## Highland Council 1580

**Grand Knight: Ken Krausz** 

**Deputy Grand Knight: Jacob Rose** 

Financial Secretary: Dan McCloud

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Recorder: Dave Gall

Treasurer: Craig Wieseman

Advocate: Tim Lucia

Warden: John Kapp, Jr.

Trustees: Kim White, Jerry Klostermann, and Wayne Henze

Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

## **Upcoming Events**

Polka Dance January 21

Dine In Chicken Dinner January 28

Valentine's Dinner/Dance February 4th

Ladies Auxiliary Rock and Roll Bingo February 9th

Council Meeting 7 pm Second Tuesday of the Month

#### Contact Us!

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# Knight Times



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

As we approach the end of 2023my wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are extended to you and your families. This is a joyous time of the year when we look forward to gathering with family and friends. However, let us not forget the reason for this holiday. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Over the years the commercialization of Christmas has drifted away from the true meaning of this day. I am not sure what the answer is for getting back to the true meaning of Christmas. Perhaps encouraging the spirit of giving to those who are less for-

tunate is a start. Maybe taking unteered during the year and time out to participate in events such as the "Wreaths Across America" is another way to begin arousing this spirit. Each of us will again be filled with numust determine what drives us merous activities. We start off to reach this spirit.

On another note, I want to congratulate those individuals who received the annual Knight awards for 2023. As I mentioned during the award ceremony, choosing who receives these awards is the hardest task I have as a Grand Knight. There are so many individuals who are deserving of these awards. Unfortunately, the candidates need to be narrowed down to a few. So, thank you to all who have vol-

your time is very much appreciated.

As we enter 2024, this year the year with our annual Sunday dances on January 21st, followed by a Chicken Dinner on January 28th. Lent begins early in 2024(February 14th), so our Fish Fries start up then. Check our website and Facebook page for other upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Krausz



#### FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Kim White from the Highland Knights of Columbus delivers 376 pounds of food items and \$161 in donations for the HACSM food pantry. Many thanks to our KC Members who attended our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th at the KC Hall and provided the goods and cash.

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#### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S** NOTES

Guess what? It's dues time. Once again, our annual dues statements have been mailed to the members. These dues help our council, the K of C State organization, and Supreme to do many of the charity things that we do. In addition, we need your help updating our records. In the billing envelope, there was a gray information profile card. I would appreciate it if you could provide an up-to-date phone number and email address. When we make our communication calls about our various events, we have up to 20%+ of failed calls due to inaccurate phone numbers. Please help us make our information more accurate.

I wish everyone to have a blessed 2024 New Year.

Vivat Jesus! Dan McCloud Financial Secretary Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com

# SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR, KNIGHT OF THE YEAR, AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and has been a Sir Knight for twenty-one years. He is also a member of the 4th Degree Assembly #231. He has held various officer positions within our Council including past Grand Knight. His involvement in the Knights of Columbus is never ending. Most notably is his tireless work with the weekly bingo games. He was also past chairman of the Kirchenfest. It is with great appreciation that we honor as the 2023 Senior Knight of the Year, Wayne Henze. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

#### KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:

Our Brother Knight is a member St. Paul Parish and has been a Sir Knight for 24 years as well as a 4th Degree Member of Assembly #231. He has held various officer positions within our Council including past Grand Knight. He has also been a frequent volunteer at various Council events and has also been instrumental in working with hall technology. Recently he played a key role in updating the Council website. He has been past chairman of the Kirchenfest Flea Market, and still is an integral part of the flea market. It is with great appreciation that we honor as the 2023 Knight of the Year, Kim White. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

#### LADY OF THE YEAR:

Our Lady of the Year is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and St. Paul Parish. Since becoming a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, she has volunteered for countless activities, always eager to help in any way possible. This generosity of her time also spills over to her helping in various capacities at the Kirchenfest as well as lending a hand at Council events. She is currently Vice President of the Louis Latzer Library Board which is a continuation of her career as a retired librarian in the Highland school district. It is with great appreciation that we honor as the 2023 Lady of the Year, Nancy Genteman. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

#### FAMILY OF THE YEAR:

Our Brother Knight and his Lady are members of St. Paul Parish. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for forty-two years as well as a member of the 4th Degree Assembly. He is also a member of the Columbus Club. He regularly volunteers to help with Council activities in addition to lending a hand when it comes to repair work around the Council facilities. His Lady is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and currently holds the position of Sergeant at Arms. Recognized for her behind the scenes work, she is available no matter what the task might be. She is best known for organizing the auxiliary's top fundraiser each year, the 9-pin bowling tournament with great appreciation that we honor as the 2023 Family of the Year, Kent, and Trisha Korte. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.











# SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish. He is an honorary life member of the Council with fifty-eight years of service as well as a member of Assembly # 231. He is a volunteer at the Highland Food Pantry and can be seen regularly picking up food at Ruler Foods for the pantry. He works at the various Council functions such as weekly Bingo, Fish Fries, Chicken Dinners, Madison County Fair, ID Drive, just to name a few. It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the Month for December 2023 Vern Rakers. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

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#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish. He has been a member of our Council for twenty years. Among the various activities he has been involved in are St. Paul Hospitality Minister, a member of Fr. Pat's Patriots, the annual ID Drive, Council Fish Fries

and Chicken Dinners, the Madison County Fair, and Bingo kitchen worker. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for December 2023 Bill Duncan. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight and his Lady are members of St. Paul Parish. He is an Honorary Member of our Council with thirty-five years of service. He is also a member of Assembly #231, currently serving as the Faithful Navigator. He and his Lady are regular volunteers at the various Council functions, such as Fish Fries, Bingo, Sunday Dances, Chicken dinners, among other events. He can be found scouting out bargains at rummage sales etc. for use at the KC Hall or helping with repairs. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the month for December 2023 John and Nancy Genteman. Congratulations from Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

It's resolution time again! Really? Seriously? Who are we kidding? How many times have we promised to make a new start at the beginning of a new year to lose weight, quit smoking, exercise more, etc., etc., etc. Blah Blah Blah.

This year I have a suggestion for different types of resolutions—the kind that we can actually keep—the kind where we may not see a physical change in ourselves but maybe we will see a change in our mental and spiritual selves instead.

This year let's resolve to:

- Affirm someone's self worth by giving them a hug or a compliment.

- Give a friend or loved one our full attention.
- Reach out to a friend or relative that you haven't spoken to in a while.
- Thank someone for what they mean to you in your life.
- Tell your spouse, kids, parents, friends how much you love them as often as possible.
- Anonymously pay for someone's coffee or meal in a restaurant.
- Be nice to those co-workers who annoy you. Put in an honest day's work.
- Smile and say good morning or hello when you meet strangers. Interact with them.
  - Purge your wardrobe or house

of unneeded items and donate to worthy charities in the area.

- Rake your neighbor's leaves or cut their grass if they are unable to do it.
- Offer someone a ride to church if you know they need it.
- Make it a point to ask your waiter's name and thank them for their service.
- Thank anyone who helps you or serves you or checks you out in a store
- Hold the door open for someone (as well as your wife!).
- Let someone go in front of you in line.
- Avoid road rage. Say a prayer for that person instead.
- Be more patient to your kids

and grandkids; listen to them.

- Be kind to yourself. Pray just one more little prayer each day.

I think you'll find these are doable resolutions and you can come up with your own. Doing any of these things will fulfill you and will make someone else's day better. It's a win-win!

The winners of the auxiliary quilt/basket raffle in December were: Kitchen Basket-Bobbi Genteman; Christmas Basket: Ann Kleinmann; Religious Basket: Darlene Timmermann; Quilt-Betty Henze. Our next meeting is January 2. Please come and bring a prospective new member. Let's GROW this auxiliary this year!

### STARTING A NEW YEAR

By Advocate Tim Lucia

So we start a New Year with a lot going on in the world, you have to wonder what kind of crazy is next, can it get better soon or what can anybody do to fix any of it? This verse seems to come to mind more often as I dwell on the daily things that happen "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Now one thinks I have plans too, yes and most of those plans come to fruition, so from the verse prior were those really just your plans? "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps". Proverbs 16:9

OK now I have you thinking, yes we must put our trust in God's plan no matter how crazy things get we must let God direct our steps, and if when your in doubt pause for a minute and listen for a little voice, it's there listen, you'll hear it, weather it's God speaking, Jesus, or I like to think it's my Guardian Angel yelling at me, trust in where God is directing your steps!

We have lots of things to get

through this coming year, don't get caught up in the crazy, we'll make it.

Now we can't just assume God will just take care of everything without us not praying, we must pray! "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

Philippians 4:6-7

So now I'll finish with this

prayer I found to Trust in God...

Lord, I adore You for Your unfathomable wisdom and unfailing guidance. I confess that too often I rely on my own understanding rather than turning to You. Thank You for Your infinite patience and Your promise to guide me. Help me trust You with all my heart and submit to You in all my ways. May I seek Your wisdom above all, trusting that You will lead me in righteousness. In Jesus' name, Amen

Enjoy the day!!

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

With the new year soon approaching, I started thinking about that interesting word that gets kicked around every new year.... RESOLUTIONS.

This made me think about the book that was available to church members a few months ago. It was titled "Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life" by Matthew Kelly. So, I picked up a copy and read it. I thought that was a nice book. It had some good lessons in it. That's as far as I got.

Then, one day I saw it lying on my desk and started read-

ing it again, but this time I started making notes as I read along each page. As I finished the book, I resolved to put the lessons written in the book into making some actions that may create Holy Moments.

My interpretation of a holy moment is when you listen to that inner voice and do good deeds to help another person.... Just doing the right thing for our God.

This may be something as simple as opening a door for someone or as complex as leading a charity event. I like to look at it as just doing good deeds, but sometimes we forget to do this.

Over the next few months, I will write about my journey of creating Holy Moments in my life as a K of C member, a catholic parishioner, a father, a husband, and a brother. I hope these articles show you (and me) that we just need to listen to that inner voice to become a better person.

As the membership director, I would like all the members to create their own Holy Moments. You can start one Holy Moment by inviting your friends and family members

who are not members to join the Knights. Any prospective new members can search the website listed below or they can send an email directly to me.

www.kofc.org/join

What are you going to do to Knight? Let's do more in 2024.

Dan McCloud Membership Director — Highland Council 1580 Email: Dan 29. McCloud@ gmail.com

#### NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE: JOHN GENTEMAN

We've closed out another year. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas season with your family! A New Year is like a blank book, and the pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. During this time of year, it is common for individuals to make a couple New Year's Resolutions to kick off the New Year. Perhaps it is to get more active outside, pray a little more, or eat a few less sweets. Why not make a resolution to get more involved with your council and assembly? There will be several great activities in the first months of the year that your council and assembly will need help with! If you are not a member of the 4th Degree, I invite you to make one additional New Year's resolu-

tion, to join the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree of our Order. For those interested, the next exemplification is in Benld, Illinois on Feb. 17th. Please contact me for the details. The next 4th Degree meeting will be on February 5th.

A Special THANK YOU, to the Sir Knights and their Commander who volunteer for the Honor Guard at church, funerals, etc. It is appreciated. If you are a member of the 4th Degree, please consider getting the regalia. The Assembly will reimburse you a large portion of the cost.

Don't forget, the Valentine's Dinner/Dance is planned for February 4th. This social will begin at 3:00 p.m. with cocktails, dinner beginning at 4 p.m. with the music and dancing from

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost of the Dinner/Dance will be \$30 per person. All members of the Highland K of C, the Ladies Auxiliary and Priests are invited to attend, as well as, members from other local Councils, Auxiliaries, and Clergy. Come and enjoy a great evening of food, drink, dancing and camaraderie with your significant other.

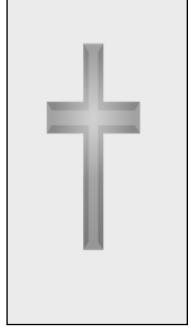
Last year, we got older and slower, but we had a good time. Let's make sure we do the same in this New Year. I would like to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families a very Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great 2023, and as I am, looking forward to an even better year in 2024.

John Genteman Faithful Navigator

#### **OBITUARIES**

To the family of Brother Knight Neal Rieke Jr.

To the family of Brother Knight Leo E. Lammers.





## Highland Knights of Columbus January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	New Years Day	7:00 PM Council Officers	Bingo				
	Closed	8:00 PM Columbus Club	Doors Open 5:00 PM				
		7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	Games Start 7:00 PM				
	Fourth Degree Meeting		Euchre 7:00 PM				
	Moved to 1/8/2024					Private Event	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	7:00 PM Fourth Degree	7:00 PM Council Meeting	Bingo				
			Doors Open 5:00 PM				
			Games Start 7:00 PM				
			Euchre 7:00 PM				
	7:00 PM Boy Scouts				Private Event		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Boy Scouts			Bingo		Relevant Pregnancy		
Drive Thru Breakfast			Doors Open 5:00 PM		Options Center		
7:30 AM -12:30 PM			Games Start 7:00 PM		TRIVIA NIGHT		
			Euchre 7:00 PM		Doors Open: 6:30 PM		
					Game Begins: 7:00 PM	Private Event	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
KC Sunday Dances			Bingo			St. Paul School	
Music By:			Doors Open 5:00 PM			Viking Night	
Dave Hylla &			Games Start 7:00 PM			Dinner Auction	
Good Times Band			Euchre 7:00 PM			5:00 PM - KC Hall	
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	7:00 PM Boy Scouts				Dinner Auction Decorate		
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KC Chicken Dinner			Bingo		Korcz Knight	ts of Columbus	
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM			Doors Open 5:00 PM		INS	URANCE	
Dine-In / Carryout			Games Start 7:00 PM		YOUR	HIELD FOR LIFE	
			Euchre 7:00 PM		Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991		
1:00 PM Boy Scouts	7:00 PM Boy Scouts				Michieyel Agel	icy 010-320-7331	

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: JANUARY 2024**

**BIRTHDAYS** 01 - Kevin Goring 01 - Mark Voegele 02 - Jennifer Range 02 - Lucy Henrichs 03 - Ethel Korte 03 - Joe Dant 03 - Laura Levad 04 - John Etter 05 -Garland Edwards 05 - Philip Hereford 05 - Tracy Frey 06 - Philip Klostermann

07 - Gail Gutzler 07 - Michael Ammann

07 - Paul Kustermann 07 - Ryan Henrichs

07 - Trisha Korte 08 - David Korte

08 - Mark Voss 08 - Richard Boeser

08 - Steve Ribbing

08 - Timothy S. Korte 08 - Vernell Wellen

09 - Jane Bircher 09 - Richard Sanvi

10 - Daniel Kapp

10 - Linda Tebbe 10 - Linda Zobrist

10 - Madonna Fischer

10 - Michael Jacober

10 - Robert Quade11 - Edward Gagen11 - James Haberer

11 - Kim Vincent11 - William Twyford

12 - Lee J Wellen12 - Shirley Weis13 - Chad Wolters

13 - David Long13 - Lee Rinderer13 - Stephen Schon-

hardt 13 - Steven Brendel

14 - Ceil Kloss15 - Connie Potthast

15 - Sandy Prusa 16 - Derek Kloss

16 - Laurie Shimer 17 - Andrew Abendroth

17 - Mark Korte 17 - Stefan Kaniews-

ki 18 - Bruce Capelle

18 - Bruce Capelle 18 - Dorothy Durbin

18 - Jacob Gutzler

18 - Laurie Frank 18 - Marjorie Rittenhouse

20 - Erin Hopfinger 20 - Kathy Klostermann

21 - Elizabeth Overby

21 - Kenneth Klostermann 22 - Michael S Car-

roll

22 - Nicholas G Hanna

23 - Dennis Weber

23 - Joseph Jacober

23 - Virgil Wilke

24 - Duane Gilomen 24 - Julie Hammer

24 - Mitchel Widman 25 - Randy Dickman

26 - Kurt Schriewer

26 - Michael Capelle 26 - Shari Meyer

27 - Gerald Thole 27 - Joan Riffel

28 - Frank Prusa

28 - Kenneth Klaus 29 - Joseph Barth

29 - Kathy Essenpreis 30 - Arthur Warnecke

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m Jr}$ 

30 - Mary Bruggemann

30 - Matthew Bochantin

30 - Scott Geest

30 - Sherry Holzinger

31 - Maureen Napper



#### ANNIVERSARIES

03 - Robert & Gloria Schwarz

05 - Donald & Teresa McCall

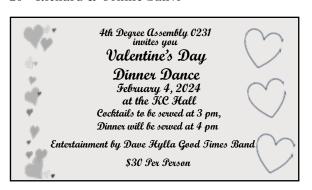
09 - Edwin & Cheryl Haselhorst

09 - Gary & Laurie Todt

15 - Daniel & Dilnawaz Stack

27 - Jim & Lori Gutzler

29 - Richard & Connie Sanvi





## Highland Knights of Columbus February 2024



AM		<b>A</b>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						* RUBY LEIGH *
						5:30 PM - Dinner & Show \$50
						7:00 PM - Show Only \$30
						Meet Ruby After the Show
						for Pictures and Autographs
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
KC Valentine's Day Dance	7:00 PM Fourth Degree	7:00 PM Council Officers	Bingo		* KC Ladies Auxiliary *	
Cocktails 3:00 PM		8:00 PM Columbus Club	Doors Open 5:00 PM		Rock & Roll Bingo	
Dinner 4:00 PM		7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	Games Start 7:00 PM		Doors Open: 5:30 PM	
Dancing 5:00 PM-8:00 PM			Euchre 7:00 PM		Games Begin: 7:00 PM	
\$30 Per Person					\$20 Advanced / \$25 at Door	Private Event
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
		7:00 PM Council Meeting	* KC Lenten *		* KC Lenten *	
			Fish Dinner		Fish Dinner	
			4:00 PM - 7:00 PM		4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
			NO WEDNESDAY BINGO	<u> </u>		Private Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
KC Sunday Dances			Bingo		* KC Lenten *	
Music By:			Doors Open 5:00 PM		Fish Dinner	
Joseph Pollack &			Games Start 7:00 PM		4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	
The St. Louis Express			Euchre 7:00 PM			
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM						Private Event
25	26	27	28	29	45	7 = 1 · ·
* KC Spelling Bee *			Bingo		Knight	s of Columbus
Doors Opens 12:00 PM			Doors Open 5:00 PM		INS	URANCE
Register by 1:30 PM			Games Start 7:00 PM		YOURS	HIELD FOR LIFE
Spelling Bee Begins 2:00 PM			Euchre 7:00 PM			cy 618-526-7991
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## FROM THE EDITORS

We are mostly an email newsletter now, so please let us know if you would rather receive the email version as opposed to the print.

If your email is currently on our mailing list, but you have not received the email newsletter, check your spam folder, sometimes it likes to hide out there.

For those that like having the print edition or do not have an email address, no worries! We will be mailing print editions to you and will also have a limited number of copies available at the KC Hall.

If you haven't already, go on over to @HighlandKnightsof-ColumbusCouncil1580 at Facebook.com and give us a like and a follow! We're doing some fun things over there such as livestreams of various events, articles from our newsletter, and notices about our events or con-

tributions to our community. It's a fun time over there!

The Ladies Auxiliary have a Facebook page as well. Go give them a like and follow if you haven't already. They can be found @LadiesAuxiliary-Council1580,Highland KnightsofColumbus

As usual, if you have a change of address or email, please contact the council to update their records. The council is charged for postage when the newsletter is sent back.

Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns or even ideas for articles. You can email me at editor.knighttimes@gmail.com. Our Facebook page is also a great new line of communication. We're usually pretty quick to respond!

And as always, the council's website is a fantastic source for additional infor-

mation. Please check it out at www.highlandkc.org.

Thank you for reading!

