



Knights' Notes - Dec 2021 Issue

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CLUBROOM HOURS

See calendar for holiday hours



Sunday: Noon - 9pm

Monday - Friday: 2pm - 10pm

Saturday: 11am - 10pm

May stay open later if there is sufficient business.

KEY DATE REMINDERS

- Saturdays, Burgers and Corndogs!
- Dec 2nd, Ladies Aux, mtg moved see calendar
- Dec 2nd, Council mtg, 6pm
- Dec 2nd, BCHA mtg, after Council mtg
- Dec 9th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- Dec 9th, Ladies Aux, dinner at Alexander's
- Dec 15th, Tinkers Meal, 5:30-6:30pm
- Dec 16th, Council meeting, 6pm
- Dec 17th, Basket Raffle, need not be present

HOLD THE DATES

- Jan 10th, Blood Drive, 1:15 - 5:45pm
- Jan 12th, Tinker's Meal, 5:30 - 6:30pm

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Dave "Tiger" Mulcahey, Christy Klein, Dan & Becky Kraft, Ted McNaney, Patsy Hall, J R Schower, Larry Greenwald, and Al Jones.

Let Dennis, an officer, or Terry know of someone Sick or Deceased to have name put on the prayer list. They must be affiliated with the K of C, member, spouse, child, or other relation.

IN GOD'S CARE

- Mike Kraft

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Blood Drive volunteers
- Tinker & Burger crews
- Volunteer Bartenders and Terry K

Visit us at: <http://www.kofc574.com> for previous Knights Notes, Parishes, and more.

Club Ph: 309-828-9671

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Once there you can now read the Newsletter by clicking on **KNIGHTS NOTES**, then pick a month



Grand Knight Report



Greetings Brother Knights,

Your Council strives to serve the members through providing many various events and activities that hopefully strengthen our faith to the Catholic Church, and ties to the community in which we all live.

The Officers of Council 574 hope that you Brother Knights feel the difference that our organization makes in these areas, but also recognize that we could do so much more with your feedback.

As 2021 draws to an end, and we begin planning for 2022 and beyond, we are searching for just that. **WAYS TO BETTER SERVE OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY!**

Please make suggestions to your officers to improve the commitment to our founder's goals of **CHARITY, UNITY, and FRATERNITY.**

We had a great turnout for Tim Kernes' "whole catfish" dinner and Steve Montgomery's Thanksgiving Tinker's meal. It's nice to have 2 excellent CHEFS as members of our council. Call ahead reservations has really helped us keep our costs to a minimum. FYI: My Tootsie Roll Grand Knight Challenge dinner will happen in the spring.

This is the 3rd and final notice regarding the end of printed Knight's Notes after this issue. To continue receiving a paper copy contact Jim Smith, 309-530-5703 and I will add your name to the list.

On behalf of Council 574 I wish all of you Brother Knights a Blessed and Safe Christmas season.

Grand Knight, Jim Smith

Vocations Fundraiser



Drawing is on Dec 4th. As of Nov 4th, we sold 124.3 books.

Final results will be included in the next Newsletter.



Please Pay Your Membership Dues



Dues Invoices will be sent out on Dec 15. Membership Dues should be paid by Jan 1st. We take cash, checks, and Venmo!

Paying promptly is the right thing to do. Please don't make Mike Tomlianovich send multiple notices to you.

Checks made out to the Knights of Columbus should be mailed to Mike Tomlianovich, 1714 Tompkins Dr, Normal 61761-2432, Cash can be brought to the club, or you can VENMO to 309-825-5823.

**Our council works wonders through our programs.
However, we depend on your actions to make it all work.**



DID YOU KNOW? Christmas is about the lead up to the birth of Jesus Christ, to his birth, and the days following God's gift to humanity.

- **Advent** - 4 Sundays and 4 weeks before Christmas, the Advent is used to reflect the true meaning of Christmas.
- **Christmas Mass** - Midnight is the Angel's Mass, Dawn is the Shepard's Mass, Christmas Day is the King's Mass.
- **The Day After Christmas** - we venerate the Saints starting with the Feast of St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr.
- **The 12 Days of Christmas** - Catholics celebrate for 11 more days the Nativity of Jesus, ending on Jan 5th.
- **Epiphany** – King's Day, the Sunday between Jan 2 - 8th celebrates the 3 Wise Men, the Baptism of Jesus Christ, and the revelation that Christ is God incarnate.

The Knights of Columbus... one of the largest life insurers in North America... and so much more!

Ladies Auxiliary News

I hope this finds everyone getting ready to have a Merry Christmas!

On December 3rd we will be having an **Ugly Christmas Sweater Party** at 7pm. Please bring an appetizer to share.

We will also have a **Basket Raffle** with the drawing being held on December 17, need not be present to win.

The Ladies Auxiliary will not have their regular meeting in December, we will instead be going to Alexander Steak house on December 9th for dinner at 6pm.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday and we look forward to ringing in the New Year!

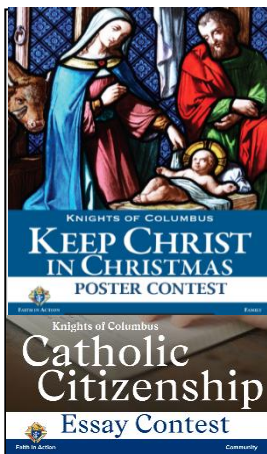
Thank you for all your support! Kristi

Come Join Us!	Special Events
• Video Gaming	• Tinkers Meals (see Calendar for dates)
• Big Screen TVs	• Friday Night Fish Fry (Lent)
• Full Bar	• Saturday Burgers and
• Outdoor Patio	Corndogs

Key MEMBER Information		Link to Website
Grand Knight: Jim Smith	Recorder: Dennis Fries	1 Yr. Trustee: Mike O'Driscoll
Deputy GG: Steve Scudder	Advocate: Charlie Morton	2 Yr. Trustee: Mike Mulcahey
Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich	Warden: Mike Weis	3 Yr. Trustee: Dave Kraft
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	Inside Guard: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Chancellor: Ted McNaney	Outside Guard: Dan Carmany	Kristi Olson: Ladies Aux President

December BIRTHDAYS

Dec	Dec
2 Donald Adams	16 James Mulligan
2 Charles Concklin	16 Sean Murphy
2 David Stanczak	17 Paul O'Brien
2 Thomas Whalen	19 Rodger Mc Keon
5 James Gore	20 William Dowling
5 Mark Witte	20 Steven Scudder
6 Ronald Carroll	21 H Jefferson
8 Warren Provost	23 James Sallen
9 John Weber	24 Ron Montgomery
10 Patrick Boylan	25 Michael Weiland
10 John Kerrick	27 Daniel Kraft
14 John Penn	27 John Schraufnagel
15 Andrew Barth	28 Michael Dorris
15 Townsend Tully	28 Stephen Mueller



Council 574 is again sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest at St. Mary's School.

Fr. Nelson and Jamie Hartrich (Principal) will be judging. Prizes awarded for 3 age groups, boys and girls competing against each other.

Council 574 is also sponsoring the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest at CCHS.

4 prizes will be awarded, 1 for each grade.



2019 winners, Mike Tomlianovich, the Principal, and Father Nelson.

St. Vincent de Paul

During the month of December, Council 574 will be collecting **Food** items **and** new and gently used **Coats** to donate to SVdP for distribution.

Please look for the donation box in the club room. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth to those in need.

December 2021

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

Happy Holidays

December Drink Specials

- \$2 bottles 7 days a week
- Tuesday - \$1 off Mixed Drinks
- Saturday \$3 Bloody Mary's



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUPPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS #GIVINGTUESDAY™ On Nov 30 please join us in raising funds for the Coats for Kids program. https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/coats-for-kids.html			Nov 30 	Council mtg 6pm, BCHA after. Ladies Meeting moved to the 9 th	Happy Hour 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Doyle T
2 nd SUNDAY in ADVENT			Immaculate Conception in 1858, the Blessed Mother said to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception."	4 th Degree mtg Ladies Auxiliary Dinner 6pm at Alexanders	Happy Hour 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Steve M
3 rd SUNDAY in ADVENT Tinkers Meal Pre-Order \$10 Call 828-9671		14 Lasagna or Chicken Parmesan pasta, roll, dessert	Tinkers Meal 15 Steve Montgomery Crew, \$10.	Council mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 17 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Minnow
4 th SUNDAY in ADVENT					24 Open 2 'til 4pm 	Closed Dec 25
	Tootsie Roll Which local organizations will receive funds? More details next month!				31 Open 'til 10pm 	Open Jan 1 Come and watch games No Burgers / Dogs



DECEMBER: The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic Holy Day that is celebrated on Dec 8th. It celebrates the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother – St. Anne.

Immaculate Conception of Mary is a profound mystery. Mary was without sin from the first moment of her conception. She is perfectly united forever to her spouse, the Holy Spirit. Their fruitful union produced a wedding of heaven and earth in the God-Man, Jesus Christ.

Burgers & Dogs	
Dine-in	
Saturday's 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	
Hamburger	\$2
Cheeseburger	\$2
Double Hamburger	\$3
Double Cheeseburger	\$3
Corn Dog	\$1
Fries	\$1
Chips	\$1

This is Your Newsletter

Please make suggestions for content and respond to requests for input. If you know of someone that is sick, injured, or has died, please let Dennis know at 309-825-2589 so we can add them to our prayer list and on the Board at the Club.

Council meeting 50/50 and Capsule Drawings

Nov 4th name drawn was Steve Scudder \$7 which he donated to the Scholarship fund which now has \$23. The Capsule Drawing name drawn was George T Hon, not present so the amount increased to \$321. Nov 18th meeting was cancelled so no name drawn.

We Need ADVERTISERS Know someone with a business? Call Dennis 309-825-2589 for details.



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The Blood Drive on Nov 8th was a Success
thanks to ALL the DONORS & Volunteers.

44 appts, 42 presented, 46 units collected. 4 Double Red
Next Blood Drive will be January 10th - 1:15 till last appt 5:45

Christmas Fun Facts (Dec 24 Eve through Dec 25):

Christmas is the annual feast commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians, it is not just a single day, but an extended season of joy and celebration, involving many traditions, music, and activities. Here are a few interesting things to know:

- **When and how long is Christmas?**
 - ✦ Christmas Day, liturgically called "The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord", includes both Christmas Eve (Dec. 24, after sunset) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25).
- **Was Jesus really born on Dec. 25?**
 - ✦ Probably not! We simply do not and cannot know the exact day on which Jesus was actually born.
 - ✦ Jesus' birth has been celebrated on Dec. 25 since the 4th century when the Roman Empire adopted Christianity.
- **What are the liturgical colors for Christmas?**
 - ✦ The official liturgical color of the Christmas Season for most Churches is **white** or **gold**.
 - ✦ Popular culture often associates Christmas with *greens* and *reds*, in addition to the use of white and silver, gold, or other shiny metallic colors (stars? bells? musical instruments?).
- **What is a Manger Scene and where does this tradition come from?**
 - ✦ In the weeks before or during the Christmas season, many people set up a "manger scene" in their churches or homes, depicting the baby Jesus surrounded by Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, animals, and the wise men.
 - ✦ The Gospel of Luke says, "While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. *She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger*, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)
 - ✦ The tradition of displaying a crèche (manger) did not arise until the mid-12th century; it is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who wanted to emphasize the poor and humble circumstances in which Jesus was born.

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