

Highland  
Council  
1580

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Klostermann, and Wayne Henze  
Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

### Upcoming Events

Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys from Illinois  
June 9

4th Degree Golf Tournament  
August 10th

Council Meeting 7 pm  
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo  
Every Wednesday

### Contact Us!

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# Knight Times



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: JUNE 2024

Greeting's Brother Knights!

May is past, and June is upon us. Graduations have occurred, school is out, and the thoughts of vacations are in full bloom. Recently I attended the 126th Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus Convention in Chicago. This event brings Councils from across the state to meet and share ideas, make new friends, and to reinvigorate ourselves to get ready for the new year. Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Bishop of Belleville, spoke several times during the convention. This was the first time that I had heard him speak. His message was the importance of the Knights of Columbus, and the role that they play in the Church. He

also emphasized that we need to continue to pray for vocations, not only religious, but also the role of men as husbands and fathers.

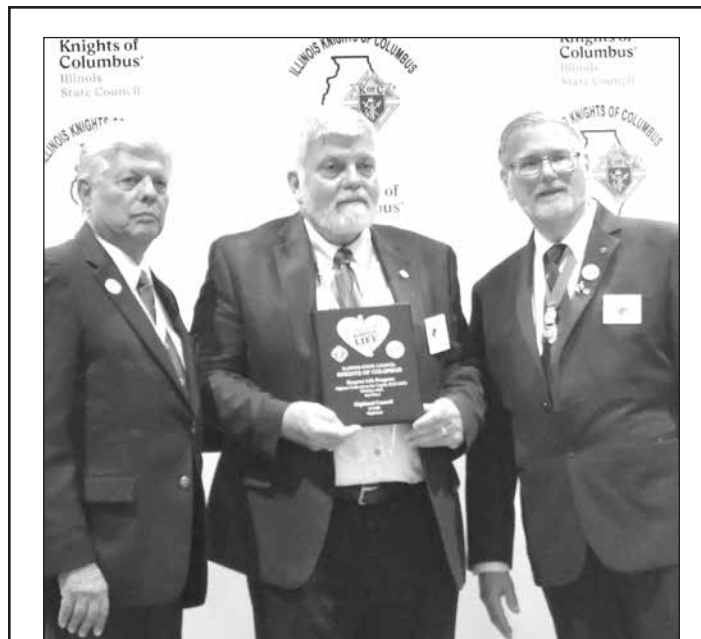
I had an opportunity to discuss with other Brother Knights the parish situations in their hometown areas. One, the parish that I formerly belonged to, just had a new pastor assigned to them after going a full year. This is a parish with over 2700 families. Another mentioned that their parish in Peru, Illinois was being consolidated with several other parishes. We have seen this occur in our area. The norm is becoming a priest being assigned two or three parishes. So, prayers for vocations are critical. On a different note, Fr. Charles Tuttle was recognized

for his fifty years of priesthood. Councils, as well as Brother Knights, are encouraged to send Fr. Tuttle congratulatory notes.

While I was in Chicago, we had two major events occur at our hall over the weekend. One was a fundraiser on Saturday evening. The comments coming back to me expressed gratefulness to the KC's for hosting this event. I understand that over six hundred people attended the event. The next day we hosted a chicken dinner. Although we were nowhere close to the attendance number of the night before, it was still a successful event. A big thank you goes out to the Brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary for helping with these events, as well as those who brought desserts for the dinner.

Finally, I did not come back from the convention empty handed. I know we do not look for accolades when we are performing our volunteer activities throughout the year, but sometimes they come back our way. This year we received five different awards for work done during the 2023-24 fraternal year. Our council is in the AAA division, which is for the largest councils in the state. We received third place awards for the Intellectual Disabilities category, the Respect Life category, and the General Assistance category. We received a second-place award in the Vocations category. Last of all we received a Silver Award for Illinois in Action. These awards are what you as a member of this council earned, and it could not have been done without your support. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!

Vivat Jesus!  
Ken Krausz, GK



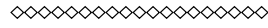
**KC STATE CONFERENCE:** Council #1580 took home several awards at the Knights of Columbus State Convention on May 18. Among the awards received was a 3rd Place Respect Life Award. Grand Knight Ken Krausz (center) accepted the award on behalf of the council. Overall, Council #1580 took home four awards.

*Photo Contributed*

# 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 and has been a member of our Council for eighteen years. He is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. He was the past president of the Columbus Club. He also volunteers to help at Council events such as the chicken dinners and fish fries. Recently he helped with updating the locking mechanisms on the hall's exterior doors. It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the

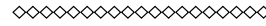
Month for May 2024 Ken Klostermann. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:**

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and has been a member of our Council for over forty-two years. He is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. He currently is a member of the Columbus Club. Over the years he has volunteered to help at various functions, most

recently, he is lending his assistance with operating the ball diamond concession stand. It is with great appreciation that we honor the Knight of the Month for May 2024 Kent Korte. 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 a life member of our Council. Over the years he has

provided his carpentry skills by making improvements in the hall. Recently he refurbished all exterior doors, installing automatic closures which improved the security of the doors. He and his wife also spearheaded the initiative of providing AED's throughout the Highland area. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for May 2024 Mark and Gail Holthaus. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS**

Let's show that we are members of the Knights of Columbus by wearing our Knights of Columbus shirts to the weekend masses during the second weekend of each month. If you need to purchase a shirt, please contact the KC Hall as we now have some in stock. If you are a new member and joined in the past year, you are entitled to one FREE shirt, so stop by the KC Hall and request one. Also, you can order lots of other Knights gear at this website: <https://knightsgear.com/>

Also, during this weekend, as part of our pillar of faith, we will hand-out prayer cards to anyone who would like to receive one. Who knows, maybe we will pick-up a few new members by showing

our Knights of Columbus spirit. I would like to have some volunteers to hand these out before one of the masses on the second weekend of each month. Please send me an email if you are willing to help do this or let me know after our monthly meeting.

We are always looking for new members. We invite all our catholic men to join us. We would appreciate it if our current members will invite 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](http://www.kofc.org/join)

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES**

I am saddened to report that we have a few members who still owe dues for this year and they are in jeopardy of being dropped as a member. Please pay your dues soon. You can contact me via the email below.

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 grey 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McCloud

Financial Secretary and Membership Director

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# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Lord, in my weakness – you are my strength:  
 in my darkness – you are my light  
 in my sorrow – you are my comfort  
 in my despair – you are my hope  
 in my need – you are my provision  
 in my ignorance – I pray for wisdom  
 in my frustration – I pray for encouragement  
 in my confusion – I pray for clarity  
 in my searching – I pray for good mentors  
 in my anxiety – I pray for calmness  
 in my temptation – I pray for temperance  
 in my fear – I pray for courage  
 in my laziness – I pray for purpose  
 in the silence – I pray to hear your voice

in my suffering – I pray for perseverance  
 in my trials – I pray for joy  
 in my loneliness – I pray for friendship  
 in my desires – I pray for prudence  
 in my guilt – I pray for relief  
 in my distance – I pray to draw me near  
 in my hardness – I pray for a gentle heart  
 in my helplessness – I pray for your Presence  
 in my restlessness – I pray for piety  
 in my pride – I pray for meekness  
 in my seeking – I pray for guidance  
 in my panic – I pray for tranquility

in my judgement – I pray for counsel  
 in my mistrust – I pray for openness  
 in my doubt – I pray for faith  
 in my worry – I pray for peace  
 in my arrogance – I pray for humility  
 in my sins – I pray for mercy and forgiveness  
 in my distraction – I pray for focus  
 When I am lost – I pray for direction  
 When I feel trapped – I pray for release  
 When I feel overwhelmed – I pray for serenity  
 When I am tired – I pray for rest.

The Show Me Dough fundraiser was a huge success allowing the auxiliary to donate additional funds for Vocations and college Newman Centers. The auxiliary awarded a \$500 scholarship each to Everett Thompson and Brady Driemeyer attending Fr. McGivney and Mater Dei High Schools for the 2024-2025 school year.  
 If any member is interested in ordering one of the new auxiliary shirts, please contact Patty Noe. Election of new officers will take place at the June 4th meeting so please come out and be a part of this process. Several summer events are happening, too, so come out and learn what we're up to!

## Aahhh Summer!

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Memorial Day has past, please also remember D-Day June 6th, Flag Day, Fathers Day, and St. John the Baptist Day. Wait what? St. John the Baptist has his own day? Sure. Well, we know the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth and we know what happened when Our Lady went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the voice in the desert when God spoke through John to announce the coming of Jesus and instructed the Jewish people to prepare the way of the Lord. While John was preaching and baptizing, Jesus came to John at the Jordan River to be baptized.

dition to have a bonfire or campfire and have family and friends come and celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, so since Summer officially begins on the 20th let's go one farther. For all those campers out there dedicate your campfires to St. John all summer or when you light that backyard fire pit do it in honor of St. John.

Fun fact, we honor St. John's nativity on June 24th, six months before we celebrate the nativity of Our Lord and Savior. Get that Christmas shopping started!

So it seems there is a tra-

Enjoy that campfire!

# BINGO

## WORKERS WANTED

**Call the hall or contact Wayne Henze if interested.**



## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Who Are the Fourth Degree Knights?

They are the Knights on Main Street, the men you probably envision when someone says Knights of Columbus to you. They are present in their distinct uniform at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree within the Knights of Columbus, and is an extension of the third degree. But there is more to being a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's

fourth principle of patriotism.

- To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.
- To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.
- To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation of our democratic government.
- To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.
- To support by word and deed, the duly constituted

authorities of local, state and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.

Our Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly encompasses multiple towns. This fosters the ability to form larger honor guards and facilitate multi town events within a geographic region. Our local assembly includes the towns of Highland and Greenville IL. Upon death we honor our members with a ceremony and a chalice upon which their name is engraved. This chalice is given to their family. In due time, the chalice will be sent to a mission or given to a priest of choice. Wherever it goes, it will be used in the holy sacrifice of

the Mass, and there they will be remembered. And may its daily use rebound to their eternal glory.

Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree". Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight", participating in honor guards, and organizing programs that promote Catholic Citizenship. If interested, you can call me, John Genteman @ 618-980-2478, or stop by the KC meeting room on Monday June 3 for our next meeting which starts at 7 PM.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**  
 Sunday June 16th

## KNIGHT TIME SINGERS SCHEDULE

### June

Monday, 10th  
Cedarhurst, Breese,  
7pm

## PRAYER REQUEST CORNER

Please remember in your prayers any Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary, or their families who may be going through health struggles, financial struggles, or personal struggles.

Lord,  
Grant peace of mind and healing to those who need it. Be with them through all their worries and struggles. Help them find comfort in your presence. In this we pray.  
Amen

## OBITUARIES



Our condolences to the family of  
Diane Reidelberger  
Our condolences to the family of  
Dale Rommerskirchen

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increased costs of postage, we are considering a transition to an all digital newsletter. We will still print a limited number of newsletters to distribute at the KC Hall and St. Paul Church's Trinity Hall.

We can mail out a few copies on an exception. If you are interested in a printed copy of the Knight Times Newsletter mailed to you, please call the KC Hall at (618) 654-9049 or email us at [editor.knighttimes@gmail.com](mailto:editor.knighttimes@gmail.com).

Please help us reduce costs by providing your email so that you can continue to receive future newsletters.

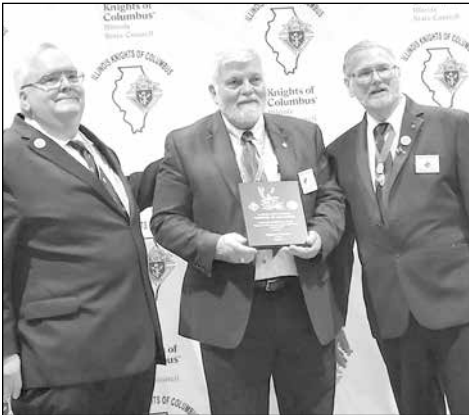


## Highland Knights of Columbus June 2024



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2	3 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	4 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	5 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	6	7	8
9 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Eddie Korosa & The Boys From Illinois 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	13	14 KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM KC Hall Register: BloodCenter.org	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	20	21	22
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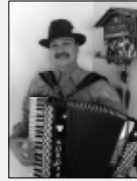
# KNIGHTS ON THE TOWN



**MORE AWARDS:** The Council received 4 awards at the State Convention on May 18. A 2nd place award for Vocations, a cause Council #1580 dedicates much time to by donating funds raised for the Diocese of Springfield Seminarians throughout the year and celebrated at the annual Bishop's Dinner; a 3rd place award for Intellectual Disabilities, earned for the Intellectual Disabilities Day celebrations at the Madison County Fair; a 3rd place award for Respect Life, pictured on page 1; and a 3rd place for General Assistance. The Council also took home the Silver Award for Illinois In Action.

*Photos Contributed*

## Put On Your Polka Dancing Shoes!



### EDDIE KOROSA

& The Boys From Illinois

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM – 5 PM

Performing: Polkas, Waltzes, Swing, Big Band, Country & Line Dance Favorites

\* Eddie Korosa was the accordion player in John Candy's Polka Band, the "Kenosha Kickers" in the hit movie "Home Alone".

### Public Invited

Tickets \$10 Per Person at the Door  
Be Prepared to Have a Great Time!

### Bar & Kitchen Open

Food & Drink Specials

**Knights of Columbus, Council 1580**  
12454 IL Route 143, Highland, IL 62249  
618-654-9049



## SAVE THE DATE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
Golf Tournament



August 10

Saturday | 2024

Timber Lakes Golf Course  
Staunton, IL. More info. to come.



## Highland Knights of Columbus July 2024



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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 @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 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 Knights of Columbus

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](http://www.highlandkc.org).

Thank you for reading!

