

Highland
Council
1580

Grand Knight: Ken Krausz
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Advocate: Tim Lucia
Warden: John Kapp, Jr.
Trustees: Kim White, Jerry
Klostermann, and Wayne Henze
Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

Upcoming Events

Butch's Poka Kings
April 21

Ladies Auxiliary May Baby Shower
Fundraiser
May 7

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo
Every Wednesday

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: APRIL 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

As we close out the Lenten Fish Fry season, I want to give a shout out to all the brother Knights who have made it another successful event. Without your assistance we would not be able to hold this event year after year. We received a number of compliments on the food, as well as the hall. I was surprised by the new customers who came through the serving line, and let it be known that they were first-time visitors. We are truly blessed to have a hall to be proud of as a Council.

The main event for March though was the annual Bish-

op's Dinner held on March 17th. There were over 170 attendees, but more importantly was the amount of money raised for Vocations, Pro-Life, and the Newman Centers. As of this writing over \$ 24,000 has been raised to date. We were able to present each of the fifteen seminarians with a \$1,000 check. Relevant received a check for \$3,500 and Bishop Paprocki was presented a \$ 2,000 check for Vocations. The Newman representative was not present so a check for \$2,000 will be presented to him at a later date. The Madison County Bowl for Charity also presented Bishop Paprocki with

a \$2,000 check.

Thank you to Bill Trickey who chaired this event, and to Kim White, Craig Wieseman, Dan McCloud, and Jacob Rose for their assistance with this event. Thank you to Gary Deuser and his kitchen crew of Larry Whitman, Mary Jo, Dennis, and Ned Kampwerth, Dereck, and Logan Driemeyer. Thank you to Patti Noe, Rose Keppler, and the Highland Ladies Auxiliary for decorating the hall. Thank you to Kent and Trisha Korte, Mike, Mary, and Zack Carroll, and Dan Kapp for organizing the Madison County Bowl for Charity. Finally, a thank you to all who donated to the Annual Bishop's Dinner Fundraiser!

Also, on March 13th we participated in the 40 Days for Life at the Granite City Abortion Clinic. As of that date sixteen babies had been saved. Unfortunately, there still seemed to be a steady flow of visitors to that clinic. Thank you to Lowell Wellen for organizing our Council's attendance on that day. This day was especially hard as there were storms in the morning as well as the early evening. Thank you to those who volunteered to pray at the Granite City site that day.

As we close out the month of March, wishing you and your families a Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



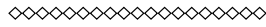
BISHOPS DINNER: Deputy Grand Knight Jacob Rose (left) presents a check to Bishop Paprocki (right) as a donation to vocations at the Bishops Dinner on March 17.

Photo by Emily Rose

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

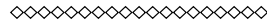
SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Our Brother Knight is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish and has been an honorary life member of our Council for thirty-four years. He is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council and is active in parish activities. He is also active in the Pro-Life ministry regularly attending the Saturday prayer sessions at the Granite City Clinic plus organizing the Council's Day of prayer at the Granite City facility. He also volunteers to help at Council events such as the chicken dinners and fish fries. It is with great appreciation that we honor

Senior Knight of the Month for March 2024 Lowell Wellen. 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 since January of this year. Although he is a new member, he has become active in the Knight's organization. He attends meetings and has been working at Lenten fish fries. He also helped with the Super Bowl Chicken Wings event. It is with great appreciation that we honor the Knight of the Month Brendan Dillier. 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 has served on many of the council's committees and leadership roles to include Membership Director, Grand Knight, and past Financial Secretary, having served for 10 years. Our Brother is also a member of the 4th Degree Assembly and of the Honor Guard. He was a former Knight of the Year. He is a hospitality minister at weekend Masses and a Mass Server at weekday masses. He is a member of the St. Paul

Campus Growth Team and as well as Father Pat's Patriots. His Lady is a retired St. Paul School teacher and past Assistant Director of PSR. She participates in many council events and has held the position of President of the Highland Ladies Auxiliary. She is a former Lady of the Year. Both are members of the Parish Bereavement Ministry Team serving at Funeral Home visitation prayer vigils and as Hospitality Ministers for funerals. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for Martin and Kyle Klostermann. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



Highland Knights of Columbus 2024 Sunday Dance Schedule

Date:	Music By:
January 21 st	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
February 18 th	Josef Polack & The St. Louis Express
March 10 th	The Rendition Band
April 21 st	Butch's Polka Kings
May 5 th	Waterloo German Band
June 9 th	Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys from Illinois
July 21 st	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
August 18 th	Jeff Caldwell & the Vinyl Frontier Band - (Elvis Impersonator)
September 15 th	Pick n an a Grin n - (Country and Classic Rock)
October 20 th	The Rendition Band
November 17 th	Butch's Polka Kings

Public Invited

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

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

As the weather starts to look like Spring, let's spring into paying our dues. Once again, our annual dues statements have been mailed to the members. 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

In the Gospel of Matthew 22:36-38, a man asked Jesus which commandment is the greatest and Jesus replied that to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind is the greatest and the second commandment is like it which is to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is where our true joy derives from: J-Jesus, O-Others, Y-Yourself. We need to have these in the right order.

If we think about a bicycle lock which opens with a three number dial combination, it will not open unless the numbers are in the right sequence. There is a countless number of combination sequences for those three numbers but it won't work unless we know the correct order to put

them to unlock the lock.

Jesus gives us the combination to open up God's blessings in our lives and to receive them in the next. The combination is Jesus-Others-Yourself. I have no doubt that we all have these three elements in our lives to some extent but we need to ask ourselves if they are in the right order. Is God first and primary in our lives? Do we have God sitting on the throne? Is our care for others a sharing of our blessings with those in need? When those two things are aligned correctly-when God is first and neighbor second-then we are truly able to love and care for ourselves in a way that honors God, and that's the correct combination sequence.

Sometimes these three dials in our lives get rusty. We tend to put ourselves on the throne. God and others are still important but we have the order all skewed. This can affect our joy, our well-being, and how much we worry. A spiritual tool to help realign things is humility, acknowledging that we are not meant to be in the driver's seat. Jesus, take the wheel! We are in the bronze medal 3rd place position. Jesus even put himself in third place by putting his Father first and the needs of others before himself. When we have the order right, the favor of God opens up to us and reveals that in God's eyes, we've got the GOLD!

Put a sticky note on your bathroom

mirror to remind yourself of the proper order every day:

123 = Jesus as 1, Others as 2, Yourself as 3. Remember - J O Y.

The auxiliary made donations recently to Vocations/Newman Centers/Right to Life, Mater Dei Auction, Relevant Pregnancy Options Center and to help cover fuel costs for the bus going to the Right to Life March in Springfield. These endeavors are possible through everyone's generosity through our fundraisers. It can't happen without you! Please come to our next meeting on April 2 at 7 pm at the KC Hall. We welcomed new members this month-Ellen Gall, Joan Holtgrave and Suzie Gallatin!

APRIL BRINGS MAY FLOWERS

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Many of us have been busy in the yards already getting ready for spring and summer, many activities are happening in the church. With the Easter season comes new members to the Catholic faith and the Seminarians transition to deacons and the Transitional Diaconate Ordination to become Priest. As Knights we have an obligation to support the Vocations, with the Bishop's dinner recently over and the council giving help to Seminarians with financial support throughout their journey.

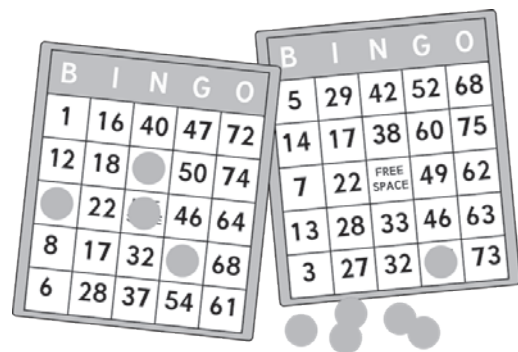
It's important we keep this mission of support going not only through the dinner but all year long, these men have tak-

en on a long journey and with it brings a large financial need to complete that journey. Our Parish St. Paul takes a special collection for Seminarians please give weekly, I encourage you to give generously to this throughout the year and support the next year's Bishops Dinner again generously! With these April seeds of support we bring May flowers to our Diocese and Parishes with new Deacons and Priests!

Enjoy the Day!
AAAhhhh chewww!! May flowers!...yeah..

BINGO WORKERS WANTED

Call the hall or contact Wayne Henze if interested.



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Greetings Brother Knights, What a great time of year! Spring is our season of renewal.

New life is springing forth everywhere, truly a blessed time! The spiritual meaning of April, is a time of growth and moving forward in new and positive ways.

A lot has been happening, our journey through Lent and Easter is completed. Our Bishop,

Fish fry's and Fourth Degree Training have come and gone.

Thank You Brother, Sir Knights and Ladies Auxiliary for all that you do to support

the Assembly, our Church, our Bishop and our departed Brother Knights. We are a very visible arm of the Church and I am very blessed to be part of such a great group of Catholic Brothers and Sisters.

It is truly an honor to participate in 4th degree activities, perhaps the most visible degree of the order. Whether it is participating in an honor guard for the Bishop, serving as part of an honor guard at a fallen brother's wake or participating in other events, it is truly a humbling and honored experience.

Just as it is important to grow membership in the Knights of Columbus so we can continue to do the good work that we do, it is equally important to advance members to the patriotic (4th) degree to ensure we have enough members to promote the visible degree of our order. If you know of any current members of Knights who is at the 3rd Degree level, invite them to become a member of the 4th degree.

Please also be on the lookout for calls about upcoming activities, especially wakes, as these

typically do not have much advance lead time and is one of the highest honors we can provide to our fallen brothers and their families. Please consider purchasing the new uniform for use in Fourth Degree activities.

Below you will find some Fourth Degree Trivia. I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

The next Assembly meeting will be Monday, April 1st at 7 PM in the KC Hall meeting room.

Vivat Jesus = "Jesus lives!"
John Genteman

KNIGHT TIME SINGERS SCHEDULE

April

Monday, 8th
St. James Villas, Breese 7pm

May

Monday, 13th
Highland Home, 7pm

June

Monday, 10th
Cedarhurst, Breese, 7pm

OBITUARIES

To the family of our deceased Brother Knights and their families.



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

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.

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



Highland Knights of Columbus April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	2 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 8:00 Fraternal Benefit Webinar-See Notes Below	3 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	4	5	6 Private Event
7	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	9 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	18 Wedding Decorate	19 Wedding Decorate	20 Wedding
21 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Butch's Polks Kings 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	22 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23	24 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	25	26	27 Private Event
28	29 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30	Notes: March 2, 2024 Fraternal Benefits Webinar Presented by Ed Slott Retirement Savings & Distribution Planning Register at http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2		 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	

KNIGHTS ON THE TOWN



HIGHLAND KNIGHTS HOST ANNUAL BISHOPS DINNER: The Knights hosted the annual Bishops Dinner on March 17. The council welcomed Bishop Papracki and several seminarians to enjoy dinner and music. It was also Father Pat Jakel's birthday, so attendees sang 'Happy Birthday' and he was present with a cake to celebrate. Thank you to all that attended and donated funds to the seminarians.

Photos By Emily Rose



Highland Knights of Columbus May 2024



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12 Mother's Day	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14	15 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Private Event
19 KC Chicken Dinner 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Dine-In / Carryout	20	21	22 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	30	31	Notes:

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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.

Thank you for reading!

