

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



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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: MARCH 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

February is coming to a close, and we have been experiencing a taste of Spring. However, we still have March ahead of us, so let us still count the days to Spring. One thing for sure is the Lenten Season has started, and so have the Knights of Columbus fish fries. Thank you to all who work this event, and especially to all who support us. We have gone back to hosting the fish fry as dine-in or carry-out. Just one more step towards normalcy. Volunteer workers are always welcome. Just contact me or the Council hall if you can work.

March is full of activities, be-

tween Bingo, Fish Fries, and two dances. One of the most important events though is the Council's vigil at the Granite City Planned Parenthood facility. Sometimes we may not see the visible results of spending a few hours at this site, but our presence does make a difference. If you can devote an hour or two to pray for the rescue of the unborn, please contact Lowell Wellen.

In a related subject, the campaign for funding for an ultrasound machine is in full motion. So far, the results of contributions coming in is awesome. If you have not contributed yet, but wish to do so, your contribution will gladly be accepted. Congratulations

to Deputy Grand Knight Jacob Rose for spearheading this effort.

February has been an extremely sad month as members of our Council, or their relatives have passed away. As a Council we conduct a brief prayer service at the wake when requested by the family. Although this service may be brief, seeing the eyes of those who have lost a loved one, reinforces our belief that this service is meaningful to those grieving. This is especially true in those situations when there are very few surviving family members, or the family was a small family. It is important that we be there to support them.

Finally, we are always looking for new members to join our council. If you have a family member, co-worker, neighbor who is eighteen or older, and is a practicing Catholic, we want to hear from you.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



FREE-THROW CONTEST: Students from St. Paul Catholic School and the Highland Community Unit School District Unit #5 participate in the 2023 annual Free Throw Council.

Photo by Jacob Rose

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul parish and a member of our Council for nine years. During that time he has served a term as Grand Knight. He is a member of the 4th Degree Assembly, Highland Assembly # 0231 having completed his term as Faithful Navigator last year. He is a member of the 4th Degree Honor Guard, has been the Chairman of the annual 4th Degree Golf Tournament, and in his spare time has worked Council Chicken Dinners, Fish Fries, Bingo, and numerous other events. He is also a member of the Knight Times Singers. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for February 2023, Ed Campbell. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight became a Brother Knight at the age of Eighteen, his senior year in high school. He has been a member of this Council for nine years having completed the first through third degrees. He has volunteered at the chicken dinners, fish fries, the Kirchenfest, and the ball diamond concession stand. He currently resides in Trenton, and will be getting married this summer. It is with great appreciation that we honor as the Knight of the Month for February 2023, Clayton Rehkemper. 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 has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 54 years. He has been a Sir Knight

for many years as a member of the 4th Degree Assembly, Highland Assembly 0231.

He is a past president of the Columbus Club, served as Inside Guard, Outside Guard and Advocate on the Council Board, participated in our Corporate Communion and Funeral Home visits.

He and his wife have been involved with the Chapel Adoration at the Hospital since its inception for 30 plus years.

This Brother Knight has worked on every Kirchenfest over the years and has run in almost every Stassenlauf. He has worked almost every Council event over the years, Schweizerfest food stand, Fair, ID Fund Drive, Blood Drives, ID Awareness Day, Sausage Dinner, Lenten Fish Fries and I am sure many more.

He worked the very first Bingo here at the KC hall and for many years afterwards.

He played softball for our softball league.

ball league.

His Lady served as church secretary for 28 years and came back to help when needed for another 2 years. He and his wife are also involved with various ministries at St. Paul Church.

They are members of the Cursillo movement and attended their Cursillo weekends in 2011 and continue to attend Fourth Day Groupings.

Recently, when we needed someone to take of the gifts at the 4 pm Saturday Mass they graciously "Said Yes". The following day, February 5, 2023, just happened to be their anniversary. They have been married 57 years. Happy Anniversary!

It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for February 2023, Mike and Barb Kuhl. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



COLUMBUS CLUB FEBRUARY NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

We are in Lent, which recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are three things we need to work on during this time. As we abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent, it is a great time to take advantage of our Friday Fish Fry dinners at the KC Hall.

Beer prices were increased, which has been good overall, in keeping up with the cost of goods, and providing us with a little more money for hall improvements.

The hall has been busy with rentals, revenue has been

good so far this year.

We are looking forward to extra funds this Spring with the ball teams using the fields. We should be having a few tournaments this year. There are some youth teams that will be using our fields and it will be used by the men's league too.

We should be getting the scoreboards up soon and hopefully the weather is favorable so we can get the fields tiled for better drainage, which should result in less cancellations because of wet fields.

We are working on website improvements, more to come on this in the near future.

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!

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



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul warns them that if they tolerate sin among their members, they risk infecting the entire community. St. Paul was addressing a community of believers but this same principle applies to each of us individually today. We can become so tolerant of sin that we begin to think "it's not really so bad", "who is it really hurting?", "everyone is doing it so why not?". When we tolerate sin, even a seemingly minor one, it can become so deep-rooted or habitual that it becomes very difficult to walk away from it. And if we

tolerate one type of sin in our life, then it becomes easier to tolerate another type of sin. We might try to justify sin by telling ourselves that everyone's doing it so what's the big deal, or that we've tried to kick it but are too weak and so not successful so why keep trying? But then we open ourselves to even more temptation and sin

So what are we supposed to do? St. Paul tells us that Jesus defeated sin and death through his sacrifice on the cross for us. Jesus wants us to live in freedom and so He forgives us every time we come to Him and even if we

keep on confessing the same sins over and over again. Jesus also gives us the grace we need to overcome the sins in our lives. The key is for us to keep asking for this grace.

We all know how difficult it is to break away from bad habits, from sin. It may take a very long time in some instances. But we are called not to give up because Jesus never gives up on us. He knows the challenges we face and His love will strengthen us on our path toward heaven. He has deep pockets, overflowing with mercy and compassion helping us to choose Him day after day

How are your Lenten plans going? There's a few more weeks left; it's never too late to enrich our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and alms giving. There are many opportunities available. Make these last few weeks until Easter your best!

The auxiliary recently supported the Knights Bowl for Charity and the Mater Dei Dinner Auction, We are selling quilt raffle tickets at the weekly Knights fish fries with the drawing on Good Friday, and we welcomed new member, Colleen McDermott! Our next meeting is March 7th at 7PM at the KC Hall.

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



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 Dine-in and Carry Out Available Cash and Credit / Debit Cards Accepted	
Highland Knights of Columbus 12454 IL Route 143, Highland, IL 62249 618-654-9049	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER PAT JAKEL, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN




CELEBRATION: Father Pat Jakel celebrates his birthday on March 17th at the KC Hall with family during the weekly fish fry.

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Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 March 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 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
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:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: MARCH 2023

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
 04 - Mark Stephens
 05 - Paul West
 06 - Connie Ruffini
 06 - Gary Gacevich
 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 - Mary 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 - 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 Haufler
 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 Lenger-mann
 28 - Therese Dickman
 28 - Troby Gagen
 29 - Danny Mc Cloud
 29 - Scott Wick
 29 - Timothy Singler
 30 - Rosemary Rieke
 31 - Geri Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

March 2023
 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 Council 1580 April 2023



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23	24 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25	26 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	27	28	29
30 Bishop's Dinner 12:00 PM at KC Hall After 10:30 AM Mass at St. Paul Church Highland	Notes:				 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	

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FROM THE EDITORS

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 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!

