

Highland
Council
1580

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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

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Polka Dance
June 11

Bingo
Every Wednesday

Contact Us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MAY 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

Last month I mentioned that the Lenten Fish Fry had concluded. However, I did not have the final financial results. Those results are now in and we set records for gross sales and net profit. The total sales were \$36,950 and the net profit was \$10,767. Hats off to not only those who worked at the Fish Fries, but also to those who attended our events. The profit is used to support fraternal giving, so rest assured that it will be used wisely.

Although May is not filled with many events, that is not to say that it is a slow month. Graduations take place with graduates moving on to either their first job, or on to higher

education. May also is when we honor our mothers, whether they are still living or are deceased. I cannot think of any one person who sacrifices more than a mother for her children.

The trustees will be drawing up a slate of officers for the new year which begins on July 1. Anyone interested in running for an officer position should contact either Wayne Henze, Kim White, or Jerry Klostermann.

Finally, we are working with Burien Technology Solutions (BTS) to develop a website for the Council, Columbus Club and the Ladies Auxiliary. Technology is so important in today's world. With a vibrant website we will be able to keep

membership current with various events. More importantly we hope to make the hall more visible to the community for hosting events, especially weddings. There is no doubt that wedding receptions are and should be our "bread and butter." However, we need to showcase our hall. One comment that I have heard repeatedly from people attending our dances and bands as well, is how nice of a hall we have. Therefore, we need to capitalize on this.

Also, if you have not paid your dues for 2023, please do so.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



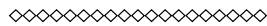
STATE CONVENTION: From left to right: District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick, Assistant Diocesan Chairman Joe Wetmore, Deputy Grand Knight Jacob W. Rose, and Grand Knight Ken Krausz at the 125th convention.

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is an honorary member of our Council with thirty-eight years of service. He has volunteered to work at our fish fries and chicken dinners. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for April 2023, Terry Snyder. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

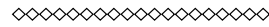


KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a mem-

ber of Immaculate Conception Parish. He has been a member of our Council for nineteen years and is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. As an active member of our Council, he has worked at numerous events, including fish fries, sausage dinners, and a member of our chicken frying crew. He has been a past trustee of the Columbus Club, and has been a volunteer at Columbus Club activities. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for April 2023, Ned Kampwerth. Con-

gratulations 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 been a member of our Council for six years, and also is a 4th Degree member of Assembly # 231. He is a member of the Columbus Club, currently serving on the Board. He and his lady have volunteered to work at various Council events, most recently the Friday Lenten Fish Fry.

He and his lady are also deeply involved with the local Boy Scout Council. In fact, their son, Logan, is completing his Eagle Scout project on the KC softball fields. This project includes a new batting cage, and improvements to the dugouts. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for April 2023, Derek and Jessica Driemeyer, and Sons, Logan and Brady. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



COLUMBUS CLUB MARCH NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

He is Risen! Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence He will come again (cf. Acts 1:11). Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him forever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (CCC, 665-667)

We previously mentioned having some blind spots on the outside of the building that needed to be addressed. The Council voted and approved the adding of new

cameras for safety reasons, this will happen soon.

The outside events are in full swing. Thursday and Friday men's softball league started. Youth baseball season also started. The concrete has been poured for the batting cage. Thank you to all of the many volunteers who helped with this project, and especially to Dereck and Logan Driemeyer for managing the project. It's nice to see the youth, Logan in particular, ready to give back to his community.

The work continues on our website improvements.

Thanks,
Bill Trickey

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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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Pentecost is just a couple weeks away...it is the birthday of the Catholic Church and it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers and is the beginning of their earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. The Holy Spirit literally comes down in the form of a tongue of fire and settles on each of those gathered and God breathes His spirit into them and sends them out to proclaim the gospel. And as we know, they evangelized and spread the good news throughout the world, hence the birthing of the Catholic Church.

Some swimmers (not me!)

are able to hold their breath for long periods of time under water and may come up out of the water gasping for air, desperately needing oxygen. However, we also require a different kind of oxygen, that of the breath of the Holy Spirit. Like oxygen in the air is essential for our survival, the breath of God is fundamental to our existence as well.

We have all received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Maybe though you don't always experience His presence even though He lives in us. You might be struggling with disillusionment or disappointment in

your life. You may be feeling as if you are running out of oxygen or air. If this is happening in your life, remember and focus on the fact that the Holy Spirit has not left you, but is always with you, ready to revive and refresh you as often as you need it, over and over again. Don't wait until you are completely depleted. Every moment of every day you can ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill you with life-giving power and grace.

Take a deep breath in and imagine the Holy Spirit filling you in the same way air fills your lungs. Keep breathing Him in throughout the day,

asking Him to fill you up. Just as we cannot physically survive without oxygen, we also cannot survive without the breath of God. Breathe in!

The auxiliary recently made a donation for vocations, pro-life and the college Newman Centers at the Knights' annual Bishop's dinner. Your support of our fundraisers make donations like this possible. Please come out to our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the KC Hall. We need new members, new ideas for fundraisers and activities and we welcome all!

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

On the weekend of April 21st - 23rd, the Knights of Columbus 125th State Convention was held in Springfield. Many presentations were made, and many awards of recognition were presented to deserving and hard-working individuals and councils throughout the state. The convention culminated with the election of state officers as follows: Jeff Peters, State Deputy Elect, Lloyd Reinensmeier, State Secretary Elect, Mike Blackburn, State Treasurer Elect, Jim Jatcko (Edwardsville #1143), State Advocate Elect, and Ken Martinek, State Warden Elect. A special highlight of the convention is the mass of remembrance for all deceased members over the past fraternal year. Celebrating mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich. A very impressive honor guard of 40 Sir Knights was on hand to assist in the mass as well. Overall, it was a wonderful weekend of events!

One week prior to the convention, consecutive exemplifications were held at St. Joseph's Church in Benld, IL. There were three new members participating in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and 20 members who participated and advanced to the Fourth Degree of Patriotism. Two of these members joined our Assembly 231 namely, Dale Hastings and Lee Bertagnoli.

Many thanks to all who participated in the 35th Annual Bishop's Dinner Fundraiser for Vocations, Newman and Respect Life Activities and making it another very successful event. Special thanks to all honor guard members who participated in the mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Thomas John Paprocki.

A quick note: At our June 5th Assembly

231 general meeting we will be electing officers for the 2023 - 2024 fraternal year. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend this annual election. A current list of candidates and respective officer positions is as follows: Faithful Navigator - John Genteman, Faithful Captain - Joe Whalen, Faithful Pilot / open,

Faithful Admiral - Joe Wetmore, Faithful Comptroller - Dave Gall, Faithful Purser - Derek Burns, Faithful Scribe - Lowell Wellen, Faithful Inner Sentinel - Brian Comish, Faithful Outer Sentinel - Terry Forbes, Three Year Trustee Ed Campbell. There is a current need for a candidate for Faithful Pilot for the upcoming fraternal year. If you are interested in becoming more involved with your Assembly, please do not hesitate to contact your Assembly 231 leadership.

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 May 1st 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

NOTES FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY DAN MCCLOUD

Greetings, Brother Knights!

As the Spring season is flying by, I hope all is well with you.

We recently had our Knights membership recruitment weekend and we hope to welcome the new members at our Exemplification ceremony on May 7th.

By the way, I recently sent out some emails to fellow Knights who have earned their 'Honorary Membership' or 'Honorary Life Membership' cards. Please attend one of our meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm) to receive your card. Otherwise, please contact me and we can work out a way to get that card to you.

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!!!

As I get used to my new duties as Financial Secretary, I am always amazed at the amount of projects and tasks that it takes for our council to be as successful as we are. Often, I see the same members at the various projects we host. I enjoy the camaraderie that we all have while serving our council and our faith. If you have not been around for a while, please stop by at one of our meetings or a project to say 'Hi'. We enjoy seeing old friends.

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

God Bless.

Dan McCloud

Financial Secretary

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KNIGHTS ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE



STATE ADVOCATE: Jim Jatcko gives his acceptance speech upon his election as State Advocate for the State of Illinois at the 125th Illinois State Convention.

Photos By Jacob Rose



MADRIGAL SINGERS: The 125th Illinois State Convention meets to pass the annual resolutions, elections of state officers, elections of state delegates to national convention and state alternates to national convention.



CLOSING REMARKS: Supreme Treasurer Ronald Schwarz gives the closing remarks of the 125th State Convention.



OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Joyce Zerban, sister of Brother Knights, Jerry, and John Genteman.



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	2 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	3 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	4	5	6 Private Event
7 KC Exemplification Ceremony After 10:30 AM Mass St. Paul Church	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 Private Event
14	15	16	17 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	18	19	20 Private Event
21	22 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23 7:00 PM Fraternal Benefits Online Presentation	24 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30	31 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	Notes:	 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: MAY 2023

BIRTHDAYS

02 - Brian Comish
 02 - Joanne Snyder
 02 - Judith Richter
 04 - Angie Rinderer
 04 - Bradley Obermark
 04 - Jo Anne Marks
 05 - Debra Gruner
 05 - Dereck Driemeyer
 05 - Karen Gnaedinger
 05 - Kathleen Grapberhaus
 05 - Nancy Kerin
 06 - Apryl Marti
 06 - David Zobrist
 06 - Dorothy Kampwerth
 06 - Joseph Wetmore
 06 - Lawrence Koch
 06 - Maurice Frey
 07 - Mary Frey
 08 - Brian Zobrist
 08 - Father Piotr Kosk
 08 - Mark Shimer
 08 - Michael Widman
 08 - Thomas Bruggemann
 09 - Jean Nolte

09 - John Todt
 10 - Carla Tscherny
 12 - Alfonso Urdaneta
 12 - Robert Daiber
 13 - Eric Kukowski
 13 - Marvin Grapperhaus
 14 - Billy Luitjohan
 14 - Dennis Trickey
 14 - Jay Korte
 15 - Bernard Goebel
 15 - Jimmy Hays
 15 - Lorna Harris
 15 - Robert Bowman
 16 - Eugene Clayton
 16 - Eugene Plocher
 16 - Suzanne Butler
 17 - Gary Deuser
 17 - James Wiegand
 18 - John Keevan
 18 - Paul Warhover
 18 - Rosmarie Tschanen
 19 - David Thole
 19 - Kathy Luitjohan
 19 - Patricia Noe
 19 - Scott Troxell
 20 - Gloria Schwarz
 20 - James Meridith
 21 - Andrew Jacober
 21 - Gary Graminski

22 - Mary Gutzler
 22 - Tammy Troxell
 23 - George Marron III
 23 - Jennifer Wieseman
 24 - Louise Emig
 24 - Msgr. David Peters
 24 - Shelly Sands
 24 - Vernon Eversgerd
 25 - Chris Klostermann
 25 - Christopher Frey
 25 - Clayton Rehkemper
 25 - David Jacober
 25 - Timothy Conrad
 26 - Rev Dave Schmidt
 27 - Randy Talleur
 27 - Thomas Switzer
 27 - Tim Whitten
 28 - Andrew Jansen
 28 - Kim Milos
 28 - Shirley Bellm
 30 - Tracy Poehling
 31 - Jeff Toennies

ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Christopher & Jamie Chalfant
 02 - Brad & Janeice White
 02 - Frank & Regina Lipski
 02 - Gerald & Paula Rehkemper
 03 - Marcus & Melissa Whelchel
 03 - Steve & Becky Ribbing
 04 - Bradley & Rozann Steinkoenig
 04 - Connor & Molly Barr
 04 - Philip & Crista Decker
 05 - Dale & Susanna Rommerskirchen
 05 - James & Ronda Bugger
 06 - Denis & Mary Thole
 07 - Christopher & Mary Gutzler
 12 - John & Jenni Keeven
 13 - Jacob & Heather Gutzler
 14 - Robert & Mitzi Plocher
 15 - Mark & Laurie Shimer

16 - Alan & Kim Winkeler
 17 - Jeff & Donna Goestenkors
 17 - Roland & Lorna Harris
 18 - John and Barbara Barr
 19 - William & Monette Augustin
 20 - Michael & Pamela Hartwig
 20 - Michael & Rita Tebbe
 21 - Frank & Susan Zuccarelli
 21 - Jeff & Brenda Jacober
 23 - Frank & Jo Ann Eilermann
 23 - Ronald & Rose Clarkin
 25 - Larry & Kay Keilbach
 25 - Robert & Susan Bowman
 26 - Deacon David & Carla Bohnenstiehl
 27 - Alan & Debra Drury
 27 - Jay & Renae Korte
 30 - Max & Marilyn Rudolph
 31 - Steven & Debra Gruner



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 June 2023



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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 news-

letter, 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 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!

