

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



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Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
February 14

Friday Fish Fries
Every Friday in Lent

Bishop's Dinner
March 17

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo
Every Wednesday

Contact Us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

Although we are currently in an Arctic freeze, we are only twenty-six days from Daylight Savings Time and thirty-five days from Spring. Best of all, Major League Baseball teams will be reporting to their respective Spring training facilities in a few weeks. However, there is one season that rises above this.

The Lenten season begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday. It seems like just yesterday that we celebrated Christmas, but now we focus on Lent and the forthcoming Easter celebration. I remember growing up during Lent. As a child we were told by the nuns

that this was the time of year that we should make sacrifices, which usually translated into giving up candy for six weeks. However, as I grew older, I realized that sacrifice was not necessarily about giving up something as opposed to giving something. As such, we need to ask ourselves what we can do to make this upcoming season special. A kind word or a kind gesture to someone in distress can be all that is needed.

As you go over the calendar of events for February and March, you can see that these will be busy months. One of the major February events is the dinner/concert featuring Ruby Leigh. This event

is a joint venture with Vicky Tift. I am not aware of such an event being held in the past, but it promises to be exciting. Ruby Leigh finished second on the television singing competition "The Voice". Her talent level is such that we may see her as a rising star in the Nashville scene in years to come.

Our Lenten Fish Fries begin on February 14 and will continue every Friday through Good Friday. Your help is needed to work whatever days you can. During the month of February, we will again be conducting the "Just Jeans" drive. Bill Trickey is the chairperson. Last year two truckloads of blue jeans were collected and distributed to those in need. Collection boxes will be set up at St. Paul church, the Highland Police department, along with other locations. Watch for those drop off locations in future news. There will also be a Special Bingo on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The Special Bingo's are fun, and for the lucky winners, profitable.

The most important event in March will be the Bishop's Dinner on March 17. The 10:30 AM Mass at St. Paul's will be followed by a 12 PM dinner reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We encourage as many attendees as possible at both the Mass and at the dinner. As you know this is a major fundraiser for Vocations, Pro-Life, and the Newman Centers. So, your generosity is appreciated.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



ULTRASOUND BLESSING

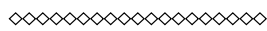
Rev. Paul J. Bonk provides a blessing for the Ultrasound at Relevant Pregnancy Options Center, and followed-up with a group prayer.

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

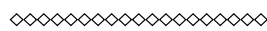
Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish. He has been a member of our Council for twenty years. He works at the various Council functions such as weekly Bingo, Fish Fries, Chicken Dinners, Madison County Fair, ID Drive, just to name a few. It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the Month for January 2024 Herb Weis. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish. He has

been a member of our Council for eighteen years. He is also a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly #231. He is a past president of the Columbus Club. Among the various activities he has been involved in are the Kirchenfest, the annual ID Drive, Council Fish Fries and Chicken Dinners, the Madison County Fair, and Bingo kitchen worker. He also helps with Columbus Club activities wherever needed. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for January 2024 Ken Klostermann. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight has been a Knight for seven years. He and his Lady continue to serve St. Paul church in many capacities. He is a past Kirchenfest chairman and continues to serve as the technical advisor who sets up the credit card system at the Kirchenfest. During the pandemic when we could not attend Mass in person, he set up his personal cameras and recording equipment to live-stream Mass to all. He served as the technical advisor during the construction of Trinity Hall, when the permanent live-streaming system was installed. He monitors the live-streaming of the 10 o'clock

Mass every Sunday. His Lady is a band and music teacher at St. Paul School and is the Choir Director at St. Paul Church. Together they serve St. Paul with their many talents during school and church activities. Recently they orchestrated and performed at the 4 o'clock and 11 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve making it a memorable celebration of Christmas. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for January, Braden and Andrea Henze! Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



COLUMBUS CLUB NOVEMBER NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

We had three Columbus Club Members at the end of their three-year term. The three members are Eric Kukowski, Derek Burns and Craig Wieseman. A motion was made for another three-year term on all three members, the motion was voted on and unanimously approved, all three members agreed to another three-year term. Their dedication is appreciated.

The annual officers election was held. A motion was made for

President Bill Trickey, Vice President Craig Wieseman, Treasurer Eric Kukowski and Secretary Frank Lipski. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved. The officers agreed to these elections. The commitment of these officers is greatly appreciated.

Spring is coming soon and this year we will need concession stand workers for Thursday and Friday night softball leagues, as well as any other special tournaments. Let us know now if you are inter-

ested before the events start this Spring.

The improved Knights of Columbus website is finished. We also are on a website called The Knot, which is a popular site when planning a wedding. These new marketing efforts are exciting for the hall and should bring more events. Thanks are in order for Ken Krausz and Kim White for all their hard work and effort with these improvements.

Thanks,
Bill Trickey

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

Guess what? It's dues time. Once again, our annual dues statements have been mailed to the members. These dues help our council, the K of C State organization, and Supreme to do many of the charity things that we do. In addition, we need your help updating our records. In the billing envelope, there was a gray information profile card. I would appreciate it if you could provide an up-to-date phone number and email address. When we make our communication calls about our various events, we have up to 20%+ of failed calls due to inaccurate phone numbers. Please help us make our information more accurate.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McCloud
Financial Secretary and Membership Director
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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

In the Bible in the Gospel of John Chapter 15, Jesus speaks of the vine and the branches. Jesus is the vine and God the Father is the vine grower and the gardener. God removes the branches in Jesus that do not bear fruit, and He prunes those that are bearing fruit so they can be even more fruitful. We are the branches of the vine, Jesus. If we love Jesus and remain faithful to His word, we will remain in the vine and we will bear much fruit in our lives as the Gospel tells us. We cannot bear fruit if we

are apart from Jesus. In order for us to remain faithful, however, will require us to do some self-pruning. We will have to do some introspective thinking to see where we are not bearing fruit. What in our lives do we need to remove because it does not bear fruit? Maybe it's envy or greed or selfishness or apathy or pride or any number of things.

We may need to rid ourselves of some big branches; lop off those branches that are dead weight and serving no purpose. By doing so, we will make room for new sprouts of

promising life and new fruit to burst forth. This also calls for constant tending so we can be as fruitful as possible. We do this tending through prayer, reading Scripture, and receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation as often as possible. In this way, we are cultivating our relationship with Jesus and able to remain faithful to His word and bear much fruit. In this way, we will become beautiful, luscious, productive vines.

So take stock of your life today -- where do you need to prune?

The auxiliary welcomed new member, Christy Aebischer, in January. A belated congratulations to auxiliary member, Nancy Genteman, for being named Lady of the Year for 2023! Upcoming activities include helping the Knights with their Sunday afternoon dances, Lenten fish fries, 40 Days For Life Campaign, and the Knights Annual Bowl-a-Thon for Charity. So you can see that there is plenty of variety where you can help out. Please come to our next meeting on February 6th.



LENT...

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Well Lent is next on the calendar of events, so what do I give up this year?

For some it is a big deal to choose a penance, IT'S FOR 40 DAYS! Others just stick with what they have used in the past Lenten years, so what will it be?

I... don't... know!... but for sure it will also mean extra prayers at least for me I try to find devotion to add to my daily prayers.

Who's looking forward to Fat Tuesday? Everyone trying to clean out the fridge and cabinets of food they are giving up so their not tempted of those 40 days. Ash Wednesday is truly a day where we put our faith out in front, having ashes on our foreheads showing

the world our penance, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Wear it as a badge of honor! Hey you have something on your...

As Holy Week closes out Lent with the Tridium, those three days before Easter.

If you don't normally attend all three nights I encourage you to try to go.

Each night brings out the many emotions that bring the events of the week to the joy of Easter morning!

And hey fellas Valentine's Day is also on Ash Wednesday so there's nothing more romantic than a fish dinner at the KC hall!

Enjoy the 40 days!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

We have two new members who will soon join our council. We invite all our catholic men to join us. We would appreciate it if our current members will invite your friends and family members who are not members to join the Knights. Any prospective new members can search the website listed below or they can send an email directly to me.

www.kofc.org/join

4TH DEGREE UNIFORM PACKAGE DEAL

If you would like to order a 4th Degree Uniform, a special offer has been made available.

Member cost is \$199 plus shipping (after \$250 incentive). Order must be made by **February 29**.

What's included: Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons; Official Grey Trousers; Official 4th Degree Hand-Embroidered Necktie; Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge.

To order, call (833) 562-4327 or visit <https://www.kofcuniform.com>.

If you have any questions, contact Faithful Navigator, John Genteman at (618) 980-2478.

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Fourth degree call for action! Take the LEAP!

If we are to continue Honor Guards for ceremonies, funerals etc. we need more participants. Several modifications are in process for 0231. First a new call tree that will call ALL Fourth Degree members. If you have the new uniform, please wear it as prescribed. If not, for local events such as funerals a tux or dark suit can be worn with a social baldric underneath your jacket with

no sword or gloves.

Personally I like the new uniform. The new uniform is a high quality wool blend business suit with the Fourth Degree designation on it. The beret is included for ceremonial events. If you would be interested in obtaining the New Uniform our assembly is offering a limited time LEAP YEAR offer to its membership. If you take the LEAP and order your Uniform Package prior to February 29, 2024, you

will receive a \$250 incentive which offsets over half of the cost. I suggest the "Executive Fit" for most of us.

It's always a good time to become a Fourth Degree Knight! For those members who would like to become a Fourth Degree Knight please contact myself or the hall to receive an application form. The next exemption coming up is in Benld, IL on Saturday February 17th.

THANK YOU, to the Sir

Knights and their Commander who volunteer for the Honor Guard at church, funerals, etc. It is appreciated both by the families and the assembly.

The next Fourth Degree meeting will be on March 4th.

Please call me if you have any questions at 618-980-2478.

Vivat Jesus!

John Genteman Faithful Navigator

SINGERS WANTED

KNIGHTS NEEDED:

Knights enrich your life while enriching the lives of hundreds of people in our local area. WE are recruiting Knights to come join our own Knight Time Singers. We visit the local nursing home around Highland on the third Monday of each month. If you sing in the shower, or at Mass, or just hum while you're working around the house. I'm inviting you to come out and sing. You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain. I guarantee you will get as much out of the night as the residents do, most likely more. Attached is the upcoming schedule of events. Please consider joining us. Books are provided so don't fear you have to remember all the songs. If you play an instrument bring it along. For additional information contact me at (618) 550-8695.

Thank you for giving consideration.

Ed Campbell

KNIGHT TIME SINGERS SCHEDULE: 01/24-06/24


- January**
Monday, 22nd
San Gabriel, 6pm
- February**
Monday, 12th
Aviston 2pm
- March**
Monday, 18th
Highland Health Care, 7pm
- April**
Monday, 8th
St. James Villas, Breese 7pm
- May**
Monday, 13th
Highland Home, 7pm
- June**
Monday, 10th
Cedarhurst, Breese, 7pm



OPERATION SNOWBALL DONATION: Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Ken Krausz presents a \$350 check to Highland Middle School students and sponsors in support of Operation Snowball, an alcohol and drug prevention program that focuses on leadership. The money will help fund participation in the Operation Snowball Leadership Conference to be held this summer. Pictured left to right, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, Ken Krausz, Highland Middle School students, Brier Engelmann, Stella Lorton, Dyna Lentz, and Carson Gibbs, Program Sponsors, Ann Kleinmann and Heather Athmer.

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Highland Knights of Columbus February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 * RUBY LEIGH * 5:30 PM - Dinner & Show \$50 7:00 PM - Show Only \$30 Meet Ruby After the Show for Pictures and Autographs
4 KC Valentine's Day Dance * CANCELED * Jerseyville Exemplification 1:00 PM Location TBD	5 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	6 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	7 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	8	9	10 Private Event
11 Big Game Wings Carry Out Only 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Please Call in Large Orders Orders by Feb 7th	12 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13 7:00 PM Council Meeting * Special Bingo * Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	14 Ash Wednesday * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM NO WEDNESDAY BINGO Euchre Moved to Tues, 2/13	15	16 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	17 Private Event
18 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Joseph Pollack 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Bowl for Charity - Highland 11:30 AM & 2:30 PM @ Hi-Top	19	20	21 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	22	23 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	24 Private Event
25 * KC Spelling Bee * Doors Opens 12:00 PM Register by 1:30 PM Spelling Bee Begins 2:00 PM	26 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27	28 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	29	 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY 2024

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Carl Lammers
 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 Landmann
 07 - Austin Meyer
 07 - Jonathan Elliott
 07 - Rodney Miller
 08 - Jeanette Long
 08 - Therese Korte
 08 - Tina Winter
 09 - Blake Kohlbrecher
 09 - Stephen Linenfels
 10 - Gail Ohren
 10 - Lori Gutzler
 11 - Bobbie Genteman

11 - Rev Rodney Schwarz
 12 - Brant Frey
 12 - Jeanette Zobrist
 12 - John Timmermann
 13 - Bonnie Hill
 13 - Susanne Campbell
 14 - Eric Welz
 14 - Michelle Spengel
 14 - Sharon Warhover
 15 - Brad Korte
 15 - Jacob Dean James
 15 - Steven Rezabek
 16 - Debra Knebel
 16 - Gail Voss
 16 - James Klostermann
 16 - Lori Hacke
 16 - Louise Harr
 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 Linenfels
 24 - Larry Widman
 24 - Thomas Hill
 25 - Erica Durbin
 25 - James Gallatin
 25 - Kevin Stallard
 26 - Garry Werner
 28 - Amy Gilomen
 29 - Larry Essenpreis
 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
 11 - Joseph & Suzy Bushur
 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 2024 Sunday Dance Schedule

Date:	Music By:
January 21 st	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
February 18 th	Josef Polack & The St. Louis Express
March 10 th	The Rendition Band
April 21 st	Butch's Polka Kings
May 5 th	Waterloo German Band
June 9 th	Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys from Illinois
July 21 st	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
August 18 th	Jeff Caldwell & the Vinyl Frontier Band - (Elvis Impersonator)
September 15 th	Pick n an a Grin n - (Country and Classic Rock)
October 20 th	The Rendition Band
November 17 th	Butch's Polka Kings

Public Invited
 Tickets \$10 Per Person at the Door
 All Dances 2 PM - 5 PM, Sunday
 Bar & Kitchen Open (Limited Menu)
 Gather Your Friends and Enjoy a Good Time!

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Highland Knights of Columbus March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	2 Heartland Community Chorus Concert Door Open 5:30 PM (See Notes for Ticket Info)
3	4 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	5 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	6 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	7	8 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	9
10 KC Sunday Dances Music By: The Rendition Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	11 7:00 PM 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 Highland KC Council 1580 Vigil at Granite City Clinic for 40 Days For Life	15 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	16
17 * Bishop's Dinner * For Vocations, Pro-Life & Newman Centers 10:30 AM Mass at St. Paul 12:00 PM Dinner at KC Hall	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	21	22 * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM <small>Blood Drive: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Register: bloodcenter.org</small>	23
24	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26	27 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	28	29 Good Friday * KC Lenten * Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	30
31 Easter Sunday * CLOSED *	Notes: Please Visit: HeartlandCommunityChorus.org for Concert Ticket Information				<p>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</p>	

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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 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!