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Council
1580

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Upcoming Events

Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys from Illinois
June 9

Ladies Auxiliary May Baby Shower
Fundraiser
May 7

Chicken Dinner
May 19th

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo
Every Wednesday

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MAY 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

As April ends, we anticipate May with its feature events of the Kentucky Derby, the Indy 500, and Memorial Day. However, there are other days within this month that are just as noteworthy. First, Mother's Day is on May 12th. This day is a perfect time to reflect on what our mothers have meant to us over the years. They nursed us through all those nights when we were sick. When we needed someone to be our cheerleader, they were there to encourage us. When we needed to be disciplined, they did so with a firm hand,

but afterwards were available for a loving hug. There is so much that we owe our mothers, we should thank them every day of the year, but even more so on this special day. For those whose mothers are deceased, take the time to reflect about what they have meant to you.

May is also a month of transition for our young people. For some it is taking the leap from grade school to high school, or even the bigger leap from high school to college, trade school, military, or workforce. Each step taken comes with it a new set of responsibilities.

How those responsibilities are handled will be a direct reflection of the values that have been instilled in you by parents, teachers, and other mentors.

Finally, there is a day in May that is solemn, and deserves to be more than a holiday; namely, Memorial Day. I remember growing up in the 50's and 60's in a small town. The World War II and Korean War veterans had not been home all that long. They came home and went about their civilian jobs blending back into the community. But the one thing that I noticed was there was a certain camaraderie. They left their homes and families to fight wars that were across two vast oceans. Now many have passed on, but we need to remember them. I have visited Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL in the past. When it first opened in October 1999, I saw this site as a vast expansion of open land. A few years later on another visit I was taken aback by the number of tombstones that were lined up in perfect rows. Each of those tombstones has a story though. It is important that we show these men the respect they deserve and do not let them be forgotten. If you have an opportunity, take time to visit a cemetery and pay your respects.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



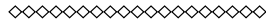
HOLLY'S HOUSE OF HOPE: Grand Knight Ken Krausz (left) presents a donation to Holly's House of Hope.

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

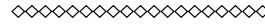
SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and is a life member of our Council. He is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly 231. He has been a tireless volunteer as a member of the frying crew covering the Kirchenfest, Council chicken dinners and fish fries as well as providing fried chicken for private events with the profit generated being returned to the Council and the Columbus Club. His attention to quality has made the Highland KC chicken well known thru

out the Highland area. It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the Month for March 2024 Larry Widman. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Elizabeth Parish and has been a member of our Council for two years. He has been a regular volunteer at numerous council

events, including, but limited to weekly bingo events, chicken dinners, and Lenten fish fries. It is with great appreciation that we honor the Knight of the Month Dennis Weber. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: We have two brother Knights who are awarded the Family of the Month award. Both are long time members of our Council, one being a life

member. They are both active volunteers in various Council events, as well as active work volunteers in their home parishes. However, it was their reliable work effort during the Lenten fish fry's that have earned them this award. Week after week they showed up to prepare the various salads for the fish fries. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for Jim Klostermann & Lowell Welten. Congratulations from the Highland Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



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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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

We are always looking for new members. 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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

As the weather starts to look like Spring, let's spring into paying our dues. 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 grey 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

Jesus told the disciples many distressing things about what was going to happen to Him and their hearts were focused on the troubling news they had heard. Like the disciples, we also wrestle sometimes with fear and worries; sometimes they are just of everyday life and sometimes they stem from life altering challenges or decisions we face. It is because of our call to serve God, even in the midst of our troubles, that He sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to us. Jesus doesn't minimize our difficulties. He has sent the Holy Spirit to give us a heavenly perspective so that we can see how God is working in ourselves and others who may be suffering or faced with difficult situations.

We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us focus on what Jesus is doing. When we are in the middle of a crisis, we need to try to be open to the bigger picture rather than the immediate problem in front of us. Can we stop and look for signs of the Holy Spirit? Is He inviting us to trust Him more deeply in the challenge? Is He asking us to surrender a situation or even a loved one into His hands? (I have personal experience with this). Maybe He is asking us to take another courageous step forward in faith.

Let us ask God what He is doing and how we can unite ourselves to His work in whatever the situation may be—illness, children who have

abandoned their faith, death, decisions. Let us be open to God's guidance and direction through the Holy Spirit.

It would be great to have all the answers but not knowing everything can have its advantages. It teaches us to turn to the Holy Spirit for more wisdom and to lean on Him when we feel weak and confused. We may not always be able to make sense of God's ways and we may not get answers right away, but the Holy Spirit is still with us to help us as we move forward. Let's pray for patience and encouragement as we move along our faith journey remembering that the Holy Spirit will reveal His wisdom a little bit at a time as we are

able to absorb it allowing us to grow in holiness at just the right pace for each of us.

The desserts at the KC Fish Fries were a tremendous success and the auxiliary thanks all who supported this fundraiser for us! The raffle was also successful and winners were: John Deere quilt Theresa Tucker; baby quilt Barb Forys; kitchen/BBQ basket Keith Unfried; Easter basket Betty Jacober; Norwex basket Denise Trickey. The auxiliary will soon be sporting new blue shirts to wear at our events. Be sure to look for us! Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the KC Hall. ALL ladies are invited to join. Please come out to see what we do!



MOTHERS DAY!

By Advocate Tim Lucia

Honoring our Mothers this month brings us to the next family gathering. As we decide what to get Mom, well she'll say "I don't need anything" but we all know she deserves everything! And for some, their Moms have passed and have entered eternal life, we can still honor them with a lighted candle, a prayer, or visit to the cemetery and you know she's still watching you!

As Knights we also honor our Blessed Mother Mary, as Mary's life wasn't an easy life she gave her all to raise a son that would change the world! Our Blessed Mother Mary goes by different names, the Knights are devoted to the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Declared patroness

of the Americas, she is also the patron of the Right to Life movement.

So as a gift to all our of Mothers give the gift of the Rosary in saying the prayer devoted to Our Mother Mary

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners

now and at the hour of our death.

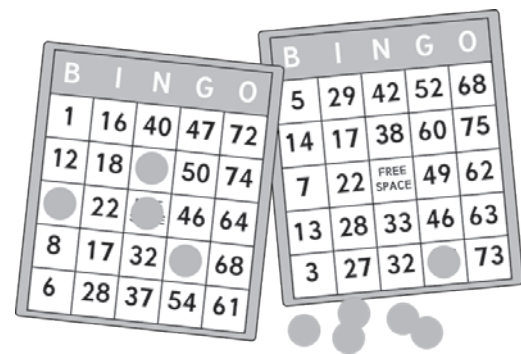
Amen."

Mother Queen of Peace Pray for Us!

Enjoy the day!

BINGO WORKERS WANTED

Call the hall or contact Wayne Henze if interested.



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

It is hard to believe that it is already May! This time of year is frequently marked by high school and college graduations, parties, and the kickoff for summer vacations. May is also marked by an important National holiday, Memorial Day. It is a time of reflection and remembrance for all the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States of America. On behalf of the 4th Degree, I wish to sincerely thank all Brother Knights and their families who served in the United States Military for their service!

Below you will find some Fourth Degree Trivia. I hope you find it as

interesting as I did.

The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross, and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the crusaders cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the Pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe - God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross - God the Son, Re-

deemer of Mankind.

- The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

- The blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.

Red, white, and blue are the colors of flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." Mother Teresa

Whenever you are in a position to help someone, be glad and do it. Because that's GOD answering someone else's prayers through you.

The next Assembly meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 7 PM in the KC Hall meeting room.

Vivat Jesus
John Genteman

KNIGHT TIME SINGERS SCHEDULE

May

Monday, 13th
Highland Home, 7pm

June

Monday, 10th
Cedarhurst, Breese,
7pm

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

OBITUARIES



Our condolences to the family of Lorna Harris, wife of Brother Knight Roland Harris.

Our condolences to the family of Loretta Frey, wife of Brother Knight Julian Frey.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increased costs of postage, we are considering a transition to an all digital newsletter. We will still print a limited number of newsletters to distribute at the KC Hall and St. Paul Church's Trinity Hall. We can mail out a few copies on an exception. If you are interested in a printed copy of the Knight Times Newsletter mailed to you, please call the KC Hall at (618) 654-9049 or email us at editor.knighttimes@gmail.com. Please help us reduce costs by providing your email so that you can continue to receive future newsletters.



Highland Knights of Columbus May 2024



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	4
5 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Waterloo German Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	6 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	7 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	8 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	9	10	11 Private Event
12 Mother's Day	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	18 Private Event
19 KC Chicken Dinner 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Dine-In / Carryout	20	21	22 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	30	31	Notes: Wedding Decorate

KNIGHTS ON THE TOWN



ABOUT TOWN: In the upper left corner, Joan Riffel (left) accepts a donation from Grand Knight Ken Krausz for to help fund a bus for the March for Life in Springfield. In the upper right corner, Tyler Sheehan of the Niemeyer Agency, speaks with members about mutual funds and the new services provided by Knights of Columbus. In the center, Deputy Grand Knight Jacob Rose (right) presents Jim Klostermann (left) with the Family of the Month Award. Klostermann accepted the award on behalf of his and Lowell Wellen's behalf for their efforts to ensure the Lenten Fish Fries were a success.

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Highland Knights of Columbus June 2024



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						1 Wedding
2	3 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	4 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	5 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	6	7	8
9 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Eddie Korosa & The Boys From Illinois 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	13	14 KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM KC Hall Register: BloodCenter.org	15
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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!

