

Highland  
Council  
1580

# Knight Times



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## Upcoming Events

Fourth Degree Golf Tourney  
**August 12**  
Council Meeting 7 pm  
**Second Tuesday of the Month**  
Polka Dance  
**August 20**  
Bingo  
**Every Wednesday**

## Contact Us!

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST 2023

Greetings, Brother Knights:

As I write this letter RAIN is finally falling outside my office window! This summer has been an abnormal season, too much rain in some sectors of the country, too much heat in other sectors. Do not forget the air pollution from the Canadian wildfires. One thing for certain, we cannot control the weather.

Recently, on one of my trips to the Chicago suburbs, I had the opportunity to attend Mass at a church in the north suburbs. At the time, I did not know that the congregation was predominantly Polish. When I walked in, the choir was singing in Polish. Once the Mass began, I found myself wondering why I did not check the church's website out more thoroughly as the everything was in Polish. However, as I sat there, I began thinking of how those who do not speak English felt attending Mass at my old parish on the

Chicago Southside. My old parish area has seen a steady growth of Polish, some first generation.

They probably feel the same way as I did. However, I began thinking that we share the same faith, and the same God. Even though we might have language barriers, we worship the same way. Needless to say, I was glad I did attend this Polish service. It was beautiful.

July was a month packed with numerous events. Two events that I wish to mention were the installation of officers on July 23 rd for the Council, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the 4 th Degree Assembly.

Congratulations to the new officers, and best wishes for the new year. Secondly, the Madison County Fair was held July 25 th to 30 th . The Fair is one of the major events that the Council/Auxiliary is involved with as it involves a six-day venue, plus

numerous days before and after for the behind-the-scenes preparation. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped with this event. I also would like to thank the older members who have helped in the past, but because of physical/health limitations could not help this year. Several members came to me personally, and apologized for not being able to work because of these limitations. Their past service is very much appreciated.

August has several dates of importance. First, August 13th is Blessed Michael McGivney's Memorial Day. Father McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, and passed away on August 14, 1890. He is the founder of the Knights of Columbus. The next important date is August 15 th , the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both dates should be kept in your thoughts and prayers. Lastly, August 25 to 27 is the Kirchenfest. Volunteers are needed before, during, and after this event. Volunteering for a few hours can made a big difference.

Remember our council meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, and start at 7:00 PM. Also, we continue to need new members. If you know of a friend, relative, or acquaintance who is a practicing Catholic and over age 18, encourage them to join us. Membership is free for the first twelve months if done online at: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Enter the Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for the free membership.

Vivat Jesus!  
Ken Krausz



**2023 OFFICERS:** Knights of Columbus Council 1580 Officers for 2023 are, from left to right, Grand Knight Ken Krausz, Deputy Grand Knight Jacob Rose, Treasurer Craig Weiseman, Advocate Tim Lucia, Warden John Kapp, Jr., Trustee Kim White; back left Trustee Wayne Henze, and Guard Brian Comish.

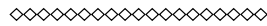
Photo by Emily Rose

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

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish, and has been a member of this Council for sixteen years as well as a Fourth-Degree member of Assembly 231. He was the Council Treasurer for the past ten years. He has also been a volunteer for numerous Council events including Fish Fries, Chicken Dinners, Bingo, etc. One of many talents were his carpentry skills. He constructed many of the shelves for the Kirchenfest Flea Mar-

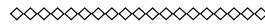
ket. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for July 2023, Lee Trame. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish. He has been a member of our Council for eight years. He has been a crew worker on the Taco Breakfast since its inception earlier this year. He has also helped in the past with Coun-

cil Chicken Dinners, Fish Fries, and the Kirchenfest. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for July 2023 Brad Vogelbacher. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knights are members of St. Paul Parish, have over one hundred years of combined membership in our Council. Most are also Fourth Degree members of Assembly 231. These

Brother Knights have volunteered to work various events, but the one that they have been the mainstay of is handling the bar duties for Council functions. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for July 2023, the following bartenders: Mike Range, Mike Spies, Bob Melosi, Tom Melosi, Dave Schlueter, Andrew Schlueter, and Mike Carroll. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

By Advocate Tim Lucia

We see this phrase often: "Volunteers Needed!" and unfortunately it's often overlooked, but as members of the Knights Of Columbus we should take this as our call to action. I know life gets in the way sometimes but if you have a couple of hours that someone else doesn't and they have a couple of hours you don't then we've helped out. Whether it's an activity at the hall or the church or Kirchenfest we should answer the call when we can. It is part of the principles that make up what the Knights are about, charity is what we are about, our time can be charity. A few hours of helping to make a chicken dinner a success or helping at one of the many events our council puts on can bring a great feeling of satisfaction. Volunteering helps the Council, the Church, and the Community. To our members that are in your younger years, us older members would like to pass on to you what has been passed on to us so that our council can flourish in the future. We love to see new faces volunteering at events, you'll get to hear cool stories from the old guys and some really bad jokes but you will have a great time and laugh a lot!

Enjoy the day!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## Save the Dates! Upcoming Sunday Polka Fun



## KC Sunday Polka Dances

Date:	Music By:
▶ August 20th	The Rendition Band (Polka Music & More) ◀
September 17th	Polka Connection
October 15th	Butch's Polka Kings
November 19th	Dave Hylla Good Times Band

### Public Invited

Tickets \$10 Per Person at the Door

All Dances 2 PM – 5 PM, Sunday

Kitchen and Bar Open

Gather Your Friends and Enjoy a Good Time!

**Knights of Columbus, Council 1580**  
12454 IL Route 143, Highland, IL 62249  
618-654-9049



# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

Have you noticed in the Gospels that many times when Jesus is addressing the crowds, he speaks in parables to them in a language that they would understand. Most of them were ordinary day laborers, farmers, fishermen. So He taught them in the form of stories relating to their daily way of life. We shouldn't gloss over these stories just because we have heard them many times and they have become very familiar to us. Jesus didn't tell these stories for just the people of His time but also for all people who have come after Him including us this very day. He knew these stories would have the power to speak to us in the day to day circumstances of our lives.

For example, in the parable of the sower sowing his seeds and the

seeds falling on all types of soil, we can imagine God as being that farmer who, before he plants his crop, carefully chooses the land, tills and prepares the soil and selects the seeds. He knows he will have to care for the field throughout the planting and growing season so it will produce a good yield. Then he goes out to sow the seeds. God is like this farmer in that he carefully has chosen us and has great plans laid out for us, but He also is aware of the hard paths, the rocky ground, and the thorns that may be in our hearts. He knows we will be distracted by the worries we will face. But even if the soil of our hearts sees unwelcoming, God still sows the seed of His word in our hearts. He knows that our hearts can become

more fertile and be nourishing to His word and are capable of yielding much fruit. He can help us become aware if our hearts need to be softened in a certain area so they do not become like the rocky soil that bears no fruit.

The types of seed sown are many varieties and may be something we hear in Scripture or in a homily or a Bible study; they could come from something family or friends say to us; they could be something we read. The fruits we yield may show themselves in loving someone we have struggled to tolerate in the past; or we become more prayerful and peaceful instead of worrying; or we reach out to others in their needs. The next time we are hearing a parable being read or read it ourselves, let's

sit with it for a little while and try to glean what it is God is trying to say to us. He has given us eyes and ears to see and hear. May our eyes and ears be open to His word today.

The auxiliary assisted the Knights in July to serve lunch at the Disability Awareness Day at the County Fair, participated in the Installation of Officers ceremony along with the Knights, and made a donation to the Knights 4th Degree Golf Tournament. Donations of course are only possible with your support of our fundraisers throughout the year. A quilt raffle is planned for the fall and tickets will be available soon. The next meeting is August 1st at 7:00 pm at the KC Hall.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

Now that Summer is here, I'm sure everyone is busy with yard work, gardening, grilling, and taking some vacation time. I hope everyone enjoys all of their activities. Here at the Knights of Columbus Hall, we are busy with activities as well.... And we could use your help.

We can use help during our Bingo on Wednesdays. We need helpers to commit to one Wednesday a month. There are various jobs available: selling tickets, selling bingo cards, collecting used bingo cards, as well as other duties.

In addition, we need concession volunteers at the Bingo nights. We are looking for people to commit to one Wednesday every other month for the concession area.

Free drinks and a light meal to all team members for their help during these Bingo nights.

Please call the Hall or show up on a Wednesday and ask where can I help out.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not remind members to please pay your 2023 dues (if you have not already). You can mail these to the address below or drop them by the KC Hall. For those who have already paid your dues..... THANK YOU!!!

Let's be the best we can be in '23.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McCloud

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## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE: JOHN GENTEMAN

Worthy Sir Knights

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your confidence in electing me your Faithful Navigator. I am honored and I will do my best.

I stand on the shoulders of great men before me, with still greater ones to follow.

I by no means have all the answers or greatest ideas. I will need your help along the way. Please help when you can, and pray for us always.

I encourage ALL members who can to get involved with our assembly. And anyone who is not a member of the Fourth Degree to become one. It is both easy and painless. Hopefully we will be able to have an Exemplification to increase our membership later this year. I would like to see an event where both candidates and council members can go from first to fourth degree in the same day.

**GOLF SCRAMBLE - Saturday August 12th**  
-Timber Lakes Club - Staunton, IL - 9 AM Start

**A FUN Day of Golf!**

Teams are \$400 and include cart, 18 holes, hole in one prize, meal and awards.

Please contact Ed Campbell at 618-651-8230 for information.

**SEE YOU AT THE 19th HOLE!**

Next Fourth Degree Meeting is August 7th at 7 PM.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). rough Christ our Lord. Amen.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY 2023



**LADIES AUXILIARY** helped out with the Knights' food stand at the Madison County Fair.

*Photo By Gina Lipski*



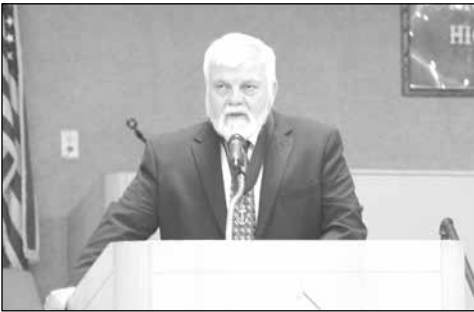
**SWING, SWING:** Bob Buhne and John Genteman have completed the addition of a swing set on the KC playground. There are still a few additional playground repairs and paint touch up to complete this year. Let them know if you have time to assist.

*Photo by John Genteman*



**FAIR QUEENS:** 2023 Miss Madison County Fair Queen Laini Bock, and Junior Miss Landry take a photo with Grand Knight Ken Krausz.

*Photo Contributed*



**GRAND KNIGHT** Ken Krausz speaks following his installation for his second term.

*Photo by Emily Rose*



**LADIES AUXILIARY** President Patricia Noe is sworn in for her second term at the July installation.

*Photo by Jacob Rose*



**FOURTH DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR** John Genteman (left) is sworn in, replacing Joe Wetmore.

*Photo by Emily Rose*



## Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</p>		<p><b>1</b> 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary</p>	<p><b>2</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 PM Fourth Degree</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM</p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>16</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>					
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					<p>St. Paul Kirchenfest</p>	<p>St. Paul Kirchenfest</p>
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<p>St. Paul Kirchenfest</p>	<p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>					

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: AUGUST 2023

## BIRTHDAYS

01 - Donald Johannes  
 01 - Terrence Riffel  
 02 - Derek Hacke  
 02 - Kevin Keeven  
 02 - Luke Wellen  
 02 - Marge Capelle  
 02 - Russell Kloss  
 03 - Jennie Forbes  
 03 - Lu Ann Halloran  
 03 - Robert Plocher  
 03 - Vernon Korte  
 04 - Jennifer Whitten  
 04 - Julie Lafrance  
 05 - Homer Rusteberg  
 05 - Judy Keeven  
 05 - Kerri Spies  
 06 - Don Tschannen  
 07 - Aimee Frey  
 07 - Carl Neier  
 07 - Cynthia Zobrist  
 07 - Jeremy Snyder  
 07 - Justin Overby  
 07 - Sharon Schmitz  
 08 - Gerald Potthast  
 08 - Kevin Grapperhaus  
 08 - Paul Ray Capelle  
 08 - Peter Capalupo  
 08 - Philip Zampogna  
 08 - Thomas Ahlmeyer

11 - Daniel Trost  
 11 - Tim Eller  
 11 - Wayne Henze  
 12 - Leo Landmann  
 12 - Susan Bowman  
 12 - Vincent Watts  
 13 - Kim Etter  
 13 - Linda Rezabek  
 15 - Andrew Winkeler  
 15 - Betty Henze  
 15 - Jeffrey Miller  
 16 - Debra Frey  
 16 - Derek Brinker  
 17 - Diane Reidelberger  
 17 - William Napper  
 18 - Jeremy Sickman  
 18 - Patricia Trame  
 19 - Elmer Emig  
 19 - Herbert Tebbe  
 19 - Julie Kay Jakel  
 19 - Marvin Pacatte  
 19 - Steve Gall  
 20 - Jerome Kuhl  
 20 - Leonard Landmann  
 21 - Lee Voss  
 22 - Bradford Voss  
 22 - Jacob Wildhaber  
 22 - Jon Swedien  
 22 - Pamela Hartwig

23 - Christopher Durbin  
 23 - Michael Sands  
 25 - Chris Lafrance  
 25 - Mary Daiber  
 26 - Keith Poss  
 27 - David Michael  
 27 - George Whaley  
 27 - Heather Gutzler  
 27 - John R Barr  
 27 - Kim Winkeler  
 28 - Brenda Korte  
 29 - Jean Gall  
 29 - Kenneth Krausz  
 29 - Kirby Klostermann  
 29 - Patrick Connelly  
 29 - Terri Hoffmann  
 30 - Anthony Budde  
 30 - Rachael Timmermann  
 30 - Theresa Bochantin  
 31 - Kevin Hemann  
 31 - Luke Zobrist  
 31 - Rick Aholt

## ANNIVERSARIES

02 - Chris & Julie Lafrance  
 03 - Gregory & Terri Walter  
 04 - Joseph & Jacqueline Seger  
 04 - Randy & Therese Dickman  
 05 - Ely & Ashley Hadowsky  
 05 - Stanley & Joan Wilke  
 07 - Terry & Nanette Snyder  
 07 - Vernon & Theresa Ann Eversgerd  
 08 - David & Barbara Kampwerth  
 08 - Robert & Barbara Schwarz  
 10 - Larry & Phyllis Reidelberger  
 10 - Michael & Shari Ammann  
 11 - Maththew & Theresa Bochantin  
 12 - Jerry & Marlene Vosholler  
 12 - Kim & Pat White  
 14 - Dennis & Nancy Dubach  
 14 - George & Karen Whaley  
 14 - Randy & Ann Kleinmann  
 17 - Brian & Connie Ruffini

17 - David & Cynthia Zobrist  
 18 - Kevin & Barbara Stallard  
 18 - Thomas & Kirby Klostermann  
 20 - Joe & Gail Gutzler  
 20 - Randy & Jean Von Hatten  
 22 - Dennis & Kathy Keeven  
 24 - Russell & Nancy Rieke  
 25 - Donald & Sharon Schmitz  
 25 - Edward & Madonna Fischer  
 25 - John & Kim Etter  
 25 - Wayne & Sherry Holzinger  
 26 - Gary & Rebecca Weis  
 26 - Lee & Janet Voss  
 28 - Kevin & Susan Heim  
 29 - Anthony & Donna Budde  
 29 - Danny & Kim McCloud  
 29 - David & Staci Brown  
 31 - Herber & Linda Tebbe  
 31 - John & Colleen Geismann  
 31 - Mark & Judith Richter  
 31 - Roger & Lee Ann Landmann



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## FROM THE EDITORS

Now is great time to get involved! There is something fulfilling about being a Brother Knight or Ladies Axillary member. Its so much more than volunteering and fundraising (although both are highly important parts of the organizations). There's a sense of friendship and fellowship. Jacob and I have met so many new and incredible people and for sure made some life long friends.

I would like to challenge each of you to bring a friend along to the next meeting or next volunteer event! Even if they are a member, but have never been to a meeting or volunteer.

Now for some notes! 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 news-

letter, 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 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 KnightsOfCo-

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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!

