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September 2009

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- St. Joseph
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We did not draw for the attendance prize at the August meeting. Therefore the attendance prize will be increased to \$40.00 for the September Meeting.

Herb Shaner, and Mike Morris Both won \$19.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

The mystery greeter prize of \$10.00 was won by Matt Voboril



It's Tootsie Roll Time!!
October 9, 10 & 11 our Knights will gather in front of local churches, banks, and stores to hand out specially marked Tootsie Rolls to help those special citizens.

The proceeds collected from this campaign benefit charities and organizations that aid persons with intellectual disabilities including: Kansas Special Olympics, Ministries for Persons

with Disabilities, Starkey Inc., Catholic Charities Adult Day Service, and ARC of Sedgwick County.

We need volunteers to help with this year's drive.

Please block out time on your calendar right away and be ready to say "YES!" when you are called. Or better yet, call your captain from last year and get signed up today! If you haven't helped in the past, call any captain to get signed up, they'd love to

hear from you!

A Captain's Meeting will follow our regular business meeting on Sept. 21.

Captains pick up your supplies Monday, October 5, between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm (same night as officer's meeting).

Questions ? Contact PGK Kevin Damm: Home 729-7034, Work 773-9060.

Captain(s)	Phone	Site	Location
Augustine Iacopelli	722-5817	Dillon's	13th & Tyler
Andrew Stallbaumer	H 729-7949 C 214-0560	Dillon's	21st & Maize
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Bill Purcell	944-8773	Christ The King	
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Kevin Damm	H 729-7034 W 773-9060	St. Catherine	

K of C Family Picnic

Clyde Oster looks on as Grand Knight, Larry Winter and Al Hipp cook hamburgers on the grill at the Council picnic on August 16. Approximately 70 Council members and their families enjoyed burgers, brats, and many delicious side dishes. Thanks to Leon Keiter and Tom Northup for organizing the picnic! A good time was had by all, playing cards inside the air conditioned building, playing bocce ball, horseshoe golf, water balloon toss and horseshoes.



Our next 1st Degree Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 21st. Candidates need to arrive at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm. The monthly membership meeting will follow.

Religious Education Fund Raffle tickets are now available from Grand Knight, Larry Winter. Tickets are \$100.00 each. There are 1700 tickets available this year. Our council has 10 tickets total to sell.

Prizes include one \$25K Grand prize, one \$6K two \$4K five \$2K nineteen \$1K

Total prize money is \$64,000.00. Only 1700 applications will be accepted with 28 winners

Grand Knights Report

The Knights of Columbus has more to offer its members than insurance. Visit the Knights of Columbus Supreme web site to find several scholarships available to members and their families. Visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/>

eb/en/members/scholarships/. Do you want to be the first to see the next newsletter? An extended version of this newsletter, as well as links to the State and Supreme Knights of Columbus web sites can be found on our Council's web

site at www.KofC4118.org. Keep yourself and your family informed of the latest events and activities of our Council.

Larry Winter
Grand Knight

Past Grand Knight: Keith Soltis

August 26, Past Grand Knight Keith Soltis passed away peacefully among his family at 4:45 am. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann.

Keith served as Grand Knight of Council 4118

from 1999 to 2001. Keith also served as Financial Secretary for a short time until moving to Omaha, Nebraska where he served as the District Deputy of District 8 and as the Faithful Purser for Columbia As-

sembly 2541. At the time of his death, Keith was a member of St. John Vianney, Council 7740.

Keith will be remembered as an exemplary, caring, and dedicated Knight.

September 2009 Family of the Month— Brian McCosh

The Knight of the Month for September is the Brian McCosh Family. Brian is our current Council Treasurer, and is a past Grand Knight of 4118.

Brian and his family have been selected as the Family of the Month for their

support of the council picnic in August. Brian's children, Kaitlyn and Ben, can always be found helping their Dad at council events including setting up and tearing down the Christmas tree lot and reserving the horse-shoe shelter for the Family

Picnic. Brian truly makes his family the priority in his life. Our Council is much richer because he shares his talents and Family with us.

Thanks Brian, and tell the kids thanks for us all!

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September 2009 Knight of the Month— PGK, Leon Keiter

Past Grand Knight, Leon Keiter, has been selected as the September Knight of the Month. Leon was a driving force behind making the Council Picnic a great success with his God given talent for organizing

the kitchen and cooking for many people so they would not go hungry! Our council enjoys the use of Leon's keen observances of the law, both in our council by-laws and civil matters as he is 4118's Advocate. He and

his wife, Janet, are active members of St. Francis Assisi parish. Leon ushers at the parish's Mass on Sundays. Thank you, Leon, for the many talents you share with the Knights!

Golf Tournament to Benefit Carmelite Sisters

A golf tournament to benefit the Carmelite Sisters, is scheduled for Monday, October 26, at the Willowbend Country Club, at 12:00 pm. There will

be a \$100 entry fee to play. For more information contact Mary Degraffenreid at 316-721-2312. If you cannot attend the tournament, donations may be made

to: Discalced Carmelite Monastery; P.O. Box 278; Valley Center, KS; 67147 Visit KofC4118.org to read more about these Nuns.

St. Francis Assisi Corporate Communion, and breakfast

September 27, Council 4118 will have a Corporate Communion at St. Francis Assisi Parish at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. We plan on sitting together as group at the front of

church. This is a wonderful display of support for our Chaplain, and the Catholic Church, as well as our unity in our faith and fraternity in the Knights of Columbus.

A breakfast will be served for all following the Mass. Be sure to attend this Mass, and invite potential members to join us for both Mass and breakfast.

Breaking News!

At the September meeting, David Landwehr will be giving a informative talk on what HR 3200 is doing on abortion and euthanasia as well as Private Insurance vs. Public Insurance. Be sure to attend the membership meeting and educate yourself on what the Government is planning!

Council 4118 will host a lunch for the Apostle Build on October 28. This will feed the workers who are building the Habitat for Humanity house. If you would like to help with the lunch, contact Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Allen at 773-1662.

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Carmelite sisters Full Story

Introduction

Last year, Bishop Michael Jackels requested that our Carmelite Nuns build a monastery within five miles of the Spiritual Life Center. This location will make it easier for retired priests to come celebrate daily Mass. Thus, the nuns acquired 40 acres of land near Woodlawn and 77th North. Robl Construction has begun the first phase, which will allow the ten nuns to move into a temporary, manufactured double-wide home. We wish to help raise awareness and money for this monastery because, as Msgr. Hemberger said, "The nuns are not tied to the diocese financially or by assignment." The nuns live a cloistered life, a life they choose in order to offer themselves as a form of prayer for others and to be united as much as possible with God, living as brides of Christ.

A Brief History of Our Discalced Carmelite Nuns

Bishop Eugene Gerber had been praying for a contemplative order of nuns for the Diocese of Wichita. When the bishop of Gallup, N.M., could no longer guarantee a chaplain to celebrate daily Mass, Bishop Thomas Olmsted invited the seven nuns to our diocese. They settled into a house on January 24, 2001, in rural Clearwater, enclosed as The Monastery of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe. This was to be a temporary monastery. Unfortunately, the house and chapel flooded many times through the years. Consequently, mold grew and affected the health of the nuns, resulting in illnesses. Stuart Ciccone of Eagle Environmental professionally removed the mold last year. He told the sisters that since the foundation leaks and the water continues to flood, there is no hope for the place. It should be demolished.

A Brief Look at the Nuns' Mission

These simple, humble nuns are completely dedicated to a life of prayer and loving self-sacrifice through obedience and labor behind the walls of their Papal Enclosure. Mother Mary of the Angels, the superior, said, "We live with an indescribable happiness, make daily sacrifices, and are here for the love of God and for the love of souls. Our mission is to pray for the Holy Church, the priests, and the world, and to be the heart of our Church because without the heart, the body cannot live."

To help support themselves, they have raised vegetables and fruit in a large greenhouse and fish in tanks. They are best known for their granola which they bake and sell for \$15 per 3 pound bag. Other foods for sale include salsa, relish, and almonds. They also offer handmade religious cards, tea towels, and other items. This provides a modest income for the growing monastery, which now includes a sister from St. Anthony's Parish. The sisters do accept monetary gifts from benefactors and occasional gifts from the Diocese of Wichita.

What Can We Do To Help?

Bishop Gerber said, "They ask hardly anything for themselves. They just depend on Divine Providence. Their presence is a strong witness. It's a countercultural witness; it's a religious witness, and beyond that, they're praying and sacrificing for the Church, especially for the diocese they are in."

You may participate by:

- playing in the golf tournament (\$100 per person)
- becoming a sponsor or
- by mailing a donation

All sponsors may receive a sign at one hole. The levels of sponsorship are as follows:

Guardian Angel	\$125	Black and White Sign
Cherubim	\$250	Color Sign
Seraphim	\$500	XXL Color Sign
Archangel	\$1000	Color Banner
St. Joseph	\$5000+	XXL Color Banner

Donations are payable to:
Discalced Carmelite Monastery
P.O. Box 278
Valley Center, KS 67147

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Who Can We Contact For More Information?

For more information, please call Mary DeGraffenreid 316.721.2312.

Any size of donation is appreciated. Mother Mary of the Angels will send a personal note of thanks in addition to a tax letter.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

-The *"Friends of the Carmelite Nuns"*

Eulogy of Past Grand Knight Keith Soltis

August 29th of this year is a day that many Brother Knights of Council 4118 will always remember. The temperature was mild, the sun was bright, the sky was blue and clear, and the wind was a gentle breeze. It was the perfect day. It was the day they buried Past Grand Knight Keith Soltis in Omaha, Nebraska.

Keith, the son of Brother Jack Soltis of our Council and his late wife, Margaret, joined the Knights in 1978. As his employment changed over the years, so did his membership in various councils. He was a member of Council 9096 in Burnsville, MN, Council 4118, Council 10778 in Salina, KS, Council 7021 in Auburn, NE and Council 7740 in Omaha, NE.

At each council, Keith gave of his time and talents to the Knights. When Keith transferred back to Council 4118 in 1998, he immediately became involved in Council activities. It wasn't long before he had a reputation as a hard working and dedicated Knight. His hours of service and dedication did not go unnoticed by our members, who elected him our Grand Knight from July of 1999 thru June of 2001. During his tenure as Grand Knight, Keith continued the tradition of our numerous programs, many of which were and have become hallmarks of recognition for our Council throughout the state.

After serving as Grand Knight, Keith became our Financial Secretary, succeeding Brother John Faltemeier who died unexpectedly. Keith's term of office as Financial Secretary was cut short when he moved out of state for employment. However, during his term as Financial Secretary, he upgraded the Council's financial and membership records to the Supreme Council's first computer-based records system, which is now in its second generation.

Keith's employment eventually took him to Nebraska, where he met and married Mary Ann. Keith served as the District Deputy of District 8 and as the Faithful Purser for Columbia Assembly 2541. He was an active member of Council 7740, St. John Vianney serving as the Financial Secretary and Website Director.

Five Past Grand Knights for this Council attended Keith's funeral service. We were greeted by numerous Brother Knights, who were there both at his wake and his funeral. They told us how Keith, an unknown member who transferred in, rejuvenated and brought life back to their Council.

The current Grand Knight of Council 7740, Ray Honaker, said that when he first met Keith he dislike him tremendously as Keith was always telling him what to do. Grand Knight Honaker said that after a while he sought out Keith for his advise because he recognized that

Keith was a leader, a mentor and sincerely cared about the Knights. This was the same sentiment express by his wife, Mary Ann, and other members of his family.

The 4th Degree Sir Knights from Council 7740 showed their respect for Keith by maintaining an all night vigil over Keith's body as it lay in state after his wake until his funeral the next day. They also invited those attending from our Council, along with their wives, to sit with them during the funeral mass. Afterwards, they invited us to stand, side by side, with them for a final salute to this dedicated Brother Knight both when his body was taken from St.

John Vianney Catholic Church and then at Resurrection Cemetery in Omaha, where Keith's body was laid to rest.

Our Brother Knights in Council 7740 will remember Keith as an exemplary and caring Knight, whose dedication and love for the Knights of Columbus will live on in their hearts and inspire them keep the spirit of participation that he brought to their Council alive for the benefit of future Knights. Let us, Brother Knights, unselfishly do the same. Vivat Jesus Brother Keith.

Leon G. Keiter, PGK Council 4118

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Calendar of Events

September

- 9/21 Retirees' Meeting, 11:00 am
- 9/21 **First Degree Ceremony, 7:00 pm**
Candidates check in at 6:30
- 9/21 Membership Meeting, after 1st degree
- 9/27 Corporate Communion at St. Francis Assisi
at the 8:30 am Mass, Breakfast to be held in
Clair Hall afterwards.
- 9/27 4th Degree membership picnic, start's at
3:00 pm, eat from 5 to 7 pm, bring a side
dish, or desert.

October

- 10/5 Officers meeting, Monday 7:00 pm
- 10/9,10 Tootsie Roll Campaign
& 11
- 10/18 St. Joe Parish Corporate Communion and
Stewardship Fair. **(Cancelled)**
- 10/19 Membership meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10/25 **Major Degree at Council 4118,**
registration at 10:30 am, 1st degree
starts at 11:00 am, 2nd degree starts at
1:00 pm, 3rd degree to follow.

November

- 11/2 Memorial Mass, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's
church
- 11/3 **Officers meeting changed to**
Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- 11/3 Memorial Mass
- 11/15 Ultimate Tailgate Party
- 11/16 Retirees' Meeting, 11:00 am
- 11/16 **First Degree Ceremony, 7:00 pm**
- 11/16 Membership meeting after 1st degree
- 11/27 Christmas tree lot opens

December

- 12/4 Grand Knight's Christmas party
- 12/7 Officers meeting, Monday 7:00 pm
- 12/13 Children's Christmas party
- 12/21 Membership meeting, 7:00 pm

January 2010

- 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- 1/4 Officers meeting, 7:00 pm
- 1/18 Membership meeting, 7:00 pm
- 1/29 Membership Appreciation Party