

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



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Chancellor: Blake Kohlbrecher
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Advocate: Tim Lucia
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Klostermann, and Wayne Henze
Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

Upcoming Events

Friday Fish Fries
Every Friday in Lent
Bishop's Dinner
March 17
Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month
Bingo
Every Wednesday

Contact Us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

Last month we were in an Arctic freeze. Today as I write this letter it is as if Spring is already here. The snow from last Friday is all but gone. Daffodils are starting to pop up, and the Knights of Columbus have begun the Lenten fish fries. Although last week Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day, and Friday was a snowstorm, we still had a particularly good turnout for these two days. The Lady's Auxiliary has been doing well with selling their desserts. We still have six more Fridays to go, so come on out and support the Knights. Also, a thank you to those Brother Knights who have

been volunteering their time to help at these fish fry's. We cannot do it without your help. For those who have not been out to help yet, it is not too late to volunteer. Call me or let me know in person if you can help. I would like to have the dates planned out, so we have the right number of workers present. I do not want to waste your time if the shifts are already full for a particular day. I want to be respectful of your time.

February was a busy month. The Ruby Leigh event had over six hundred people in attendance. A shout out goes to Dave Gall and his crew for the work that was done on this event. Although I was

at home with the flu, I received numerous comments about how well it went. It would be great if we could have events like this every month. From the posts that I have seen on Ruby's Facebook page, she had a wonderful time as well. The Blue Jean Drive began in February and is off to a good start. I stopped by the Highland Police station today, and the box was full. So, keep bringing those gently used or new blue jeans to the drop off points. A Special Bingo was held on Fat Tuesday with over two hundred in attendance. Congratulations to Wayne Henze and his crew for once again hosting a fantastic event.

March will be special from the perspective that we will host the annual Bishop's Dinner on March 17th. A Mass will be held at 10:30 AM at St. Paul Church celebrated by Bishop Paprocki. Afterwards, a dinner reception will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome to attend. Since this is an annual fundraiser for Vocations, Newman Centers, and Pro-Life, we ask that you consider contributing to the HACF/KC Benefit Fund before March 11th. By issuing your check to the HACF/KC Benefit Fund, your contribution is tax deductible. If you did not receive a donation card in the mail, there are cards available at the KC Hall.

Finally, as we prepare for Easter, please keep those less fortunate in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



JUST JEANS DRIVE: Columbus Club President Bill Trickey unloads the donations from the Just Jeans Drive that was held throughout February.

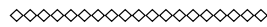
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SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and has been an honorary life member of our council for 45 years. He is also a Fourth Degree member of Assembly #231. He has held various officer positions within the council including, past Grand Knight and currently is the Council Recorder. He is the Faithful Comptroller of the Fourth Degree Assembly. In addition to being the KC Hall Manager, he is the chairperson of the annual Tootsie Roll Drive and oversees many of the

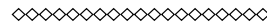
events that are hosted by the KC Hall. Most recently he, not only helped organize the Ruby Leigh concert, but prepared the meal for over 500 attendees. The concert was by far one of the largest events ever held at the hall with an estimated 600 attendees. It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the Month, David Gall.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Par-

ish and has been a member of our council for 3 years. He has been a volunteer with the annual ID drives, weekly bingo, the monthly taco breakfasts, and most recently helped with the Ruby Leigh concert. It is with great appreciation that we honor Knight of the Month, Kevin Lamparter.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight and his lady are members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Pierron. He has been a member of our council for eight years as well as be-

ing a Sir Knight with the Fourth Degree Assembly #231. He and his lady are regular volunteers at various council events, including bingo, chicken fries, fish fries, ID drives, and more. They also chair the annual Blue Jean Drive. He is also the chairperson of the Annual Bishop's Dinner and President of the Columbus Club. It is with great appreciation that we honor Family of the Month William and Denise Trickey and their son, Dennis.



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

Recently, some of our newest members assisted with our Friday Fish Fry. They said it was a good time helping. 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 gray 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

So how's your Lent progressing? Did you make plans at the beginning regarding things you were going to do or not do to prepare your heart for Jesus' Passion and Resurrection? Have you had to readjust those plans? Have you had to restart again because you may have slacked off some? It's all okay because God knows our hearts and the efforts we are making. We've all made mistakes in the past and we all have current struggles we are dealing with but we can still be a credible witness who can point others to Christ. We've also all had successes and high points in our lives

and can give credit to God for the grace he gave us to follow him and obey his commandments.

We can use our failures and low points to share what might have gone wrong in our lives at those times because we may have departed for a time from God's ways. And even more importantly, we can share how we may have experienced God's mercy when we repented of our sins and returned to him. These sharings can demonstrate to others that God is faithful even when we are not, and that when it seems he is far from us, it is not God who moved but US! He will never leave us even

when we stray for a while.

So let's reflect on and pray about how God has revealed his love and mercy to us through our failures and successes. How is he demonstrating his love to us even today in our everyday lives? No matter if we are at a high point or low point right now, we can testify to the presence and goodness and power of God. Our testimony can stir up the faith of those around us and help them to realize that they too are qualified to witness to the faithfulness of God. He is the potter and we are the clay. God loves us for who we are but thank goodness he doesn't allow

us to stay the same. Let him mold and shape us.

While you're at the Knights fish fries be sure to also purchase tickets for a "John Deere" quilt and other baskets to be raffled off at the last fish fry. Place your orders for cookie dough, pizza and butter braids in the "Show Me Dough" fundraiser from an auxiliary member in March. Lots of things happening so come out to our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the KC Hall to get involved or learn more about the auxiliary and join! We'd love to welcome YOU as our next new member!



ST. PADDY'S DAY

By Advocate Tim Lucia

So as I read up on St. Patrick, I learned he's not actually Irish... What?

Yeah apparently as a child he was captured in Roman Britain by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd sheep, now at age twenty he was able to escape and return to his home. A few years after being home he had a vision he describes as this "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is be-

side the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

Well this inspired him to go and study for the Priesthood and on March 25, 433 he returned to Ireland, over the next 40 years he converted the entire country of Ireland to Christianity. So I guess it goes to show a twist on how God moves us to where he needs us to be, St. Patrick prayed hundreds of prayers a day while being held captive, God saw someone that would do great work for him. St. Patrick turned out to be truly Irish after all.

Enjoy the day !

4TH DEGREE UNIFORM PACKAGE DEAL

If you would like to order a 4th Degree Uniform, a special offer has been made available.

Member cost is \$199 plus shipping (after \$250 incentive). Order must be made by **February 29**.

What's included: Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons; Official Grey Trousers; Official 4th Degree Hand-Embroidered Necktie; Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge.

To order, call (833) 562-4327 or visit <https://www.kofcuniform.com>.

If you have any questions, contact Faithful Navigator, John Genteman at (618) 980-2478.



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Good day everyone!

Fourth degree call for action!

Take the LEAP! Window of opportunity closes February 29th!

If you would be interested in obtaining the New Uniform our assembly is offering a limited time LEAP YEAR offer to its membership. If you take the LEAP and order your Uniform Package prior to February 29, 2024 you will receive a \$250 incentive which offsets over half of the cost. I suggest the "Executive Fit" for most of us. Member cost is \$199 plus shipping (after

\$250 incentive). Order must be made by February 29. What's included: Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons; Official Grey Trousers; Official 4th Degree Hand-Embroidered Necktie; Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge. To order, call (833) 562-4327 or visit <https://www.kofcuniform.com>. Thank you to those who have taken the Leap!

Assistance needed!

If we are to continue Honor Guards for ceremonies, funerals etc. we need more participants.

There is a new call tree that will call ALL Fourth Degree members. If you have the New Uniform, please wear it as prescribed. If not, for local events such as funerals, a tux or dark suit can be worn with a social baldric underneath your jacket with no sword or gloves. Commander Ed Campbell has extra baldrics to loan for those who need them.

For those members who would like to become a 4th Degree Knight please contact myself or the hall to receive an application form. The next exemplifica-

tion coming up is in Carlinville IL on Sunday March 10th. The Bend exemplification has been canceled.

Thank you for all you do! Remember, whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it. Because that's GOD answering someone else's prayers through you.

The next 4th Degree meeting will be on March 4th.

Please call me if I can be of assistance at 618-980-2478.

Vivat Jesus! John Genteman Faithful Navigator

KNIGHT TIME SINGERS SCHEDULE

March Monday, 18th Highland Health Care, 7pm	May Monday, 13th Highland Home, 7pm
April Monday, 8th St. James Villas, Breese 7pm	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



To the family of Brother Knight Jerome "Blacky" Kuhl.

To the family of Brother Knight Duane G. Frey.

To the family of Brother Knight, Jerry A. Prusa.

To the family of Brother Knight Dennis L. Zobrist.


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 March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	2 Heartland Community Chorus Concert Door Open 5:30 PM (See Notes for Ticket Info)
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	7	8 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	9 Private Event
10 KC Sunday Dances Music By: The Rendition Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	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 Highland KC Council 1580 Vigil at Granite City Clinic for 40 Days For Life	15 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	16 Private Event
17 * Bishop's Dinner * For Vocations, Pro-Life & Newman Centers 10:30 AM Mass at St. Paul 12:00 PM Dinner at KC Hall	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	21	22 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Register: bloodcenter.org	23 Private Event
24	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 Good Friday * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	30
31 Easter Sunday * CLOSED *	Notes: Please Visit: HeartlandCommunityChorus.org for Concert Ticket Information				 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemyer Agency 618-526-7991	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: MARCH 2024

BIRTHDAYS

01 - David Wilmsmeyer
 01 - Dianne Hoyt
 01 - Myron Potthast
 01 - Robert Luitjohan
 02 - Debra Drury
 02 - Justin Troxell
 03 - Agnes Wellen
 03 - Dennis Higgins
 03 - Donna Goesten Kors
 03 - Mark Frey
 04 - Diane Boeser
 05 - Paul West
 06 - Connie Ruffini
 06 - Jacob Troxell
 07 - Crista Decker
 07 - Janeice White
 07 - Nancy Rieke
 07 - Severin Emig
 08 - James Campbell
 08 - Trent Gnaedinger
 08 - Ty Renko
 09 - Brian Ruffini
 09 - Patricia Kohlbrecher
 10 - Arthur Schulte
 11 - Connie Werner
 11 - Dean Grapperhaus
 11 - Martin Klostermann
 11 - Travis Wellen
 12 - Donald McCall

12 - Gerald Rehkemper
 12 - Jessica Sickman
 13 - Harold Klaus
 13 - Karen Kuhl
 13 - Stanley Wessel
 14 - Todd Korte
 15 - Jared Gilomen
 15 - Matthew Dermody
 15 - Randy Luitjohan
 15 - Steven Kloss
 16 - Dianne Voss
 16 - Fr. Samuel Bagyo
 16 - Susan Heim
 16 - Suzanne Wilke
 17 - Alan Joseph Drury
 17 - Fr. Pat Jakel
 17 - Jill Sauls
 17 - Raymond Korte
 18 - Jill Sinnock
 18 - Marie Grandame
 18 - Marie Haberer
 18 - Robert Vance
 18 - Thomas Hoffmann
 19 - Debra Gomez Trost
 19 - Howard Held
 19 - Ian Kessler
 19 - Michael Gilomen
 19 - Randy Von Hatten
 19 - Rita Tebbe
 19 - Terrance Moore
 20 - Lori Baumgartner

21 - Barbara Kampwerth
 21 - James Stukenberg
 21 - Marilyn Korte
 21 - Rick Frey
 22 - Connor Barr
 22 - Kurt Korte
 23 - Chad Klostermann
 23 - David Melosi
 23 - Julia Emig
 23 - Randy Riggs
 24 - Dee Luitjohan
 24 - James Griesbaum
 24 - Michael Hauffer
 24 - William Duncan
 25 - Bobbi Wernle
 25 - Leonard Thole
 26 - Evan Capelle
 27 - Daniel Neier
 27 - Kathryn Comish
 27 - Mary Carroll
 28 - Jerold Winter
 28 - Laura Jansen
 28 - Michael Lengermann
 28 - Therese Dickman
 28 - Troby Gagen
 29 - Danny Mc Cloud
 29 - Scott Wick
 29 - Timothy Singler
 30 - Rosemary Rieke
 31 - Geri Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Jefferey & Angela Smart
 02 - John & Lynn Todt
 06 - Brian & Kathryn Comish
 07 - Keith & Laurie Frank
 07 - Kent & Jackie Manning
 13 - Phil & Diane Krydinski
 14 - Daniel & Lu Ann Halloran

14 - Anthony & Susan Tebbe
 15 - Mark & Donna Goesten Kors
 20 - Gary & Tracy Frey
 20 - Austin & Shari Meyer
 21 - David & Therese Korte
 21 - Robert & Debra Gomez Trost
 23 - Vernell & Agnes Wellen
 24 - Dale & Shirley Wellen
 25 - Jerold & Tina Winter



Highland Knights of Columbus April 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.

Thank you for reading!

