

Highland Council 1580

Grand Knight: Jacob Rose

Deputy Grand Knight:
Blake Kohlbrecher

Financial Secretary: Dan McCloud

Chancellor: Tim Lucia

Recorder: Tyler Beck

Treasurer: Craig Wieseman

Advocate: Terry Marks

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

St. Jacob Christmas Parade
USS McGivney Float
Dec 6, 5 pm

Masonic Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 7, 8 am -1:30 pm

KC Member Christmas Party
Doors open 5 pm, Dinner 6pm

Special Bingo
Dec. 17 5pm

KSHE Blood Drive
Dec. 26, 2-6 pm

Special Bingo
Dec. 31 doors open 1pm

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2025

My Brother Knights, and friends,

Just a couple friendly reminders as we reach the end of the year,

We are participating in the St. Jacob Christmas Parade on December 6th. On Sunday December 14th, we have our annual Highland Knights of Columbus Christmas Party with hospitality hour at 5:00pm at the KC Hall. All members, spouses, and family are welcome. Please be sure to call the KC Hall by December to reserve a seat so we can get a count. This is very

important! Music will be provided by Amanda Wick during the function. As always, we will be taking collections for the food pantry to assist those in need, and please be sure to give your prayers to those in need this time of year.

Following our Christmas party, we have our special bingo on December 17th, KSHE KC Blood Drive on December 26th, and our last special bingo December 31st.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that Council #1580 has an incentive in which if you

get one new member to sign up, you get half off of next year's dues. If you signed up two individuals, your dues next year are free!

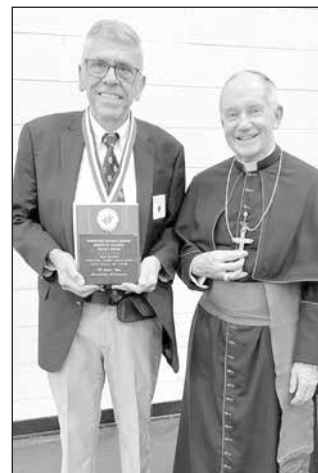
I hope you all have a blessed and merry Christmas as well as a happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Jacob W. Rose
Grand Knight



FOURTH DEGREE: At the Exemplification on Saturday, November 15, new members of the Fourth Degree were welcomed in. Over 32 Brother Knights were in attendance.

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HALL OF FAME: Congratulations to Trustee and Brother Knight Kim White on his induction into the State Council Hall of Fame!

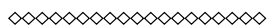
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SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul parish and a member of our Council. During that time he has served a term as Grand Knight. He is a member of the 4th Degree Assembly, Highland Assembly # 0231, having served as Faithful Navigator, chairman of the 4th degree Golf Tournament, and currently serving as Captain of the Honor Guard. Along side these roles, he gives his spare time in having worked Council Chicken Dinners, Fish Fries, Bingo, and numerous other events. He is also a member of the

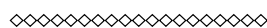
Knight Times Singers. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for November, 2025, Ed Campbell! Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus – Council 1580!



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight became a Brother Knight at the age of Eighteen, his senior year in high school. He has been a member of this Council for nine years having completed the first through third degrees. He has volunteered at the chicken dinners, fish

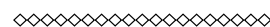
fries, the Kirchenfest, and the ball diamond concession stand. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for November 2025, Clayton Rehkemper. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council 1580!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

This November's Family of the Month Award is given to a group of individuals for their continued service and support to the Church, as well as our school. This "family" is responsible for keeping the day to day func-

tions of our parish and school running. From keeping the restrooms clean, teaching our youth, initiating the faithful, and to assisting Father Pat. This group of people are truly amazing and special in the work that is done. It is with deep appreciation and love that we have selected the family of the month, for November 2025, our St. Paul School and Parish Staff. Congratulations, from Council 1580.



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights for their long steadfast support of the

Knights of Columbus, Highland Council 1580. The Honorary Life and Honorary members are recognized for the distinction of 25 years of continuous service and certain age requirements. The 25-year recognition is presented for 25 years of continuous membership.

The 50-year recognition is presented for 50 years of continuous membership.

These men will be honored during our Christmas party on December 14 th .

Honorary Life (with 25 years)

Bruce A. Bellm
Stephen J. Durbin
Michael R. Gilomen
Kevin J. Heim
Francis J. Jancek

Brad E. Korte
George E. Marron
David E. Melosi
Robert J. Plocher
Melvin E. Potthast
Lawrence H. Rensing
Larry R. Siverly
James E. Stukenberg
Lee J. Wellen
Kim J. White

Honorary Member

Matthew C. Bochantin
Robert P. Daiber
Gary L. Deuser
Steven W. Gruner
Philip G. Hereford
Jeff J. Jacober
Michael A. Noe
Bradley H. Obermark
Steve J. Ribbing
Gary L. Todt
Jeff A. Tonnies
Greg S. Walter
Luke T. Wellen
Bradford J. Voss

25 Years

Anthony J. Hemann
Danny L. McCloud
Brian W. Pierce
Michael K. Spies
Bradley J. White

Honorary Life (with 50 years)

Edwin B. Haselhorst

SOME MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAST DUE \$\$\$\$

If you haven't yet paid your dues, PLEASE do SO

immediately.

If you are unsure, call the hall or email editor.knighttimes@gmail.com

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

Advent Season is in full swing! For many people, Advent season is hope or promise, as written in Isaiah 9:2, 6-7: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned." This hope of Jesus' impending birth is tied to the year and the hope that we see all around us. Sometimes we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season and forget the true meaning of Christmas.

The end of the year is also a time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and for us to encourage generosity to those less fortunate.

Upcoming activities for the auxiliary includes:

The auxiliary will continue to collect donations for the Highland Food Pantry. Although food was collected at the November meeting, we will also be collecting at the Christmas Party.

The auxiliary will host their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be entertainment and games to enjoy.

Instead of a regular gift exchange and a White Elephant gift exchange, we will be collecting food and monetary donations for the food pantry.

Also, we will have a cookie exchange in which we ask those who wish to participate to bring 1-2 dozen cookies to the party. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

The Knights are requesting kitchen assistance at Wednesday Night Bingo. They are especially in need of 1-2 people on December 17, 2025.

They will also need help each week in 2026. Please contact Jan Abbott to sign up.

The outing to the Old Cathedral in St. Louis will be Sunday, January 4, 2026. Mass will be at noon, followed by a tour. The tour is free, but donations are accepted. The Cathedral would like a group

of 10 or more for the tour. Husbands and/or significant others are also welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jan Abbott or Emily Rose by December 2nd.

The Knights will be sponsoring a chicken dinner on Sunday, January 25, 2026. The auxiliary will be assisting and selling raffle tickets.

Save the date! The auxiliary will be sponsoring their indoor garage sale April 16-17, 2026. Keep that date in mind and start collecting!

Enjoy the holiday season with family and friends!

December

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

Here we are December, another year has passed, as we head into the Christmas season make the days count. Don't rush through the month, take time to reflect on the year now behind us, savor the Advent season.

The Hall is busy this month be sure to check the calendar for all the events, the membership incentive is still in play, recruiting a new member gets you half off on your next years dues, speaking of dues some of you are still behind on getting your dues in from last year, don't get another year behind! There are

many food drives happening this month. Also the Blanket Drive is going on at Church until Dec. 7th. Please check the Church bulletin and give generously, The KC Member Christmas Party is also collecting for the Food Pantry please bring non perishable items.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!

Enjoy the Christmas Season!

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR JOE WHALEN

Hope all have a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Let's remember that not only do we celebrate with our friends and family, we need to think about the birth of our Lord and what he has done for us.

On November 15 we hosted Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We had a great turnout. Congratulations to all the men that decided to become Third Knights and to the ones that went on to become Fourth degree Knights.

For any new Fourth degree Knights or any present Fourth degree Knights of the Highland Assembly 231 that purchase their uniform, the Assembly will reimburse you \$250.00.

SAVE THE DATE – HIGHLAND KNIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 23, 2026 – Highland Illinois Knights of Columbus – Council 1580 – presents their second annual community trivia night, hosted by Jeff Herman.

We realize many of the organizations that we have assisted with support are looking for ways to earn funds for their daily needs. So, we are providing an opportunity for the organizations that we have partnered with in the past to earn some funds while having a night of FUN at the trivia night.

For every table that registers as being associated with your organi-

zation, you will receive a portion of money back to your organization. This will be returned to your organization sometime after the event.

The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 12454 IL Route 143, Highland, IL on November 8th, 2024. Doors open at 6 pm and trivia begins at 7 pm. There will be cash prizes for 1st place, mulligans, and 50/50 drawing. Popcorn is provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks. Drinks must be purchased at the K of C Hall.

The cost is \$160 per an 8-person table (\$20 per person).

To register, send a check payable to 'Knights of Columbus – Council 1580', along with a list of attendees to: Dan McCloud, Highland Knights of Columbus, PO Box 195, Highland, IL, 62249.

For additional information, please contact Dan McCloud at 618-531-8082 or by e-mail at: dan29.mccloud@gmail.com . Please include the phrase "KC Trivia Night" in the subject line.



Highland Knights of Columbus December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	2 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	3 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	4	5	6 St. Jacob Christmas Parade Come Cheer On The KC Boat Float 5:00 PM
7 Breakfast With Santa 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Highland KC Hall Sponsored by: Masonic Hall #583	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	9 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	11	12 Private Event	13
14 KC Member Christmas Party Cocktails: 5:00 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM Call KC Hall to Register	15	16	17 * Special Bingo * Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	18	19	20
21 Winter Begins	22 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23	24 No Bingo	25 Christmas * Closed *	26 KSHE KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM Register: BloodCenter.Org	27
28	29 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30	31 * Special Bingo * Doors Open 1:00 PM Games Start 2:00 PM Euchre ???	Notes:	 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	



Highland Knights of Columbus January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12 Boy Scouts	13 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	15 Highland Chamber of Comm Commerce Business After Hours Highland KC Hall 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	16 Relevant Trivia Night Highland KC Hall Doors Open 6:30 PM Trivia Begins 7:00 PM	17 Sheriff Jeff Conner 5th Annual Trivia Night Doors Open 6:00 PM Trivia Begins: 7:00 PM
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr.	20	21 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	22	23 KC Community Trivia Highland KC Hall Doors Open 6:00 PM Trivia Begins 7:00 PM	24
25 KC Chicken Dinner 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Drive Thru \$14.00	26 Boy Scouts	27	28 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	29	30	31

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.



EXEMPLIFICATION: Chancellor Tim Lucia reads the Charity lesson at the Exemplification on November 15.

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OBITUARIES

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

Doris Luber
Gary Renko Brother of Brother Knight
Louis Renko



EXEMPLIFICATION: The Exemplification team oversees the event on Saturday, November 15.

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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

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



KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Brian Ruffini Member since 1988
Leonard Thole Member since 1982
Robert Trost Member since 2011
Luke Zobrist Member since 2023

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

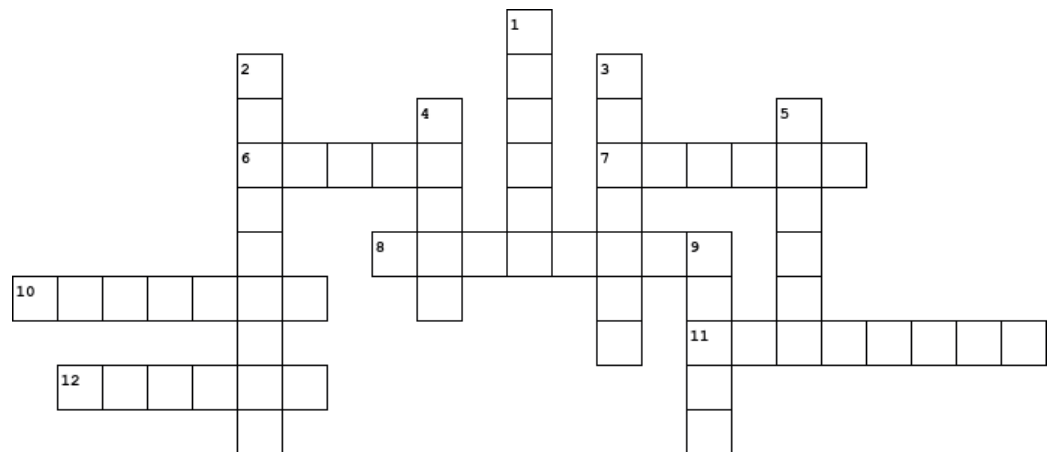
of communication. We're usually pretty quick to respond!

And as always, the council's website is a fantastic source for additional information. Please check it out at www.highlandkc.org.

Thank you for reading!



Christmas Word Search



Across

6. Clark's cousin-in-law in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
7. Name of a reindeer
8. Feast Day of December 6th
10. Author of "A Christmas Carol"
11. Mary, Jesus, and Joseph
12. Snowman

Down

1. First name of the artist who sings "All I Want for Christmas Is You"
2. roasting by an open fire
3. A red nosed reindeer
4. Kid from "Home Alone"
5. Played Bob Cratchit in "A Muppet Christmas Carol"
9. Jolly Man in a red suit