

Highland  
Council  
1580

# Knight Times



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## Upcoming Events

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party  
December TBD

Council Christmas Party  
December 17

Dine In Chicken Dinner  
January 28

Polka Dance  
January 21

Council Meeting 7 pm  
Second Tuesday of the Month

## Contact Us!

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

Another year is almost past. At the time of this writing Thanksgiving is a few days out, and Christmas is just around the corner. Lest we get caught up in all the activities with Christmas and New Year's, perhaps we can take some time to reflect on the past year, and upon those things we can be thankful for. The Advent Season is a time to reflect upon the upcoming birth of Christ, and the renewal of our belief in our faith. It is also a time to remember, and help those less fortunate than us. We live in a great country, but there are still those, who by no fault of their own, are struggling to survive. Let us keep them in our prayers, and assist them to the extent possible. Also, we need to keep those in mind who have lost a loved one during the year. The holidays can be a difficult time, especially during the first year. If you know of someone, reach out to them. This act of kind-

ness can go a long way.

The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party will be held on December 17th. Hospitality begins at 3:00PM and dinner at 4:00pm. Following dinner, the Waterloo German Band will entertain from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Please RSVP to the Knights of Columbus Hall at 618-654-9049 by December 11th. Hope you join your fellow Knights and Ladies for an evening of fellowship.

We recently held a Chicken Fry which included an array of various food products. For \$10 per clamshell container, customers could choose from chicken, drumsticks, wings, livers, gizzards, pulled pork, French fries, and hush puppies. This was an excellent way to clear out inventory that had been in stock from previous events. A thank you goes out to those who helped with event.

We have tentatively planned a membership drive on December

9th to 10th after the weekend masses. Our Financial Secretary has included an article in this month's newsletter that breaks down our membership by age group. 31% of our membership is over age 70, this jumps to 61% if we combine age group 60 and over. At the other end of the age spectrum, 4% of our membership is in the age group 18 to 29. Combine the age group 18 to 39, the total is 11%. To say we need young blood in our Council is an understatement. To be a viable organization, we need the younger men to become members, and to bring their ideas with them of what, as a Council, we can do to promote our Catholic faith and to benefit our community. If you know someone, please ask them to join our Council.

In January, we will be sponsoring a dine-in Chicken Dinner on January 28th. Details on this event will be forthcoming. The Sunday afternoon dances will continue in 2024. The first dance of the year will be on January 21st. Music will be provided by Dave Hylla and the Good Times Band. These dances have become an excellent way of promoting our hall. People from as far as Chicago have come to these dances. The feedback that we have received is all positive. Also, in January the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held. More information on this will be released as soon as it is available.

Lastly, may you and your family have a Blessed and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Ken Krausz



**COLUMBIAN AWARD:** District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick (right) presents the 2022 Columbian Award to Grand Knight Ken Krausz (left).

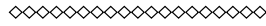
*Photo by Jacob Rose*

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

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish, and has been a Sir Knight for over forty years. He is also an Honorary Life member. He is a Lector and Mass Server. He has also held past leadership positions with the St. Paul School Board, St. Paul Finance Council, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Kirchenfest. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for November 2023, Tom Hill. Congratulations

from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight of the Month: Our Brother Knight is a member St. Paul parish, and has been a Sir Knight for 15 years as well as a member of the 4th Degree Assembly. He is also a member of the Columbus Club. He has been a regular volunteer at various Council events such as Chicken dinners, Fish Fries, the Kirchenfest, and Madison County Fair. He has also put his handyman skills to use

with repairs to the pavilion and the hall. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for November 2023, Matt Dermody. 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 has been a Sir Knight for over forty-seven years, is an Honorary Life Member. He assists with the Council fish fries, chicken din-

ners and other events. He is also a member of the Council's chicken frying crews that fries chicken for catering events in the surrounding area. His wife assists with various catering functions such as the recent Firemen/EMT Appreciation Banquet, and the annual KC Christmas Party. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for November 2023, Dennis and Mary Jo Kampwerth. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

As the Holidays are upon us, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I hope you get to enjoy it with your family and friends.

Seeing that the new year is just around the corner, I wanted to let you know that the Knights of Columbus dues statement will be mailed to all members around December 15th. You can pay these by dropping it off at the KC Hall (8:30am – 12pm, Monday – Friday) or mailing to the address below:

Knights of Columbus – Highland Council 1580  
PO Box 195  
Highland, IL 62249

Your dues help support many of the activities that we sponsor. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

Vivat Jesus!  
Dan McCloud  
Financial Secretary – Highland Council 1580  
Email: Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

Highland Council 1580 Membership Statistics --- Come Join Us!!!

I recently looked at some aging trends of our Council 1580 and I wanted to share some statistics.

We have a total of 633 members and the age groups are as follows:

Age Group	# of Members	%
70 and over	198	31%
60 – 69	188	30%
50 – 59	111	18%
40 – 49	63	10%
30 – 39	46	7%
18 -29	27	4%

As you can see, we need our younger Catholic men to join their local council. Our council does a lot for our church and community. We always welcome new members and new ideas. Periodically, we sponsor

membership drives or you can always contact me if you are interested in the Knights of Columbus at dan29.mccloud@gmail.com . If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, you can check us out at <https://www.highlandkc.org/>

What are you going to do to Knight?

Let's do more in 2024.

Dan McCloud  
Membership Director – Highland Council 1580  
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# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

PLEASE.....THANK YOU.....I'M SORRY.....

Three very small phrases in the whole of the English language. Ever think how many times you might say them in the course of a day? Studies have shown that the average person can speak up to 16,000 words a day. I guess a lot depends on whether we live alone or with others; work outside the home and what type of work we do; and how much interaction with other people we have. So thinking about all the words we say in a day, I wonder how many of them were please, thank you and I'm sorry?

These little words are ones that carry a lot of weight and

influence in our lives and the lives of those who cross our paths each day. Adding the word "please" shows respect for other people; respect for their lives and their time; it does not assume their response to our request. It shows that we value their consideration; and let's be honest, it usually gets us better results!

Followed up with "thank you", what better way to show appreciation for what was received or promised or done; gratitude for their time sacrificed for us; for an act of kindness or a simple gesture, for their advice or counsel. These two phrases, "please" and "thank you", should always be paired and never separated.

Probably the hardest words to

say are "I'm sorry", but they also may have the biggest impact. We all have said or done things for which we are sorry and it's definitely a lesson in humility to express this aloud to others. It's a lesson in forgiveness—forgiving ourselves, asking for forgiveness, and granting forgiveness to others. Let's be mindful of how many times we use these words throughout the day. We can even say them in one sentence if needed: "I'm sorry; please forgive me; thank you".

These three phrases are also important when we talk to God. Are we saying "please with our prayers of petition? Are we remembering to say "thank you" when our prayers are answered? We can even say thank you along

with our petitions thanking God for however He will answer our prayers or work in our lives. Are we telling God "I'm sorry" when we know we have fallen short of His expectations for us? We can even combine them all in one prayer: "Lord, I'm sorry; please forgive me; thank you".

It's that wonderful time of year when we prepare for Christ's coming. Let's be sure to take time out of our shopping, baking, decorating, and partying to pray and contemplate how we will truly celebrate Jesus coming into our lives this Christmas. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas from the Ladies Auxiliary!



## DO YOU BELIEVE?

By Advocate Tim Lucia

*Dear Editor—  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*

*Virginia O'Hanlon*

*Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.*

*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in*

*sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.*

*Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.*

*You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.*

*No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand*

*years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.*

*Francis B. Church  
Editor of the New York Sun  
1897*

*Originally published in The New York Sun in 1897.*

Oh, yes! I do believe!

Enjoy the season!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!



# WE HONOR OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights for their long steadfast support of the Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580. The Honorary Life Members are recognized for the distinction of 25 years of continuous service at the age of 70 or 50 years of continuous membership regardless of age. The Honorary Members are recognized for the distinction of continuous membership for over 25 years at the age of 65. The 25-year recognition is presented for 25 years of continuous membership. The 50-year recognition is presented for 50 years of continuous membership.

These men will be honored during our Christmas party on December 17th:

Honorary Life	Honorary Member	25 Year Members	50 Year Members
David Butler	Gary Frey	Phil Krydyski	Donald Johannes
Charles Franzoi	Allan Gall	Timothy Lucia	Thomas Koch
Rick Frey	Steve Gall	Brian Ramsey	Carl Lammers
James Gallatin	Steven Kloss	Gary Todt	Leo Landmann
John Genteman	Michael Lengermann	Timothy Vincent	Marvin Potthast
Robert Hammer	Michael Peters Sr.	Jeff Toennies	Melvin Potthast
Thomas Hoffman	Roger Schrage	George Whaley	Francis Robben
Dennis Kampwerth	Mark Shimer		Arthur Warnecke
James Klostermann	Bradley Steinkoenig		Larry Widman
Robert Quade	James Thurnau		
Terry Snyder	John Todt		
Lowell Wellen	Ron Tschannen		
Paul Wuebbels	Jay Wildhaber		

## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE: JOHN GENTEMAN

Season's Greetings, Brothers and Friends!

The holiday season is in full swing!

The anticipation is building, and the shopping days are dwindling.

Hopefully you aren't getting too stressed to take some time to reflect on the true reason for the season.

Since the last issue of our newsletter, we have two new Fourth degree members to our assembly!

Tim Leidel, Greenville and Tim Lucia, Highland became fourth degree members at the November 12th Exemplification in Breese, IL. Welcome Tim and Tim!



## Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	5 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	6 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	7	8	9 KC Membership Drive at Weekend Masses
10 KC Membership Drive at Weekend Masses	11 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	14	15	16 * RUBY LEIGH * Dinner & Show \$50 / person 5:30 PM Show Only \$30 / person 7:00 PM
17 KC Member Christmas Party Cocktails: 3:00 PM Dinner: 4:00 PM Waterloo German Band Call KC Hall to Register	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	21	22 KC Blood Drive 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Register: ImpactLife.org	23
24	25 Christmas Day Closed	26	27 * SPECIAL BINGO * Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	28	29	30 Wedding Decorate
31 Wedding	Notes:				 <b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE <b>Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</b>	

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: DECEMBER 2023

## BIRTHDAYS

01 - Brad Kuhl  
 01 - Brian Gnaeding-er  
 01 - Jerry Prusa  
 01 - Judy Shannon  
 02 -James Kampwerth  
 02 - Louis Renko  
 03 - Melanie Thole  
 03 -Timothy McGinley  
 04 - Glenn Hoyt Jr  
 04 - Joseph Galeaz  
 04 - Karen Accornero  
 04 - Richard Tscherne  
 04 Timothy Schuette  
 05 - Jane Plocher  
 05 - Roger Frey  
 05 - Suzie Gallatin  
 06 - Terry Snyder  
 07 - Angi Scott  
 07 - Arthur Timmermann  
 07 - Darlene Timmermann  
 07 - Donna Budde  
 07 - Duane Frey  
 07 - Judith Zeisset  
 07 - Kristen Hickey  
 08 - Jacqueline Seger

09 - Eugene Huck  
 09 - Gina Korte  
 09 - Robert Schwarz  
 09 - Roscoe Ammann  
 10 - Donald Schmitz  
 10 - Sharon Schriewer  
 11 - Chad Plocher  
 12 - Bernadette Voss  
 12 - Steven W Gruner  
 13 - Craig Wieseman  
 13 - Melvin Walter  
 14 - Edward Fischer  
 14 - Janey Miller  
 15 - Lauren Eilers  
 16 - Paul Finkes Jr  
 17 - Jean Weber  
 18 - Chris Martz  
 18 - Eugene Bruggemann  
 18 - Jean Slape  
 18 - Rick Kurwicki  
 18 - Terry Zobrist  
 19 - Edwin Haselhorst  
 19 - Jan Abbott  
 19 - Robert Drda  
 20 - Brian Ramsey  
 20 - Franklin Eilerman  
 20 - Jeffrey Goesten-

kors  
 20 - Keith Koch  
 21 - Kelly Verfurth  
 22 - Paula Rehkemper  
 23 - Derek Burns  
 23 - Gaye Michael  
 24 - Cortney Klostermann  
 24 - Denise Wellen  
 24 - Joseph Reidelberger  
 24 - Kerry Becker  
 25 - Bambi Kurwicki  
 25 - Jeffrey Gall  
 25 - Molly Barr, M.D.  
 26 - Daniel Grandame  
 26 - Jack Landolt  
 26 - Louise Hemann  
 26 - Pam Higgins  
 26 - Robert Hammer  
 28 - Aaron Poehling  
 28 - Alex Vogelbacher  
 28 - Carol Rakers  
 28 - Jeffrey Dubach  
 28 - Maggie Abendroth  
 28 - Robert Kloss  
 29 - Brent Hustedde

29 - Kim McCloud  
 29 - Roger Landmann  
 30 - Connie Sanvi  
 30 - Dianne Twyford  
 30 - Leatha Apken  
 30 - Melvin Long  
 30 - Nick Keeven  
 30 - Thomas Zobrist  
 31 - Susan Buchmiller



## ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Chris & Gina Korte  
 04 - Bradley & Sharon Obermark  
 05 - Terry & Jennie Forbes  
 06 - Russel & Dianne Kloss  
 07 - Jeremy and Jessica Sickman  
 09 - Louis & Jenet Renko  
 11 - Roger & Kathy Frey  
 16 - Chris & Angie Wernle  
 16 - Harold & Patricia Klaus  
 19 - David & Suzanne

Butler  
 21 - Timothy & Joyce Jacober  
 26 - Bret & Sheila Gruender  
 26 - Eugene & Jane Plocher  
 26 - James & Suzie Gallatin  
 26 - Leo & Carol Landmann  
 27 - Andrew & Laura Jansen  
 27 - Edward & Troby Gagen  
 27 - Paul & Linda Dunker  
 31 - Joseph & Pat Galeaz



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14 Boy Scouts Drive Thru Breakfast 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM	15	16	17 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	18	19 Relevant Pregnancy Options Center TRIVIA NIGHT Doors Open: 6:30 PM Game Begins: 7:00 PM	20 Private Event
21 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Dave Hylla & Good Times Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	22 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23	24 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	25	26 Dinner Auction Decorate	27 St. Paul School Viking Night Dinner Auction 5:00 PM - KC Hall
28 KC Chicken Dinner 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Dine-In / Carryout  1:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30	31 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM		 <b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemyer Agency 618-526-7991	

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Now is great time to get involved! There is something fulfilling about being a Brother Knight or Ladies Axillary member. Its so much more than volunteering and fundraising (although both are highly important parts of the organizations). There's a sense of friendship and fellowship. Jacob and I have met so many new and incredible people and for sure made some life long friends.

I would like to challenge each of you to bring a friend along to the next meeting or next volunteer event! Even if they are a member, but have never been to a meeting or volunteer.

Now for some notes! 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 news-

letter, 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 @HighlandKnightsofColumbusCouncil1580 at Facebook.com and give us a like and a follow! We're doing some fun things over there such as live-streams of various events, articles from our newsletter, and notices about our events or contributions 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 KnightsOfCo-

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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 information. Please check it out at [www.highlandkc.org](http://www.highlandkc.org).

Thank you for reading!

