Calendar of Events

December 6-8, 2013
K of C Midwinter DD Mtg.
Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Springfield

State KC Convention
April 25-27, 2014
Hilton Hotel
Springfield

The Ladies Auxiliaries have always been an important program of the Knights of Columbus. Currently, there are about 69 active Ladies Auxiliaries in the State of Illinois. Through our ladies auxiliaries, we assist our Knights of Columbus with their events and activities as well as serving our Church and Communities by engaging in charitable activities.

If you have not already done so, please submit a copy of the State Ladies Auxiliary Registration form to both the Illinois State Council Office and myself so that we may update our records for this fraternal year. The registration form may be found on our website or you may contact me if you need one.

I would also love to hear from you regarding events, activities, recruiting programs, service projects, or other programs that your Auxiliary is involved in both for future newsletters and to share with other Auxiliaries looking for ideas and suggestions.

I thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you, talking to you, or assisting you with your needs in the upcoming months. Please don’t hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

May God bless you,
Laurie Mann
State Ladies Auxiliary Liaison

#51098 TRI CITY LADIES AUXILIARY GRANITE CITY

I am Nancy Diak, President of the Ladies Auxiliary from Granite City. I wish to share a project with you. Maybe you have heard of WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - THE DAR SUPPORTS THIS. Go online to wreaths across America. You have the opportunity to supply a wreath on a Soldier’s grave during Christmas Time. The Graves that are honored are the ones in the Military Cemeteries located by you. Now, we live by St. Louis, Missouri, and there is Jefferson Barracks Military Cemetery. We chose to honor $150.00 worth of Wreaths. I am sorry, I forgot how many that supports --I think 10 Graves. But here is the good part!!! If you know someone there buried, YOU yourself can lay the WREATH ---OH WHAT AN HONOR!!

I have a brother-in-law who was a Marine buried there and I will go to the ceremony to place the WREATH. This activity will be December 14 -- at least at this cemetery.

Good Luck, Ladies with your Auxiliaries!
Nancy Diak-President
WANTED!
ARTICLES ABOUT YOUR AUXILIARY. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER BY THE DEADLINE

December 15, 2013
Thank You!"
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PRESIDENTS:
Please make copies of this newsletter for your members that do not have email.
Check for State Ladies Auxiliary newsletter online at:
(www.illinoisknights.org)
Ladies Auxiliary webpage

FALL/HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING IDEAS
Cookie Dough Sales
Candy Sales
Poinsettia Sales
Christmas Gift Basket Raffle
Cook Book Sales
Garage Sale
Used Book Sale
Craft Show
Trivia Night
Spaghetti Dinner

FALL/HOLIDAY CHARITABLE GIFTING IDEAS
Adopt a Grade School-purchase & donate school supplies. Volunteer to be a mentor or homework tutor for after school programs
Support ID/Tootsie Roll Drive
Food Drive for Local Food Pantries
Military-send Thank You cards and/or supplies (personal care items, candy, cookies, gum, etc)
Needy Families in your parish (check with Parish office)-donate a Thanksgiving or Christmas food basket
Social Service Agencies-collect & donate hats, scarves, mittens, socks for needy children. Adopt a family to provide a Thanksgiving or Christmas Food Basket and/or Christmas gifts for the children
Nursing Homes-visit residents, sing Christmas carols, or play games with them. Make lap blankets to donate to them.
Seminarians-send cards and gifts
The Knights council is gearing up for their 50th anniversary celebration and, since most of our husbands are members, that means we'll be there too! This looks as if we are going to have another fun and active year and look forward to sharing our news with you.

Crace Baszak, President

The 1704 Newton Knights of Columbus turned 100 years old this September and to celebrate, they held three days of events. Friday September 27th kicked off the celebrations with an open house to display memorabilia from the past 100 years of the organization's creation and past activities. Marilyn Kocher and Rosetta Bolander, widows of deceased Knights, provided scrapbooks and sat at a table for the entire evening allowing guests to view their scrap books and other memorabilia provided.

A table of finger foods was provided by members of the 1704 Newton Ladies Auxiliary. Lady Knights Marie Kuhl and Denisse Ochs served on the planning committee and were on hand to make sure things ran smoothly! To help with expenses, the Knights and some of the Lady Knights provided items to be auctioned off. These items were on display both Friday and Saturday.

On the evening of Saturday the 28th, a smoked steak and chicken dinner was served to over 100 people. The meal was prepared by Delaine and Melanie Ochs. The Och’s are Sir and Lady Knights and have their own catering business. To save expenses, the meal was served by KC members and members of the committee.

Following the wonderful meal, the band “Thunder Road” began playing at 8p.m. for an enjoyable evening of music and dancing. At 8:30 there were 6 items raffled off with 6 different lucky winners. Men and Lady Knights worked together to clean up afterwards but it really wasn’t "work". It was a group of proud members of Newton Knights/Lady Knights celebrating the past 100 years and starting a memory to be celebrated after another 100 years!

Elle Einhorn, President
**LADIES AUXILIARIES ATTENTION!**

As a reminder we (Ladies Auxiliaries) are not to use the words “Knights of Columbus” or the KC 3rd degree logo for any auxiliary function.

It is requested that the Ladies Auxiliaries report to the Knights of Columbus Councils their volunteer hours for service to Church, Family, Community, Council and Youth. These hours may be turned in to the Financial Secretary of the Council. Check with them when it is due. A form to record volunteer hours may be found on page 5 of this newsletter. We appreciate all that you can do to help our Councils.

For your information—any auxiliary that is interested in becoming a Supreme recognized auxiliary may check out the following groups:

- **COLUMBIETTES**
  
  In 1939, Monsignor J. Francis McIntyre, at that time Chaplain of the New York Chapter Knights of Columbus, and who later became Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, California, seeing great numbers of women coming out of a Communist rally at Madison Square Garden, conceived the idea of a ladies organization to work with the Knights of Columbus. The New York and pay a per capita like the Knights do. The New York
  
  Chapter Knights of Columbus formulated a plan for such an organization. Their plan called for the establishment of Auxiliaries in each Council and to coordinate the efforts of all under the direction of one parent group. On March 2, 1929 the first Columbiettes were instituted in New York City. Since that memorable day, many new auxiliaries were formed and eventually State Councils and a Supreme Council were established. New members are initiated in these subordinate auxiliaries and it is only through the integrity, strength and scope of these auxiliary activities that the Columbiettes have become a recognized group of women working with the Knights of Columbus promoting the ideals of Columbiaism.

- **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:**
  
  This group was formed in 1903 and is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the church and the Holy See.
  
  They donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive “to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.”

  The CDA motto is “Unity and Charity.”

  The CDA was formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 75,000 dues-paying members in 1,250 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

  Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of “feminine genius” in today’s world.

  The program includes concerns of today’s church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

- **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: UNITY, FRIENDSHIP, & CHARITY**
  
  The first circle of the Order was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1897 as an auxiliary of the Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims:

  To know one another better
  To extend our circle of friends
  To centralize all our resources to better help one another
  To be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society.

  The International circle is the main governing body. Members come together in convention biennially to elect the International officers who constitute the Administration Board.

  The State Circles also convene every two years for the formation and revision of the established agendum, Election of Officers, and implementation of programs and projects consistent with the laws and rules of the Constitution.

  The Local Circles meet monthly for a combined business meeting and social gathering. Members set upon the charitable, spiritual, civic, and social programs their circle wishes to take part in.

  If you have any questions regarding these recognized auxiliaries, please contact me for the email addresses for you to contact them.

  Laurie Mann
  Ladies Auxiliary Liaison
HOW HAVE YOUR MEMBERS SHARED THEIR TIME AND TALENT?

Each Auxiliary is requested to provide information regarding their members’ volunteer service hours in the categories of Church, Family, Community and Youth activities. Please use this form to record the service hours of your members and turn them in to the Financial Secretary of your Council.

Please check with them to see when it is due.

Auxiliary Name & Number: ____________________________________________

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The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company’s interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast-including 51 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional harvest festival than a true “thanksgiving” observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent “four men fowling” after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term “turkey” was used by the pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

This “thanksgiving” feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a long steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn’t until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed. October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it ahead one week in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the President to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.
A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all creation,

On the occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather her, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.
### Apple Crisp

- 5-6 cups peeled, thinly sliced apples
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) oleo or butter

Arrange apples in a greased 8 x 1 1/2 in. round pan. Combine oats, sugar, flour, & cinnamon. Cut butter into mixture. Sprinkle mixture over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

### Broccoli/Cheese Casserole

- 2 10 oz. pkgs chopped broccoli
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 small jar cheese whiz
- 1 stick butter

Combine all ingredients in a 2 qt. casserole. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

### Pumpkin Trifle

- 1 pkg (14 1/2 oz) gingerbread cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1 egg
- 4 cups cold fat free milk
- 4 pkg (1 oz each) sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
- 1 can (15 oz) solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon each ground ginger, nutmeg, and allspice.

1.) In a large bowl, combine cake mix, water & egg on low speed for 30 sec. Beat on medium speed for 2 min. Pour into an ungreased 8-in square baking pan.
2.) Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 min. before removing from pan to a wire rack. When completely cooled, crumble the cake. Set aside 1/4 cup crumbs for garnish.
3.) In a lg. bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 min. or until slightly thickened. Let stand for 2 min. or until soft-set. Stir in pumpkin & spices until well blended.
4.) In a trifle bowl, layer 1/4 of the cake crumbs, half of the pumpkin mixture, 1/4 of the cake crumbs, and half the Cool Whip. Repeat layers. Garnish with reserved cake crumbs. Refrigerate until serving.

### Glazed Sweet Potatoes

- 4 tablespoons butter, plus 1 tablespoon for greasing
- 4 medium yams or sweet potatoes, peeled
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 deg. Grease a 9 by 13-inch baking dish with 1 tablespoon butter.

Cut each of the yams into 8 evenly shaped wedges. Lay them out in the prepared baking dish in an even layer. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the brown sugar and allow to dissolve. Mix in the syrup and cook until smooth. Pour the glaze over the yams and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Cover the baking dish with foil and bake for about 45 minutes or until yams are tender when pierced with a fork but they still hold their shape.