

Highland
Council
1580

Knight Times



Grand Knight: Jacob Rose

Deputy Grand Knight:
Blake Kohlbrecher

Financial Secretary: Dan McCloud

Chancellor: Tim Lucia

Recorder: Dave Gall

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

KC Member Christmas Party
December 15

Special Bingo
December 18

KC Blood Drive
December 27

RUBY LEIGH!
NEWS YEARS EVE!
December 31

Contact Us!

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www.highlandkc.org

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knightshighland@gmail.com

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618-654-9049

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2024

My Brother Knights,

As I write this today, Thanksgiving is nearly coming to a close with the birth of Christ and the end of the year before us. Around this time of year, I always have the most sense of nostalgia and fond memories of when I was little celebrating Christmas with our extended family on my mothers side of the family. We would get together at my uncle's house, located in an unincorporat-

ed community outside of Hermann Missouri, that was an old residence/post office/grocery store of German construction. My uncle would hand paint plaster Santa figurines, along with bark, and other items. The entire "store" would be decorated for Christmas, along with an animatronic enclosed Santa's workshop display. Various tables would be displayed with my uncles Santa's, some of which my mother and grandmother also painted

under the brand name "Star Joy".

On Sunday December 15th, 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 10th to reserve a seat so we can get a count. Music will be provided by Amanda Wick during the function. As always, we will also 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.

At the end of the month, we have our New Years Eve Party on December 31st, with Katie Hatch at 5:30pm, AL Boogie at 7:30pm, and Ruby Leigh at 10:00pm at the KC Hall we will need many volunteers for this event, so please don't hesitate to contact the hall if your able to assist for a couple hours.

Lastly, I hope your family and you have a blessed and merry Christmas as well as a happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Jacob W. Rose
Grand Knight

WE HONOR OUR MEMBERS

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 15th.

Honorary Life (with 25 years) Honorary Members:

Thomas W. Ahlmeyer
Keith T. Poss
David J. Schlueter
William F. Straeter

25 Years Honorary Life (with 50 years):

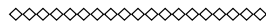
Donald C. Brinker
Elmer J. Emig
Frank W. Milos
Maurice G. Frey
David K. Thole
Marvin J. Grapperhaus
Travis L Wellen
Kevin B. Hemann
Howard G. Held
Mark L. Voegele
Michael P. Voegele

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish, has been a member of our council for over 57 years, and is a member of the 4th degree assembly. A walking embodiment of service, this brother knight continually contributes his time and talents to the Community, the Church, and the Knights of Columbus. From assisting in painting the playground, to helping facilitate the 50/50 during the Council's hosting of Queen of hearts, being the voice for many years at the St. Paul Strassenlauf and Marshall coordinator, It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of

the Month for November, 2024, Dave Rakers. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This brother knight is a member of St. Paul Parish, has been a member of our council for over 15 years, and is a member of the 4th degree assembly. Known throughout the community, this brother embodies the ideal of catholic family values and hard work. From growing up working in the business his parents owned, to eventually running a continuing successful business himself and being "Mr. Mom" while

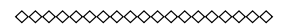
his spouse worked in St. Louis. While raising his family, along with his spouse, the family pursues many charitable endeavors from supporting the local food pantry, to the victims of car wrecks. Their belief in the community they support very much coincides with putting their "faith into action." It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for November 2024, Lee Rinderer. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

We have selected November's family of the Month, a brother Knight

and his lady who continue to serve in God's footsteps, and act as a public face for St. Paul Parish by serving as hospitality ministers, greeting every brother and sister in Christ with a warm welcome face. Among the many activities this family participants in or supports, the most recent was volunteer work in helping St. Paul Parish renovate the rectory, thereby offsetting the cost of the renovation work. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for November 2024, Skip and Jean Gall. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

As the Holidays are upon us, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I hope you get to enjoy it with your family and friends.

Seeing that the new year is just around the corner, I wanted to let you know that the Knights of Columbus dues statement will be mailed to all members around December 9th. 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

HIGHLAND COUNCIL 1580 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS --- COME JOIN US!!!

I recently looked at some aging trends of our Council 1580 and I wanted to share some statistics.

We have a total of 610 members and the age groups are as follows:

Age Group	Number of Members	Percentage
70 and over	192	31%
60 - 69	189	31%
50 - 59	97	17%
40 - 49	68	11%
30 - 39	39	6%
18 - 29	25	4%

As you can see, we need our younger Catholic men to join their local council. Our council does a lot for our church and community. We always welcome new members and new ideas. Periodically, we sponsor membership drives or you can always contact me if you are interested in the Knights of Columbus at dan29.mccloud@gmail.com . If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, you can check us out at <https://www.highlandkc.org/> What are you going to do to Knight?

Dan McCloud

Membership Director – Highland Council 1580

Email: Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

What do the holidays mean to you? Is it time with family and friends? Singing carols, watching Christmas specials while addressing cards to send out? Maybe it's those hectic days of shopping, parties to attend or eating too much? Whatever it is, these are all part of Christmas traditions, but what about the first Christmas? Why is the original story of the baby in a manger, shepherds, wise men, and angels important, if at all? This is a story that has endured to give us hope, peace on Earth and goodwill to men. It is also a story of family, humility, and a story of love. Sometimes, we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays. In-

stead, step back as the year comes to an end and embrace the magic of the season.

Wishing all of you a season filled with joy, love, and happiness. May your days be merry and bright and may all of your wishes come true. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and bright and prosperous new year ahead from my family to yours!

Here are the upcoming events for everyone to enjoy...

Come join us at the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner on December 3, 2024. We'll begin with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. There will be a short meeting, followed by entertainment, games, a White Elephant gift exchange, and

a regular gift exchange (Both gift exchanges are optional). We are also sponsoring an optional food donation for HACSM. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Ruby Leigh New Year's Eve Party - The Knights are sponsoring a New Year's Eve Party with Ruby Leigh. She will be joined by Katie Hatch and Al Boogie. The auxiliary will be selling 50/50 tickets at the party. We will need two people to help sell tickets throughout the night. A sign up sheet will be available at the December meeting.

Adopt-A-Family - Once again, the auxiliary will be teaming up with the Knights to provide a family with gifts. The program is designed

to help a family who is facing significant financial hardships and often are unable to afford gifts for their children. Sometimes it is single parent families who are facing hardships or those with larger families. Or it might be families where the parent has lost their job, had unforeseen medical expenses or are facing other challenges. Whatever the reasons, we are proud to help them make Christmas a little better for their families.

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

Please consider attending the next meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm. See you there!

DECEMBER Thoughts

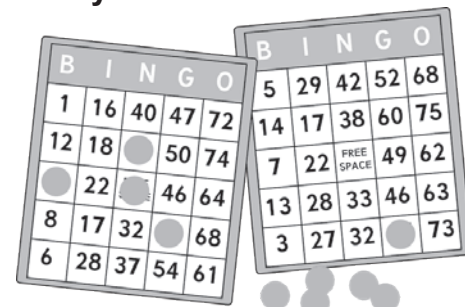
By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

Here we are... December, the last month of the year, and I'm sure like me you are very busy. Shopping, seeing family, wrapping up end of the year work stuff, a party or two maybe three...yeah probably four late nights, whoa!!! I just wore myself out already! Thinking back over the past year we've seen and heard some crazy stuff, God has also done some very amazing stuff, he distracted us from our nutty world and showed his beautiful works, the Northern lights, Eclipse, Super Moons, showed us the power of our planet with monster storms and the compassion of the people he has blessed this planet with. Everything

happens for a reason, we don't always understand why, but it's God's plan. When we wind down the end of the month with Christmas remind yourself with the miracle of the birth of Jesus, close your eyes clear your mind of the clutter of everyday life and reflect on the miracles God has blessed you with, the vast universe we live in, the small speck of time we exist in. Use the time we have here with gratitude, thank God daily. Start the New Year with just that NEW, new beginning, new attitude, new purpose!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

BINGO
WORKERS WANTED
Call the hall or contact
Wayne Henze if interested.



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

It's that special time of year again! The snow is falling (somewhere), the streets are full of festive spirit, Christmas music is in the air and the lights of Christmas are twinkling throughout the town. The anticipation is building, and the shopping days are dwindling. The days are shorter, the nights are colder, and we find ourselves wrapped in the warmth of family, friends, and the holiday season. And of course we contemplate the Holy Family. Make sure to take some time to reflect on the reason for the season.

It's hard to believe that

it's December. How quickly the year has gone by! The year has been a busy one! Currently we are selling SPORTSMAN RAFFLE TICKETS, to raise funds for both the Chalice and Uniform funds. The Chalice fund is low and the uniform fund is lower (as in negative funds).

First prize is a \$1,500 gift certificate to Dicks Sporting Goods. (Cash can be substituted.)

Second prize is \$1,000 gift certificate to Dicks Sporting Goods. (Cash can be substituted.)

There is a chance to win

both prizes (\$2,500) for the first winning ticket will be entered in the second drawing.

Tickets are just \$20. There are only 250 tickets to be sold. I challenge each Fourth Degree Knight to sell five. Tickets are available at the hall for both distribution and sale. The drawing will be held at the Super Bowl Party February 9th, 2025 at the KC Hall in Highland, IL.

Tickets make great stocking stuffers for family and friends!

A big THANK YOU to all the Knights and their Families who participated both

with and on the Boat Float during the Highland Christmas Parade. It was a fun time for all participants and observers.

Take the next step—become a 4th Degree Knight!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday December 2, 7PM in the KC meeting room.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and all the best for the New Year! Don't get your tinsel in a tangle!

Merry Christmas!

John G



Highland Knights of Columbus December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	3 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 6:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party	4 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	5	6	7
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 Party 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 YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991	



Highland Knights of Columbus January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991			1 New Year's Day * Special Bingo * Doors Open 1:00 PM Games Start 2:00 PM No Euchre	2	3	4
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12	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	16	17	18
19 KC Sunday Dances Music By: KC's Night Ryders 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	20 Inauguration Day	21	22 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28	29 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	30	31	Notes:

Join Us For A

KC Council #1580 Christmas Party!

December 15, 2024

Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Highland Knights of Columbus Hall
12454 IL-143
Highland, IL 62249

Please call the Hall at 618-654-9049 to RSVP
by December 10.

TRIVIA NIGHT

I wish to sincerely thank everyone who attended the Highland Knights of Columbus Trivia Night on November 8th. We had 14 teams in attendance. We were able to help raise funds for seven local organizations that participated. In addition, it could not have occurred without those awesome volunteers who helped me with this project. I would like to say, THANK YOU, YOU'RE THE BEST!!!

Best Regards,
Dan McCloud – Trivia Chairperson





Our condolences to the families of:

Brother Gary Kimberlin

Brother Knight Larry Koch

John Kayser son of deceased Brother Knight James Kayser

HIGHLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1580
PRESENTS

NEW YEARS EVE WITH RUBY LEIGH

FEATURING
KATIE HATCH
AND
AL BOOGIE

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
OPENERS BEGIN AT 5:30 PM
TICKETS: \$125

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

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



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!

