

**Highland
Council
1580**

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Warden: John Kapp, Jr.

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Klostermann, and Joe Wetmore

Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Party
December 12th

Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner
January 23rd

Queen of Hearts
Every Thursday

Bingo
Every Wednesday

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2021

Greetings, I hope this message finds all my Brother Knights with open hearts anticipating the celebration of the birth of our Savior! Christmas is just days away and a new year to follow. May the difficulties and sadness of 2020 and 2021 be forgotten and we rejoice in starting a new year in Christ.

Great News! Our Council received a grant from the Highland Area Community Foundation to install handicap accessible doors on the entry to the KC Hall. This will facilitate many of the disabled visitors and patrons of our functions and celebrations held at our facility. I have asked Brother

Knights who have experience in construction to help evaluate the bids that we can buy the best doors for our hall. Thank you to the Highland Area Community Foundation.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 12th, cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. After dinner there will be an awards ceremony followed by country music by Cactus Jack and Mack. This will be a relaxed casual evening for everyone to relax and reconnect with friends. Please call the hall by December 5th and let us know that you are coming. We will be collecting canned goods or

donations for the Highland Food Pantry and donations for Relevant Pregnancy Center.

Our Memorial Mass was held on November 23rd, where we honored (Seventeen) Third Degree Knights, (Eight) Fourth Degree Sir Knights, and (Eight) Ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary. This ceremony was not held last year due to pandemic restrictions. It was a very solemn and respectful tribute to those who have passed.

We are planning our annual Chicken Dinner to be a Drive Thru on January 23rd. We will serve 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please volunteer to work this yearly fundraiser.

Please remember in your prayers; the unborn, those who are sick or terminally ill, those who have passed away, and our Brother Knights and their families who need our prayers. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Baby Jesus, who came into this world to save us from our sins. Let us all rejoice together as a Catholic Christian family. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be with You!

Wayne O. Henze



HALL OF FAME AWARDS: Joe Wetmore, center, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Springfield. More about the award can be found inside.

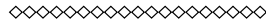
Photos By Jacob Rose

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for 48 years. He has been a leader of our church and community for a very long time. He has been president or an officer of many organizations, such as the Rotary, St. Paul Educational Foundation, Highland Area Community Foundation and many more local charitable organizations. His generous contribution of his time and efforts has made Highland the great community that it is. He has always been very supportive of the Knights of Columbus functions

and events. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for November 2021, our Brother Knight Don Johannes! Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council 1580!



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for 35 years. His support of the church and the council has been outstanding. He is a frequent Hospitality Minister at St. Paul Church for the 7:00 a.m. Mass. He has helped at many of our recent Drive-Thru Chicken and Sausage Dinners,

as well as our Drive-Thru Fish Fries. He helped make our Tootsie Roll Drive very successful this year by working at the Pierron Y intersection. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for November 2021, our Brother Knight Rick Aholt! Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council 1580!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for 21 years and a member of the Fourth Degree, which he is currently a Trustee. His family has been very support-

ive of the ballfields and concession stand operation. His Lady has homeschooled their children and been involved in their Christian education as well. Our Brother Knight is currently the President of this Council's Columbus Club. The whole family is involved in many church and Council activities together as a family, which is exemplary of a true Christian family. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for November 2021, Tony and Beth Hemann and Family! Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council 1580



WE HONOR OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights for their long steadfast support of the Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580. The Honorary Life Members are recognized for the distinction of 25 years of continuous service at the age of 70 or 50 years of continuous membership regardless of age. The Honorary Members are recognized for the distinction of continuous membership for over 25 years at the age of 65. The 25-year recognition is presented for 25 years of continuous membership.

These men will be honored during our Christmas party on December 12th.

Honorary Life Members

Vincent Eversgerd
Bruce Johnson
Dennis R. Keeven
Leonard Thole
K James Kerin

50 Years Members

Robert J. Buehne
Wayne F. Keeven
Mark G. Richter
Gerald W. Steinkoenig
Vernell "Butch" Wellen

Honorary Members

Bruce Bellm
Eugene (Mac) Clayton
John De Selm
Severin (Sonny) Emig
Gregory P. Firkus
David Korte
Curtis Malham
David E. Melosi
Gerald Rehkemper
Kevin Stallard
Herbert V. Tebbe
Randy Von Hatten

25 Years Members

Craig A. Athmer
Kevin Dewaele
Jeff D. Foehner
Brian P. Gnaedinger
James G. Haberer
Joe B. Horstmann
Michael J. Korte
David E. Melosi
Robert F. Melosi
Thomas W. Melosi
Jeffery A. Miller
Rodney L. Miller
William H. Niebrugge
Robert J. Quade
Jeremy L. Snyder
Kelly M. Verfurth
William J. Wagner
Greg S. Walter
Scott M. Wick

COLUMBUS CLUB: TONY HEMANN, PRESIDENT

Hello all,

Wanted to catch you up on these two things.

Kent Korte stepped forward and was elected to the Columbus Club Board seat being vacated by Ken Klosterman. We also had Mike Spies and Bill Trickey (re)elected to continue for additional terms.

I mentioned last month that we contacted Langhauser Sheet Metal to replace 3 of the 4 heat exchangers on the west side of the hall; this work has been completed.

We do have openings for hall rental on the upcoming schedule. I gave the prices in August but I'll list them again now, because this is how those bills get paid.

I might be biased, but I also think that we have the "best value" facility in the area.

Ball Room Rental:

Meeting Room Rental:

Saturdays: \$2500, \$2000 for members.

F-S-S: \$150, \$125 for members.

Friday or Sunday: \$1500, \$1250 for members

M-Th: \$100, \$85 for members

Monday - Thursday: Negotiable

We are also looking for someone to do cleaning of the hall after big events - the persons with whom we recently had a contract are no longer able to do this.

Also if you are a Knight and would to be a hall manager or even a day manager (8-noon, Monday - Saturday), we could use help here too.

If you or someone you know is interested, Contact Dave Gall on his cell phone (618) 973-7401.

That's all for now. Thanks, all the best and God Bless, Tony

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

This is a brief summary of some recent Advent reflections I read:

Advent-a time of waiting and watching. Why do we have to wait? Because the best things take time; they are not "instant" contrary to what our culture preaches at us. Sacred things take time. Salvation takes time because salvation is a relationship with God and a relationship takes time to develop but it is worth waiting for and working towards. Yet even in this slow process of waiting, we have also a sense of urgency. Our relationship with God defines who we are and what we do. We have all been called to be a partner in God's plan, to bring Him to others. We must not put this off but we must do this to-

day. Advent is also a time for hope to be renewed within us. That hope is directed toward Christ who lived, died and rose from the dead for us. We focus our hope on His coming in the past, present and future as we await His Second Coming in glory.

Advent is a time of joy because we are awaiting Jesus who is our joy. If we can totally surrender our lives over to God and His will for us, we can be filled with great joy. We will be reminded very soon that Jesus came to earth for us and promises to stay with us always.

As Christmas draws nearer, let us remember that we are chosen and we are loved. How we will respond to knowing this?

And when we celebrate Jesus' birth once again in a few weeks after this time of waiting and watching during Advent, let us also realize that what we have been waiting for has been with us all along. Happy Advent!

Our first 9 Pin No Tap Bowling fundraiser is behind us and was a great success! Thanks to all who supported us. Our fall basket raffle also was a huge success. Winners were Courtney Abbott, Emily Schwartz, Gina Lipski and Trisha Korte. Hope you can make the Christmas Party on December 7th and the Knights Christmas Party on December 12th. A good time for fellowship! Merry Christmas!



OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Jean Luitjohan, sister of Brother Knight Randy Luitjohan.

To the family of Jon Boulanger, son-in-law of Brother Knight Pete Korte.

To the family of Bernice Wellen, wife of deceased Brother Knight Aloysius Wellen and mother of brother knight Dale Wellen.

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

On Tuesday, November 23rd Highland Assembly 231 participated in the Knights of Columbus Council 1580 memorial mass for deceased members. An Honor Guard of 10 Sir Knights was on hand for the service which included the Chalice Ceremony – a Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree time honored tradition. Father Piotr Kosk celebrated mass following the ceremony and delivered a very appropriate homily citing the importance of Unity among the Knights of Columbus, it's members and the Church. Now more than ever, the principle of Unity is paramount for Catholics to defend their faith, their families and our Order. We continue to stand in solidarity with our priests!

I would encourage all members of Highland Council 1580 to consider joining the Fourth Degree Assembly. There is no longer a

waiting period for joining. Once a member has joined the 3rd Degree, he is immediately eligible to join the Patriotic Fourth Degree. There will be many opportunities in the months ahead which I will be posting in this newsletter and announcing at Assembly 231 meetings. We must increase our membership so we can be fortified and united as we defend the liberties of this great republic!

To be a "Sir Knight" is more than just a title. It is an honor.

Wishing all of you the comforts of Peace, Love and Joy - A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Wetmore, Faithful Navigator
(618) 803-8362

JOE WETMORE NAMED TO 2021 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL OF FAME

Sir Knight Joseph Wetmore is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580 and Highland 4th Degree Assembly 0231. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1990 and is in his 30th year of continuous service. Throughout his years of service our brother knight has exhibited a genuine commitment to making Highland Council 1580 and Highland Assembly 0231 the best they can be.

Sir Knight Joseph Wetmore served as Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and ultimately Grand Knight for Council 1580 for two consecutive terms in the fraternal years of 2014 – 2016. He then became the District Deputy for District 83 for the fraternal years of 2017 – 2021, supporting councils in Edwardsville, Collinsville, Greenville and Highland. He currently serves as Faithful Navigator for Highland Assembly 0231 and is committed to the organization's growth. He also serves as Assistant Diocesan Chairman for the Springfield Diocese. Joe is a well-known, proven leader who projects a positive image of the Knights of

Columbus both locally and statewide.

One of Joe's most significant accomplishments has been serving as chairman of the Annual Bishops Dinner Fundraiser for 10 years leading a committee that has raised over \$200K for seminarians, Newman Centers and Pro-Life Activities during that time. This event was awarded the 2020 Service Project of the Year at the State Convention.

In honor to our deceased Sir Knights, he fills the role as the Lecturer for the Chalice Ceremony. In December 2016 he was honored with the Highland Council #1580's prestigious Knight of the Year Award.

Sir Knight Joseph Wetmore has exhibited a long history of service to our organization and the Catholic Church. His church ministries have included Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister and Hospitality Minister as well as leading Living Rosary Services and Marian Prayer Programs. His induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserved and an example to all who follow him into this prestigious recognition.

COUNCIL 1580 HOSTS ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS




MEMORIAL MASS: The Memorial Mass was held on November 23 at the KC Hall, the first one held since before the Covid-19 pandemic. The memorial mass is held in honor of those who have passed that were members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of the Council, and Sir Knights of the 4th Degree Assembly. Names were individually called out, allowing family, friends, or members the opportunity to honor them by draping a veil over their empty seat, as done by our Warden, Brother Knight John Kapp Jr. in the lower right photo. Sir Knights are honored with the chalice ceremony as is tradition with the 4th degree assembly.

Photos By: Pat White



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Luke Niemeyer, FICF, FSCP (618) 973-2601 Landon Schroeder, FIC (618) 402-2815			1 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	2 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	3 Masons Set Up	4 Masons Breakfast With Santa
	5 Mass at KC Hall 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM	6 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	7 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	8 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	9 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	10
12 Mass at KC Hall 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM KC Christmas Party Cocktails 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	16 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	17 KC Blood Drive KC Hall 1 PM - 5PM	18
19 Mass at KC Hall * 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM * Dependent on Status of Church Renovation	20	21 Start of Winter	22 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	23 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	24	25 Christmas * CLOSED *
26 Mass at KC Hall * 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM * Dependent on Status of Church Renovation	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	30 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	31	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: DECEMBER 2021

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Brad Kuhl
 01 - Brian Gnaedinger
 01 - Claire Miles
 01 - Jerry Prusa
 01 - Judy Shannon
 02 - James Kampwerth
 02 - Louis Renko
 03 - Melanie Thole
 03 - Timothy McGinley
 04 - Glenn Hoyt Jr
 04 - Joseph Galeaz
 04 - Karen Accornero
 04 - Richard Tscherny
 04 - Timothy Schuette
 05 - Jane Plocher
 05 - Roger Frey
 05 - Suzie Gallatin
 06 - Terry Snyder
 07 - Angi Scott
 07 - Arthur Timmermann
 07 - Darlene Timmermann
 07 - Donna Budde
 07 - Duane Frey
 07 - Judith Zeisset
 07 - Kristen Hickey
 08 - Jacqueline Seger
 08 - Max Rudolph

09 - Eugene Huck
 09 - Gina Korte
 09 - Jennifer Douglas
 09 - Robert Schwarz
 09 - Roscoe Ammann
 10 - Donald Schmitz
 10 - Sharon Schriewer
 11 - Chad Plocher
 12 - Bernadette Voss
 12 - Steven W Gruner
 13 - Craig Wieseman
 13 - Francis Boeser
 13 - Melvin Walter
 14 - Edward Fischer
 14 - Janey Miller
 15 - Lauren Eilers
 16 - Paul Finkes Jr
 17 - Jean Weber
 17 - Nina Burcham
 18 - Chris Martz
 18 - Eugene Bruggermann
 18 - Jean Slape
 18 - Rick Kurwicki
 18 - Terry Zobrist
 19 - Edwin Haselhorst
 19 - Jan Abbott
 19 - Robert Drda
 20 - Brian Ramsey
 20 - Franklin Eilerman

20 - Jeffrey Goestenkors
 20 - Keith Koch
 21 - Kelly Verfurth
 22 - Paula Rehkemper
 23 - Derek Burns
 23 - Gaye Michael
 23 - Virgil Wilhelm
 24 - Cortney Klostermann
 24 - Denise Wellen
 24 - Joseph Reidelberger
 24 - Kerry Becker
 25 - Bambi Kurwicki
 25 - Jeffrey Gall
 25 - Marge Holshouser
 25 - Molly Barr
 26 - Daniel Grandame
 26 - Jack Landolt
 26 - Louise Hemann
 26 - Pam Higgins
 26 - Robert Hammer
 28 - Aaron Poehling
 28 - Carol Rakers
 28 - Jeffrey Dubach
 28 - Maggie Abendroth
 28 - Robert Kloss
 29 - Brent Hustedde
 29 - Roger Landmann
 30 - Connie Sanvi
 30 - Dianne Twyford

30 - Leatha Apken
 30 - Melvin Long
 30 - Nick Keeven
 30 - Thomas Zobrist
 31 - Susan Buchmiller

ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Chris & Gina Korte
 04 - Bradley & Sharon Obermark
 05 - Terry & Jennie Forbes
 06 - Russel & Dianne Kloss
 07 - Jeremy and Jessica Sickman
 09 - Louis & Jenet Renko
 11 - Roger & Kathy Frey
 16 - Chris & Angie Wernle
 16 - Harold & Patricia Klaus
 17 - Daniel & Jyl Wallace
 19 - David & Suzanne

Butler
 21 - Timothy & Joyce Jacober
 26 - Bret & Sheila Gruender
 26 - Eugene & Jane Plocher
 26 - Gary & Karen Feldmann
 26 - James & Suzie Gallatin
 26 - Leo & Carol Landmann
 27 - Andrew & Laura Jansen
 27 - Edward & Troby Gagen
 27 - Paul & Linda Dunker
 30 - Robert & Jennifer Douglas
 31 - Joseph & Pat Galeaz



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day * CLOSED * HAPPY NEW YEAR
2	3 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	4 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	5 Special Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	6 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	7	8 Private Event
9 Drive Thru Boy Scout Breakfast 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	13 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	14	15 Private Event
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr.	18	19 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	20 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	21	22 St. Paul Dinner Auction Doors Open 5 PM Dinner Begins 6 PM
23 Drive Thru KC Chicken Dinner 11 AM - 2 PM	24 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25	26 Bingo Doors Open 5 PM Games Start 7 PM Euchre 7 PM	27 Queen of Hearts Doors Open 5 PM Drawing 8 PM	28 Relevant Trivia Night Doors Open 6:30 PM Games Begin 7:00 PM	29
30	31 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	Notes:			 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Luke Niemeyer, FICF, FSCP (618) 973-2601 Landon Schroeder, FIC (618) 402-2815	

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FROM THE EDITORS

Jacob and I wanted to wish you and your families the happiest of Christmases and a Happy New Year!

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 @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 the Queen of Hearts results, 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 KnightsofColumbus

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 always reading and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

