

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



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Wayne Henze

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Upcoming Events

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month
Bingo
Every Wednesday

KC Trivia Night
November 8th

Nine Pin No tap Bowling
November 9th

Memorial Mass of Remembrance
November 26th

Christmas Parade
November 29th

KSHE Blood Drive
December

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: NOVEMBER 2024

My Brother Knights,
As I write this today, it is the Feast Day of Saint Pope John Paul II, the day he inaugurated his Petrine ministry. Little would people know at the time, that his pontificate would be one of the longest in church history, and the individual whose name I would select upon joining the Catholic faith a couple years back. I am thankful to have found him as an inspiration of my faith.

With it coming into November, the leaves turning color fulfilling life's intricate design, I am reminded of the thankfulness of God's blessings upon our lives. I am thankful for my spouse, Em-

ily Rose, for putting up with me and her support. I am thankful for each Brother Knight in our council, and all the ladies involved that make things happen both in our council and community. I am thankful for all the work that was done for our recent First Responders Appreciation Dinner. For the work that Rose Keppler did in facilitating our decorations, our ladies in providing the desserts, and attendance prizes. For the work that Gary Deuser, and our teammates in the kitchen that prepared our meal. Thankful for my brothers knights that assisted with the event, and their suggestions. For

Mike Sutton and the Highland School district for their presentation on the progress of the new elementary school building. I feel thankful for all of us to be able to pull together as a team to show important members of our community, our first responders, that their work is important and appreciated.

During last month's officers meeting, and lightly mentioned during the general meeting, it is my intent to organize an effort to improve our Knights of Columbus Hall to better compete with the market that is increasing around us. This can include but not limited too, learning what we could do better. What can be improved within the hall physically? How we could better market our hall to the surrounding community? Our Knights of Columbus hall is our vehicle of charity, allowing us to perform many functions throughout the year such as our food fundraisers, weekly bingo, and most importantly, events involving our faith such as our Bishop's Dinner to support those pursuing vocations into devoting their life to the church. Not just our activities, but the activities in the community around us, such as our local boy scouts, Highland Community Foundation, the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund, and Relevant Pregnancy Options Center.

It is my hope, in the coming months, that this pursuit will come under full swing, and culminate into a capital campaign for the Council #1580 of the future.

Vivat Jesus!
Jacob W. Rose
Grand Knight



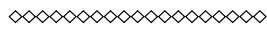
FIREMEN'S APPRECIATION: On October 15, the Council welcomed First Responders from around the area to an Appreciation Dinner. Mike Sutton, Superintendent of the Highland School District (pictured) spoke about several new building updates for the new Highland Primary School and additions to the Highland Middle School.

Photo by Jacob Rose

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: We have selected as October's Knight of the Month, a Brother Knight who continually contributes his time and talents to the Community, the Church, and the Knights of Columbus. Our Brother Knight is a Cursillo member and in the past spent considerable time assisting the Ghana congregation. Most recently this brother knight spends extra time every Sunday assisting brother knights in getting them to mass and back home safely. Senior Knight of the Month for October, 2024, Pete Tucker. Con-

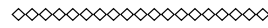
gratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This brother knight is a servant of the church, a member of the council for over thirty-three years, and a member of the 4th degree assembly. While performing his duties at St. Paul Parish, assisting in many of its works from Stewardship and Discipleship to RCIA, he is busy performing exorcisms on many local homes... I.E. Providing home

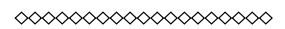
inspections. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for October 2024, Deacon Dave Bohnenstiehl. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

We have selected October's Family of the Month, a brother Knight who continues to provide service and support to the Church, the Community and our Knights of Columbus Council. You may find this Brother Knight providing support to Council 1580 in Church

and on the church grounds. He continued to assist with the Kirchenfest bingo and participated in the choir at St Paul. Our family of the month further demonstrates their commitment to our Parish as Hospitality ministers for St Paul parish. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for October 2024, Darrell and Kathy Luitjohan. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

Our Membership Will Need to ADAPT.

It's time for the Highland Council to ADAPT to the changes in our membership. Recently, we were in need of a few volunteers to collect money for our Tootsie Roll campaign. Calls and emails were sent to over 500 members requesting a few volunteers to call the Hall and provide a couple of hours that member could give. There was not one person that called. Fortunately, we have a few members who are dedicated to a common goal by working multiple shifts and we met our fundraiser goal. What happened

to the volunteer spirit? What happened to helping your community?

When I watch the national news and see the stories of natural disasters, it seems like then the people rally to help one another. Why does it take a natural disaster to help your fellow human. Recently, I saw a news story on the CBS morning news, it was about a dog named Dexter that had his front two legs injured when he was a pup. As he recovered, he learned how to walk upright on his two back legs. He learned to ADAPT to his conditions. Now, this dog is an inspiration to peo-

ple and an Internet star. This dog didn't know how to make excuses for his condition. He didn't feel sorry for himself. He just felt compelled to do something and ADAPT to the life that was dealt to him. While I am very proud of all the accomplishments our Council achieves, it is often the same people volunteering to meet our goals. It would be awesome to see some new and current members at our events. As a Knights of Columbus council, we need to ADAPT to the changes of not having enough volunteers for our programs and events. We need to ADAPT to the

non-response of our members when we call out for help. We need to figure out how to continue our efforts in supporting our church and community so that we can continue to be inspiring to those around us. Let's not wait for a natural disaster to show we care. I challenge all our members from all age groups to adapt their schedule and give a couple hours to the council they committed to many years ago.

Dan McCloud
Membership Chairperson

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

Here we are at the end of Daylight Savings Time. The days get shorter, but we “gain” an extra hour of sleep. The goal of daylight savings time was to allow for more hours in a day, primarily to save energy. It was introduced in the U.S. during World War I and it was known as “war time.” It was abandoned after the war, but was then reintroduced with the Uniform Time Act of 1966. There has been discussion to scrap Daylight Savings Time, but for now, enjoy that extra hour!

Also, enjoy those shorter days by experiencing the beautiful fall colors. It reminds us of the beauty and resilience of nature. It also

encourages us to find solace and appreciate the changing seasons of life.

Remember Thanksgiving as a time to give thanks and reflect on the blessings in our lives. Whether it is good health or personal accomplishments, the spirit of gratitude remains at the heart of the Thanksgiving season. It is also a time for giving and banding together as a community to help those less fortunate. Enjoy that time with your family and friends!

Here’s what is upcoming with the auxiliary...

The Knights will be sponsoring a Trivia Night on Friday, November 8th. If you would like to sponsor a

table, the cost is \$160.00 (the auxiliary receives \$140.00). The auxiliary will be sponsoring silent auction baskets for the trivia night. If you are not a trivia buff, please consider helping out that night.

The auxiliary will be sponsoring a 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament on Saturday, November 9th from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm at Poplar Junction Lanes and Lounge. If you would like to bowl, sponsor a lane, or make donations to the silent auction, please contact Trisha Korte.

Sunday, November 17th will be the last KC dance of the year. Come out and enjoy Butch’s Polka Kings from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm. The

cost is \$10.00 for a great afternoon of fun. The bar will be open and there will be freshly popped popcorn to enjoy.

The December 3rd meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. It is an event you don’t want to miss!

Mark your calendars for the Ruby Leigh Concert with dinner on New Year’s Eve. The auxiliary will be selling 50/50 tickets at the dinner/dance.

Keep up-to-date on your dues. Contact Rose Clarkin if you have any questions.

Please consider attending the next meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm. See you there!



November Thoughts

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

Here we are in November already, it seems this month is kind of in between, not fall, not winter. It’s a month of decisions, it’s still somewhat warm so how do I dress for the day, chilly mornings, warm afternoons, cool evenings. Do I turn on the furnace, then what temp do I want to set it at, warm or just take the chill out, do I change the filter or wait one more month. Do I mow grass one last time, So when it comes to making decisions, James 1:5 God doesn’t make decisions for us, though He gives us the gift of free will so that we can make decisions and choose to love him. God wants you to make wise decisions, and he has given you an open invitation to

ask for wisdom. Trust the Lord. Believe in him. So here’s a prayer I found to help with decisions,

“Dear God, I look to no one else for wisdom. I humbly ask for Your help in making important decisions in my life because I don’t know how to make it without You. Please, give me direction and wisdom so I can make the right decision and bring glory to your name, Amen”. Now tough decisions come with Thanksgiving, do I want another helping of dressing or go for a piece of apple pie? Oh and now there’s the Cool whip or Readywhip!

Enjoy the Desert!

BINGO

WORKERS WANTED

Call the hall or contact
Wayne Henze if interested.

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Who should I vote for?
OK, that title was click bait. I’m not going to tell you who to vote for. But I do encourage you to do so on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Too many of our fellow Brother Knights and our citizens have lost their lives securing our freedom and our right to cast a ballot. Being that our Fourth Degree is that of Patriotism. It is the solemn duty of each and every Knight to be involved in the election of our leaders. The easiest task is to vote. Keep in mind our beliefs, take a moment to pray, then vote for the candidate you feel will do their best for America. When in doubt, just ask, “What would Jesus do”? (NO... Don’t ask for ALL the politicians to be smited down.)

November traditionally kicks off the “holiday season” as we head into Thanksgiving and before you know it, we are celebrating Christmas! That said, there is an important holiday in November

that we must not forget. Veterans Day, November 11 2024. Countless men and women over the years have served in the United States military, many of them paying the ultimate sacrifice. We pay tribute and express our appreciation for their service on this day.

Daylight Savings Time will end for the year at 2:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, November 3rd, when we “fall back” and gain an extra hour of sleep.

It’s commonly believed that the first Thanksgiving in America was the harvest celebration of the early Pilgrims and Native Americans in Plymouth Massachusetts in 1621. But, did you know that a day of Thanksgiving was celebrated two years earlier in Virginia? On December 4, 1619, when a group of 38 English settlers first arrived at Berkeley Plantation, in what is now Charles City, Virginia, they formally gave thanks as required by their charter. Un-

fortunately, this particular Virginia colony and its thanksgiving celebration lasted for only a few years. Prior to the American Revolution, New Englanders continued to set aside a special day of thanksgiving.

After the American victory over the British at Saratoga, New York, the Continental Congress proclaimed December 18, 1777 as a day of “Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise”. This was the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. To honor the formation of the United States government, President George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789 to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. Despite these early occurrences, by the early 19th century, Thanksgiving had failed to become an annual, national tradition. A magazine editor, named Sarah Josepha Hale, spent several decades promoting the idea of setting aside a national day of giving

thanks. Finally, her efforts were rewarded on October 3, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day “of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father.” After this, Thanksgiving continued to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November until the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt. In 1939, President Roosevelt moved it up to the next-to-last Thursday in November, perhaps to create a longer Christmas shopping season. This was rather controversial. Only about half the states followed Roosevelt’s wishes. To settle matters, in 1941 Congress passed legislation designating the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. In this way, the holiday sometimes falls on the last Thursday and other times on the next-to-last Thursday.

May the beauty and blessings of this autumn season bring warmth and peace to your home. JG



Highland Knights of Columbus November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE <small>YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE</small> Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991					1 Wedding Decorate	2 Wedding
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 Trivia Night * Doors Open: 6:00 PM Trivia Starts: 7:00 PM	9 Wedding
10	11 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12	13 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	14	15	16
17 KC Sunday Dances Music By: Butch's Polks Kings 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	18	19	20 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Members 7:00 PM St. Paul Church	27 * Special Bingo * Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	28 Thanksgiving Closed	29 Highland Christmas Parade Parade Featuring New KC Float 6:30 PM KC Hall Closed	30



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8	9 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	12	13	14
15 KC Member Christmas Cocktails: 5:00 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM Call KC Hall to Register	16	17	18 * Special Bingo * Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24	25 Closed Christmas	26	27 KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM KC Hall Register: BloodCenter.org	28
29	30 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	31 * Ruby Leigh * New Year's Eve \$125 per person Call KC Hall to Purchase Tickets	Notes:		 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE <small>YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE</small> Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	



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LADIES AUXILIARY



9 PIN NO TAP
SINGLES BOWLING
TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 7:00 PM
POPLAR JUNCTION LANES AND LOUNGE
HIGHLAND, IL

- *\$25.00 ENTRY FEE
- *CHANCE TO WIN \$100 IN
LOTTERY TICKETS WITH ENTRY FEE
- *SILENT AUCTION
- *50/50 DRAWINGS

CASH PAYOUT TO TOP
MEN BOWLERS
WOMEN BOWLERS
PAYOUTS BASED ON NUMBER OF BOWLERS



CALL POPLAR to Sign Up 618-654-2695

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 families of:

- Marvin "Mick" Pacatte
- Mildred "Mille" Frey
- Scott Abbott



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -
HIGHLAND COUNCIL #1580
PRESENTS



TRIVIA
NIGHT

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

7 PM, DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
12454 IL-143
HIGHLAND, IL 62249

\$20 PER PERSON, \$160 PER
TABLE OF 8

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL DAN MCCLOUD AT (618) 531-8082 TO SIGN UP

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



● Upcoming 4th Degree
Events ●

November 4 Fourth Degree Meeting

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

P.O. Box 195

Highland, IL 62249

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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!

