### Highland Council 1580

# Knight Times



#### Grand Knight: Ken Krausz

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**Financial Secretary: Dan McCloud** 

**Chancellor: Blake Kohlbrecher** 

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Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

#### Upcoming Events

Fourth Degree Golf Tourney August 12

Council Meeting 7 pm Second Tuesday of the Month

Polka Dance July 16

Bingo Every Wednesday

### Contact Us!

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### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: JULY 2023**

Dear Brother Knights:

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through the year, and Summer is here. Although June was a quiet month, July going forward will be busy. Before I go into what is happening in the month of July, I wish to congratulate those Brother Knights who will be our Council Officers for the 2023-24 business year. They all have come off serving this past year, and will continue to do so for this coming year. Their efforts for the past year are appreciated, and looking forward to working with them for another year. Our goal for this coming year is to grow the Council plus come up with new ideas to make the Council better.

Our Financial Secretary, Dan McCloud, gave me a report recently that listed the members who are between the ages 55 to 65. There are 214 names on this list. I saw several names that are already actively participating in Council

activities. Hopefully we can entice wishing to join the Knights more members to devote some of of Columbus, this would be their time to participate in Coun- a good way to start the fiscal cil activities. This can be simply year. This would be an espeattending a meeting periodically. cially good time to enroll your More importantly though, if you sons into the Council before have ideas of what you would like they head off to school or wherto see the Council do, we would ever. Just contact me. They like to hear them. We may not be able to implement every idea immediately, but it is not to say that down the road we can put those ideas into action. We are getting a few younger members, so we want to hear from you as well. We gray-beards do not know what is important to you since it has been many years that we were in your shoes. To be honest, there was no such thing as cell phone, etc. when we were your age, so times have changed. Help us out!

I mentioned that July will be a busy month. We will have an Exemplification on July 9th at St. Paul Church after the 10:30 AM Mass. If you know of anybody

can also enroll online at kofc. org, promo code ITIMMER-MANN. We have another dance coming up on July 16th. Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys from Illinois will be performing. Our dance on June 11th was well attended. The Rendition Band performed. They not only played Polkas, but also had a good mix of Country/ Western and 50's-60's music. Multiple requests were made by the audience, and they met most of those requests. It is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, especially on a hot summer day.

Finally, at the end of July, the Madison County Fair will be held. The dates of the fair are July 25th to 30th. The Knights will have their food stand again, so your help is needed. The Intellectual Disability Day is July 26th. We always have a good turn-out for this event, and we want our guests for the day to have a good time. If you can work a shift or two, please contact the KC Hall. I will have signup sheets at the next meeting. Your help is much appreciated.

July 4th is our nation's birthday celebration. Please keep in mind that we are fortunate to be living in this country. It may not be perfect, but considering what other countries are dealing with, we are indeed blessed.

Vivat Jesus! Ken Krausz



DANCE, DANCE: Young dancers Daultyn Gudgle (left), Natalie DeAngelo (center right), and Kourtnie Gudgle (right) took to the dance floor with their grandmother, Waltravd Bassett (center left) on June 11 at the Polka Dance at the KC Hall.

Photo by Kim White

# 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. Paul Parish. He is one of the newer members of our Council having transferred from the Alton council. Although his mobility is limited. he still manages to work Bingo on a monthly basis. He also makes it a point to attend Mass, even though he does not have his own transportation. His newest endeavor is becoming part of the Cursillo ministry. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for June 2023, Robert Luken. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish. He has been a member of our Council for eighteen years as well as a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. He is a Hospitality Minister and is responsible for opening the church on Sunday mornings. He is also a member of the Cursillo group. His volunteer service with the Council includes working weekly Bingo, working the various Fish Fries, Chicken Dinners, and Sausage Dinners in addition to the Madison County Fair and the Kirchenfest. Lastly, he provides his service to drive a Brother Knight to Mass. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for June 2023, Pete Tucker. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

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#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight and his lady are members of St. Paul

Parish. He has been a member of our Council for twenty-four years, maintaining his membership in our Council while working overseas. He is active in many of the parish functions, including Campus Growth Team, Renovate to Educate Committee, and Fr. Pat's Patriots. His lady equally as active in St. Paul. Her activities include membership in St. Paul's That's All Council, a Eucharistic Minister, distributes communion to shut-ins, a server at morning and funeral masses. She was past president of the Ladies' Auxiliary and is a current trustee of the auxiliary. As time has allowed, they both have participated in the various Council and Auxiliary activities. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for June 2023, Jeff & Monica Toennies. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580



# COLUMBUS CLUB MARCH NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the 17th century, Jesus appeared four times to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun. In these apparitions, Jesus asked that Catholics receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays of the month, adore Our Lord in the Eucharist, and celebrate a feast in honor of the Sacred Heart. In addition to these requests, Jesus revealed Twelve Promises for those who honor His Sacred Heart.

1. "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

2. I will establish peace in their homes.

3. I will comfort them in all their afficitions.

4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.

- 5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- 6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.

8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.

10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who shall promote this de-

votion shall have their names written in my Heart.

12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment." from The Devotion to the Sacred Heart, by Fr. Jean Croiset, the spiritual director to St. Margaret Mary. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Improvements to the hall have been successfully completed, including a refrigerator under the back bar and installation of a TV above the lounge entry door to advertise for events.

The cameras have been installed in the blind spots around the building.

The Columbus Club voted to lower the hall rental fee for members from \$3,000 to \$2,500 for the year 2024. The price remains the same for non-members at \$3,500.

The outside events are going well. Improvements are continuing to be made on our website.



### **KC Sunday Polka Dances**

Date:	Music By:
July 16th	Eddie Korosa Jr. & the Boys from Illinois
August 20th	The Rendition Band
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!

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



# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Have you ever come home from shopping and tried to carry all your parcels and bags into the house in one trip? I've been there and done that especially when I had an unattached garage and I was trying to not make more than one trip from the garage to the house in the rain or when it was really cold. It's difficult to jostle through the doorway when everything you are carrying is wider than the opening. You bump, you yank, you turn sideways, sometimes having to set something down in order to make your way in.

Maybe that can be compared to the narrow gate that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 7. Jesus meant that the way to eternal life is narrow. Sometimes we have to let go of some heavy, awkward baggage in order to get through the gate. The doorway is not wide enough for us to enter if we are laden with the baggage of pride, ego, self-centeredness, self-reliance, complacency, self-righteousness, apathy, selfishness, judgment, any kind of sin. We have to let go and set down this baggage. We can do that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There the Holy Spirit helps us by speaking to our consciences. The Holy Spirit helps us to see and recognize our sin and how it may be hindering us from entering the narrow gate. The Holy

Spirit will guide us but we need to listen for His whispers in our thoughts and His gentle nudges of our souls throughout the day.

God doesn't just show us the narrow gate; He actually leads us right to it and then through it if we allow Him. He made the gate narrow in order to keep out those things that hinder us from coming close to Him. But in His wisdom and mercy, He also has provided the way for our entry though that gate and that is the gift of repentance and forgiveness. God wants us to enter through the narrow gate and thus enter into His life. So let's leave our bags at the gate!

Mark your calendars for a

fun night of Rock & Roll Bingo on October 20th--another fundraiser for the auxiliary so we can continue our charitable giving such as our recent donation to Stewards of Hope International to help with shipping costs of food overseas.

Congratulations to Auxiliary officers elected for the 2023-2024 year: President Patricia Noe, Vice-President Emily Rose; Treasurer Rose Clarkin, Secretary Kathy Lohman; Sgt-at-Arms Trisha Korte; Trustees Monica Toennies, Kathy Klostermann and Gina Lipski.

Due to the holiday, our next meeting is Thursday, July 6th at 7PM at the KC Hall. Happy 4th!

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

Now that Summer is here, I'm sure everyone is busy with yard work, gardening, grilling, and taking some vacation time. I hope everyone enjoys all of their activities. Here at the Knights of Columbus Hall, we are busy with activities as well.... And we could use your help.

We can use help during our Bingo on Wednesdays. We need helpers to commit to one Wednesday a month. There are various jobs available: selling tickets, selling bingo cards, collecting used bingo cards, as well as other duties.

In addition, we need concession volunteers at the Bingo nights. We are looking for people to commit to one Wednesday every other month for the concession area.

Free drinks and a light meal to all team members for their help during these Bin-

go nights.

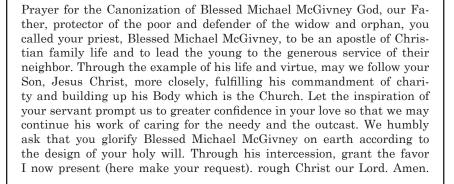
Please call the Hall or show up on a Wednesday and ask where can I help out.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not remind members to please pay your 2023 dues (if you have not already). You can mail these to the address below or drop them by the KC Hall. For those who have already paid your dues..... THANK YOU!!!

Let's be the best we can be in '23. Vivat Jesus! Dan McCloud Financial Secretary Email: Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com Address: Knights of Columbus - Highland Council 1580 PO BOX 195 Highland, IL 62249



"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be... the signal of arousing men to burst the chains... and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form, which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights *of man*... For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them." Thomas Jefferson, June 24, 1826, Monticello



### **KNIGHT EVENTS FROM JUNE 2023**



**GRAND KNIGHT KEN KRAUSZ** presents a check of \$2,000 dollars to Kirchenfest Chairmen Andy Abendroth for the 2023 Kirchenfest Strassenlauf. *Photos By Jacob Rose* 



**KNIGHT OF MONTH:** Chancellor Blake Kohlbrecher presents the July Knight of the Month award to Brother Knight Pete Tucker.



SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Warden John Kapp presents the July Senior Knight of the Month award to brother Robert Luken.



**DISTRICT DEPUTY RYAN FITZPATRICK** presents a copy of Illinois Knights of Columbus State Council's Resolution 9 to Past Grand Knight Martin Klostermann. Resolution 9 will be presented at the Knights of Columbus National Convention proclaiming formal recognition of all recipients of the Knights of Columbus Hall of Fame.

### FOURTH OF JULY

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Independence Day 247 years ago our nation's founders stood in Independence Hall and put their names on a piece of parchment, not knowing how iconic it would become. I, too, have had the privilege to stand in that same building, on the same floor boards, in awe of what I'm seeing, trying to imagine what that day looked like. And then standing in front of the Liberty Bell mere feet from one of the nation's greatest stories. I also was able to visit Valley Forge walk along the roads and see the encampment where 12,000 soldiers battled the harsh living conditions. Those men had to be tough to make it through the winter there and still be able to be ready for any battle that they would be called to march into. I remember that day like it was yesterday. It made a great impact on me and then little did I know as the years have passed since then in doing some ancestry research I have found ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War. So July 4th means a great deal to me, I don't think many people look at the day the same as I do, although I'm not looking for clues for a hidden map or secret chamber, but I do treasure what the founding fathers went through to have the courage to stand up and create a nation that would become the greatest place to live!

Enjoy the Day ! Happy Independence Day !

	Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1	
2	3 No Meetings Due to July 4th Holiday. Fourth Degree Meeting Moved to July 10th.	4 No Meetings Due to July 4th Holiday. Council, Columbus Club & Ladies Aux Meetings	5 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	6 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	7	8	
9 KC Exemplification Ceremony After 10:30 AM Mass St. Paul Church	10 7:00 PM Fourth Degree 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	Moved to July 6th. 11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	13	14	Wedding 15	
16 KC Sunday Dances Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys from Illinois 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	17	18	19 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	20	21 St. Paul School Triva Night Postponed New Date TBD	22 Private Event	
23 KC Officer Installation 1:00 PM	24 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 KCo at Medicon County Esi	26 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	27 KCo at Medican County Esiz	28	29 KCo at Medican County Esiz	
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# **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: JULY 2023**



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580
August 2023

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6	7 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	8 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	9 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	10	11	12 KC Fourth Degree Golf Scramble Timber Lakes, Staunton IL 9:00 AM Start \$400 / Four Person Team	
13	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15	16 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	17	18	19	
20 KC Sunday Dances Music By: The Rendition Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	21	22	23 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	24	25 St. Paul Kirchenfest	26 St. Paul Kirchenfest	
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St. Paul Kirchenfest	7:00 PM Boy Scouts						

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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 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 @HighlandKnightsof-ColumbusCouncil1580 at Facebook.com and give us a like and a follow! We're doing some fun things over there such as livestreams 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!

