

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

Rotary Luncheon  
July 23rd

Disability Awareness Day  
July 24th

4th Degree Golf Tournament  
August 10th

Council Meeting 7 pm  
Second Tuesday of the Month

Bingo  
Every Wednesday

## Contact Us!

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE: JULY 2024

Dear Brother Knights:

In the middle of this June heat-wave, we are contemplating what the rest of this summer will hold for us. We went from spring rains to now wishing for rain to return. One thing is for sure, we cannot control the weather; however, we can control our actions. We are fortunate that we belong to an organization that embraces the tenets of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. To this end I wish to thank all those members who have embraced these values, and who have made my two years as Grand Knight both enjoyable and fulfilling. Two years ago, when I followed Wayne Henze into this position, I knew it would be a tall task to fill his shoes. Luckily, I had members who provided support and encouragement to move our council forward.

First, a huge thank you to my officers who provided support over these past two years. Jacob Rose, Emily Rose, and Tim Lucia assumed the task of producing our monthly newsletter. Without their work on this publication, we would not have

been able to get the news out to our membership. Blake Kohlbrecher came out with the "Burrito Breakfast" idea as part of the St. Paul hospitality menu. He and his crew faithfully carry out this project every month. Wayne Henze has become the official Bingo Chairman. Every week he organizes the set-up and the functioning of the bingo games, making sure everything operates smoothly. Hats off to those who assist Wayne every week at these games. Craig Wieseman, as Treasurer, has maintained the Council's financial records. This position is important for a council this size, and he has accepted his responsibilities with no hesitation. Dan McCloud assumed the position of Financial Secretary mid-way through my term when Martin Klostermann retired. The Financial Secretary position is critical to the success of the council, and Dan has done an exemplary job of taking over this position. Dan had an excellent teacher to help his transition into this position. Thank you, Martin, for your assistance and guidance over these past two years.

A special thanks goes out to Kim White and Dave Gall who were always available to bounce ideas off of, and subsequently, implement those ideas. Thank you to Jerry Klostermann, Johnny Kapp, Terry Marks, and Mac Clayton for keeping our hall clean. One comment that I consistently hear from patrons at our Sunday dances is how nice our hall is. Kudos to those who work to keep it that way.

Given all the various events that we hold in the hall, chicken dinners, fish fries, dances, plus other events, thank you to those who make these events happen. The Ladies' Auxiliary for assisting with baking, serving, and decorating for various functions. The Chicken Frying Crew for their endless work in the kitchen. Last, but not least, thank you to the Columbus Club. These men, along with a number of other Brother Knights, tackle the challenges of the upkeep of the hall, the baseball fields, and the hall grounds. With a limited budget they have managed to keep everything in working order.

In closing, it has been an honor to work with everyone. Council #1580 is one of the biggest councils in Illinois with an excellent reputation. It is because of your hard work and generosity that the council has earned this reputation. Finally, thank you to my wife, Marti. Her tolerance and understanding of my position allowed me to miss important dates such as wedding anniversaries and birthdays in order to fulfill my role as Grand Knight. For this I am forever grateful to her.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Krausz



**NEW SIGN:** Be sure to check out our new and improved sign outside the KC Hall.

*Photo Contributed*

# 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 has been an honorary life member of our Council with over Fifty-eight years of service. He is also a 4th Degree member of Assembly #231. He has been a regular volunteer at the weekly bingo games. He is also a regular volunteer at other Council functions such as the chicken dinners and fish fries. He also is a volunteer at the Highland Area Food Bank. He is also a member of the Cursillo Retreats It is with great appreciation that we honor Senior Knight of the Month for June 2024 Vern Rakers. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:** Our Brother Knight is a member of St. Paul Parish and has been a member of our Council for over Twenty-four years. He currently is an officer of

the Columbus Club. Over the years he has volunteered to help at various functions. He is a key contributor for the success of the baseball/softball fields. These contributions are not only relative to the maintenance of the fields, but also the recruiting of teams. This year his efforts garnered a third night of league play which is a women's league. He is also a member of the Columbus Club bar tenders who provide service at hall events that require bar tenders. It is with great appreciation that we honor the Knight of the Month for June 2024 Mike Spies. Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council # 1580

**FAMILY 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 16 years. At St. Paul Church, he serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

and Lector. His Lady is the Executive Manager and Director of Music at St. Paul, serving as accompanist at weekend Mass, as well as other special events, including weddings, funerals, and our annual KC Memorial Mass.

This Brother Knight has assisted at Kirchenfest over the years, working at the K&L beer wagon at the South Tent. He has cooked for the Penance Service priest dinners and even for the bishop. He and his wife are members of Cursillo. This year they will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary.

Their son, Nick, is a 2019 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He served on the USS Michigan, a nuclear powered, guided-missile submarine. Now a Lieutenant, he currently attends the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. His wife, Allyson, is a teacher at All Saints Day School in

Carmel, CA. Nick, and Allyson are expecting their first child in November!

Their daughter, Polly, is a 2022 graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa and serves as a Quality Control Laboratory Technician for Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals in St. Louis. Fluent in Spanish, she has volunteered with Missions International, serving as an interpreter both domestically and in Guatemala.

Together, the family enjoys traveling and spending time at home with their two dogs, Archie (Collie) and Luna (German Shepherd/Husky mix), and their cat, Alfreda.

It is with great appreciation that we honor as Family of the Month for June 2024, Jay and Dineen Czar and their children Nick, his wife, Allyson, and Polly.

Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus Council #1580!



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR NEWS

Let's show that we are members of the Knights of Columbus by wearing our Knights of Columbus shirts to the weekend masses during the second weekend of each month. If you need to purchase a shirt, please contact the KC Hall as we now have some in stock. If you are a new member and joined in the past year, you are entitled to one FREE shirt, so stop by the KC Hall and request one. Also, you can order lots of other Knights gear at this website: <https://knights-gear.com/>

Also, during this weekend, as part of our pillar of faith, we will hand-out prayer cards to anyone who would like to receive one. Who knows, maybe we will pick-up a few new members by showing our Knights of Columbus spirit. I would like to have some volun-

teers to hand these out before one of the masses on the second weekend of each month. Please send me an email if you are willing to help do this or let me know after our monthly meeting.

We are always looking for new members. We invite all our catholic men to join us. We would appreciate it if our current members will invite your friends and family members who are not members to join the Knights. Any prospective new members can search the website listed below or they can send an email directly to me.

[www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)  
Vivat Jesus!  
Dan McCloud  
Financial Secretary and  
Membership Director  
[Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com](mailto:Dan29.McCloud@gmail.com)

## WHERE ARE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS?

When I attend the various KC events, I see members volunteering their time to a cause that makes them feel good. They know their efforts will eventually help a fellow human being. I know that is why I volunteer. Volunteering is one of the things that make this country and this community great!

We have members whose ages range from 18 to 90+ that give their time to help with our projects. Unfortunately, our volunteers are dwindling. I would estimate that only 70 members of our 600 volunteer their time on a regular basis. Why is this? I wish I had a good answer... in fact, it kinda baffles me. We list our events in this newsletter every month and it is displayed on the calen-

dar as well. Every week, we can use volunteers at the Wednesday Bingo. We have a monthly dance on Sunday's where we could use volunteers. We have a concession stand at the ballpark that can use volunteers. And the list goes on and on. Can you give just a few hours a month or every other month? I hope you can... because without a good base of volunteers we can't keep doing all the things we do. I pray that all of our 600+ members ask themselves, "What can I do to help my Knights of Columbus council?"

If you would like to volunteer please send an email to [dan29.mccloud@gmail.com](mailto:dan29.mccloud@gmail.com) or call the KC Hall.

# LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS: KATHY LOHMAN, SECRETARY

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us..." John 17:20. Jesus prayed this prayer the night before He died. Isn't it amazing that despite what He knew he was going to face and endure over the next 24 hours, that His thoughts were to pray for all of US, for our strength and faithfulness! Twice in his Gospel, John records that Jesus prayed for unity for his people: "Holy Father, keep them in your name....so that they may be one just as we are." John 17:11; and again "...so that they may be one, as we are one..." John 17:22. That's how much He desired unity!

God is the source of our unity and the ultimate standard-bearer in our quest for unity. To live in unity with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we must

learn to surrender our thinking to God in prayer. This will assist us in recognizing others' gifts or respecting their points of view, in helping us to forgive and show mercy and compassion. It will help us to stop and listen for direction before reacting in a way we may regret later.

We also are called to pray for and work toward unity among all those who profess Christ. We know there are many divisions that exist between believers of different faith traditions but we must strive for all of us to be one in Jesus Christ. We need to celebrate each other so we can listen and learn and appreciate the many differences we bring to the table. Through these differences, we can unite in our worship and draw closer together. May our unity be so striking that it would testify to Jesus' amazing love and serve as an invitation for the whole world to believe in Him.

Do you know what is right in the middle of COMMUNITY, CHURCH, UNITY, UNIQUE and BUILD? U are! U are what makes up a community, U are part of the church, U are unique with gifts that no one else has, U are needed to build unity in the church and community. Let's all do our part in knitting us together as one family in God. The Ladies Auxiliary would like to announce their new Board for the upcoming year 2024-2025: President Emily Rose, Vice-President Jan Abbott, Secretary Nancy Genteman, Treasurer Rose Clarkin, Sgt-at-Arms Colleen McDermott, Trustees Kathy Klostermann, Gina Lipski, and Patricia Noe. Congratulations to all! The auxiliary made recent donations to HIS KIDS Cancer Camp, the Breathe in the Spirit Campaign at St. Paul, and held a baby shower for the Relevant Pregnancy Options Center providing cash and needed baby

items. Our summer is busy with helping the Knights with Madison County Fair activities and serving a meal to the Men's Shelter in St. Louis as well as planning a fall vintage/indoor garage/bake sale. So there's always plenty to do and ways to serve. Come out to a meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the KC Hall to learn more about us.

Just a sidenote: this is my last Knights newsletter article that I will be writing for the auxiliary. My time serving as secretary of the auxiliary has ended and this duty will be handled by someone else going forward. This article has definitely evolved over the past 12 years that I have been writing it, definitely looking different than the first article in 2012. I hope you have enjoyed them and they have given you food for thought about your faith and maybe how to live it better. God bless you!

## New Fiscal Year Means New Challenges

By Tim Lucia, Chancellor

As July marks a new start for the council, with new officers coming in and new challenges for the council. Each year, the council has goals to meet, one of those goals is membership.

Your help is needed to bring in new members, if you have relatives, friends, neighbors, 18 years old and up and in good standing with the church, please ask them if they would consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Our council needs to grow each year not only to meet our yearly goal but to insure the future of the council.

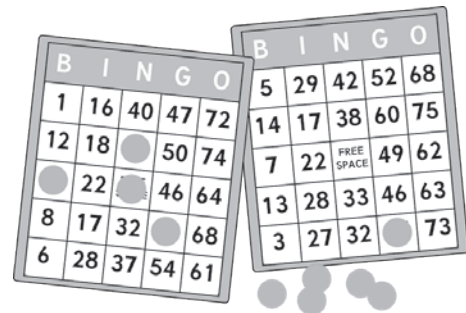
So with all that said the officers are working hard on

bringing new ideas to fund-raise so the council can support the needs of the hall and the charities we support, and you the members are the ones that make all this happen when you answer the call for help, without you it is impossible to meet the goals of the council, and that shows because of awards received at the state convention this year.

Fellas, lets make great things happen at the hall this year, get out there and help bring new members to the council, make this your goal as well !

Enjoy the day!

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



## NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

THANK YOU!

To the:

Sir Knights that supported the Honor Guard for recent funeral and chalice ceremony services.

Brother Sir Knights, Knights and Ladies for all that you do to support the

Assembly, our Church, and our Bishop.

I recently was questioned, and in case you are unaware,

The Fourth Degree is a part of the Knights of Columbus, not a separate entity.

It compliments, not competes, with council activities.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the

spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and generating a love of country encouraging active Catholic citizenship. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as Honor Guard at religious and civic functions is an important activity, adding dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. If you would like to know more about the 4th degree, ask a member or come to our next meeting on Monday July 1st, @ 7pm in the KC meeting room.

K of C GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf season is here again - Our annual golf tournament will be held on,

Saturday, August 10th at Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton.

Get a team together and enjoy a good round of golf and a fabulous dinner afterwards. If you don't golf, volunteer to help make this a successful fundraiser. It is the Fourth Degrees one big fund raiser for the year for local worthwhile charitable causes.

If you, or you know a business that can help, we are currently accepting teams, sponsors and seeking donations for gifts. Suggested donations (but not limit-

ed to) would be,

- Gift cards such as restaurant, store, home services, salon & spa, auto services, etc.

- Golf Course admission, new golf balls • Sporting event tickets / Sport memorabilia

- Concert event tickets • Tools, electronic gadgets, etc. • Alcohol, Craft Beer, Wine

Please contact Ed Campbell @ 618 550 8695 or John Genteman @ 618 980 2478 for pickup or more information.

THANK YOU!

SEE THE FLYER FOR TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Join us August 10th, and COME OUT SWINGING at our PAR TEE!



# Highland Knights of Columbus July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	<b>3</b> Special Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Wedding
<b>7</b>  Private Event	<b>8</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>9</b>  7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>10</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Private Event
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<b>21</b> KC Sunday Dances Music By: Dave Hylla & Good Times Band 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>22</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM * I.D. Day at KC Hall *	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Private Event
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	Notes:		 <b>Knights of Columbus INSURANCE</b> YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE <b>Niemeyer Agency 618-526-7991</b>



# Highland Knights of Columbus August 2024



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<b>4</b> KC Officer Installation 12:00 PM at KC Hall	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Fourth Degree	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Council Officers 8:00 PM Columbus Club 7:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary	<b>7</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Fourth Degree Golf Tournament Timber Lakes - Staunton Shotgun Start 9 AM Entry Forms at KC Hall
<b>11</b> KC Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner Four Pieces - \$13 11 AM - 4 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>14</b> Bingo Doors Open 5:00 PM Games Start 7:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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Kirchenfest					Kirchenfest	Kirchenfest

## 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

## OBITUARIES



Our condolences to the families of Ray Voss.  
Our condolences to the families of Robert J. "Bob" Schwarz Sr.

## Highland Knights of Columbus 2024 Sunday Dance Schedule

Date:	Music By:
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Josef Polack & The St. Louis Express
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	The Rendition Band
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Butch's Polka Kings
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Waterloo German Band
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Korosa Jr. & The Boys from Illinois
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Hylla Good Times Band
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Caldwell & the Vinyl Frontier Band - (Elvis Impersonator)
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pick n an a Grin n - (Country and Classic Rock)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Rendition Band
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Butch's Polka Kings

### Public Invited

Tickets \$10 Per Person at the Door  
All Dances 2 PM - 5 PM, Sunday  
Bar & Kitchen Open (Limited Menu)  
Gather Your Friends and Enjoy a Good Time!

Knights of Columbus, Council 1580  
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to increased costs of postage, we are considering a transition to an all digital newsletter. We will still print a limited number of newsletters to distribute at the KC Hall and St. Paul Church's Trinity Hall.  
We can mail out a few copies on an exception. If you are interested in a printed copy of the Knight Times Newsletter mailed to you, please call the KC Hall at (618) 654-9049 or email us at [editor.knighttimes@gmail.com](mailto:editor.knighttimes@gmail.com).  
Please help us reduce costs by providing your email so that you can continue to receive future newsletters.



# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Hosted by the Highland 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus



SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2024 🕒 Team Check in 8-9 AM 🕒 9 AM Shotgun Start



Timber Lakes Golf Course, Staunton IL

### ENTRY FEE:

\$400 Per 4 person team

### INCLUDES:

Continental breakfast, drink tickets, 18 holes of golf and golf cart

Luncheon, refreshments and award ceremonies to follow at the Highland KC hall.

### PRIZES:

\$300 First Place A & B Flights

\$200 Second Place A & B Flights

Longest Drive, Putt and closest to the pin

Attendance Prizes, 50-50

\$10,000 CASH PRIZE\* for a hole-in-one on #3 a 174 yard Par 3 \*Men must shoot from the white tees. \*Women will shoot from their normal tees. \*Only the first player will be paid.

Teams can be;  
-All Men  
-All Women  
-Mixed

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Thank you for reading!

