

# Highland Council 1580

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## Upcoming Events

Council Meeting 7 pm  
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo Every Wednesday

**March 7**  
Heartland Community Chorus  
Fundraiser

**March 8**  
Craft & Kindness  
Easter Craft Event

**March 12**  
Relevant Pregnancy Center Banquet

**March 14**  
NWTF Banquet

**March 19**  
Forty Days for Life

**March 21**  
Highland Womens Club Triva Night

**March 22**  
Mass 10:30 & Biship Dinner 12:00

**March 29**  
Hill Willams Band



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## Contact Us!

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618-654-9049

# Knight Times



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2026

My Brother Knights, and friends,

Happy Lent!

For those who were able to attend the Ash Wednesday Service, I could not help but be scared when Father Pat came to the ambo and began with a statement along the lines of, "I wanted to give some important announcements, there is going to be some changes around here."

I could help but think, "Whats going on now? Now what?"

Then I realized it was his homily, and it made me think, "there does need to be some changes, doesn't there?" What can we change to be in a closer relationship with God? One area I am working

with Emily is, through her encouragement, to pray the rosary with her once a day, while also listening to "The Rosary in Year Podcast" with Father Mark-Mary Ames. Being a convert, I'm not as experienced with praying the rosary, and I am looking forward to hearing more of Father's insight into it.

I would like to encourage everyone, if you're able, to assist in volunteering to help in our weekly Fish Frys on Fridays, even if its just for a short while. I myself, like last year, will be coming in directly from work to help in the kitchen, cleaning the dishes. among any other tasks they have for me. If your unable to assist, consider stopping by and supporting us by pur-

chasing a meal for your family or yourself. Not only does it help fulfill our Lenten obligations, but it also helps the Council raise money for its charitable activities such as for those pursuing vocations with the church.

Thank you to all those that helped with our last couple events, particularly our Spelling Bee and Super Bowl Chicken Wing Sales. We have a lot of special people involved in this council, and it is truly astonishing how much this Council does! This truly cannot happen without any of you.

Best support and wishes,  
Vivat Jesus!  
Jacob W. Rose  
Grand Knight



**ELVIS** is in the house! Jeff Caldwell and the Vinyl Frontier performed at the hall on Sunday the 15th. Jeff and the band pay tribute to Elvis's music and unique style of performance. The Hall features a band every month for great music and dance, join us this month on the 29th for the Hill Willams Band!

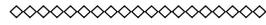
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# SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARDS

## SENIOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

This brother Knight is being recongnized for his continued support of our coucnil, parish, and commnunity. Our past faithful navigator, this brother knight continues tobe the driving force in helping make our annual spelling bee happen every year, along with assisting many oth-er activites at the hall. It is with great appreciation that we honor as senior knight of the month, John Genteman! Congratulations from the

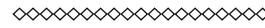
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

We have selected March's Knight of the month who serves as a continuing example for those that can overcome life's obstacles, and continue to serve. A member of St. Elizabeth Parish in Marine , Illinois, this brother knight serves at multiple KC functions from helping with bagging at a Drive Through Chicken Dinner to assisting

with weekly Bingo. Always serving with a cheerful outlook and encouraging his brother knights with humor around him. It is with great appreciation that we recognize Myron Potthast.



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

We have selected March's family of the Month, a family that works for the betterment of our Parish Community, while serving as models of the Catholic Faith. While the spouse serves as a cantor

at St. Paul Parish, her husband and a brother knight is always keeping involved with our council's activity. Most specifically, this brother knight is always there to help, and serving as our traffic guide for our fundraisers, and helping along the food line during our fish frys. It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for January 2026, Brad and Janiece White Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580.



## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Mass & Dinner Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



Most Reverend Bishop  
Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

The Highland Knights of Columbus invite you to attend a Mass at St. Paul Church celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 10:30 AM. KC Members have been mailed an invitation. Event registration information is also available in the literature rack at the main entrance to Trinity Hall.

Following the mass, a dinner and short program will begin at 12:00 PM at the Highland Knights of Columbus Hall for those who donate \$25.00 or more (per person). There is no donation required for members of the St. Paul OCIA class and their families.

This annual fundraiser provides direct financial support of our Seminarians, Newman Centers on College Campuses, and Local Pro-Life activities.

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# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: NANCY GENTEMAN, SECRETARY

We're about five weeks from the first day of Spring (March 20, 2026). Even though Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter, we can go with the idea that spring is nearby. Also, we are in the midst of Lent, which calls for reflection, penance, and renewal. This is a sacred time in the Church, preparing us for Easter. We are called to prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and spiritual renewal. All are an important part of the Lenten Season. Keep in mind this thought from Saint Augustine of Hippo, "The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may be open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God." These are wise words to be followed.

Our recent quilt raffle and baskets was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for selling tickets and a special

thank you to Rose Clarkin for coordinating the raffle and Rose Keppler for putting together the baskets. Also, thank you to Cindy Gutzler for making and donating the quilt.

Raffle winners were: Spa Basket - Joan Riffel, Winter Basket - Mike Noe, and Kitchen Basket - Ethel Korte. The quilt was won by Rita Gustin.

The month of March will see many activities that the auxiliary will be involved with. Please come join us!

- The auxiliary will be assisting the Knights with the fish dinners through Lent on Fridays.

We will need desserts both regular and sugar free and will need help selling the desserts. Please contact Jan Abbott to sign up (217/474-5945).

- The auxiliary will be praying for unborn children as part of the 40 Days for Life Campaign at the Hope Clinic in Granite City on March 3,

2026 from 7:00 am-7:00 pm. Please contact Jan Abbott if you are able to attend. We will be working in pairs in two-hour shifts.

- There will be a bake sale and craft event held on Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the KC Hall. All proceeds benefit the KC Tootsie Roll Drive. The auxiliary has been asked to provide desserts. Please contact Jan Abbott regarding desserts and working at the event.

- The Illinois Pro-Life March will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Please contact Maryann Munie (618/558-9330) if you are interested in attending.

- The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City, Illinois.

Tickets are on sale. Contact Tammi Mooshegian at 618/920-1792 for more information.

- The auxiliary will be assisting the Knights with the Bishop's Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2026 by providing cakes. If you are planning on attending the dinner, we will need assistance in helping cut cakes.

- The Indoor Spring Garage Sale will be held Thursday-Friday, April 16-17, 2026. Start cleaning out those closets, attics, and garages!! There will be more information at the March and April meetings.

- At this time of the year, we usually have our butter braid fundraiser. The fundraiser has been postponed until the fall.

And last but not least, please remember to contact Rose Clarkin regarding your dues.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

## March

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT ?? Absolutely no one, not one member took advantage of the membership discount offered last year! Well, the offer still stands, if you get a new member to join the council your membership dues will be half price next year. So fellas, come on, let's see what we can do this year. It's important that we grow our membership not only for our council but for the Knights of Columbus organization.

With our 50th year celebration this year it will be great to start the next 50 years with a group of new members! Membership comes with great benefits with Life Insurance, retirement annuity products contact the Niemeyer Agency to see if they can make a stable future for you and your

family.

Ok enough of the commercial, last month at the Drive through Chicken Dinner everyone that volunteered did an amazing job! The Kitchen Workers were spot on! The packing line was a machine! And the guys running the chicken to the cars in below freezing temps... Heroes! The guys making change and running debit cards... Genius! And the Clean up Crew that cleaned up after our messes...you guys are Saints! And to Carla Tscherney, can't it say enough HUGE Thank You!! March is rockin 'at the hall! Check out the calendar for all the events!

Enjoy the Day !

## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR JOE WHALEN

As winter starts to wind down, Knights across the country prepare for a new season - Fish Fry season! The Lenten fish fries will be starting up soon and we need your help. March 22th is the Bishop's Dinner.

Please put on your Calendar. Greenville Council's annual pancake and sausage breakfast was a success. Thank you to the Knights that came and supported this event. The next 4th Degree meeting will be on March 2, 2026. Did you know that on Thursday, February 22, 1900, in honor of George Washington's birthday, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the first Exemplification of Patriotism?

The ceremony was held in the Lenox Lyceum in New York City with 1,100 candidates in attendance. This was the beginning of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Who are the Fourth Degree? They may be known by their distinct uniform, but there is more to being a Fourth Degree

than what he wears.

Men of the Fourth Degree have chosen to embrace patriotism and embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and faithful citizen. Fourth Degree Knights participate in patriotic programs and activities.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is available to all third-degree members in good standing who are citizens of the country they reside and wish to grow in their practice of Catholic patriotism. One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions.

In their uniform, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



## Highland Knights of Columbus March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	<b>4</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>7</b> Heartland Community Chorus St. Paddy Party Fundraiser 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
<b>8</b> Intl. Women's Day Crafts & Kindness Easter Themed Craft Event 10 AM - 3 PM Carryout Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul 11AM-5PM, \$13	<b>9</b> Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>11</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>12</b> Relevant Pregnancy Options Center Banquet Doors Open 6:00 PM	<b>13</b> KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM KC Blood Drive 2 PM - 6 PM Register ImpactLife.org	<b>14</b> NWTF Banquet Doors Open 5:00 PM Dinner Begins: 6:30 PM
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>19</b> KC Prayer Vigil Forty Days for Life 7 AM - 7 PM Granite City Clinic March for Life-Springfield	<b>20</b> KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Highland Woman's Club Trivia Night Doors Open 6 PM Trivia Begins 7 PM \$160 / Table of 8
<b>22</b> Bishop's Mass & Dinner 10:30 AM Mass at St. Paul Church, Highland 12:00 PM Dinner at KC Hall, Highland	<b>23</b> Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>28</b> Private Event
<b>29</b> KC Sunday Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hill Williams Band KC Regional Spelling Bee O'fallon, IL KC 12:00 PM	<b>30</b> Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	Notes:		<b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE <b>Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</b>	



## Highland Knights of Columbus April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>2</b> Holy Thursday	<b>3</b> Good Friday KC Lenten Fish Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM <u>LAST ONE FOR 2026!</u>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Easter  EASTER CLOSED	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 PM Columbus Club 8:00 PM KC Officers	<b>8</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Wedding
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>15</b> Tax Day (Taxes Due) Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>16</b> KC Ladies Auxiliary Indoor Garage Sale Set Up: 7:00 AM - 10 AM Event: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	<b>17</b> KC Ladies Auxiliary Indoor Garage Sale Event: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>18</b>  Private Event
<b>19</b> KC Sunday Dance 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM KC's Night Ryders	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Arbor Day  Wedding Decorate	<b>25</b>  Wedding
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Lyon's Club Bingo Doors Open: 6:00 PM Bingo Begins: 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE <b>Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</b>	

## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM



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

Lucille Trame Mother of Brother Knight Lee Trame

## 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

## KNIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Bruce Bellm Member Since 1975

Deacon Dave Bohnenstiehl Member Since 1990

Brendan Diller Member Since 2024

Jerry Genteman Member Since 1960

Thank you for becoming a Knight !

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



## NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

IT'S DUES TIME !

As the Holidays pass us by, I hope you get to enjoy it with your family and friends.

Seeing that the new year is upon us, I wanted to let you know that the Knights of Columbus dues statement have been mailed to all the members in early December. 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

# 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](http://www.highlandkc.org).

Thank you for reading!



## KC 2026 Lenten Fish Dinner Menu



All Meals Include 2 Sides, Hush Puppies, & Bread		Price	
<b>Cod Fish Meals</b>			
1 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides		\$8.00	
2 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides		\$11.00	
3 Piece Cod Fish Dinner, Baked or Fried, w/ 2 Sides		\$14.00	
<b>Shrimp Meals</b>			
4 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$8.00	
6 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$11.00	
8 Piece Fried Shrimp Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$14.00	
<b>Chicken Meals</b>			
2 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$8.00	
4 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$11.00	
6 Piece Fried Chicken Strip Dinner w/ 2 Sides		\$14.00	
<b>Grilled Cheese Meal</b>			
Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ 2 Sides		\$6.00	
<b>Side Items – Choose 2 Sides Included With Meal</b>			
French Fries	Cole Slaw	Macaroni & Cheese	Apple Sauce
<b>Extra Items</b>			
Fish 1 Piece \$4.00	Shrimp 4 Pieces \$4.00	Chicken Strip 2 Pieces \$4.00	Side Items \$2.50
Desserts Available	Cash, Credit & Debit Cards Accepted	Every Friday Thru April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Serving 4 PM – 7 PM

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**Help nominate a Brother Knight, Family or Parish Family for the for the monthly awards.**

If you would like the recognize a Brother Knight thier famly or a family from our Catholic community, send thier nomination to [editor.knighttimes@gmail.com](mailto:editor.knighttimes@gmail.com)

