



KC Hall Never Looked Better!

Blessings are found even in the worst of times and the pandemic has given the Knights an opportunity to perform much needed maintenance.

While many activities have been canceled or put on hold for most citizens across the land, the Knights took advantage of the down time.

First, the dance floor looks great with a new logo and refurbished surface.

The main hall is absolutely stunning with Edison- style bulb lighting. The kitchen was disassembled and received a cleaning. The pride of the kitchen is a new commercial stove that was donated. Read about all the updates in the Grand Knights message on page 3.



Stove

The Pioneer Newspaper, contributed Gerry Klostermann and Dave Gall maneuver the new commercial stove into position in the KC Hall kitchen



Paint


The Pioneer Newspaper, contributed Knights of Columbus Manager continues outdoor maintenance by repainting parking lines near the KC Ball Diamonds.



Refurbished

The Pioneer Newspaper, contributed Lee Trame, John Genteman and Dave Gall use a powerful floor stripper and elbow grease to scrape years of wax buildup from tile floors at the KC Hall.

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

July

Anniversaries

- 01 - Herbert & Dorothy Durbin
- 01 - Peter & Theresa Tucker
- 01 - Timothy & Lori Lucia
- 02 - Andrew & Maggie Abendroth
- 02 - John & Cheryl Voegelé
- 05 - Brian & Karen Gnaedinger
- 05 - William & Maureen Napper
- 06 - Garland Edwards & Mary Bergman
- 07 - Anthony & Beth Hemann
- 08 - Gary & Helen Gacevich
- 08 - Jeffrey & Janey Miller
- 09 - Raymond & Romy Schrage
- 09 - Richard & Carla Tscherny
- 09 - Robert & Debbie Vance
- 09 - Scott & Brenda Plocher
- 10 - Robert & Beverly Quade
- 12 - Arthur & Darlene Timmermann
- 12 - Cyril & Jane Korte
- 14 - Jeremy & Joanne Snyder
- 15 - Jacob & Emily Rose
- 15 - Wayne and Karen Branger
- 16 - Peter and Barbara Caplupo
- 17 - Tracy & Debbie Poehling
- 18 - Larry & Janet Widman
- 18 - Roger & Jan Schrage
- 18 - Steven & Kathleen Teipe
- 23 - Neal & Rosemary Rieke
- 26 - Blake & Patricia Kohlbrecher
- 28 - Howard and Linda Held
- 28 - Kenneth & Martha Krausz
- 29 - Christopher & Jody Durbin
- 29 - Richard & Amanda Ringwald
- 30 - David & Melanie Thole
- 30 - Gerald & Jane Thole

- 12 - Joseph Seger
- 13 - Don Richter
- 13 - Janet Morence
- 13 - Lynn Todt
- 14 - Benjamyn Brinker
- 14 - Kyle Klostermann
- 14 - Richard Knebel
- 15 - Bruce Johnson
- 15 - Diane Connelly
- 15 - James Warnecke
- 15 - Staci LaPorta
- 15 - Thomas Klostermann
- 16 - Daniel Halloran
- 16 - Donnie Eddy
- 16 - Kent Korte
- 16 - Neal Tebbe
- 16 - Theresa Eversgerd
- 17 - Ronald N Kapp
- 18 - Anthony Zappia
- 18 - Debbie Poehling
- 18 - John Hemann
- 18 - K. James Kerin
- 19 - Glen T Walter
- 19 - Gregory Zampogna
- 19 - Jerome Czar Jr
- 19 - Regina Lipski
- 19 - Robert Hellige
- 19 - Wayne Keeven
- 20 - Angie Daley
- 20 - Daniel A Levad
- 20 - Frank Lipski
- 21 - M. Duane Gruenenfelder
- 22 - Kathy M. Frey
- 22 - Kent Manning
- 22 - Mary Thole
- 23 - David Kampwerth
- 23 - Dennis Kampwerth
- 23 - Jody Melosi
- 23 - Missy Athmer
- 23 - Ned Kampwerth
- 25 - Bradley Scott
- 25 - Charlotte Siverly
- 25 - Roger Schrage
- 26 - Dennis Keeven
- 26 - Dr D Michael Kapilla
- 26 - James Range
- 26 - Terry Marks
- 26 - William Trickey
- 27 - Christy Wiegand
- 27 - Joseph Hook
- 27 - Joseph Ryan Wetmore
- 28 - Allan Gall
- 28 - Carla Dubach
- 28 - Colleen West
- 28 - Ronald Zbinden
- 29 - Chad Korte
- 29 - Denise Peters
- 29 - Ralph Bruggemann
- 30 - Gregory Firkus
- 30 - Mary Jo Luitjohan
- 30 - Traci Luitjohan
- 31 - Barbara Schwarz
- 31 - Ruth Korte

July Birthdays

- 01 - Elijah Daley
- 01 - Janet Thole
- 01 - Michael Baumgartner
- 01 - Nannette Snyder
- 02 - Jody Durbin
- 02 - Marge Capelle
- 02 - Roland Harris
- 03 - Marilyn Wolters
- 05 - Stephen Heimsath
- 06 - Jackie Manning
- 06 - Jenny Winkeler
- 07 - Francis Jancek
- 08 - David Neier
- 09 - Deacon David Bohnenstiehl
- 09 - Frank Milos
- 09 - Karen Branger
- 09 - Leon Luber
- 09 - Rodney Malawy
- 10 - Julie Korte
- 10 - Robert Ohren
- 11 - Monnett Augustin
- 11 - Terrence Zeisset
- 12 - Dilnawaz Stack
- 12 - Dominic Durbin
- 12 - Gloria Jancek

Monthly Knights of Columbus Awards

The June Knight of the Month award is being presented to three brother knights who have made good use of their time during the Coronavirus lockdown.

They have revitalized the main hall by coordinating the refinishing of the dance floor and placing a KC logo in the center.

They manually stripped all tile in the building to the point it looks like new.

They have removed the fabric netting from the main hall ceiling and replaced the hanging Christmas lights with an Edison bulb style arrangement

They are coordinating the repair of the brick pillars supporting the main entrance.

They have power washed all the plastic chairs and disassembled the kitchen and cleaned all of the fryers, stove and vent hood.

The place looks great! We appreciate their determination and skill to get these projects completed.

The June Knight of the Month award goes to Dave Gall, Gerry Klostermann and Johnny Kapp.

Congratulations from Council 1580.



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 Officers Fraternal Year 2020 / 2021	
Title	Name
Grand Knight	Wayne Henze
Deputy Grand Knight	Ken Krausz
Chancellor	Jacob Rose
Recorder	Dave Gall
Treasurer	Lee Trame
Financial Secretary	Martin Klostermann
Advocate	Bill Trickey
Warden	John Kapp, Jr.
Trustee – First Year	Kim White
Trustee – Second Year	Jerry Klostermann
Trustee – Third Year	Joe Wetmore
Inside Guard	Brian Comish
Outside Guard	Ralph Bruggemann
Lecturer	Jim McDermott
Chaplain	Fr. Pat Jakel

Highland Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Officers Fraternal Year 2020 / 2021	
Title	Name
President	Gina Lipski
Vice President	Patricia Noe
Secretary	Kathy Lohman
Treasurer	Rose Clarkin
Trustee	Lynn Dermody
Trustee	Monica Toennies
Trustee	Kathy Klostermann
Sargent at Arms	JoAnn Marks

Ladies Auxiliary News

And it's July ... what happened to April, May and June?

It's good to be connecting with you again after these weeks of silence. I'm sure the last few months have dealt many challenges to all of us and we have each had to cope in a variety of ways.

Hopefully, prayer was at the top of your coping mechanisms. I know many blessings have come out of the last weeks as well. Time to spend with family, to get projects done, to enjoy God's creation more, to appreciate what we had when we can't have it for a time.

It's also given us new opportunities to help others more.... running errands, getting groceries, phone calls to shut-ins, providing meals, making masks. We've had to maybe get a little more tech-savvy to stay in touch or help kids with school. But God will use all of this for good.

Will we ever get back to normal?

Probably not the normal of our past, but a new normal of our future. We cannot be a stiff-necked people, but must be able to adapt when needed. Let's look back on these months and see what we have learned and how we have grown in every aspect of our lives and realize there are some habits that are best left in the past because we are better off now with the changes we have had to make.

Yes, we have been forced to make some adjustments in our lifestyles but let's seize these opportunities and recognize them as gifts from God and be grateful for them.

The Ladies Auxiliary does plan to have a meeting on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. We plan to have election of officers and discuss any upcoming events.

Hope to see you there.

Let us always remember our country in our daily prayers, for all our leaders and the decisions they make, for the safety of all, for a deeper respect for all life from conception to natural death and every race and culture, for the health of our families, for all those suffering any type of distress ... physical, mental, financial, spiritual.



Kathy Lohman
Ladies Auxiliary Secretary

July Brings New Officers, Opportunities, Challenges

July 1st is the start of the KC Fraternal Year and this year it brings us new officers, opportunities and challenges. If you would have told me two years ago when I first became Grand Knight that we would now be in the middle of a pandemic and our meetings and events would be cancelled I would not have believed you.

I am very fortunate that Wayne Henze is ready to serve as the new Grand Knight. I am certain that Wayne, along with Ken Krausz as Deputy Grand Knight and Jacob Rose as Chancellor, will do a great job leading our council. For those of you who don't know, the Deputy Grand Knight becomes the Grand Knight, the Chancellor becomes the Deputy Grand Knight and we look for a new Chancellor each time a Grand Knight reaches the end of his term. This is a good system as it brings in new people and fresh ideas. Some councils become stale because they have the same officers year after year.

It is my understanding that Phase IV of the Governor's Covid 19 Recovery Plan permits meetings with 50 or less participants. That will allow us to start having traditional Officer's and Council meetings beginning in July. Hopefully in August we can start hosting Bingo and Queen of Hearts events. Those events are listed as TBD on the August Calendar because most everything we do now days needs to be run past our Attorney, Insurance Agent and City Officials.

Our council is one of the largest in the state. It takes a lot of people to do the charitable work we do. Take a look at the list of officers for Fraternal Year 2020 / 2021 that is published in this newsletter and thank those who are willing to step up and serve. Please consider serving in one of these roles the next time the Council is looking for officers. Some roles require a lot of time, others very little. All are important. Our church and community are well served by the Knights of Columbus and it is very rewarding being part of an organization that does so much. With your help we could do more.

Even though the Covid 19 pandemic pressed the pause button on our usual activities, the downtime was not wasted. The next time you come to an event at the KC Hall you will find a refinished dance floor with a KC logo in the center along with refurbished tile throughout the building. The fabric and lights hanging from the ceiling in the main hall has been removed and replaced with Edison bulb lighting. The kitchen was pretty much disassembled and the fryers and exhaust hood received a deep cleaning. We installed a new commercial stove that was donated. All the plastic chairs were power washed and work continues on the posts that support the main entrance overhang. The KC Hall really is looking good and we have Dave Gall, Gerry Klosterman, Jonny Kapp and a host of volunteers to thank.

This is my last Grand Knight message. The Knights of Columbus is a wonderful organization and I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight of Council 1580 over the past two years. Together we accomplished many good works and I am grateful for all the help I received from my wife Pat, Council 1580 officers and members, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Columbus Club and the past Grand Knights.

Thank you all very much.

Kim White
Grand Knight



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Grand Knight

Maintenance, Repairs and Restoration Have Taken Place at Council #1580

Happy July Everyone. I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. The last few months have been crazy, unlike any of us have ever seen. I hope you have been able to keep the faith and trust in God that all will be well again.

At the Highland KC Hall, during this idle time, there has been a host of activity going on in the way of cleaning (field daying as we say in the Navy), maintenance, repairs and restoration. Hall Manager Dave Gall and Maintenance Manager Jerry Klostermann have done a tremendous job in restoring the Hall and dance floor. They're not spring chickens, but they were certainly doing spring cleaning. They spent countless hours physically stripping, scraping, cleaning and restoring the floors. They did have some help from other



Mike Carroll
Columbus Club President

members, but every day of the week and many weekends, they were working hard. The old ceiling drapes and icicle lights were taken down, and new dimmable, modern LED lights took their place. In the kitchen, all the fryers and stove were removed and thoroughly cleaned. Their hard work and dedication are sincerely appreciated. You will certainly notice the revitalized look when you visit the hall.

You will also notice the front (north) awning is under repair. It was hit by a large vendor truck early in the year. We are in the process of working with their insurance and will get it repaired as soon as possible.

Take care and God Bless you and your loved ones.

Mike Carroll
Columbus Club President

Knights Mourn Passing of Virgil C. Dechant

Virgil C. Dechant was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – The Knights of Columbus mourns the loss of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, who passed away in his sleep at the age of 89 during the night of February 15, 2020. He was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000.

"God has called home a good man and one of the Knights' great leaders," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Virgil Dechant used to

say that his goal was to leave the Knights better than he found it, and in myriad ways, he accomplished that. He leaves a lasting legacy and an excellent example of what it means to be a Knight and a fraternalist. Nowhere is this more true than in his home state of Kansas, which remains in many ways a model jurisdiction."

Virgil Dechant joined the Knights in 1949 and was a member of LaCrosse (Kansas) Council 2970 and St. Augustine Council 2340 in Liebanthal, Kansas. A very successful businessman, in addition to operating a private farm in Kansas, Dechant owned and operated his own car dealership and farm equipment firm. Dechant came to New Haven in 1967 to serve as the supreme secretary. Ten years later, he was elected supreme knight.

As supreme knight, Virgil Dechant oversaw tremendous growth in the Order's membership as well as in its assets and insurance business, while also opening the Order to greater involvement by the wives and families of its members. In addition, Mr. Dechant forged a close relationship with the Vatican during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, leading the Order to sponsor numerous renovation projects – including of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica, and working with the pope II to promote the faith in Eastern Europe, which was then behind the iron curtain.

Dechant is survived by his wife, Ann, their four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Beautiful Dance Floor

The floor at the Knights of Columbus Hall #1580 has been completely refurbished and now boasts a new logo in the center of the floor.

Knight Times/ provided

Hats OFF



Hat's Off to Dave Gall, Gerry Klostermann and Johnny Kapp for their commitment to our Council and their diligent work in transforming the Knights of Columbus Hall into a show-place with new floors, lights, and so much more.

Their dedication is a beacon for fellow Knights to follow.

Great Job!

We salute you and thank you for everything you have accomplished.

Ask A Fellow Catholic To Become a Knight or Join the Auxiliary!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE			1 No Bingo	2 No Queen of Hearts	3	4 <i>Indep. Day</i> View Highland Fireworks From KC Ball Diamonds. Concession Stand Open!
5	6 7:30 PM Fourth Degree Meeting	7 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	8 No Bingo	9 No Queen of Hearts	10	11 Wedding
12	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 7:30 PM KC Council Meeting	15 No Bingo	16 No Queen of Hearts	17	18 Wedding
19	20 No - Knight Time Singers	21	22 No Bingo	23 No Queen of Hearts	24	25
26	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 No Bingo	30 No Queen of Hearts	31	
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