### Highland Council 1580

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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

Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale May 1-2

Sunday Dance June 29

Mother's Day May 11

4th Degree Exemplification May 3

### Contact Us!

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# Knight Times



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MAY 2025

My Brother Knights, and friends,

I would like to thank everyone involved that helped with our fish frys this year. Words cannot express how much I appreciate everyone's efforts in making it happen, and most of all working selflessly as a team. A special thank you for the kitchen crew for preparing everything, and the brother knights that cleaned the fish before hand. I myself learned a great deal from our brother knights in the kitchen and watching it operate while doing the dishes! Again, thank you everyone for all your hand work and hospitality to our visitors. I heard nothing but good compliments from those I know. While our fish frys are over,

I would like to encourage everyone to support our friends at the VFW, who do their fish frys all year round, and that their work can continue. When we all work together as a team, everyone in the community benefits.

Although our many fish frys are behind us, there are many events that are within the coming months, but most importantly of these events is Mother's day.

I'll be honest, when I was little, Mother's Day was just another holiday in the year as a reason to celebrate a festivity. However as I have grown older, and now being catholic, one can understand how important the roles of women are within our faith and our lives. Again, I'll be frank, it



**MARCH FOR LIFE:** In March, the Knights of Columbus Council #1580 and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the bus for Pro-Life Advocates in St. Paul and the surrounding parishes to attend the March for Life event in Springfield, IL.

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took me a little while when I was little to understand how important Mary was, and Mary being the mother of Jesus. Understanding the idea that we wouldn't have had Christ without Mary. Like all mothers, Mary bore Jesus, raised him, cared for him, taught him, and was there for support until his most difficult hour.

Can you imagine that kind of task for a new, soon to be, mother? To be the mother of Christ? Let's be honest, Mary was a "Super-Mom!"

Being a triplet, its hard for me to imagine the amount of work my parents had in taking care of my brothers and me, along with my older brother Jonathan. Bearing, feeding, clothing, bathing, and raising three kids all at the same time (not to forget my older brother Jonathan!). I simply cannot imagine the amount of work that goes into parenting, when I watch my brother Adam, and my sister-inlaw Jamie care for their son Theodore, who was born just several weeks ago.

I want to encourage everyone to take time this month, to spend time with your parents, remember those who have fallen asleep, and celebrate the importance of motherhood in our lives. Remember, we would not be saved nor would we have the church if it not for Mary.

Vivat Jesus! Jacob W. Rose Grand Knight

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

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**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:** We have selected April's family of the Month, a family that works for the betterment of their Parish and community. A member for over 55 years, this brother knight currently serves as our Outside Guard, and serves as the Lead Singer for the Knighttime Singers. While not playing this guitar, this brother knight volunteers his time assisting in the kitchen during bingo. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for March 2025, to Ralph and Marylin Bruggemann. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



# NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

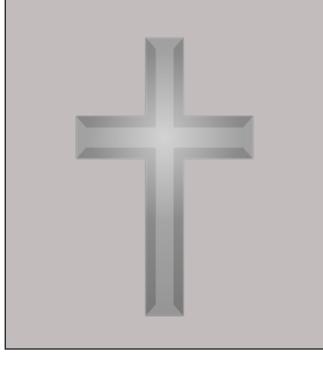
#### Get Renewed

I hope you are feeling well during this Easter season. I hope you are feeling renewed spiritually as well as being renewed as a Knight. Our principles state the Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood in service to the Catholic Church, who practice the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are united in brotherhood, working together to make a difference in our church and community. We are men trying to change the world one charity act at a time. Let's be renewed and go forward helping our church and our community.

and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! If you are a current Knight or want to become a member.... And you would like to get involved, just call the KC Hall at 618-654-9049 ... and say "How can I help?" or email us at KC1580News@gmail.com. For potential new members, please check out our national website at: https://www. kofc.org/joinus We can only be successful

We can only be successful if our members help us be successful.

# Pray for the Papal Conclave as they meet to elect the next Pope.



This all takes volunteers,

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

May is a special time of the year because it is a time of renewal with longer days, warmer weather and the transition into summer for us. The warm temperatures bring life to earth. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths begin to appear. Robins and other birds show up and begin to gather material to build their nests. This is a sign that Winter has transitioned into Spring. And the vibrancy of Spring is synonymous with life. It's about growth and green things. But, as the Bible reminds us, true life is about believing that Jesus is the Son of God.

During this time we should also take time to celebrate and honor our mothers on Mother's Day (May 11th) for their invaluable contributions to our lives. It is through them

### May

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

Here we are May, the warm weather is upon us and it feels good ! May is often associated with renewal, rebirth, and the return of spring and new beginnings, and also May is the month dedicated to honoring our Blessed Virgin Mary. May 1st we also celebrate the Feast day of St. Joseph the worker, the hard working husband of Mary and father of Jesus. He sounds like the kind of guy that you could ask to be a member of our council...well gee speaking of that, you know that council goal I've written about, asking you the members to help bring in new members, yeah it's going pretty slow.

So here's an incentive. If you can bring in one new member and have them join our council you'll get your next year's member-

that we have received love, care, and guidance, shaping our character and values. Mother's Day is a time for families to come together and create lasting memories. Enjoy the day!

Memorial Day is May 26th, the last Monday in May. It is a day to pay tribute to those men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. We honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country!

Mark your calendars. The ladies auxiliary has several upcoming activities you might enjoy...

In conjunction with the city-wide garage sale, the ladies auxiliary will be sponsoring an indoor garage sale at the KC Hall on Thursday, May 1st from 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Friday, May 2nd from 8:00 am-12:00 noon. We are in need of help with setting up on Thursday morning, help with the auxiliary table, and items for the bake sale. Check your closets and garage for items you might want to donate to the sale. Contact Trisha Korte (618/978-1542) or Patty Noe (618/977-6791) if you are willing to help.

Interested in volunteering more with the ladies auxiliary? It is that time of the year for officer nominations. Rose Clarkin will be stepping down as treasurer after many years of providing the auxiliary with her invaluable service. Due to a very busy schedule, Emily Rose will be stepping away as President. Jan Abbott will become President. With that in mind, we are looking for someone to serve as Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations will be taken at the May meeting.

Again this year, we will be holding a baby shower for the Relevant Pregnancy Center. It will be at the May 6th meeting. Please bring diapers, unwrapped gifts or donations.

Also in conjunction with the May meeting, we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo ( a day late) with a taco bar (meat and meatless) and other Mexican related food for you to enjoy. Please plan to attend the May meeting for some yummy food and fellowship. Contact Emily Rose (618/792-0482) if you plan to attend, so we can make sure we have plenty of food.

The next meeting will be on May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

ship dues half off ! But wait there's more! If you get two new members to join our council your next year's membership dues will be Waived !! You can't beat a deal like that, so what do you say, let's give this a try !

Lord, as we step into new beginnings this May, grant us the courage to embrace change and the wisdom to navigate new paths. Fill our hearts with hope and our minds with clarity, guide us as we embark on new ventures this month. Illuminate our way and help us make decisions that align with Your will. May we find success and fulfillment in our endeavors. Amen.

Enjoy, the day!



### **NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE**

Worthy Sir Knights, Brother Knights, Ladies Auxiliary and readers all. May is Mary's month and we are Mary's Knights! From the earliest days of our Order, we have promoted devotion to Our Lady. Let us always remember our special relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and let us entrust all that we do as Knights to her patronage and protection. This dedication is marked by special devotions, prayers, and celebrations throughout the month.

What else is the month of May known for? April showers bring May flowers, as they say. Cinco de mayo (May 5), Mother's Day (May 11), and the federal holiday of Memorial Day (May 26). Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season. I ask everyone to join me in praying to St. Michael the Archangel to protect all individuals who are in the United States Military.

On behalf of the Officers of the Fourth Degree, I wish to thank all Brother Knights and their families who serve or have served in the United States Military.

Upcoming Honor Guard Re-

#### quests:

Sunday May 18, 2025, at the Father McGivney Catholic High School Graduation, 7190 Bouse Rd. Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Honor Guard members should contact me at 618-980-2478 or email at jcgenteman@gmail.com to let me know that you will be attending. YOU DO NOT have to be an Honor Guard Knight to attend this event and demonstrate your support for Catholic Education. You can wear your KC shirt and sit next to the Honor Guard. The Mass will begin at 12:30PM. If you can attend, please let me know so we can save the correct number of seats and co-ordinate rides.

Monday, May 26, 2025, at St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial Day service starting at 8:00AM.

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Upcoming Fourth Degree Event:

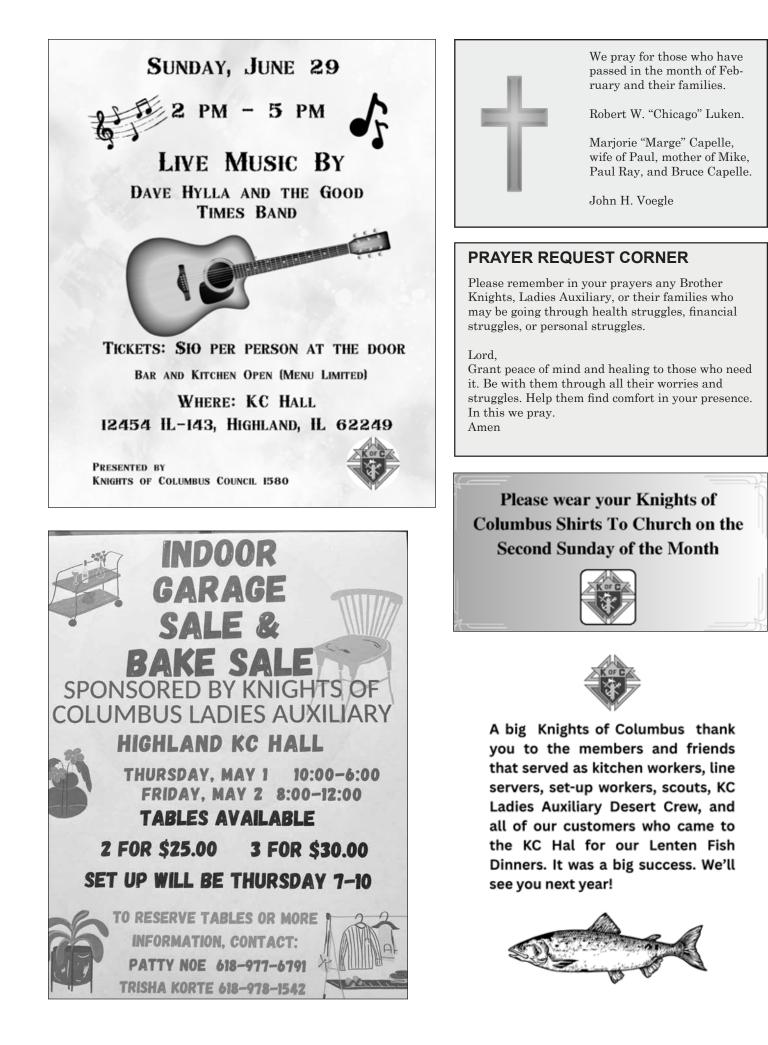
Saturday, May 3, 2025, ALL DEGREE EXEMPLIFICA-TIONS, 1ST THROUGH 4TH in Sherman, IL

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity starts at 11:00AM, Exemplification of Patriotism starts at 12:30PM Contact John Genteman, 618-980-2478 for more details.

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Sunday Monday Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1 Ladies Aux Garage Sale 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Set Up: 7:00AM - 10:00 AM Tables: 2 for \$25 or 3 for \$30	Friday 2 Ladies Aux Garage Sale 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Saturday 3 Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Call for Details. Sherman, IL 8:00 AM Wedding
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### **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 @HighlandKnightsof-ColumbusCouncil1580 at Facebook.com and give us a like and a follow! We're doing some fun things over there such as livestreams 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 KnightsofColumbus

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!

