

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



Grand Knight: Ken Krausz

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Upcoming Events

Polka Dance
September 17

Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner
September 24

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo
Every Wednesday

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

Normally this time of year we would be watching the Cardinals gearing up for post-season play, but it does not look like this will happen this year. As Cardinal fans we have come to expect our team to be in the playoffs every year, but those expectations do not always happen. It may not be for a lack of trying that those goals are not met. Circumstances occur that are neither the team nor the player's fault. The same can be said for our own personal lives. We all have at one time or another set goals and expectations for ourselves. However, external factors may have affected meeting those goals and expectations. As disappointing as these setbacks might be, there is something that we

do have control over; namely, how we lead our lives. As Knights there are principles that we vowed to follow when we became members. Those principles are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Every day we can live these principles. Simple acts of kindness, simple acts of charity may not seem significant to you individually, but to the person they are directed to can make the world of a difference. In the end we have reached the playoffs.

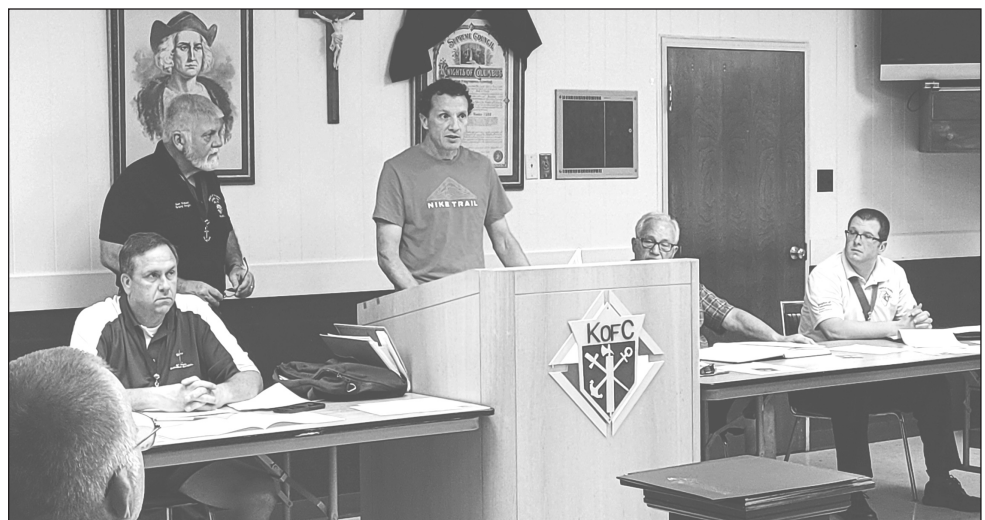
September will find us hosting several events. We are planning on a Sam LaPorta watch party on September 7th as the Kansas City Chiefs host the Detroit Lions. This will be at the KC hall. Details are still being ironed out, so watch for further information. The annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be

held on September 8th and 9th. Your help is needed, so contact Dave Gall if you can work for a few hours. We will have another dance on Sunday, September 17th. The Polka Connection Band will provide the entertainment. On September 24th we will host a drive thru chicken dinner. The time will be 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. A distant future event will be the Annual Bishop's Dinner. This is set for March 17, 2024.

As we head into the Fall season, enjoy the colors, and do a good deed for someone.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



2023 STRAUSSENLAUF: Brian Friederich visits Council #1580 to speak about the 2023 Strassenlauf, volunteering, and changes to the route.

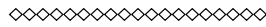
Photo by Jacob Rose

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. Elizabeth parish in Marine, and has been involved with our Council for over nineteen years. He has been a dedicated volunteer for our Lenten Fish Fry's, as well as chicken dinners and the Madison County Fair. He also is Bingo volunteer, and helps with the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the

Month for August 2023, Herbert Weis. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member St. Paul parish, and has been a Sir Knight for over thirty years. He has volunteered his time to help with the Council Fish Fries, Chicken Fries, the Highland Fair, the Kirchenfest, and behind the scenes work on

the friers. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for August 2023, Larry Rensing. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

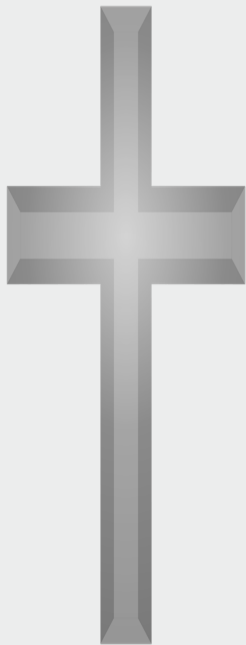
Our Brother Knight and his lady are members of St. Paul Parish. He is an Honorary Life Member of our council with over thirty years of service. He has helped with the

annual Kirchenfest race, and helps at bingo. He and his lady help at the annual Madison County fair. In fact, they make it a real family event as their three grandsons, Joe, Will, and Matt Jansen also help in the concession stand. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for August 2023, Vernon and Terry Eversgerd. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



OBITUARIES

To the family of Brother Knight Carl Neier.



COLUMBUS CLUB MARCH NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Rosary is a powerful form of meditative prayer. In this prayer, we ask Mary to intercede for us to Jesus. Pray the Rosary!

Improvements to the pavilion have been completed with new led lights and the ceiling was painted.

Thanks to all those involved, there have been improvements to the playground equipment.

Fall ball will be starting soon. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the concession stand so let us know if you are interested.

As you can see by the calendar of events, the indoor schedule has been slow, although the schedule should get busier this fall.

Improvements are continuing to be made on our website.

Thanks,
Bill Trickey

Save the Dates! Upcoming Sunday Polka Fun



KC Sunday Polka Dances

Date:	Music By:
September 17th	Polka Connection
October 15th	Butch's Polka Kings
November 19th	Dave Hylla Good Times Band

Public Invited
 Tickets \$10 Per Person at the Door
 All Dances 2 PM – 5 PM, Sunday
 Kitchen and Bar Open
 Gather Your Friends and Enjoy a Good Time!

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

The following is something I read somewhere on the importance of working together. When you see a formation of geese flying in the sky, think of these lessons. As each individual goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the others to follow and by flying in the "V" formation, there is a much greater flying range for the whole flock than if each bird flew alone. This can tell us that people who share a common direction and sense of community can get to where they are going quicker and easier because they are sharing the momentum they generate with one another. When a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of flying alone and quickly falls back into formation to

take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front of it. Do we have the sense of a goose? If we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go, it shows we are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and allows another goose to fly to the point position. In human terms, it pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. People are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique combination of gifts, talents and resources. Did you know that the geese honking in formation is actually encouragement to those in front to keep up their speed? Let our "honking" always be encour-

aging so our support of one another will result in a greater productiveness as a whole. Let our honking be us standing by our core values and influencing the core values of others. Did you know that when one goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two other geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help it and protect it. They stay with it until it either dies or is able to fly again. Afterwards, they launch out with either another formation or catch up with their flock. If we have as much loyalty as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong. So the next time we hear geese honking, let's turn our eyes to the sky and look for that "V" formation of birds and reflect

on how we are working together with others to make the job easier and more productive by sharing the load, sharing the leadership, sharing the gifts, and by encouraging and supporting each other.

The ladies auxiliary is busy planning a Rock & Roll Bingo on October 20, a 9 Pin No Tap Bowl on November 18, a quilt raffle and adopting a day in the upcoming 40 Days for Life Campaign and also made a donation to the upcoming Knights Tootsie Roll Drive. We need everyone's help in making all these events successful. Please come to our next meeting on September 5 at 7:00 at the KC Hall and see what you can do! It takes a village!



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

From the Membership Director

Many of us have been Knights of Columbus members for many years, we have long forgotten when we attended our exemplification ceremony. I intend to write a series of articles that will review each degree we offer in the Knights of Columbus. Today, when a new Knight becomes a member, they go through a ceremony that covers the first, second, and third degrees. In this article, I will discuss the first degree ---

Lesson on Charity

We are called as a Knight by God to practice charity. As a Knight, we should

show chivalry toward our fellow neighbor. We should not only practice the giving of our gift of time and talents, but it should show our allegiance to God. Charity is the base of a Knight's belief to truly help their church and community. When Knights are united in our virtue of charity, we can accomplish great things.

With charity in mind, what are you doing to Knight?

- Are you volunteering at Bingo to help raise funds?

- Are you volunteering at the upcoming Tootsie Roll Campaign to help raise funds for special needs activities in

the community?

- Are you leading a project to help with one of our council events?

- Are you asking yourself... Am I a Knight who practices the first degree of CHARITY?????

If every member would volunteer two hours a month, imagine the things we could accomplish.

Let's be a KNIGHT!!!

Dan McCloud

Membership Director - Highland Council 1580

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE: JOHN GENTEMAN

I hope this note finds everyone safe, healthy and happy! Summer is in full swing and the Hot and Humid temperatures are keeping us aware of it.

I guess it is better that shoveling snow.

As we move forward to shorter days, I can only reflect on the message we hear during our path to knighthood. "TEMPUS FUGIT, MEMENTO MORI" ("TIME FLIES, REMEMBER DEATH"). Time does seem like it goes swiftly and we are constantly reminded of our short stay among our fellow knights, families and friends. Each and every one of us is important to the growth and survival of the council. If you know any current member of the Knights who is at the 3rd Degree level, invite them to become a member of the 4th degree. There is a Live Exemplification

of the Fourth Degree in Breese IL on November 12th. Save the date, more info. to come. The recent one in Mattoon on August 12th had 24 Knights, 1 Priest and 3 Deacons.

Saturday August 12th - Fourth Degree Golf Scramble at Timber Lakes was a success! There were 20 teams! What started out to be a dreary and rainy day turned out to be a beautiful sunny and fun day for all. Followed by an excellent pork steak and bratwurst dinner and awards ceremony lead by our very own GOLFMEISTER Ed Campbell (4 years at the helm), assisted by Derick Burns. The meal was prepared by Dave Gall and Jerry Klostermann, assisted by Margo Buhne and Susan Campbell. Additional assistance was provided by Bob Buhne, Paul West, Jerry

Genteman and John Genteman. My apologies if I missed anyone. We received a lot of positive comments from the golfers.

THANK YOU!!! TO EVERYONE WHO ASSISTED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT!

Out Marquette Province Southern District Area Master, Gerry Mattix-Wand has recently been promoted to Vice Supreme Master.

Next Fourth Degree Meeting is September 11th at 7 PM. (Sept. 4th is Labor Day)

Thank You Brother Sir Knights for all that you do to support the Assembly, our Church, our Bishop and our departed Brother Knights. I am very blessed to be part of such a great group of Catholic Brothers.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). rough Christ our Lord. Amen.



BACK TO SCHOOL

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Back to School! That means football, soccer, softball, cross-country, band, cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, chorus, school play, homework, FUNDRAISERS! So while you are gassing up the car for the third time this week, or sitting in the drive thru grabbing a quick bite between events, take time to breathe and thank God for the time you are able to spend with family. It may be a whirlwind of days with late evenings early mornings, anxiety at its peak, but God has given you these moments although hectic now years from now you will cherish them greatly.

Let's not forget the teachers and staff. They just don't go home after the 3 o'clock bell, many like you have kids and are doing the same as you. Plus, they need to get the next day lesson planned, grade papers, get the Friday test copied, answer emails, among other tasks. So if for some reason you have to go meet with the teacher or staff just think they spent the day with students, were out late at their kids game last night, and even if they're smiling they may have had a worse day than you did, so after your meeting make sure they are still smiling. The school years go by quickly. One day its preschool, the next day is high school graduation, then saying bye and they're off to college. Take time to get involved in your kids' education and extracurricular activities. And thank the teachers and staff, just like you they have kids too!


Mom, I need my uniform washed for tomorrow! Dad, I need to be at rehearsal by 6:00....

Enjoy the Day!



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 September 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 KC Soccer Challenge HHS Practice Field 6:00 PM	7 NFL Season Kickoff Kansas City vs Detroit Member & Friend Social Event - KC Bar Food & Drink Specials	8 I.D. Tootsie Roll Drive 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	9 I.D. Tootsie Roll Drive 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
10 Complimentary KC Breakfast Tacos St. Paul Church After 7:00 AM and 8:30AM 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 Private Event
17 KC Sunday Dances Music By: The Polka Connection Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM		22	23
24 KC Drive Thru Chicken Dinner 11 AM - 3 PM	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26	27 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	28	29	30 Private Event

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: SEPTEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS

01 - David Brown
 01 - Dayna Potthast
 01 - George Kevin Lamparter
 01 - Lindell Hilling
 01 - Matthew Herman
 01 - Rhonda Brendel
 02 - Jeannie Korte
 03 - John Dant
 04 - Blake Carroll
 04 - Rose Clarkin
 07 - Bernie Rittenhouse
 07 - Joe Gutzler
 07 - Russell Rieke Sr
 08 - Herbert Durbin Jr.
 08 - Mark Richter
 08 - Stephen Durbin
 09 - Colleen Geismann
 09 - Julie Schonhardt
 09 - Morris Zobrist
 10 - Braden Henze
 10 - Joseph LaPorta
 10 - Michael Kuhl
 11 - Barbara Ann Stallard
 11 - William Vargo
 12 - Carol Robben
 12 - Joyce Jacober
 12 - Mary Lou Meridith
 12 - Michael Noe

13 - Dale Rommerskirchen
 13 - Melissa Whelchel
 13 - Raymond Voss
 13 - Rozann Steinkoenig
 14 - Gary Kimberlin
 15 - Brian Lammers
 15 - Lowell Wellen
 15 - Tyler Janota
 16 - Barbara Goebel
 16 - Fred Hemann
 16 - William Straeter
 17 - Diane Wiegand
 17 - Pat Galeaz
 17 - Thomas Foppe Sr
 18 - James McDermott
 18 - Janice Korte-Couch
 18 - Jean Jacober
 19 - Adam Kampwerth
 19 - Amanda Ringwald
 19 - Cathleen Rutz
 19 - John Meridith
 19 - Kathleen Teipe
 19 - Kevin Heim
 19 - Vernon Rakers
 20 - Adelbert Elliott II
 20 - Janet Vogelbacher
 20 - Robert Bollman
 21 - Shari Ammann
 22 - Anthony Tebbe

22 - Curtis Malham
 22 - Richard Kampwerth
 23 - Collin Korte
 23 - James Tscherney
 24 - Bonnie McGinley
 24 - Janet Renko
 24 - Lee Ann Landmann
 24 - Michael Loyet
 25 - Clifton Couch
 25 - Gail Holthaus
 25 - Jay Keeven
 25 - Jonah Bisailon
 25 - Margo Buehne
 25 - Steven Teipe
 26 - Sabrina Luitjohan
 26 - Terri Boeser
 27 - Benjamin Wick
 27 - Chelsea Eilers
 28 - Denis Thole
 28 - Jason Boeser
 28 - Zack Carroll
 29 - Angela Smart
 29 - David Butler
 29 - Donald Gramlich
 29 - Edward Campbell
 30 - Angela Nuxoll
 30 - Angela Wetmore
 30 - Charles Franzoi
 30 - Vicky Buehne

ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Dennis & Cynthia Korte
 01 - Glenn & Diane Hoyt
 01 - Michael & Nancy Peters
 03 - Dominic & Erica Durbin
 04 - Thomas & Deborah Zobrist
 05 - Robert & Linda Bollman
 06 - Elijah & Angie Daley
 06 - James & Kathleen McDermott
 09 - Paul & Collen West
 10 - Dennis & Mary Jo Kampwerth
 10 - Jared & Amy Gilomen
 10 - Scott & Jan Abbott
 12 - Richard & Debra Knebel
 13 - Stephen & Julie Schonhardt
 15 - Jerry & Bobbie Genteman
 17 - Brian & Vicky Buehne
 17 - Dereck & Jessica Driemeyer

17 - Larry & Ethel Korte
 18 - Brian & Dana Marks
 18 - Darren & Michelle Spengel
 18 - Jerome & Janet Morence
 19 - Bernard & Barbara Goebel
 20 - Daniel & Marie Grandame
 21 - Mark & Dianne Voss
 21 - Matthew & Lynn Dermody
 21 - Richard & Karen Accornero
 22 - Chad & Bobbi Wernle
 24 - Frank & Kim Milos
 24 - Rick & Bambi Kurwicki
 25 - Bernie & Marjorie Rittenhouse
 25 - Bradley & Jill Sauls
 26 - Dennis & Pam Higgins
 28 - Jeremy & Chelsea Eilers
 30 - Larry & Kathy Essenpreis
 30 - Marvin & Bea Pacette
 30 - Thomas & Jean Nolte



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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.

Thank you for reading!

