

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
P.O. 195
Highland, IL 62249

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 301
Highland, IL 62249



Knight Times

Knights of Columbus • Highland Council 1580



VOLUME 22 No 12

DECEMBER 2011

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

Fairness, what is it really? Can it be accomplished? How do we do it? Can all the people involved come to an agreement to resolve the situation? YES!, NO!, MAYBE! Let me give you not one, but two circumstances involving our local Council 1580 where I can give you a definite Yes. We can achieve fairness. Example one, Hall Rent. It is no secret that a few months ago the subject of rent that the Highland Council pays to the Highland Council Columbus Club came up, and both factions had very different opinions of what fairness was. Over the next few months it became a very emotional issue – a hot button had been pushed, and pushed hard.

In all fairness to both factions, you should be congratulated. You both wanted what was fair for our Council and you both stood your ground. No push over people here. This is what democracy is all about. Both factions should also be congratulated that communications were kept open. I cannot count the number of calls I received and made on this subject. This also includes the number of meetings and visitations that were held, but we kept communications open. At times it became very emotional.

I have been informed that some of our members became extremely frustrated over this topic. Some were to the point of considering dropping their memberships. Don't do it, please reconsider.

Our council is no different than your marriage, occurrences at your place of business or place of employment. Things do not always go the way we personally want them to go. Every once in a while an occurrence like this is needed in our lives. It shows others where we stand, and we see where the other people stand. It brought out the fact we all wanted the same thing – fairness. It has taken approximately 6 months, but all issues have been worked out. Both sides have achieved fairness.

Example two, local seminarians... When this subject of supporting our local seminarians project came up, we all very enthusiastically agreed to start a new project, and combine it with our vocations program headed by Larry Korte. Nothing like this had been done by any KC Council we knew of.

With the combination of the vocations, Pro Life, Newman program, and the local seminarian program, it would be a great help to those Catholics who need our help. A motion was made and passed at a Council meeting to accept donations and we would supply matching funds up to \$150 per month, per seminarian. We also got fellow Knight Len Daiber involved with his Missions International. Then the facts of life hit us with rules, and regulations from state and federal tax laws to church and seminary procedures.

After so many meetings, I have lost count, a final plan of action has been put into place, so we can accomplish our goals of support and meet the objectives of all others involved. We have again achieved fairness.

Jerry R. Genteman
Grand Knight

FROM THE EDITORS

Please send us your ideas, or articles by December 19th and it will appear in the January Newsletter. We will accept a disc or email if that is more convenient.

Please let us know if your email or postal address changes. We are charged for postage when your newsletter comes back to us

If you use a cell phone as your primary phone service please let us know your number so we can update our records. Please call the hall at 654-9049 and advise your phone number.

If you have an email address please send an e-mail to our email address knights@highlandkc.org so we can add your address to our e-mail listing. You can reach our website at www.highlandkc.org.



Herb Durbin
Chris Chalfant
Newsletter Editors



Financial Secretary: Paul Musenbrock
Phone (618) 654-3054
Insurance Agent: Brent Knebel
Phone (618) 526-7991
Council Website: www.highlandkc.org

Grand Knight: Jerry Genteman
Phone (618) 972-2020
Editors: Herb Durbin, Chris Chalfant
Phone (618) 654-6754, (618) 654-4951
Supreme Website: www.KofC.org
e-mail: knights@highlandkc.org

Merry Christmas!

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Senior Knight of the month award goes to a Brother Knight, who continually provides service and support to the Church, community, and our Knights of Columbus Council. This Brother gives his time and talent to support the council functions. He works the fish fries, Madison County Fair, Schweizerfest, and sausage dinner.

In the community, this Brother Knight demonstrates our Knights of Columbus principles of Charity and Fraternity through his participation as a Knight Time Singer and is an original founding member. He always shows up to work with a smile and keeps everyone around him in a good mood.

It is with great honor that we have selected as our November Senior Knight of The Month, **Ralph Bruggemann**.

Congratulations from Council 1580.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1ST DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580 is holding a 1st Degree on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 7 pm. Any Catholic man, 18 years or older, especially your college age sons and grandsons, who wish to become closer to his family, strengthen his faith and give back to his community should come to join us. Candidates wishing to join should be at the KC hall at 6:30 pm. Please contact the membership chairman – Martin Klostermann, 654-2453 or Grand Knight Jerry Genteman, 654-5246 with any questions.

NEWS FROM THE 4TH DEGREE

This time of year we many times find ourselves overwhelmed with the preparations for Christmas, the shopping, cooking, wrapping and sending cards and letters. Please take time to prepare yourselves for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior. May each of you be blessed with the true blessing that is Christmas.

HONOR GUARD ACTIVITY

It has been a busy November for our honor guard. Sure could use some new members. If interested, please talk to Herb Durbin or myself.

Thanks to the members who served in the honor guard for the devotional to Our Lady of Guadalupe at St Paul. It was a very moving service. Thanks to Dr Jim Hill, Jerry Genteman and Joe Wetemore for leading the service. Also thanks to those Sir Knights that traveled to Greenville to serve as Honor Guard for their devotional to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, November 20th.

Thanks also to the many who served as honor guard for the Annual Memorial Mass honoring those members of our council and assembly who have passed away in the past year.

EXEMPLIFICATION

All members of the 3rd degree have the opportunity to advance to the 4th degree by attending the exemplification to be held Saturday, March 10th at Our Lady of Snows Shrine in Belleville. A great opportunity with little travel involved. Start making plans now to attend. If you need information or an application, just let me know.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Fourth Degree will be hosting our annual Christmas dinner on Monday, December 5th. Thanks to those of you who made reservations. A good time will be had by all.

Ron Clarkin
Faithful Navigator.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have selected as November's Knight of the Month, a Brother Knight who continues to exert his efforts time and time again to our council in many ways. This Brother Knights' many services include working as a fryer during many of the fund raisers including Kirchenfest, Madison County Fair, Schweizerfest and the fish fries. He has also worked the ID Tootsie Roll drive. Our Brother Knight works in the kitchen at many of the private parties that are booked throughout the year. Additionally, this Brother Knight handles bookkeeping duties from bidding and arranging many events to making final payments to purveyors. He is a former Columbus Club President as well.

In the past he has served in the honor guard for the 4th Degree, and has even been a volunteer firefighter. Our Brother Knight continues to set a great example for dedicated service to our council and it is with sincere appreciation that we have selected **Gary Deuser** as our Knight of the Month for November 2011.

OUR CONDOLENCES

To the Sir Knights and Brother Knights on the loss of one of their brother Knights, Dennis Ammann. To Helen Potthast on the loss of her husband, Velmer.

To Brother Knight Felton Tschannen on the loss of his wife, Shirley.

To Sir Knight Wilbert Mersinger on the loss of his wife, Rose.

To Brother Knight Duane Grunfelder on the loss of his brother, Donald.

To Sir Knight Terry Zeisset and especially his wife Judy on the loss of her mother, Clarice Laird.



HATS OFF

To all the members and their ladies who participated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon Service on November 14th

To all the Brother Knights that went before and have entered into eternal rest

To all the Knights and their Ladies that assisted in the Memorial Mass on November 22nd

To Brother Knight Ralph Bruggemann for being selected as the Senior Knight of the Month

To Brother Knight Gary Deuser for being selected Knight of the Month

To Brother Knight Mike and Diana Compton for being selected Family of the Month.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

On Tuesday evening the 15th of November, 15 Members, Chaplain Father Paul Kala and State Regent Sharon Hengehold met for a sociable evening.

Our Charter was draped in memory of our sister Anna Rickher. Meeting was called to order by Regent Connie Werner.

Opening Prayer was led by Father Paul.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 P.M. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IMPORTANT DECISIONS WILL BE MADE.

December Committee:

Barbara Rakers

Mary Frey

Mae Grapperhaus

Jacqueline Elliott

Lydia Bellm

December Birthdays:

Delores Tonnies

Marie Weis

Margaret Daiber

Barbara Rakers

Felix Korte

Beatrice Kniepman

The next bingo at Faith Countryside Nursing Home is Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00 P.M.

Anyone wishing to help is welcome.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Scribe,

Mary Buchheim

WHAT TURBULENT ECONOMIC TIMES?

There was an October article in the Wall Street Journal titled "Lost Decade Looms Over Insurers." The article recalls how some life insurers have struggled over the last decade to consistently earn gains throughout the turbulent times that the economy has dealt everyone in the last ten years. The problem that I found with the article is that they spoke on the industry as a whole and not highlighting any of the big "Gainers" and "Losers." In the last decade, the Knight of Columbus has experienced 10 consecutive years of growth and are on pace to make it 11 straight.

Let me share with you what some brother knights have been taking advantage of during these unprecedented economic times. They have been taking advantage of the Knights of Columbus dividend which sits at 7.35% (highest dividend in the nation) on permanent life insurance. These products are the best in the industry and are widening the gap between them and the competitors. The reason comes from our Board of Directors. They have voted to retain our dividend at 7.35% in 2012, when most, (if not all) of our competitors are decreasing.

Call me today to find a convenient time for your free check-up. We need to talk. I am at (618)401-7354 or Brent.Knebel@kofc.org. Thank you, Brent Knebel, FIC, FA.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

The name of an individual was drawn at the last meeting. Had he been present he would have received \$110.00 for attendance at the meeting. Next month's prize will be \$120.00.

The prize increases by \$10.00 each month until another member is present and wins. Remember you must be present at the meeting to be able to win.

The membership number in the last newsletter was 1483395 which is the membership number of Wayne Keeven. Had he been at the meeting and told the Grand Knight that it was his membership number in the newsletter, he would have won \$50.00.

Look for your membership number inserted in this month's Newsletter, show up at the next month's meeting and identify yourself to the Grand Knight that you are the holder of that membership number and win \$50.00

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Council is in need of a Wednesday Morning Manager. The duty time is 8:00AM – 12:00PM. You will be required to clean certain areas of the hall and assist customers in making reservations for the hall. There is also a need for a couple to be available on a scheduled basis to clean the banquet hall after Saturday and/or Sunday events. Interested parties should contact Aggie Wellen at 654-9049 on Monday or Tuesday mornings between 8AM-12PM.



December Birthdays

1 - James Franey
 1 - Brian Gnaedinger
 1 - Gerald Korte
 1 - Jerry Prusa
 1 - Judy (Henry) Shannon
 2 - James Kampwerth
 2 - Louis Renko
 3 - Timothy Mc Ginley
 4 - Karen (Richard) Accornero
 4 - Joseph Galeaz
 4 - Glenn Hoyt
 4 - Daniel Klaus
 4 - Corey Lawrence
 4 - Roy Marti
 4 - Richard Tscherney
 5 - Denice (Paul Ray) Capelle
 5 - Roger Frey
 5 - Suzanne (James) Gallatin
 5 - Mary (Doug) Hundsdorfer
 5 - Jane (Eugene) Plocher
 6 - Mary (William) Balke
 6 - Mary (Eugene) Korte
 6 - Kaye (James) Plocher
 6 - Terry Snyder
 7 - Donna (Anthony) Budde
 7 - Duane Frey
 7 - Diane (John) Kutz
 7 - Darlene (Richard) Rehkemper
 7 - Holly (Mike) Rongey
 7 - Angela (Bradley) Scott
 7 - Arthur Timmermann
 7 - Judy (Terrence) Zeisset
 8 - Deborah (John) Provinzano
 8 - Max Rudolph
 8 - Tonie (Donald) Speraneo
 9 - Roscoe Ammann
 9 - Jennifer (Bob) Douglas
 9 - Eugene Huck
 9 - Gina (Chris) Korte

9 - Amanda (Lenny) Rakers
 9 - Barbara (Vernon) Rakers
 9 - Robert Schwarz Sr
 9 - Connie (Joseph) Whalen
 10 - Rev. James Palakudy
 10 - Donald Schmitz
 10 - Sharon (Kurt) Schriewer
 11 - Steve Ferguson
 11 - Chad Plocher
 12 - Steven Gruner
 12 - Bernadette (Raymond) Voss
 13 - Excelsa (Artemio) Basuel
 13 - Francis Boeser
 13 - Mary (Duane) Gruenenfelder
 13 - Melvin Walter
 14 - Edward Fischer
 14 - Janey (Jeffrey) Miller
 14 - Marie (Earl) Weis
 15 - Grace (Clarence) Frey
 15 - Danny Kloss
 16 - Bernice (Earl) Duncan
 16 - Paul Finkes
 16 - Brent Korte
 16 - Felicitas (Alfred) Korte
 16 - Terri (James) Stanfield
 17 - Ray Herford
 17 - Jean (Jerry) Weber
 18 - Gene Bruggemann
 18 - Rick Kurwicky
 18 - Chris Martz
 18 - Terry Zobrist
 19 - Robert Drda
 19 - Edwin Haselhorst
 20 - Franklin Eilerman
 20 - Jeff Goestenkors
 20 - Keith Koch
 20 - Brian Ramsey
 20 - Joanne (Sam) Schwarztrauber
 21 - Elizabeth Ann (Richard) Eilers

21 - Kelly Verfurth
 22 - Betty (Anthony) Jacober
 22 - Courtney (Chad) Klostermann
 22 - Carla (Jay) Wildhaber
 23 - Virgil Wilhelm
 24 - Kerry Becker
 24 - Dcn. Ron Hesson
 24 - Virginia (Bernard) Koch
 24 - Joseph Reidelberger
 24 - Denise (Lowell) Wellen
 25 - Michael Cloin
 25 - Jeffrey Gall
 25 - Margie (William) Holshouser
 25 - Bambi Lea (Rick) Kurwicky
 26 - Daniel Grandame
 26 - Robert Hammer
 26 - Louise (Kevin) Hemann
 26 - Barry Keller
 26 - Jack Landolt
 26 - Margaret (Thomas) Wall
 28 - Maggie (Andy) Abendroth
 28 - Jeffrey Dubach
 28 - Robert Kloss
 28 - Aaron Poehling
 28 - Carol (David) Rakers
 29 - Arthur Flaiz Sr
 29 - Brent Hustedde
 29 - Diane (Michael) Kleinhoffer
 29 - Roger Landmann
 30 - Melvin Long
 30 - Connie (Richard) Sanvi
 30 - Dianne (William) Twyford
 30 - Kenneth Wagner
 30 - Tom Zobrist
 31 - Sue (Kevin) Buchmiller
 31 - Rev. Charles Edwards
 31 - Jim Kennett

December Anniversaries

1 - Chris & Gina Korte
 3 - Robert & Roleen Wessel
 4 - Ron & Gayle Thole
 4 - Brad & Sherri Obermark
 6 - Russell & Diane Kloss
 9 - Louis & Janet Renko
 11 - Craig & Julie Frydrych
 11 - Christ & Emily Schwarz
 16 - Chris & Angie Wernle

17 - Dan & Jyl Wallace
 17 - Joseph & Connie Whalen
 18 - Michael & Linda Korte
 19 - David & Suzanne Butler
 26 - Gary & Karen Feldmann
 26 - Bret & Sheila Gruender
 26 - David & Barb Haberer
 26 - Eugene & Jane Plocher
 26 - Leo & Carol Landmann

27 - Chris & Mallory Korte
 27 - Paul & Linda Dunker
 27 - James & Suzanne Gallatin
 27 - Edward & Troby Gagen
 27 - Andrew & Laura Jansen
 28 - William & Mary Chappel
 29 - Eugene & Mary Korte
 30 - Bob & Jennifer Douglas



LADIES AUXILIARY DECEMBER 2011 BULLETIN

Submitted by: Kaye Plocher, Secretary

President, Christine Gall, presented Julie Frydrych with the Lady of the Month Award. Julie is an active member of the Auxiliary. She has baked pies, helped at the Kirchenfest and served the Fireman's Appreciation dinner. She is involved in the community by assisting with the Special Olympics, providing rides to a foreign exchange student at Mater Dei in addition to serving her country in the military, having recently returned from Iraq. This Lady is a true blessing to all who know her.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold it's Christmas Party on Dec. 6th at the KC Hall. The festivities will start an hour earlier than our usual meeting and a meal will be provided.

PIE PROVIDERS FOR DECEMBER BINGOS

December 7th - Marilyn Rehkemper
 December 14th - Darlene Rehkemper
 December 21st - Frances Ratermann
 December 28th - Jennifer Range

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

November's Family of the Month award goes to a Brother Knight and his Lady for their continual service and support to the church, our council, and to our community. This Brother Knight and his Lady have worked fish fries, BINGO, and sausage dinners. They work the Madison County Fair, Schweizerfest and Kirchenfest.

This year, our Brother Knight and his Lady chaired the inaugural Knights of Columbus St. Jude Bowl-a-thon raising some \$3,000.

It is with great pleasure that we have selected Mike and Diana Compton as our November 2011 Family of the Month. Congratulations from Council 1580.



NOTES FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to begin by extending my sincerest gratitude to Dr. Jim Hill, Bill Bust and Kathy Lohman for their efforts in making the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service a truly special occasion. Dr. Hill agreed to lead the prayer service on somewhat short notice and delivered a very genuine and heartfelt homily. Dr. Hill is preparing to become a Deacon and in listening to his words we can be assured that he will make a very fine Deacon indeed! Bill and Kathy, also on short notice, did a great job with "Hail Holy Queen" and particularly Kathy as she later chanted a lengthy "Litany of the Blessed Virgin." Again, from all of the Knights to the three of you - a very special thank you! Also, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Sir Knights from the Highland Assembly for their participation in the Holy Rosary.

On the vocations front, regarding the fund raising initiative for our local seminarians, we are continuing to receive donations. This is not surprising having lived in this community for the past three years and witnessing how generous its' people are. You are all wonderful and my sincerest thanks go out to those of you who have made contributions both spiritually and financially to this effort. It is my hope that by the time you have received this newsletter that the Highland Knights of Columbus will have, in a very timely manner I might add, satisfied a significant portion of our promised contribution for this year. As a result of the tireless efforts of Larry Korte as Vocations Chairman and Len Daiber at Missions International, many of you have made donations. We give thanks and appreciation to these two Brother Knights for their combined efforts. Some of you have chosen the "Missions International" avenue for your contribution and others have chosen to graciously make donations through the Knights of Columbus Vocations Fund. Both of these avenues work just fine. We do have a little bit more work to do to obtain our goal of 2011. We are getting closer and closer with each contribution. For those of you who are interested in making a pledge, I have included a pledge card on the back of this page for your convenience. Also, I hope many of you had the opportunity to meet Samuel Bagyo, our seminarian from Ghana over the weekend of November 19th and 20th. He has traveled here from Mundelein and is staying for a short while. I had the opportunity to speak with him on a few occasions and he expressed his great appreciation for our efforts. He appears to be very motivated in his endeavors at the seminary and has also expressed his interest in becoming a Knight as well. Yes, members of Knights of Columbus Council 1580 really do make things happen.

We hope that all Brother Knights and their families enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving, and it is with open hearts that that my wife Janet and I wish to all of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and Happy New Year.

Joe Wetmore, Chancellor

Vocations Committee members include Gerry Genteman, Jim Meridith, Martin Klostermann, Larry Korte, Len Daiber and myself.

Make Checks Payable and Mail to:

Knights of Columbus Vocational Fund

Mail Complete Pledge Card To: P.O. Box 195

Highland, IL 62249

√ **YES!**

I pledge \$ _____ for Vocations from Highland Council 1580

Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Semi-Annual \$ _____

Annual \$ _____ One Time Gift \$ _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Thank You!

