynn
- Jacob "Jack" Wilz
- William Costigan
Please let someone at the club know the names of any one that should be in these two areas, call the club or the PS Mike or Dennis

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

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GK Report

Merry Christmas! I hope the holiday season is going well for everyone. The year has flown by and I want to thank all the members that have stepped up the past year. We are all Knights of Columbus all of you should be congratulated on the efforts you have made this year. We all contribute in different ways all unique in the way the council operates. Many people are getting used to coming into the building and helping with whatever needs done and you should be recognized for your efforts. We are a place of gentleman and gentlewomen. Please don't stop doing the good you are doing for a wrong reason and please come do some good for any reason. Christmas is a time to give of

yourself. Roger is great example of what one Knight can do and I appreciate anyone who has supported him in keeping things going for the past two years. Every day we continue to open and help each other maintain our council is a good day for someone. So keep on giving and doing what you can. You are why we are here. So come enjoy a meal, serve a meal, organize a meal crew, do what you can to help. Watch for all events in the calendar or postings in the club room. I look forward to a joyful holiday season with many of you.

Do You read this newsletter? It is important that you do read it. We need you to be aware of what is going on, it costs your council each month to print and mail this newsletter, even if you are among the few that receive it electronically, it still costs about \$235 a month. We need you to read it and participate in your council and club activities. Maybe not all of what we are doing for the members and guests, but some of them each month. The Knights of Columbus exists to support the church, the priests and the membership. We need the membership to be an active part of the council and club. WE ASK for your input and your participation.

We still are doing the St Vincent de Paul Collection box in the Barroom except for when an event, then it will be in the office. Accepting gently used clothing, non perishable or canned food and Hygiene products.

What is happening to our council? Where are the members who, when joining the Knights of Columbus swore to uphold the 4 principles, Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism. We rely on our Brother Knights for this support. Yet many of you don't seem to find an hour twice a month to come to meetings or to come to the events we have. You don't support our charitable work or even the events we have at the club. Such as the meals or or social activities. You don't bring your children to the parties the Ladies put on. These little things provide you a means of staying part of the fraternity, and doing things together; meals and events and

our charitable work, helps with UNITY and CHARITY as well as FRATERNITY. PATRIOTISM comes with meeting attendance as well as your other activities supporting our form of government. Such as Voting or support of our men and women in uniform. Please take a moment and think about what the K of C stands for and all of the good that we do and make an effort to rejoin the active members. We are not asking for you to attend everything each month but we would sure like to see you at meetings and sometimes at our meals or events. Support you club and facility. "United we stand, divided we will fall."

Blood Drive

The **Blood Drive** was very successful, THANK YOU to the Donors and to the volunteers that showed up to help with the Drive. We collected 36 Whole Blood pints and 5 Double pints for a Total of 46 pints collected. the Goal was 37 / 3. Again I say Thank you. **Our Next Blood Drive will be January 12th, 2015.** Ronald Carroll

As of October 1st we will begin charging .50 cents for any to go containers, due to the increased costs and that we make little or no money on the meals and we lose the other sales because the meal is not being eaten at the club. We lose out on any drink sales.

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet Dec 4th at the Ranch House for Cocktails and Dinner at 6 P.M.. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie Wefer with your reservation at 309-838-7015. You do not need to be a member to come to the dinner. PLEASE let Julie know by Tuesday Dec 2nd.

We are asking for donations of Children's size; Scarves, Mittens / Gloves and Hats that we will donate for Christmas to children at the the Children's Foundation. Thank you.

Vocation Raffle: The Vocation Raffle is over, the winning names will be drawn at the District meeting Dec 6th. THANK YOU to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The book sales have been sent to the state. We had sales totaling 103 books. Expenses of \$442, printing and mailing costs, **net \$555** for our council. The money we profit from the sales will go to our Seminarian Support Program. One of several CHARITABLE programs that we support. The Knights of Columbus are expected to help support charitable programs of the Supreme Council as well as the State Council and to have our own charitable efforts. We do this through the membership fees and the money we raise through our various fund raisers.

The K of C Thanks you

We want to acknowledge the help that our few volunteers provide. The help you provide is so important, we hope that you realize how much we appreciate it. But we need more help, to few of our members are doing the work. WE are EXTREMELY Grateful to our cooking crews, but when the turnout is low, like it has been, our cooking crews wonder if it is worth their effort and we are not always covering our cost to prepare the meals. **Please come to YOUR club events, SUPPORT your council and club.** Make it a point to come out. Make it a point to come and volunteer. We are not asking for a lot of your time, maybe 2 or 3 hours a month as a volunteer. And for the meals, you have to eat anyway, save the wife having to prepare 1 meal a week, come to your clubroom to eat. Check the Calendar for meals. a month would be a big help. Meetings usually last less than an hour.

A Historical Note and a Plea: from the Ladies Auxiliary

Tinker Meals were an idea of Marty Kinsella years ago. They afforded families an opportunity to bring their children out to eat with brother Knights families. It was an evening of fraternity at a reasonable cost. We have twelve cooking crews who DONATE their time and energy to offer this fraternal opportunity. The Auxiliary would like to see more support for the cooking crews. Our members, senior citizens and friends of the K of C. We would like to see our officers leading this support.

Children's Christmas Party

Dec 14th 3:00 PM

Sign up by Dec 7th at the K of C Thanks

Santa will be coming and he needs to know who and how many to bring gifts for.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Member Service Hours Report will be due in January. You might want to start thinking about the good deeds you did over the last year. Such as Visits to the Sick or Bereaved, such as to the visitations to Tim Flynn's or Bill Costigan's or Kent Harris or Jack Wilz's families. Blood donations, Hours to the Church, Community, Fraternal, or Miscellaneous activities. Then you will be ready to report in January. We need your input.

We have a group of members who have not paid their dues yet. The Knight Alert letters were sent and if you have not replied with a dues payment PLEASE DO SO, We now have to make phone calls to the delinquent members and try to talk you into paying your dues. The K of C is a good Catholic Men's organization and we do a lot of good for the church and the community. The work we do is something you can be proud of, so please get your dues paid up. Thank you. 2015 dues are due January 1st

A Merry Christmas to All

CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 11th, Thursday
Inviting all K of C members & guests
Meal Catered by Biaggi's
\$17.50 per person

MUST have your RSVP by Dec 6th
call Dennis at 309-825-2589
or Jan at 309-829-2589

Hosted by the 4th Degree

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 <i>*Ed Cox</i>	2 <i>*Charles Concklin</i> <i>*David Stanczak</i> <i>*Thomas Whalen</i>	3 5:30 Tinkers Meal Doyle Ckn Fried Steak	4 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting <i>*Brian Buttice</i>	5 <i>*James Gore</i> <i>*Mark Witte</i>	6 11:30 Burgers & Hot Dogs Noonan <i>*Ronald Carroll</i>
7	8 <i>*Warren Provost</i>	9 5:30 Chicken Dinner 7:00 Line Dancing <i>*John Weber</i>	10 5:30 Tinkers Meal Cutie Pies Swiss Steak <i>*Patrick Boylan</i> <i>*John Costigan</i> <i>*John Kerrick</i>	11 7:00 4th Degree Meeting	12	13 11:30 Burgers & Hot Dogs O'Driscoll <i>*Timothy Jorczak</i>
14 Christmas Party Recruiting Drive @ St Mary's <i>*John Penn</i>	15 <i>*Townsend Tully</i>	16 5:30 Chicken Dinner 7:00 Line Dancing <i>*James Mulligan</i>	17 5:30 Tinkers Meal Handsome Hunk Shepherd's Pie <i>*Kristofer Weidenbenner</i>	18 7:00 Council Meeting <i>*Michael Mocilan</i>	19 <i>*Rodger Mc Keon</i>	20 11:30 Burgers & Hot Dogs Mulcahey <i>*William Dowling</i> <i>*Jon Kjeldgaard</i> <i>*Daniel Poncin</i> <i>*Steven Scudder</i>
21 <i>*H Jefferson</i>	22	23 5:30 Chicken Dinner 7:00 Line Dancing <i>*Victor King</i> <i>*James Sallen</i>	24 Christmas Eve NO MEAL	25 Christmas Tom & Jerry's 9 - Noon <i>*Steve Roszhart</i>	26	27 11:30 Burgers & Hot Dogs O'Driscoll
28 <i>*Michael Dorris</i> <i>*Stephen Mueller</i>	29 <i>*Steven Tamburini</i>	30 5:30 Chicken Dinner 7:00 Line Dancing	31 New Year's Eve NO MEAL	Jan. 1 New Years Day	2	3 11:30 Burgers & Hot Dogs
4	5	6 5:30 Chicken Dinner 7:00 Line Dancing	7 5:30 Tinkers Meal	8	We would like to publish Tinker menus in the newsletter. Tinker Meal cooking captains please contact Teri or Roger BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH BEFORE YOU ARE TO COOK, so we can publish your menu. Thank you. <i>*Happy Birthday!</i>	

News & Upcoming Events

- Dec 4th; House Finance mtg 3 PM, council and Ladies Auxil meetings that evening
- Dec 11th, 4th degree hosting a Christmas Dinner for any K of C member and guest. Reservations req'd by Dec 6th, \$17.50 each, Biaggi's catering, buffet.
- Children's Christmas Party Dec 14th 3 PM, sign up at the club by Dec 7th, so Santa will know how many to prepare for
- Recruiting Drive after masses Dec 14th at St Mary's, help needed for ten minutes
- NO Tinker's meals Dec 24th or 31st
- Hoop Shoot January 10th at Holy Trinity Gym, East Lincoln St, 1:30 Start must have PARENT APPROVAL signature on sign up form.
- Winning names at the Nov.4th Council meeting was John W Cunningham and at the Nov 20th mtg. Steven L Horton, neither present, so \$117 carries over
- Look for your name somewhere in this newsletter to win a free Tinker's meal. The winning paid up council member name will appear in an out-of-place location. Read your Knight's Notes; look for your name; win a free Tinker's meal.



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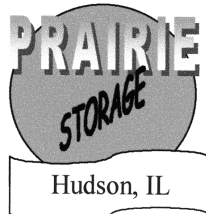
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