

Highland Council 1580

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Advocate: Terry Marks

Warden: John Kapp, Jr.

Trustees: Kim White, Ken Krausz, and
Wayne Henze

Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo Every Wednesday

April 16, 17
KC Ladies Aux Indoor Yard Sale

April 18
EVUCC Dinner Auction

April 19
Sunday Dance
KC's Night Riders

April 27
Lions Bingo

Check details and times on the
Calendars.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: APRIL 2026

My Brother Knights and Friends,

Hope all is well during your Lenten journey this 2026 season, and have been able to keep your obligations. It has been a slight struggle for me to maintain mine, but Emily has been a good source of inspiration to keep it up along with family and friends.

There are many brother knights and their families that I wish to thank for an ongoing successful fraternal year so far.

I want give a special thank you for everyone that helped put on a successful bishop's dinner. This wouldn't be possible without any of you, along with bother knights Kim White, Dan McCloud, Rose Keppler, our Ladies Auxil-

iary, our Faith Director Bill Trickey, and his wife Denise. A special thank you to all the visiting dignitaries, priests, seminarians, and most of all, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. We have met our goals for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

I want to also give a special thank you to everyone involved with our fish frys, the set-up, preparation of the food beforehand, execution the day of, and the clean-up afterwards. I cannot express my gratitude for all of you, and our teammates in the kitchen in making this all happen. A special thank you to Brother Knights Dan McCloud, Kim White, Blake Kohlbrecher, Gary Deuser, Larry Widman, Dennis and Mary Jo Kampwerth. Please continue to support our fish frys, and for

whatever if you cannot make it to them, please support another organization in the area. Support of these functions is integral to our council's work.

Lastly, I would like to give a personal thank you to our Life Director Lowell Wellen in facilitating our 40 Days for Life, and support we receive from Rose Wascher. I would like to thank all the brother knights and families that participated on our sponsored day as well.

We still have a couple more months to go until the end of the fraternal year. With the help of Brother Knights, Tim Lucia, and Blake Kohlbrecher, we are continually submitting paperwork to the State and Supreme Council of our Monthly activities. We are hoping to continue to achieve high marks as a result of the efforts from council.

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to support our Knights of Columbus Field Agents, and our Brother Knights at the Niemeyer Agency. These are truly wonderful people, and give people at my age and younger the time of day to discuss financial planner in lieu of a lot of mainstream financial companies. The Niemeyer Agency is currently looking to recruit a field agent directly from the Highland area. If anyone knows of a brother knight who would be interested, please encourage them to contact the agency for additional information. The agency truly does great work in helping members secure their financial future, and plans for potential unexpected events.

I continue to be encouraged that we can achieve anything as we work together as a team.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

Vivat Jesus!
Jacob Rose. Grand Knight



FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 231 provided an Honor Guard at St. Lawrence Parish for Bishop Paprocki during a visit in March. Faithful Navigator Joe Whalen and members from Council 11707 and 1580 which make up the 231 assembly.

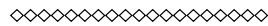
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SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

I would like to personally recognize an very special brother knight within our council, of whom has provided many hours, if not days of his life to this council to keep to healthy. This brother knight is a past grand knight of our council as well as a past Kirchenfest Chair Person. This brother knight has been instrumental in the revitalization of our monthly bingo, and had served as its main sole coordinator for

over 10 years. While recognized in the past for many efforts, this brother knight is truly a pillar of our council, community, and family. With much appreciation, love, and support, it is my honor to recognize Brother Knight Wayne Henze as the March Knight of the Month.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This brother knight has been a helping hand with our ongoing fish fries each Friday, serving each visit with a

friendly smile, and a enthusiastic attitude. A member of Saint Paul Parish, this brother knight continues to support his family, parish and community. It is with great appreciation that we honor Shannon Autry as March Knight of the Month. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Council #1580.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

We honor as Family of the month very integral family

of our council. This family, along with many others, is responsible for much of our behind the scenes work in our kitchen, whether it be for formal celebrations, special functions, or fundraisers this family helps get the job done without complaint. It is with great appreciation that we honor as March Family of the Month, Dennis and Mary Jo Kampwerth Family. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



KC EVENT SPOTLIGHT: LADIES AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their annual indoor garage sale on Thursday, April 16, 10-7 and Friday, April 17, 8-12.

In addition to the garage sale, the ladies will be selling home made baked goods.

Tables available to rent: 2 for \$25 and each additional table is \$10. The Auxiliary is also accepting donations to sell.

Please contact Trisha Korte to rent tables or make item donations. 618-978-1542 call or text

This is one on the Auxiliaries biggest fundraiser, join us in making it another success. Please spread the word and invite your family and friends to attend this event.

The Ladies Auxiliary donates to many local charities, St. Paul, Mater Dei, Father McGivney and more.



Sponsored by KC Ladies Auxiliary
Highland KC Hall

Thursday, April 16 10:00-6:00
Friday, April 17 8:00-12:00



Table Rental: 2 Tables for \$25



Each additional table \$10

Set up will be Thursday 7:00-10:00

TO RESERVE TABLES OR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT:

Trisha Korte 618-978-1542

Jan Abbott 217-474-5945

**SOME MEMBERSHIP
DUES ARE PAST DUE
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**If you haven't yet
paid your dues,
PLEASE do so
Immediately.**

**If you are unsure, call the hall or email
editor.knighttimes@gmail.com**

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

As the daffodils begin to peek out, our thoughts drift towards renewal and spring. Song of Solomon 2:11-12 (ESV) declares "For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." This poetic passage symbolizes the arrival of spring, representing a shift from hardship to renewal, growth, and love. This passage is often used to highlight a new season of life, hope, and growth. We have celebrated Easter and now it is time for us to continue our awareness of the world around us. Perhaps it is a time to volunteer

and help others, start that spring cleaning project, or work on green initiatives, both in our own yards and other spaces. As spring has sprung and we move the clocks ahead an hour, we are able to get out and enjoy the outdoors longer.

The ladies auxiliary have a couple of events in April that might interest you...

The Spring Indoor Garage Sale is a two-day event that will be held on Thursday, April 16th from 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Friday, April 17th from 8:00 am-12:00 noon. If you are interested in purchasing a table, please contact Jan Abbott. We will also have sign-up in April for the auxiliary garage sale table, bake sale table and

help in the kitchen. If you have items you wish to sell, please bring them to the KC Hall or contact Jan Abbott.

The ladies continue to support the Knights by helping with the Sunday dances. This month's dance will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 2:00-5:00 pm. KC Night Ryders will be the featured band. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

We are also helping with the collection of men's and women's clothes and toiletries for Our Brother's Keepers. Colleen West is spearheading the project as she works at the facility. If you have any items, you wish to donate, you can bring them to the small meeting room

at the KC Hall.

Please remember to contact Rose Clarkin regarding your dues. Also, if you are interested in purchasing an auxiliary shirt, please contact Patty Noe.

Come and join us at the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Hope to see you there!

April

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

Lou Holtz. Now I'm not into sports although, I've likely heard Lou's name mentioned many times on TV and radio. I never gave it much thought. Last week listening to a podcast, Lou's name was brought up and his Catholic faith was mentioned, well this time it got my attention. They talked about Lou's devout Catholic faith, he attended Mass every morning, he held a deep reverence for the Blessed Mother, he called her "Our Lady of the Dome." He famously said once, "I don't think God cares who wins the game but his Mother does." In my research about Lou I was impressed!

Lou was incredibly a very humble man, with all the fame that came from his position as the coach of one the country's leading Universities, he was just another regular guy at mass, a soft spoken man with a talent for coaching, and using the university football program to teach the Catholic faith,

using it in his coaching and not separating it. Lou used the football program to teach his team character to be men of discipline through prayer using the sport as a guide for a larger look on life.

Well I wish I would have paid attention to Lou sooner, in his humble life he was a very wise man, a very faithful man, a man that will leave an impression on many lives and now on mine.

"For victory in life, we've got to keep focused on the goal, and the goal is Heaven."

-Lou Holtz

Enjoy The Day!

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR JOE WHALEN

Greetings! As we enter the month of April we see the start of spring. The clocks have been turned forward and the temperature is getting milder. We see the start of the growing season and the welcoming of the most holy season of the church, EASTER. In the Bible, April is a month of new beginnings, celebration, and spiritual awakening.

The time of Jesus' resurrection. Thank you to our 4th degree Sir Knights and to those Sir Knights who joined us from other assemblies for the Honor Guard at the Bishops Mass and luncheon on March 22. Take the next step—become a 4th, Degree Knight! Sir Knights in uniform and sword are the most prominent feature of the Order, a very recognizable billboard.

Honor Guards express a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members. One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Honor Guards at Mass, wakes, funerals and many other civil and patriotic functions. The Honor Guards are important! Please consider joining our ranks! Our Assembly provides a \$250 Stipend to those members who purchase the new uniform to participate in the honor/color

guard.

Save the Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 34th Annual Golf Scramble and Luncheon at Timber Lakes Golf Course, Staunton IL.

In a recent conversation I was asked, "Why are the Knights of Columbus affiliated with Columbus?" Well, starting in the colonial period his life story was used as a model for developing the American spirit. And this idea continued to expand as a sort of founding father. This continued to grow rapidly around the end of the 19th century when the Knights of Columbus were founded in 1881 as The Sons of Columbus and incorporated in 1882 as the Knights of Columbus. In 1893 there was a World's Fair celebrating how great Columbus was, and to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his landing. Heck, in 1968 Columbus Day was officially designated a federal holiday. The next 4th Degree meeting will be on April 6, 2025.

Have a happy and Blessed Easter.



Highland Knights of Columbus

April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	2 Holy Thursday	3 Good Friday KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4 :00 PM - 6:00 PM <u>LAST ONE FOR 2026!</u>	4 Holy Saturday
5 Easter EASTER CLOSED	6 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	7 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	8 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	9	10	11
12	13 Boy Scouts	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due) Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	16 KC Ladies Auxiliary Indoor Garage Sale Set Up: 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Event: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	17 KC Ladies Auxiliary Indoor Garage Sale Event: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	18 EVUCC Dinner Auction 5 PM - 9 PM Tickets Available at EVUCC Church Office
19 KC Sunday Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM KC's Night Ryders	20	21	22 Earth Day Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27 Lion's Club Bingo Doors Open: 6:00 PM Bingo Begins: 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	30	Wedding Decorate	Wedding
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Highland Knights of Columbus

May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Mother's Day Craft Event Food, Music, & Shopping Details on Facebook at Vicki's Craft Bin	4 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	5 Cinco De Mayo 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	6 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Boy Scouts	12 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day Heartland Community Chorus - Big Band Bash Doors Open 6:15 PM Concert Begins 7:00 PM
17	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	21	22	23
KC State Conv. Springfield					KC State Conv. Springfield	KC State Conv. Springfield
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	28	29	30
31	Notes: * Visit HeartlandCommunityChorus.org for information and tickets for their Big Band Bash event on May 16.*					Wedding
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HELP WANTED – POSITION OPENING SOON!!!

We are looking for someone who would like to step-up and be a leader to take over the Financial Secretary position. We are looking for someone who takes pride in serving their faith and community.

Duties:

- Sending bills to members and applying their payments to the KC software.
- Verify the monthly payments from the treasurer and mailing them.
- Completing a memoriam form when a members dies.
- Giving approximately 1-2 hours per week (Flexible times)
- Training will be provided and step-by-step documentation is available.

Reason for Vacancy: The term is expiring for the current Financial Secretary.

This is a great position to be an integral part of the Highland Knights of Columbus and learn about the organization. Please contact the Grand Knight, Jacob Rose, if you are interested.

**Please wear your Knights of
Columbus Shirts To Church on the
Second Sunday of the Month**



IN MEMORIAM

We pray for those who have passed in the month of March and their family.

Lucille Trame Mother of Brother
Knight Lee Trame



PRAYER REQUEST CORNER

Please remember in your prayers any Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary, or their families who may be going through health struggles, financial struggles, or personal struggles.

Lord,

Grant peace of mind and healing to those who need it. Be with them through all their worries and struggles. Help them find comfort in your presence.

In this we pray.

Amen

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

IT'S DUES TIME!

As the Holidays pass us by, I hope you get to enjoy it with your family and friends.

Seeing that the new year is upon us, I wanted to let you know that the Knights of Columbus dues statement have been mailed to all the members in early December. You can pay these by dropping it off at the KC Hall (8:30am – 12pm, Monday – Friday) or mailing to the address below:

Knights of Columbus –
Highland Council 1580
PO Box 195
Highland, IL 62249

Your dues help support many of the activities that we sponsor. Your membership is greatly appreciated..

Vivat Jesus!
Dan McCloud
Financial Secretary –
Highland Council 1580
Email: Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com

KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Stephen Abuchon Member Since 1972

Chris LaFrance Member Since 1966

Dennis Higgins Member Since 1946

Eric Stonebarger Member Since 1982

Thank you for becoming a Knight !

FROM THE EDITORS

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 have a limited number of copies available at the Church and 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!



KC 2026 Lenten Fish Dinner Menu



All Meals Include 2 Sides, Hush Puppies, & Bread				Price
Cod Fish Meals				
1 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides				\$8.00
2 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides				\$11.00
3 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides				\$14.00
Shrimp Meals				
4 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$8.00
6 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$11.00
8 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$14.00
Chicken Meals				
2 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$8.00
4 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$11.00
6 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides				\$14.00
Grilled Cheese Meal				
Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ 2 Sides				\$6.00
Side Items – Choose 2 Sides Included With Meal				
French Fries	Cole Slaw	Macaroni & Cheese	Apple Sauce	
Extra Items				
Fish 1 Piece \$4.00	Shrimp 4 Pieces \$4.00	Chicken Strip 2 Pieces \$4.00	Side Items \$2.50	
Desserts Available	Cash, Credit & Debit Cards Accepted	Every Friday Thru April 3 rd	Serving 4 PM – 7 PM	

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Help nominate a Brother Knight, Family or Parish Family for the for the monthly awards.

If you would like the recognize a Brother Knight their family or a family from our Catholic community, send their nomination to editor.knighttimes@gmail.com

