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## Memorial Mass Celebrates Lives of Brother Knights Who Have Died



John Kapp, 4th Degree Member acknowledges the absence of fellow Knights of Columbus members at the Mass.

Story and photos by Bill Napper

HIGHLAND - Fellow Knights, family members and friends gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall here, Tuesday, November 24 to remember and celebrate the lives of their Brother Knights at a Memorial Mass.

The Memorial Mass was offered for the souls of all deceased Knights of Columbus Council members.



Grand Knight Joe Wetmore calls the roll at the ceremony as a tribute to the fellow Knights.

Before the Mass, a ceremony was conducted as Grand Knight Joe Wetmore read from the Order's necrology.

Brother Knights and their families prayed for the members who died over the last year.

Father Pat Jakel was the celebrant, Dineen Czar provided the music and Bob Vance was the cantor.



Fourth Degree members Ron Massey and Leon Luber as they take part in the cadre of Fourth Degree Members.

The Memorial Mass was to remember Brother Knights: Arthur J. Flaiz, Raymond A. Werner, Wilbert B. Mersinger, Christ J. Schwarz, Andrew J. Anderson, David J. Gonzalez, Leonard E. Daiber, Rollin D. Johnson, Eugene B. Korte, Sylvester F. Warneke, Roland W. Bellm, and Lloyd A. Goestenkors.

## Special Bingo Set For January 6

Bring in the New Year with a visit to the Special Bingo at the Highland Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, January 6.

The Special Bingo begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

The First Game Card payout is \$200 with the next 23 Game Card payouts of \$100 each.

Come out and enjoy a good time with friends and family.

Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charitable works.



Joe Wetmore, Grand Knight of Highland Knights of Columbus 1580 presents Eunice Hediger, Executive Director (retired) Highland Area Christian Service Ministry with the annual "Coats for Kids" donation for 2015. Council 1580 along with over 725 additional councils distributed well over 32,000 coats to needy children to help keep them warm during the cold season. In addition to helping kids stay warm, Council 1580 also provide financial assistance and support to local families through their "needy families" program during the Christmas Season.

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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

November's Family of the Month Award is given to a Brother Knight, and his Lady for their continued service and support to the Church, our Council and our community.

Our Brother Knight and his Lady have been staples to our Council for over 50 years. Recently our Brother has been recognized both locally and throughout the Springfield Diocese for his lifetime accomplishments. He also served as our bartender for the bourbon, beer and wine tasting.

Equally, if not more important are the contributions of his lady. Over the years she has volunteered her time and talents at many of our sponsored events as well. She continues as an active member of the Highland Ladies Auxiliary, and is a regular player at the Wednesday night Bingo games. When working together at the K of C Hall, this unbeatable team is usually the first to arrive and the last to leave. We are grateful for their continued services to our Council.

It is with deep appreciation that we have selected the family of Orville and Olivia Landmann as November 2015's Family of the Month. Congratulations

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have selected, as November's Senior Knight of the Month, a Brother Knight who continues to provide service and support to the church, community and our Knights of Columbus council.

This Brother continues to be everywhere. He has participated in all of our Council events over the years and continues to take on additional roles within the Highland and St. Paul Parish communities. During our membership blitz weekend he assisted with the solicitation announcement calling for new members at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. One of our Brother Knight's newer endeavors finds him sitting on the board of directors for the Relevant Pregnancy Options Center where he provides direction to help them achieve their goals. This position is very dear to him as he assures financial and educational resources will be available to help women make informed decisions. He is always quick to offer his vast knowledge

and expertise in council matters and he continues to "provide suitable educational and entertaining programs" at monthly Council meetings. He is a Lector at St. Paul Parish and he is our Councils current Lecturer.

Our Brother Knight is truly an asset and it is with great pleasure that we have selected George Korte as our Senior Knight of the Month for November 2015. Congratulations from Council 1580.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have selected as November's Knight of the Month, a Brother Knight who provides service and support to the Church, our Community and the Knights of Columbus Council.

In addition to attending college full time and working a summer job, this newer member of our Council has greatly contributed to our Council. Our Brother Knight has worked many of our sponsored events such as the Lenten Fish Fry dinners and the Pork Sausage and Beef dinner. He, along with the help of his family, volunteered his time at the Madison County Bowling Tournament assisting with registration of participants.

He also volunteered at this year's Kirchenfest assisting the St. Paul Church assisting at one of the many food stands. This Brother Knight routinely attends meetings as his schedule allows. For his service we are truly grateful. It is with deep appreciation that we have selected Zack Carroll our Knight of the Month for November 2015. Congratulations from Council 1580.

## Knights Have Perfect Venue To Hold Events

HIGHLAND - Whether you have 75 or 500 people coming to your party, the Knights of Columbus have the perfect place to hold your event.

Their banquet center located at 12454 Highway 143, just across from Wal-Mart has a great dance floor, a full kitchen and bar, and spacious bathrooms.

It's the perfect place to hold wedding receptions, an organized event, a concert, or conference.

Call 618-654-9049 for details!

## HATS OFF

To Brother Knight Zack Carroll for being selected Knight of the Month. To our Brother Knight Orville and Lady Knight Olivia Landmann for being selected as the Family of the Month.

To Brother Knight George Korte for being selected as the Senior Knight of the Month.

To the Knights & Ladies that supported the Bourbon, Beer & Wine tasting.

To the Members that have gone before us and were remembered in our Memorial Mass on November 24th, that they will be remembered in our prayers.

To all the Brother & Sir Knights and Families that made the Memorial Mass a solemn and reverent event for our deceased Brothers.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

To Brother Knight Craig Frydrych on the loss of his father, Stanley Frydrych.

To Brother Knight Jerry Rehkemper on the loss of his brother-in-law, Keith Rohling.

To Brother Knight Jerry Korte on the loss of his brother Brother Knight Eugene Korte.

To Sir Knight Lowell and to Brother Knights Luke and Lee Wellen on the loss of their mother, Bernice Wellen.

To Brother Knight Theodore (Ted) Schrage on the loss of his sister, Bernice Wellen.

To Lydia Bellm on the loss of her husband, Brother Knight Rolland Bellm.

To all Sir Knights and Brother Knights on the loss of one of their members, Brother Knight Lloyd Goesten Kors.


To Brother Knight Jerry Prusa on the loss of his wife, Carol Prusa.

To Brother Knight Ron Linenfelter on the loss of his sister, Carol Prusa

To Brother Knight Brad Vogelbacher on the loss of his father, Paul Vogelbacher.

To all of the members and families that have lost a loved one during the past year.

**If you're not a member, consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus**



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### December Birthdays

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - Brian Gnaedinger            | 19 - Edwin Haselhorst            |
| 1 - Gerald Korte                | 20 - Franklin Eilerman           |
| 1 - Coleen (Gerald) Korte       | 20 - Jeffrey Goesten Kors        |
| 1 - Jerry Prusa                 | 20 - Keith Koch                  |
| 1 - Judy (Henry) Shannon        | 20 - Brian Ramsey                |
| 2 - James Kampwerth             | 20 - Joanne (R) Schwarztrauber   |
| 2 - Louis Renko                 | 21 - Kelly Verfurth              |
| 3 - Karen (Richard) Accornero   | 22 - Paula (Gerald) Rehkemper    |
| 3 - Timothy McGinley            | 22 - Carla (Jay) Wildhaber       |
| 3 - Marilyn (John) Wolters      | 23 - Derek Burns                 |
| 4 - Joseph Galeaz               | 23 - Gaye Michael                |
| 4 - Glenn Hoyt JR               | 23 - Virgil Wilhelm              |
| 4 - Corey Lawrence              | 24 - Kerry Becker                |
| 4 - Roy Marti                   | 24 - Courtney (Chad) Klostermann |
| 4 - Timothy Schuette            | 24 - Joseph Reidelberger         |
| 4 - Richard Tscherney           | 24 - Denise (Lowell) Wellen      |
| 5 - Rev Carlos Bohorquez        | 25 - Michael Cloin               |
| 5 - Denice (Paul) Capelle       | 25 - Jeffrey Gall                |
| 5 - Roger Frey                  | 25 - Bambi Lea (Rick) Kurwicki   |
| 5 - Suzanne (James) Gallatin    | 26 - Daniel Grandame             |
| 5 - Mary (Douglas) Hundsdoerfer | 26 - Robert Hammer               |
| 5 - Jane (Eugene) Plocher       | 26 - Louise (Kevin) Hemann       |
| 6 - Mary (Eugene) Korte         | 26 - Barry Keller                |
| 6 - Terry Snyder                | 26 - Jack Landolt                |
| 7 - Donna (Anthony) Budde       | 28 - Maggie (Andrew) Abendroth   |
| 7 - Duane Frey                  | 28 - Jeffrey Dubach              |
| 7 - Angela (Bradley) Scott      | 28 - Robert Kloss                |
| 7 - Arthur Timmermann           | 28 - Aaron Poehling              |
| 7 - Darlene (Arthur) Timmermann | 28 - Carol (David) Rakers        |
| 7 - Judy (Terrence) Zeisset     | 29 - Brent Hustedde              |
| 8 - Jason Klein                 | 29 - Diane (Michael) Kleinhoffer |
| 8 - Max Rudolph                 | 29 - Roger Landmann              |
| 9 - Roscoe Ammann               | 30 - Melvin Long                 |
| 9 - Jennifer (Robert) Douglas   | 30 - Connie (Richard) Sanvi      |
| 9 - Eugene Huck                 | 30 - Dianne (William) Twyford    |
| 9 - Gina (Chris) Korte          | 30 - Kenneth Wagner              |
| 9 - Barbara (Vernon) Rakers     | 30 - Thomas Zobrist              |
| 9 - Robert Schwarz              | 31 - Sue (Kevin) Buchmiller      |
| 9 - Connie (Joseph) Whalen      | 31 - Rev Charles Edwards         |

### December Anniversaries

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| 1 - Chris & Gina Korte           |
| 3 - Robert & Roleen Wessel       |
| 4 - Bradley & Sherri Obermark    |
| 4 - Ronald & Gayle Thole         |
| 6 - Russell & Diane Kloss        |
| 9 - Louis & Janet Renko          |
| 16 - Harold & Pat Klaus          |
| 16 - Chris & Angie Wernle        |
| 17 - Daniel & Jyl Wallace        |
| 17 - Joseph & Connie Whalen      |
| 19 - David & Suzanne Butler      |
| 26 - Gary & Karen Feldmann II    |
| 26 - Bret & Sheila Gruender      |
| 26 - Leo & Carol Landmann        |
| 26 - Eugene & Jane Plocher       |
| 27 - Paul & Linda Dunker         |
| 27 - Edward & Troby Gagen        |
| 27 - James & Suzanne Gallatin    |
| 27 - Andrew & Laura Jansen       |
| 27 - Christopher & Mallory Korte |
| 30 - Robert & Jennifer Douglas   |



# 4Th Degree News

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. Thanksgiving is a time when we need to slow down and remember the benefits and health that we have been blessed with throughout the year.

As Christmas approaches please take time to remember others that may not be as fortunate as you. Keep everyone in your prayers and assist the organizations that try to ensure that we all have a joyous Christmas. Remember the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our savior.



## HONOR GUARD ACTIVITY

Thanks 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. It is with sincere appreciation that we remember Sir Knights Andrew J. Anderson, Wilbert B. Mersinger, Leonard E. Daiber of our Assembly.

## EXEMPLIFICATION

There will be a 4th Degree exemplification held Saturday February 27, 2015 at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows in Belleville. All members of the 3rd degree have the opportunity to advance to the 4th degree. Start making plans now to attend. If you need information or an application, just let Herb Durbin know. It is up to 4th Degree members to invite a 3rd Degree member to join. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you.

May each of you be blessed with the true blessing that is Christmas.

*Herb Durbin, Faithful Navigator*

## We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2014, the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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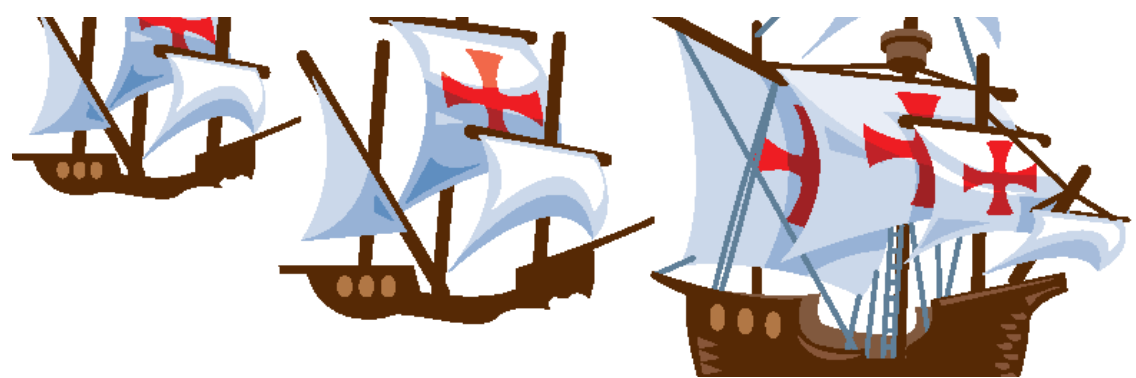
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## FROM THE EDITORS

Please send us your ideas, or articles by December 20th and it will appear in the next Newsletter. Please email your article.

Please check entrances of your parish church for our current newsletter. The Newsletter is also available online at <http://www.highlandkc.org/kc/Newsletters.asp>.

Please update us with your new email, cell phone, or postal address changes. 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 us of your phone number.

If you have an email address send an e-mail to our email address [knights@highlandkc.org](mailto:knights@highlandkc.org) so we can add your address to our e-mail listing. You can reach our website at [www.highlandkc.org](http://www.highlandkc.org).

**Herb Durbin, Chris Chalfant, Bill Napper**  
Newsletter Editors



## Knights Support Pro-Life Ministries At Relevant Pregnancy Options Center



Joe Wetmore, Grand Knight Highland Knights of Columbus 1580 presents Trisha Blasdel, Executive Director Relevant Pregnancy Options Center with a semi-annual check for \$1,500 to put toward their Pro-Life ministries in 2015-16. The Knights of Columbus firmly believe in the preservation of life from "conception to natural death" and are committed to providing assistance to the mission of saving the unborn.

### Memo from the Financial Secretary

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With the New Year, it is time to pay your 2016 dues.

Please stop by the Hall and drop off your dues or even better join us for the Christmas party on December 19th and pay your dues at that time. Regular members are \$30 per year, Fourth Degree dues are an additional \$15, Honorary Members pay \$10 per year and Honorary Life Members pay no dues.

You can also mail your dues to;

Martin Klostermann, F.S.  
90 Meadowlark Lane  
Highland, IL 62249

## OUR MEMBERS HONORED

Congratulations to the following individuals for their long steadfast support of the Knights of Columbus. 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 Member is 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.

### AWARDS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2015

#### Honorary Life Members

Melvin E. Long  
Alfonso E. Urdaneta  
Michael P. Voegelé

#### Honorary Members

Roscoe E. Ammann  
Denis J. Bellm  
Vincent A. Eversgerd  
Harold P. Klaus  
Dennis R. Korte  
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## Indoor Garage Sale Set

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their Indoor Garage Sale on January 14th 2016, 1-7 pm and January 15th, 2016, 8 am – noon. Save the date for your after Christmas shopping. There are fun items throughout the "Garage". For more information please call Kaye Plocher at (618) 791-1156.

## Ladies Auxiliary News

*We are broken, every day God.*

*But not useless, O Jesus.*

*In your wisdom, O Spirit.*

*Use our weakness, come be with us.*

*We await you, every day God.*

*Await your coming, O Jesus.*

*Soon you'll be here, O Spirit.*

*Stay forever; come be with us.*

December bingo pie providers are:

December 2nd-Jan Wetmore

December 9th-Deb Wick

December 16th-Tricia Korte

Mark your calendars for January 14th & 15th for the Auxiliary's Annual Indoor Garage Sale at the KC Hall. It will be a new year and a good time to clean out those closets and bring items to donate to the Auxiliary booth. Or you can rent a table yourself and make some extra cash.

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the KC Hall. Come back if you've been away and bring a friend to join!

## Grand Knights Message

The holiday season is upon us once again and unlike last year, there is no snow on the ground. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have held our annual memorial Mass for Brother Knights who passed away in 2015, and celebrated the Thanksgiving Day holiday with our families. These two events provide a wonderful means of remembering, sharing and giving thanks to God for the relationships we have made and blessings that have been bestowed on us. One of the greatest virtues involved with being a member of the Knights of Columbus is that we belong to a charitable organization whose mission is to provide resources both financial and spiritual to the many recipients of our good works. This is a practice that we engage upon throughout the year and especially during the holiday season. This year our council along with the ladies auxiliary will again be adopting a needy family for Christmas.



I would like to personally thank ALL of the members of the Bourbon, Beer and Wine Tasting committee led by Chairman Elijah Daley, for all of their efforts in making this event the success that it was. Many hours of hard work by everyone involved contributed to the success. Funds raised from the event are supporting Fr. McGivney and Mater Dei Catholic High Schools and our very own Knights of Columbus charities. We had nearly 200 people attend the event and my gratitude goes out to them as well.

This year we will be decorating the KC Hall for our Christmas party on Sunday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m. Our annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet will be held on December 19th this year with cocktails beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. We are asking all who attend to bring a canned good item for the Highland Food Pantry as price for admission. The presentation of awards will follow immediately after dinner. Music will be provided by Charley Luber for our listening pleasure during the social hour and dinner. After the awards presentations, I am very pleased to announce that the Mater Dei High School Jazz Combo under the direction of Blake Korte will again be performing. Both new and returning members are excited to be a part of the show so, be prepared to be thoroughly entertained! Also, please phone in your reservations to assure adequate meal planning. There is also a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the hall lounge.

On December 29th at 7:00 p.m. we will be holding a 1st Degree meeting. All councils in the District 81 area are asked to hold such a meeting every quarter as long as there are candidates from any of the four councils ready to join our order. I would like to ask all Brother Knights and Sir Knights who have sons and grandsons that are 17½ years of age or older on December 29th, to consider asking them to join our council. Joining the Knights of Columbus is a great legacy to pass on to the next generation.

On Sunday, December 20th we will be visiting area nursing homes to sing Christmas carols. All are welcomed and encouraged to come out and participate in this event. We ask that everyone meet at the hall at 12:00 noon.

We had a very good response with the 2015 Vocations Raffle and would like to thank all who participated. The drawing takes place December 5th. Looking ahead, our annual vocations fundraiser is quickly approaching. We will be sending out letters very soon containing information about the 2016 event.

Additionally, there is yet another great service opportunity on the horizon. You may have noticed that there are 5 Sundays in January. Our annual KofC Chicken Dinner fundraiser is scheduled for January 24, 2016. Please be sure and check the workers list that will be posted in the next issue of this newsletter. Persons with the last names beginning with M – Z will be on this list; however, all are invited to come and pitch in. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Lastly, on behalf of my wife Janet, I would like to wish all members of the Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Joe Wetmore, Grand Knight

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