

Highland
Council
1580

Grand Knight: Ken Krausz
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Advocate: Tim Lucia
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Klostermann, and Wayne Henze
Chaplain: Fr. Pat Jakel

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting 7 pm
Second Tuesday of the Month

Membership Drive
April 22-23

Polka Dance
April 16

Bingo
Every Wednesday

Contact Us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: APRIL 2023

Dear Brother Knights:

Spring is officially here, although the up and down temperatures of March do not feel like Spring is here. Probably the most telling factor is back to day light savings time, and the daffodils in full bloom. By the time you receive this newsletter, our Lenten Fish Fry's have been completed. Thank you to all who have helped make this event a success. There were numerous compliments on the Fish Fry, especially the Hush Puppies! Also thank you to all who have supported the Fish Fry. This is a major fund raiser for the Council, so your support is much appreciated. We also had Breakfast Taco event on March 12th

which was successful. Hats off to Blake Kohlbrecher and his crew who awoke early on this Sunday morning to assemble the tacos, then distribute after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. Although a future date has not been chosen, I am sure we will have another Breakfast Taco Event later this year. We also had two Sunday afternoon dances in March. The English Country Dance was a popular event with over eighty adults and children participating at this event. The next week's polka dance was not as well attended. Talking to others, this weekend had numerous St. Patrick's Day festivities, boxing event the night before, and a Jimmy Buffet musical at Wick's that weekend. Nevertheless, we will continue to

hold these polka dances.

April's major event is the Bishop's Dinner on April 30th. Your support for this event is appreciated. There are three major categories to this fund-raising event: Seminarian's fund, Newman Center, and Pro-Life. In previous years members of this Council have been very generous, so hopefully this will be the case this year. Also, we hope that you can attend the dinner this year.

The weekend of April 22-23 will also be a membership recruiting drive. We will have members of our council available after all Masses to answer questions on what it means to be a Knight. Dan McCloud, our Financial Secretary, provided the Officers with a report earlier this year. There was no surprise that our membership is getting older, so it is imperative that we continue to recruit new members, especially younger members. So if you know someone that is not a Knight, please have them contact me or one of our officers to find out more about what it is to be a Knight. Lastly, if you have not paid your 2023 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Enjoy the Spring weather, and attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. I try to keep the meetings short.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



DONATIONS: Highland Police Chief Carole Presson (left) accepts a donation from Grand Knight Ken Krausz (right). The donation was for \$2,500 from a dedicated fundraising event to support the needs of the Highland Police Department.

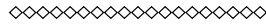
Photo by Kim White

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

SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul parish and an honorary member of our Council with forty-four years of service. He is also a Fourth-Degree member of Assembly 231. Our Brother Knight participates in funeral home visitations, actively involved with the various Right-to-Life programs, the Cursillo program, and the Kirchenfest. He is active in local community organizations, having recently retired as the Executive

Director of the Highland Area Community Foundation. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Senior Knight of the Month for March 2023, Terry Riffel. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and a member of our Council for fourteen years. Among his volunteer activities are a Hospitality Minister at St. Paul

Parish, and numerous activities with our council. These activities include Fish Fries, Chicken and Sausage Dinners, Kirchenfest, Madison County Fair, just to name a few. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Knight of the Month for March 2023, Rick Aholt. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Our Brother Knight and his lady are members of St. Paul

Parish. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for nineteen years.

He is a past president of the Columbus Club, having served in other positions with the Club. He and his lady have volunteered to work at various Council events, most recently the Friday Lenten Fish Fry. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for March 2023, Mike and Mary Carroll. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.



COLUMBUS CLUB MARCH NEWS: BILL TRICKEY, PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

We are halfway through Lent, which as we know, recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. Remember to continue to keep Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving at the forefront. In the words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "In the end, there are two philosophies of life: first the party, and then the hangover; or first the fast, and then the feast. The philosophy of Hell begins with pride, vanity, and self-indulgence, but ends in pain, bitterness, and sorrow. The philosophy of Heaven begins with repentance, fasting, and self-denial, but it ends with the joyful marriage banquet of the Lamb of God, surrounded by friends. Salvation starts with Good Friday and then ends with Easter Sunday; it walks the Way of the Cross and runs to an empty Tomb."

The hall is busy with rentals, and as a result, revenue is coming in. We have some blind spots on the outside of the building that need to be addressed so we will be adding a few cameras for safety reasons.

We are in Spring now, baseball will start April 1st. Shortly after that will be the men's softball league. We will be having a work day to clean up the grounds and to stock the pavilion with goods. We were going to tile the fields this year, although that won't happen.

We are continuing to work on improving our website.

We are looking at a few hall improvements later on this year.

Thanks,
Bill Trickey

Highland Knights of Columbus Sunday Polka Dances

Date:	Music By:
March 19th	Josef Polach & The St. Louis Express
April 16th	Butch's Polka Kings
June 11th	The Rendition Band
July 16th	Eddie Korosa Jr. & the Boys from Illinois
August 20th	The Rendition Band
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
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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

When is the last time you cried out with joy? Maybe it was a special event that happened like an engagement announcement or a wedding; or the news of a pending arrival of a new child and then the actual birth itself; or maybe it was getting that new job you've been seeking or even a financial windfall; possibly the positive outcome of some medical tests you've been worried about. These are just some of the perfect occasions for some joyful crying out. But did you cry out "to God" with your joy? Because whether you want to admit it or not, God had everything to do with the reason for

your joy.

We should actually have reason for continuous joy. Joy is not simply a passing feeling but it is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us and is the product of God's life in us. Instead of experiencing occasional distinct instances of feeling joyful, we can actually live in a state of underlying joy. When we live like that, our joy also contains hope and the expectation of good things even when our current circumstances may not themselves be joyful. When God's life in us grows, our joy increases accordingly.

Let us open our hearts

to God turning our thoughts to Him frequently throughout the day. Let us adore Him in prayer and thanksgiving. Let us tell God all the reasons we are grateful. Let us praise Him by telling others about what He has done for us. Let us especially be mindful of all those little blessings and holy moments that He gives us each and every day. Sometimes they can be very subtle so our eyes and ears and hearts must be open and alert so we don't miss them.

Make a decision to choose joy every day. Joy should not be conditional on our circumstances but rather a state of

mind so no matter what our circumstances are, we can cry out with joy to God because our joy comes from our relationship with Him and His life in us.

The auxiliary welcomes new member, Betty Jacober! New fundraisers are helping the auxiliary to continue in their philanthropic efforts and we appreciate everyone's support. Members also spent a day praying at the Granite City abortion clinic in March. Our next meeting is April 4th at 7PM at the KC Hall. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please consider coming back and bring a friend!

NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

This month I would like to begin by letting everyone know that there are two Exemplifications scheduled at locations near Highland. An Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be conducted on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, at St. Joseph's Church in Benld, IL. 62009. Additionally, for those candidates who need to attain the 2nd or 3rd degree, there will be an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity conducted just prior to the principle of Patriotism. This is an excellent opportunity to attain all four degrees in the Knights of Columbus in just one morning. The schedule is as follows: 9:00 AM Registration and 9:30 AM Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, if needed. Then 10:00 AM Registration and 10:30 AM Exemplification of Patriotism. Afterward, the Celebration of New Members Dinner and Fellowship will begin at approximately 1:00 PM. Required forms must be submitted by Friday, April 7, 2023 to be considered on time. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information and submission of required forms.

The second opportunity is the sixth "Into the Breach" membership event in the Springfield Diocese and is scheduled for April 30, 2023, 1:00 PM at the St. Lawrence Church (Posch Center), 512 So. Prairie St., Greenville, IL. Registration begins at 12:30 PM and the event begins at 1:00 PM. There will be a Presentation from the Into the Breach Program followed by the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

A quick reminder that an Honor Guard has been requested on Sunday, April 30th for the 10:30 AM Mass cele-

brated by Bishop Paprocki prior to our Annual Fundraiser Dinner which is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. If you are a member of the Honor Guard and available to serve, your assistance is needed for this Mass.

Assembly 231 needs additional members to participate in the honor guard. Our honor guard participates in many events such as masses for Confirmation, wake services, chalice ceremonies and funerals for deceased Sir Knights, parades, and other fraternal and community activities. If you are interested in joining the honor guard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below. As an added incentive, please note that funds are available to assist all who are wishing to purchase the new uniform regalia. Please consider joining today!

The date of our next meeting is April 3rd at 7:00 pm. Hope to see many Sir Knights there!

To be a "Sir Knight" is more than just a title. It is an honor.

Vivat Jesus!
Joe Wetmore, Faithful Navigator
(618) 803-8362



OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Brother
Knight Gary Feldmann.



KNIGHTS DONATE FUNDS TO RELEVANT CENTER ULTRASOUND

We would like to give a special thank you to everyone in the parish, and the community for their time and efforts involved in raising money for the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

I personally would like to give a special thank you to Brother Kim White, who was responsible in the coordination and execution of sending out fundraising letters out to the St. Paul Parish Community.

We would like to also give a special thanks to Worthy Grand Knight, Lieutenant colonel James M. Bechtel, and our fellow brothers of Chaplain (Maj.) Charles J Watters Council #9792 in Stuttgart Germany. Council #9792 was instrumental

in achieving 1/4 of our fundraising goal alone and also made history in the Highland Community by making the first international donation to the Highland Community Foundation. Without the assistance of our brothers in Stuttgart Germany, Council #1580 would have been several thousand dollars short in achieving our fundraising goal.

We would also like to give a special thank you to Worthy Grand Knight Jim Pollman, and our brothers at Greenville Knights of Columbus Council #7438 for their contribution.

Lastly, we would like to thank Worthy Grand Patrick Jansen and our brothers at Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869.

We thank everyone who participated in this initiative and for the Highland Community Foundation for their role in facilitating the account to support Relevant Pregnancy. Together, as a team and community, we were successful in assisting Relevant Pregnancy Options Center a free service to the community and surrounding areas.

For those that might be reading about this for the first time, the Ultrasound Initiative through the Supreme Council provides a matching grant to qualifying Pregnancy Centers across the county and internationally. This Grant is acquired by raising 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine, and Supreme Council matches

the other 50%. Not only was our initiative successful, but we were also able to raise enough money for the room conversation where the Ultrasound will be placed. We are truly servants of Christ

by helping those in need, and encouraging those who are starting families.

Jacob W. Rose
Deputy Grand Knight



DONATION: Grand Knight Ken Krausz, Deputy Grand Knight Jacob Rose, Life Director Lowell Wellen, and Financial Secretary Dan Mccloud present a check to Relevant Pregnancy Options Center Executive Director Tricia Blasdel.

Photo By Emily Rose



Highland Knights of Columbus Council 1580 April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Private Event
2	3 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	4 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club	5 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	6	7 KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	8
9 CLOSED Happy Easter	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Council Meeting	12 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	13	14	15 Private Event
16 KC Sunday Dances Butch's Polka Kings 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	17	18	19 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	20	21	22 Highland High School Prom KC Membership Drive at St. Paul Church
23 KC Membership Drive at St. Paul Church	24 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25	26 Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	27	28	29
30 Bishop's Dinner 11:30 AM at KC Hall After 10:00 AM Mass at St. Paul Church Highland	Notes:					 Knights of Columbus INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Niemyer Agency 618-526-7991

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: APRIL 2023

BIRTHDAYS

01 - Betty Voss
 01 - Frank Zuccarelli
 01 - Jenni Keevan
 02 - Carol Klostermann
 02 - Mike Range
 03 - Carla Bohnenstiehl
 03 - John Ward
 03 - Robert Melosi
 04 - John Kapp Jr
 04 - Regina Niebrugge
 05 - Dawn Autry
 05 - Francis Robben
 06 - David Korte
 06 - Edward Geier
 07 - Jeremy Boeser
 07 - Larry Lucco
 07 - Susie Dewaele
 08 - Jan Schrage
 09 - Beth Eller
 09 - Connie Grapperhaus
 09 - John Elliott
 09 - Marvin Potthast
 09 - Mary Jo Prusa
 09 - Scott Riggs
 12 - Chase Bruce
 12 - Kathleen McDermott

13 - Cheryl Voegele
 13 - Chris Korte
 13 - Darrell Luitjohan
 13 - Fr. Rafal Pырchla
 13 - Sarah Tebbe
 14 - Aaron Hopfinger
 14 - Michael Warnecke
 14 - Nickolas Gilomen
 14 - Robert Trost
 15 - Linda Held
 15 - Matthew Wiegand
 15 - Regina Niebrugge
 16 - Jean De Selm
 16 - Larry Reidelberger
 16 - Michael Voegele
 17 - James Bugger
 17 - John Voegele
 17 - Michael Spies
 17 - William Augustin
 18 - Barbara Kuhl
 18 - Christopher Gutzler
 18 - James Thurnau
 18 - Leroy Trame
 18 - Marilyn Rudolf
 20 - Jo Ann Eilerman
 20 - Laura Michael
 21 - Christopher Chal-

fant
 22 - Donald Rutz
 22 - R Keith Vogt
 22 - Randy Kleinmann
 23 - Phyllis Reidelberger
 24 - Joel Lafrance
 24 - Nancy Gramlich
 25 - Charles Peters
 25 - Eric Stonebarger
 25 - Paul Braundmeier
 25 - William Wagner
 26 - Thomas Koch
 27 - Jean Gilomen
 28 - Ashley Hadowsky
 28 - Bret Gruender
 28 - Brian Marks
 29 - Janet Widman
 29 - Mary Jacober

ANNIVERSARIES

02 - David & Margaret Timmermann
 04 - Darrell & Kathy Luitjohan
 04 - Leonard & Janet Thole
 05 - Justin & Elizabeth Overby
 06 - Mike & Jennifer Range
 06 - Robert & Traci Luitjohan
 07 - Kenneth & Mary Kapp
 08 - Herbert & Shirley Weis
 08 - Matthew & Diane Wiegand
 08 - Severin & Julia Emig
 09 - Derek & Lori Hacke
 09 - Gary & Carol Richter
 10 - Melvin & Dayna Potthast
 11 - Robert & Gail Ohren
 12 - Joseph & Diane

Reidelberger
 12 - Stephen & Sandy Prusa
 13 - David & Cathleen Rutz
 16 - Robert & Julie Hammer
 16 - Tim & Jennifer Whitten
 17 - Scott & Tammy Troxell
 20 - James & Christy Wiegand
 23 - Homer & Sharon Rusteberg
 24 - Eugene & Tina Huck
 24 - Michael & Mary Carroll
 25 - Thomas & Lucy Henrichs
 29 - Michael & Jean Gilomen
 30 - David & Bobbie Melosi
 30 - Richard & Diane Boeser



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FROM THE EDITORS

Spring is here and Jesus is Risen!

Spring is a 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 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 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 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!

