

Highland  
Council  
1580

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Wayne Henze

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## Upcoming Events

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

**Feb. 8**

KC Spelling Bee

**Feb. 13**

Viking Night

**Feb. 15**

KC Sunday Dance Jeff Caldwell  
and the Vinyl Frontier Elvis Tribute  
Band

**Feb. 17**

Fat Tuesday Holiday Bingo

**Feb. 18**

KC Lenten Fish Fry Starts

**Feb. 21**

Mouse Races

**Feb. 28**

Chicken & Beer Dance  
Sponsored by Ma Cli Bo Circus  
Unit

## Contact Us!

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# Knight Times



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2026

My Brother Knights, and friends,

I hope everyone is off to a good start with the 2026 year, and keeping warm! If I was asked if we would be getting this much snow so far, I would not have believed it. Why didn't we get this around Christmas?

Speaking of a lot of snow, we also have a great deal of events continuing to happen at our hall and in the community. I would like to encourage everyone to keep abreast of what is going on by referring to the calendars. Many brothers, particularly brother Knight Kim White puts a lot of work into these. Two events I would like to remind everyone about is our upcoming Fish Frys and our Just Jeans Drive facilitated by Brother Knight Bill Trickey.

Lastly there are some important updates from our brothers at the Supreme Council, of which one I am excited to share with you about. There are several new programs that the Supreme Council has enacted. One is the "Bright Futures Program", another is "Remembering our Faithful Departed", and another is "Celebrating our Catholic Heritage". The "Bright Futures Program" is a program based on supporting our local youth whether it be financially, or other means. "Remembering our Faithful Departed" is a program in which councils remember to pray for deceased members of their council, families, and community. The "Celebrating our Catholic Heritage" encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities. I know that was a mouthful, however, what is most

exciting about all of this, is that these are already programs that our Council has been doing for many years through our involvement with Kirchenfest, our Memorial Mass in November, our support of St. Paul School, and Operation Snowball.

Thank you to all those that helped with our Drive-thru Chicken Dinner, it makes me so happy with everyone working together for a good cause. Special thank you to those that helped in the kitchen, and our brother knights who helped organize it.

Everyone please stay safe and warm!

Vivat Jesus!

Jacob W. Rose  
Grand Knight



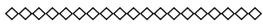
**THE ANNUAL KC COMMUNITY TRIVIA NIGHT**, held on January 23rd was a unique and successful event that allowed a number of civic and educational groups to raise money for their organizations.

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

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

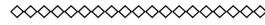
Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul parish and a member of our Council. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for January 2026, Larry Ridelburger Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus – Council 1580!



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This brother knight is a member of St. Paul Parish, and is a well known member within our community. Having recently retired, and earning a well deserved rest, everyone would know this brother knight from his family business at Tru-Buy. it is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for January 2026, Jim Gutzler. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Coun-

cil 1580!



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

This January's Family of the Month Award is given to a family for their continued service and support to the Church, as well as our school. Regular attendees, this family is involved in multiple aspects of our church from the St. Paul Kirchenfest to Pro-Life Functions and func-

tions with our council. It is with deep appreciation that we have selected the family of the month, for January 2026, Scott and Debbie Wick. Congratulations, from Council 1580.



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## Just Jeans Clothing Drive For The Homeless

- Please donate new or gently used adult jeans during the month of February.
  - We have boxes, to place the jeans in, the following churches, Immaculate Conception, St. Gertrude, St. Nicholas and St. Paul, We also have boxes at the KC Hall in Highland and the Highland Police Station.
  - At the end of February, the jeans will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in St. Louis.
  - Please call Bill or Denise Trickey at 314-495-9080. Your support is greatly appreciated!
  - JUST JEANS PLEASE
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# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

Goodbye January! Hello February...The Longest Shortest Month of the Year!

There isn't much in February to celebrate. For most of us, by the time February rolls around we're tired of winter and ready for spring, and that makes the shortest month of the year feel all that much longer. Of course, sports fans get the Super Bowl and baseball fans start to get excited because pitchers and catchers report to spring training. Outside of that, though, pretty much all there is in February to look forward to is Valentine's Day. But we do have something to celebrate. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season.

I read a passage that I thought might be interesting to pass along...

"Jesus was a small fish in a tiny pond, with his dozen followers and modest crowds. If there was an ancient world equivalent of Time 100: Most Influential People, Jesus wouldn't have even been considered for the list. Yet ... we make the claim that God lived in His life in an unprecedented way ... because He allowed God to dwell in Him fully. He chose to embrace His actual, limited, challenging, beautiful

life and invited God into every corner of it.

So, may this be our Lenten project this year: to try to do a little bit of that, to be honest about our temptations, our yearnings, our restlessness, our dissatisfaction. And in and through that honesty, may we find the clarity and strength to invite God into every corner of our actual, limited, challenging, beautiful lives. May we increase our compassion for others. May we love fully as we have been loved. May we learn to better share our gifts. May we forgive as we are forgiven. And may we keep our hope high so that we are able to see and hear the voice of God working in and through us. We can trust this will make a difference in this world we share ... maybe small, maybe large ... but most certainly a positive difference for all God's children."

Congratulations to Rose Clarkin for receiving the Lady Knight of the Year Award and to Pat White for receiving the Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Award at the recent Knights of Columbus Christmas Party. Your tireless work is much appreciated!

Mark your calendars regarding upcoming events and gen-

eral information...

If you are interested in attending monthly meetings, but are not able to drive, there are auxiliary members who are willing to pick you up. Jan Abbott will send an email regarding the possibility of members getting a ride.

The ladies auxiliary will continue to help the Knights at Wednesday bingos. Two people are needed on the third week of even months and the fourth week of odd months.

Please let Jan Abbott know if you are able to work.

The Old Cathedral Tour and Mass has been postponed until sometime in March or April.

More information will be forthcoming regarding dates.

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold the Alton Deanery Meeting on Friday, February 6, 2026 at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville, IL. The mass begins at 8:00 am, followed by the meeting at 9:00 am.

Lenten Fish Dinners are rapidly approaching and we will need your help bringing desserts and working at the dinners. There will be a fish dinner on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and Friday, February 20, 2026 and will continue through on Fridays until Good

Friday, April 3, 2026. Please contact Jan Abbott if you are able to bring a dessert and/or work at the dinners. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

The annual Women's Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City, IL. We will keep you updated as the event gets closer.

The Spring Indoor Garage Sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, 2026 at the KC Hall. There will be more information at upcoming meetings. If you are interested in chairing this event, please contact Jan Abbott.

We are happy to announce two new members to the auxiliary. Carla Bohnenstiehl and Carol Wieduwilt have recently joined our group. Please welcome them when you see them!

Lastly, please remember to pay your dues to Rose Clarkin.

I'll leave with this parting thought..."Your February actions are March's results."

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Come and join us!

## February

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

The year is moving fast and so is the council, this month is full of activity at the hall and every weekend has an event. Lenten fish fries start so here's your opportunity to serve the council. Just pick a Friday your help will be much appreciated. The first District Deputy meeting was held in January, a few new programs were introduced, many of the area councils were there and it was nice to hear from them on the activities they have going on. The state convention will be May 15th - 17th in Peoria.

Our Parish is in need of Eucharist Ministers. This is

a very good ministry to fulfill your honor of service as a Knight, please consider signing up for this ministry contact the parish office, they will help you get started!

2026 membership dues are owed, some are still behind from last year this is the time to catch up on those overdue dues.

The Supreme Council has updated the Fraternal web site, The new kofc.org is now live, they encourage you to explore the new site.

Enjoy the day!

## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR JOE WHALEN

We are now entering the second month of 2026. February promises to be busy. Fish Fry's, Valentine's Day, and the Sportsman Raffle. First prize is \$1500 and second prize is \$1000. If you haven't bought one yet you might want to. For only \$20 you have a chance to win \$2500. Thank you to those who purchased and sold tickets. The raffle will be drawn in March.

Who are the Fourth Degree? They may be known by their distinct uniform, but there is more to being a Fourth Degree than what he wears. Men of the Fourth Degree have chosen to embrace patriotism and embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and faithful citizen.

Fourth Degree Knights par-

ticipate in patriotic programs and activities. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is available to all third-degree members in good standing who are citizens of the country they reside and wish to grow in their practice of Catholic patriotism. One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions.

In their uniform, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus



## Highland Knights of Columbus February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> KC District Free Throw Contest 12:00 Noon Father McGivny H.S.	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	<b>4</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Private Event
<b>8</b> KC Spelling Bee Doors Open 12:00 PM Bee Begins 1:00 PM "Big Game" Wing Sales 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>9</b>  Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>11</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>12</b>  St. Paul Decorate	<b>13</b> Viking Night Dinner Auction Highland KC Hall Doors Open 5:00 PM	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day
<b>15</b> KC Sunday Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Jeff Caldwell and the Vinyl Frontier Elvis Tribute Band	<b>16</b> Presidents Day	<b>17</b> Fat Tuesday Holiday Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  No Wednesday Bingo	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Mouse Races Doors Open 6:00 PM Races Begin 7:15 PM Benefit for Local Baseball / Softball Teams
<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday	<b>23</b>  Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>28</b> Chicken & Beer Dance Doors Open 5:30 PM Dinner 6-6:30 PM Sponsored by Ma Cli Bo Circus Unit



## Highland Knights of Columbus March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	<b>4</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>7</b> Heartland Community Chorus St. Paddy Party Fundraiser 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	
<b>8</b> Int'l. Women's Day	<b>9</b>  Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>11</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>12</b> Relevant Pregnancy Options Center Banquet Doors Open 6:00 PM	<b>13</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM Register ImpactLife.org	<b>14</b>  Private Event	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>19</b> KC Prayer Vigil Forty Days for Life 7 AM - 7 PM Granite City Clinic	<b>20</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Highland Woman's Club Trivia Night Doors Open 6 PM Trivia Begins 7 PM \$160 / Table of 8	
<b>22</b> Bishop's Mass & Dinner 10:30 PM Mass at St. Paul Church, Highland 12:00 PM Dinner at KC Hall, Highland	<b>23</b>  Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KC Lenten Fish Fry 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> KC Sunday Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hill Williams Band	<b>30</b>  Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	Notes:			<b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE  <b>Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</b>	

## 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**



## 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

## IN MEMORIAM



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

**Willene Fehrmann** wife of Deceased Brother Knight Paul Fehrmann

**Patrica Switzer** wife of Deceased Brother Knight Joe Switzer, Mother of Brother Knight Tom Switzer

Betty Voss Wife of Deceased Brother Knight Jim Voss Mother of Brother Knight Brad Voss and Lee Voss

Brother Knight Jim Hickman 4th Degree Past Faithful Navigator Greenville Council

Marlene Huelsmann

Ann Plocher Wife of Deceased Brother Knight Ed Plocher

## 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

## KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Gary Werner Member since 1993

Daniel Tebbe Member since 1973

David Rutz Member since 1980

Richard Knebel Member since 2017

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](http://www.highlandkc.org).

Thank you for reading!



## KC 2026 Lenten Fish Dinner Menu



All Meals Include 2 Sides, Hush Puppies, & Bread		Price	
<b>Cod Fish Meals</b>			
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	
<b>Shrimp Meals</b>			
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	
<b>Chicken Meals</b>			
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	
<b>Grilled Cheese Meal</b>			
Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ 2 Sides		\$6.00	
<b>Side Items – Choose 2 Sides Included With Meal</b>			
French Fries	Cole Slaw	Macaroni & Cheese	Apple Sauce
<b>Extra Items</b>			
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 <sup>rd</sup>	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 thier famly or a family from our Catholic community, send thier nomination to [editor.knighttimes@gmail.com](mailto:editor.knighttimes@gmail.com)

