

**Highland
Council
1580**

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Trustees: Kim White, Jerry
Klostermann, and Wayne Henze
Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Lenten Fish Fry
February 22, every Friday

English Country Dance
March 12

Josef Polach and the St. Louis Express
March 17

Bingo
Every Wednesday

Contact Us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

January is drawing to a close, and it has been a busy month. The Waterloo German Band entertained a crowd of over one hundred attendees on January 15th. From the smiles on the faces of those in attendance, all had a good time including the band. I was asked by a number of people if and when we were having another dance. The answer is yes! Three more bands have been scheduled for the months ahead. Josef Polach and the St. Louis Express will be here on March 17th. Butch's Polka Kings are scheduled for April 16th, and October 15th. Eddie Korosa Jr. and The Boys from

Illinois are set for July 16th. Further out for our Christmas Party, the Waterloo German Band will be here on December 17th. Stay tuned for more information on these events, and possible additions.

On March 12th we will have an English Country Dance. This event will be a great way to spend the afternoon with the family. Music will be provided by MR-Squared along with step by step dance instructions covering a number of dances. Information on this event will be forthcoming.

We also had a successful Chicken Dinner on January 22nd. A big THANK YOU to all of the Brother Knights and ladies who helped with

this event, both on Saturday helping to prep the chicken, then on Sunday with the dinner itself. This would not have been successful without your help. A special shout out to our Highland Police Chief, Carole Presson who helped on the serving line. This is truly a community event as there is nothing as good as Knights of Columbus fried chicken!

The Lenten season will be fast upon us in February. Once again, we will have our annual Fish Fries starting with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and continuing on all Fridays to Good Friday. We ask you to volunteer with these Fish Fries as your time permits.

Finally, 40 Days for Life begins on February 22nd. We will again volunteer to hold a vigil at the Granite City Planned Parenthood facility. The Highland Knights of Columbus scheduled day is March 16th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Lowell Wellen will be the chairperson of this event. Given the current situation in Illinois, it is important that our voices be heard.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK DONATION: Grand Knight Ken Krausz (left) presents Fr. Pat Jakel (right) a donation to benefit the St. Paul _____ at the Catholic Schools Week Mass on January _____

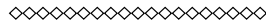
Photo by Jacob Rose

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul parish as well as an Extraordinary Minister. He has been a Brother Knight for over 18 years, and is also a member of the 4th Degree Assembly. He is a regular volunteer at our fish fries, chicken dinners, the Highland Fair, and numerous other events. He best known for distributing silver dollars to unsuspecting children at our events. It is with great appreciation that

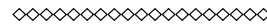
we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for January 2023, Paul Finkes. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Elizabeth parish, and a recent transfer to our Council. He has been a Brother Knight for over 46 years. Since joining our Council, he has volunteered his time working Bingo, and we

look forward to his participation in other Council activities. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for January 2023, Myron Potthast. 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 the Sexton on the St. Paul Cemetery Board. Through his

efforts the St. Paul Cemetery is well kept throughout the year. He has been a Brother Knight for over 17 years. He is a regular volunteer at Council fish fries and chicken fries as well as one of the mainstays of the chicken frying crew that provides fried chicken for catered events. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for January 2023, Russell and Diane Kloss. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



COLUMBUS CLUB JANUARY NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello All,

Prices are increasing across the board. We need to keep up with the reality that costs are increasing for all products and services. We made a few changes on some of our products and services too for the new year. The cost of beer at this hall was \$2.75, we increased it to \$3.00. We are also offering six for \$15.00. Not huge increases, although even small increases help to offset the costs for hall improvements and upkeep.

The hall rental fee for 2023 is \$3,000, this will increase to \$3,500 in 2024.

Hall rentals and other activ-

ities during 2022 were sufficient for keeping up with hall improvements needed last year and paying for expenses throughout the year.

We are looking at a few improvements to the playground and ballfields in the future. We'll discuss this further when the weather is warmer.

Thanks,
Bill Trickey

KC Lenten Fish Dinner Menu

Dinners	Price
Fried Fish Dinner, 3 pieces, 2 sides	\$13.00
Baked Fish Dinner, 3 pieces, 2 sides	\$13.00
Fried Shrimp Dinner, 8 pieces, 2 sides	\$13.00
Chicken Strip Dinner, 8 pieces, 2 sides	\$13.00

Plates / Sandwiches	Price
Fried Fish Plate, 1 piece, 1 side	\$7.00
Baked Fish Plate, 1 piece, 1 side	\$7.00
Fried Shrimp Plate, 4 pieces, 1 side	\$7.00
Chicken Strip Plate, 4 pieces, 1 side	\$7.00

Available Sides			
French Fries	Cole Slaw	Macaroni Salad	Apple Sauce
Hush Puppies, Bread, Iced Tea, & Coffee Included With All Meals			

FAST SERVICE 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, then Every Friday Thru Good Friday, April 7th

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Community—have you ever thought about what it means to live in community? Do you think of yourselves as living in communities? We all do whether we realize it or not. We are born into our family community; develop communities of friends when we go off to school; have communities of co-workers at our places of employment; form our own family community through relationships, marriage and children; join communities of members in clubs; maybe have a faith community through a church; and even live in the community of our city.

These communities serve a unique purpose at different times of our lives and we have a responsibility to them. Growing up, we have a responsibility to help our families through doing our share of chores, helping with younger siblings, taking care of aging parents. In our own families, we are responsible to provide a safe

home and to provide for their needs. At work, we are responsible for the work assigned and to help create a good working environment. Friends may rely on us for advice, help and social interaction. As members of clubs, we should be involved in the good they are trying to accomplish through active participation in their activities. As part of a faith community, we are responsible to spread Christ's love through Christian action to others.

We are all made to be in community. We were not created to be loners. We all need human contact of some sort. In community, we do God's work together. We minister to each other, we support, we pray, we listen, we challenge. We bring God's word to others through our words and actions and love. It takes effort on our part to be part of a community. Sometimes it's much easier to curl into ourselves and retreat from the world. But if we reach

outside of ourselves and seek God's help, He can bring us to communities where we can feel we belong and where we can contribute.

We also need to ask ourselves what Christian influence are we bringing to these communities? Are we making Christ present in them by reflecting the self-giving, the joy and the spirit of Christ? This type of community is a living witness that speaks of Christ in love and generosity of Spirit. Start with your families and the communities you are already in and discern what you can do to affect a Christian change in those environments. Christ is counting on you!

Since our January meeting was canceled, there should be lots to discuss at the meeting on February 7th. Hope to see you there! We need you!

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

This month I would like to begin this article by extending our prayers and condolences to the family of Sir Knight Craig Athmer. A chalice ceremony was conducted in his honor on Monday, January 16th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace. Thank you to all who attended and to Jim Hickman for his role in the ceremony.

Over the past several months I have been receiving many inquiries regarding how to purchase the new uniform and regalia. I will try and quickly summarize as follows:

1. Begin by visiting the site www.kofcuniform.com
2. Choose your country United States
3. Click on the tab Create an Account – Input information.
4. Click on Uniform Packages
5. Do you know your measurements? Hopefully Yes, if not obtain size information regarding Sport Coat, Trousers and Head Circumference

in inches.

6. Choose Yes and follow the remaining prompts if sizes are known clicking on Next after each article of the uniform.

7. The specific uniform items needed are the Blazer, Trousers, Beret and Tie. Total price without shipping is \$449.00.

8. When finished and new uniform is received, obtain copy of receipt and present to Assembly 231 for \$200.00 stipend while funds are available.

9. Accessories from the site would include white gloves.

10. White dress shirt and black dress shoes can be obtained on your own.

11. In regard to service baldrics and swords – Please check with the Assembly 231 to see if any are available. These items are donated back periodically from families of deceased Sir Knights.

12. Any questions please do not hesitate to call me at number below.

Assembly 231 needs additional members to participate

in the honor guard. Our honor guard participates in many events such as masses for Confirmation, wake services, chalice ceremonies and funerals for deceased Sir Knights, parades, and other fraternal and community activities. If you are interested in joining the honor guard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below. As an added incentive, please note that funds are available to assist all who are wishing to purchase the new uniform regalia. Please consider joining today!

The date of our next meeting is February 6th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see many Sir Knights there!

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

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Patricia Braundmeier, mother of Brother Knight Paul Braundmeier.

To the family of Brother Knight Alvin Daiber.

To the family of Roman Korte, cousin of Brother Knights Phil, Martin, Jerry, Jim, and Ken Klostermann.

To the family of Judy Keeven, wife of Sir Brother Knight Steve Durbin and mother of brother knight Dominic Durbin.

To the family of Paul Luitjohan, father of Brother Knight Randy Luitjohan.

To the family of Kristen Reed, daughter of deceased Brother Knight Bill Gleason.



NOTES FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, DAN MCCLOUD

Greetings, Brother Knights!

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Dan McCloud, the new Financial Secretary of the Highland Council 1580. I call myself a Highlander. While I wasn't born and raised here, like many of you, I made the choice to live in Highland to raise my children and become a part of this community. I don't regret it.

I have lived in Highland since 2000. I reside here with my wife, Kim, which I have been happily married to for over 36 years. I have two boys, Alex (30) and Austin (28). Alex is married to a Highland girl, Lauren Royer. They have two kids. In fact, Lauren is a kindergarten teacher at St. Paul. My

other son, Austin, resides outside of Kansas City.

I am a computer business analyst for a food manufacturing company. It's my job to keep the software that runs various plant operations functioning. I've been working in the food manufacturing business for over 30 years.

I am a founding member of the Knights of Columbus council in Okawville, Illinois. I helped get the club formed, then I moved away to Highland. I kept my membership at Okawville for quite a while and then I finally decided to transfer my membership to Highland. Recently, I been one of those members who just shows up and works the assignments given --- you know, bin-

go concessions, fish fries, chicken dinners, sausage dinners, the fair concession stand, etc. --- then, silently leave. Recently, GK Ken Krausz, asked if I would be willing to take the Financial Secretary position. I thought about it for a few days, I called Martin Klostermann and asked him about the position, I pondered about it, then I thought, it's time I step up, next person up, as the say in sports. So, I accepted the position. I know I have big shoes to fill, after all, Martin has held the position for 10 years. I hope I can fulfill the duties of the position to the satisfaction of all of my fellow brother knights.

I wish to thank all those members who regularly volunteer at the council

events. It is motivating to me to see everyone working to serve our community and faith. I will try to do my part in helping this council to succeed.

Let's be the best we can be in '23.

God Bless.

Dan McCloud
Financial Secretary –
Highland Council 1580
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Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	2	3	4 KC Free Throw Contest Doors Open 9:30 AM Contest Begins 10:00 AM Private Event
5	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 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Private Event
12 Private Event	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	16	17 Private Event	18 Southern Illinois Sr. Softball Mouse Races Doors Open 6:00 PM Dinner Served 6:30 PM Mouse Races 7:15 PM
19	20	21 Fat Tuesday Special Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	22 Ash Wednesday KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM No Wednesday Bingo	23	24 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	25 Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
26 KC Spelling Bee Registration Opens 12:00 PM Competition Starts 2:00 PM	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	Notes:	 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991		

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY 2023

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Carl Lammers
 01 - Cyril Korte
 01 - Kathy Keeven
 01 - Thomas Henrichs
 02 - Lynn Koch
 02 - Marvin Holtgrave
 03 - Debbie Vance
 05 - Gary Todt
 05 - Linda Bollman
 05 - Maurice Gutzler
 06 - Dennis Tabor
 06 - Nicholas Korte
 06 - Mary Jane Landman
 07 - Austin Meyer
 07 - Jonathan Elliott
 07 - Rodney Miller
 08 - Jeanette Long
 08 - Therese Korte
 08 - Tina Winter
 09 - Blake Kohlbrecher
 09 - Stephen Linenfesler
 10 - Gail Ohren
 10 - Lori Gutzler

10 - Robert Spengel
 11 - Bobbie Genteman
 12 - Brant Frey
 12 - Jeanette Zorbrist
 12 - John Timmermann
 13 - Bonnie Hill
 13 - Susanne Campbell
 14 - Eric Welz
 14 - Michelle Spengler
 14 - Sharon Warhover
 15 - Brad Korte
 15 - Steven Rezabek
 16 - Debra Knebel
 16 - Gail Voss
 16 - James Klostermann
 16 - Lori Hacke
 16 - Marcus Whelchel
 16 - Thomas Kloss
 17 - Phillip Gilomen
 19 - Carol Richter
 19 - Karen Melosi
 19 - Trent Vosholler
 20 - Becky Ribbing

20 - Elaine Thurnau
 20 - Janice Ann Vogt
 20 - Jeremy Eilers
 20 - Linda Heimsath
 20 - Rose Keppler
 21 - Christopher Marti
 21 - Jene' Frey
 21 - Joan Wilke
 21 - Mary Kapp
 21 - Theresa Tucker
 22 - Larry Buchheim
 23 - Angie Wernle
 23 - James Voss
 23 - Kathleen Lohman
 23 - Peggy Elliott
 24 - Anna Voegle
 24 - Kayla Linenfesler
 24 - Larry Widman
 24 - Thomas Hill
 25 - Erica Durbin
 25 - James Gallatin
 25 - Kevin Stallard
 26 - Garry Werner
 28 - Amy Gilomen
 29 - Larry Essenspreis
 29 - Mark Eilers

ANNIVERSARIES

02 - Jeffrey & Carla Dubach
 03 - Jerome & Karen Kuhl
 04 - Keith and Norine Koch
 05 - Michael & Barbara Kuhl
 07 - Timothy & Kim Vincent
 12 - Philip & Sharon Klostermann

14 - Joseph & Jean Jacober
 15 - Mark & Gail Holthaus
 16 - Stephen & Linda Heimsath
 17 - Frank & Mary Jo Prusa
 18 - Robert & Margo Buehne
 20 - Paul & Sharon Warhover
 27 - Kevin & Susan Buchmiller

**Highland Knights of Columbus
Sunday Polka Dances**

Date:	Music By:
March 19th	Josef Polach & The St. Louis Express
April 16th	Butch's Polka Kings
June 11th	The Rendition Band
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!

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Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 March 2023



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 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991			1 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	2	3 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM KC Blood Drive 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	4 Heartland Community Chorus Fundraiser Kissin' The Blarney Stone Doors Open 5:30 PM
5 Private Event	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 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	9	10 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	11 Private Event
12 KC Sunday Dances English Country Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	16 Highland KC Council 1580 Vigil at Granite City Clinic for 40 Days For Life	17 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	18 Private Event
19 KC Sunday Dances Josef Polach & The St. Louis Express 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	20	21	22 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	23 Relevant Pregnancy Options Center Banquet Doors Open 6:00 PM Program Begins 6:30 PM	24 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	25 Private Event
26	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	30	31 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Notes:

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FROM THE EDITORS

Lent is fast approaching! Let us remember during the solemn months of Lent the many ways we can not just help ourselves, but help others. Volunteering with the Knights or Ladies Auxiliary is the perfect opportunity to become our best selves through our Lenten journeys. There are plenty of upcoming opportunities and we all would love to see you there!

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 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 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 information. Please check it out at www.highlandkc.org.

Thank you for reading!

