



# Knights' Notes – Dec '22 Issue

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## CLUBROOM 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm Alexanders
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Council mtg... 6pm
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, BCHA mtg... after council mtg
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree mtg, 6pm Ozark House
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Sweater Party
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, NO Tinker's Meal THIS MONTH
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Council mtg, 6pm
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve 1pm to ???
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day CLOSED
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve 1pm to ???

## HOLD THE DATES

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, Blood Drive, 12:30 - 5:45pm
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Tinker's Meal, 5:30 – 6:30pm

## SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Jim Stokes, Ruth Cunningham

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

## IN GOD'S CARE

- Eileen O'Driscoll

## 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



# CHRISTMAS EDITION

## Grand Knight Report

### Holiday greeting Brother Knights and friends of the Knights,

November's Knights' notes emphasized THANKS. December is traditionally the month for GIVING.

When our Council was founded 121 years ago the membership strove to provide the Catholic men of Bloomington an organization to promote GIVING. GIVING to our faith, parishes, and community has been, and always will be, the PRIMARY mission of the Knights' of Columbus Council 574.

As Knights' of Columbus our goal should always be to assist those in need. Not necessarily by writing checks, but truly living our faith through contributing our most precious time towards making the world that we live in a better place.

Attached to this newsletter is the Supreme Knights of Columbus "ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY" that provides a template for involvement opportunities for our membership. I sincerely hope that everyone that reads this survey will ask the question AM I A TRUE KNIGHT, and endeavor to GIVE more. This survey is only asking for the HOURS OF SERVICE, not the monetary contributions.

As always, I would like your feedback regarding this survey. Your Council is always looking for ways to improve our service to our mission.

Instead of the December Tinker meal the Ladies Auxiliary are reviving a Knights of Columbus tradition of live music and dancing. The Christmas season is back at the friendly confines of the KC Hall for an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" party on Saturday Dec. 10th. Music will be predominately "60s" era (absolutely NO RAP)! Bring your best appetizers to share, your dancing shoes, and enjoy an old-fashioned KC Christmas Party.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a merry and blessed Christmas Season and hope to see you soon.

**Jim Smith, Grand Knight Council 574**



The Blood Drive on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> was a Success thanks to ALL the DONORS & Volunteers.

**41 units collected**

Next Blood Drive will be January 9<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 till last apt 5:45

## Custodian Position Available - HT & HSP

We are now in need of a custodian/janitor to assist in the care and maintenance of Holy Trinity and Historic St. Patrick buildings and grounds. The position entails 20 hours/week (7:00am to 11:00am, Monday through Friday) and offers a decent per hour wage. Responsibilities include (among other things) regular cleaning, building maintenance, basic handy-man knowledge, use of power tools and other tools, and basic grounds-maintenance. We are looking for a good steward, a conscientious worker, and a responsible individual.

**If interested, please contact Fr. Stirniman via email or phone.**



## Ladies Auxiliary News

Holiday Greetings! The Giving Tree is ready for folks to donate to the 7 families we are sponsoring. The Angel tags with gift ideas & money donations are hanging on the tree. It's easy – select a tag – purchase the item or donate the cash & return to the Knights by 12/10/22. **Please return the new and unwrapped item(s) with the gift tag (you chose from the tree) attached to the item(s).** Cash will be collected at the bar. A gift drop-off area will be designated. An organizing and gift-wrapping session will take place after 12/10/22.

Ladies – Our Dec 1st Auxiliary meeting will be at Alexander's Steak House. We will meet at 6:00 pm.

The Ugly Sweater Christmas Party is on 12/10/2022 (same date to turn in your Giving Tree donation. Music will be provided by Tator Tour from 7-11:00 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and wear your best/worst holiday attire.

The Halloween party was a great success – thanks to all of you who joined in. The winner of the Rake Raffle was Michelle Bishop. In keeping with the same theme, we have decorated a Snow Shovel with lottery tickets for December. “Scoop” up your chance to win - tickets available at the bar. Special thanks to Eric Coit for his donation to the Ladies Auxiliary. Chances were sold at the Halloween party to win a cash prize. Beth Sullivan was the lucky winner!

Thanks - Tina

MAY ALL YOUR  
**sweaters**  
**BE UGLY**  
& BRIGHT

**JOIN US FOR OUR UGLY SWEATER PARTY**  
**SATURDAY DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 TO 10:30**

*“Tator Tour” Band from 7 to 10:30*

- APPETIZERS (bring one to share)
- Drink Specials & Festive Shots Available

**Happy Birthday**

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



THE  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

**IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**IT PERTAINS** to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

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## 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.

### Vocations Fundraiser

Drawing is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 167 books sold.

This year the drawing will take place at the Mid-Winter District Deputy's Meeting in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

Winners will be included in the next Knight's Notes



The Ladies Auxiliary has decorated a Snow Shovel with lottery tickets for December. "Scoop" up your chance to win.

Tickets available at the bar.

### Please Pay Your Membership Dues



Dues Invoices will be sent out on Dec 15. Membership Dues should be paid by Jan 1st.

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 you to make it all work.**

### Come Join Us! Special Events


- Video Gaming
- Tinkers Meals (dates in Calendar)
- Big Screen TVs
- Friday Night Fish Fry (Lent)
- Full Bar
- Saturday Burgers and Corndogs
- Outdoor Patio

### Key MEMBER Information

Grand Knight: Jim Smith  
 Deputy GK: Steve Scudder  
 Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich  
 Treasurer: Bob Wefer  
 Chancellor: Dave Kraft  
 Recorder: Mike Buttitta  
 Advocate: Brian Ballard  
 Warden: Mike Weis

Inside Guard: Bernie Wright  
 Outside Guard: Dan Carmany  
 1 Yr. Trustee: Dennis Fries  
 2 Yr. Trustee: Mike O'Driscoll  
 3 Yr. Trustee: Mike Mulcahey  
 Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager  
 Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President

## Membership Drive Open House

Knights of Columbus Council 574 will host an Open House where we will greet eligible Catholic men from the community, Holy Trinity, Historic St. Pat's, and St. Mary's on Thursday  February 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm.

**Ask a friend!**

**Pray many join our Council**

### Council meeting 50/50 and Capsule Drawings

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> name drawn was Dan Carmany \$7 which he donated to the Scholarship fund. The Capsule Drawing name drawn was Charles Franklin, not present so the amount increased by \$6.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> name drawn was Jim Smith \$8 which he donated to the Scholarship fund which now has \$23. The Capsule Drawing name drawn was Frank Bush, not present so the amount increased to \$49.



Happy Holidays



**We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p><b>Dec 1</b></p> <p>Council mtg 6pm (50/50 drawing)                      BCHA (immediately after)                      Ladies mtg 6pm</p>	<p><b>Happy Hour</b> 2</p>	<p><b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 3</p> <p><b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>                      Crew – Jim Smith</p>
<p><b>2nd SUNDAY in ADVENT</b> 4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p><b>Saint Nicholas Day</b> 6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ask Someone to Join</p>	<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b> 8</p> <p>4th Degree meeting</p>	<p><b>Happy Hour</b> 9</p>	<p><b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 10</p> <p><b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>                      Crew-Steve M</p> <p>UGLY SWEATER CONTEST</p>
<p><b>3rd SUNDAY in ADVENT</b> 11</p> <p>Tinkers Meal                      Pre-Order \$10                      Call 828-9671</p>	<p>12</p>	<p><b>TINKERS MEAL</b>  <b>Next Month</b></p>		<p>15</p> <p>Council mtg 6pm (50/50 drawing)</p>	<p><b>Happy Hour</b> 16</p>	<p><b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 17</p> <p><b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b>                      Crew – Kyle Baner</p>
<p><b>4th SUNDAY in ADVENT</b> 18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Winter Solstice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p><b>Happy Hour.</b> 23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>1 pm to ???</b></p> <p>No Burgers / Dogs</p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>Christ Is Born</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>The Feast of St. John the Apostle</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pay Dues</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>1 pm to ???</b></p> <p>No Burgers / Dogs</p>

## Christmas History:

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas starts a 12-day season that begins on Dec 25th and ends on Jan 5th. Christmas services are on Christmas Eve and midnight masses. While the holiday is religious, many cultures, celebrate this holiday. This often centers around Santa Claus, a mythical figure dressed in a red suit, based on Saint Nicholas. Tradition has it that on Christmas morning, Santa brings gifts for children who have been good and coal for those who are naughty.

## Saint Nicholas Day

This day aims to recognize Saint Nicholas' contributions to the poor and his reputation for bringing gifts to those in need.

Saint Nicholas of Myra was born in the 3rd century. He became well known for his charitable nature and actions.

He would later become the inspiration for the jolly Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas Day is observed annually on December 6th.



## St. John the Apostle Day

The Feast of St. John the Apostle commemorates his life. He was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was one of the three disciples, which included Peter and James, who were included in some of the most important events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, including Jesus' crucifixion and transfiguration.

St John is known as the author of the Gospel of John, John I, II, and III, and the Revelation of John. However, the authorship of the works is disputed.

## This is Your Newsletter

Please make suggestions for content by calling Mike at 309-830-6824. 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.



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# Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Please return the survey to:

[mjtomlia@gmail.com](mailto:mjtomlia@gmail.com)

or text to 309-825-5823



To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

## COUNCIL HOURS

### Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

- a. Refund Support Vocations Program
- b. Church Facilities
- c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries
- d. Religious/Vocations Education
- e. Prayer & Study Programs
- f. Sacramental Gifts
- g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities

### Family Activities (where applicable)

- a. Food for Families
- b. Family Formation Programs
- c. Keep Christ in Christmas
- d. Family Week
- e. Family Prayer Night
- f. Miscellaneous Family Programs

### Community Activities (where applicable)

- a. Coats For Kids
- b. Global Wheelchair Mission
- c. Habitat for Humanity
- d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief
- e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities
- f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care
- g. Hospitals/Health Organizations
- h. Columbian Squires
- i. Scouting/Youth Groups
- j. Athletics
- k. Youth Welfare/Service
- l. Scholarships/Education
- m. Veteran Military/VAWS
- n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities

### Life Activities (where applicable)

- a. Special Olympics
- b. Marches for Life
- c. Ultrasound Initiative
- d. Pregnancy Support
- e. Christian Refugee Relief
- f. Memorials to Unborn Children
- g. Miscellaneous Life Activities

### Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)

- Visits to the Sick
- Visits to the Bereaved
- Number of Blood Donations
- Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families

TOTAL 0

## ASSEMBLY HOURS

### Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

- a. Refund Support Vocations Program
- b. Church Facilities
- c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries
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**St. Vincent de Paul - During Nov & Dec we are collecting Food & Coats**

**Please look for the donation box in the club**





# UKRAINE RELIEF EFFORTS

Responding with Courage, Perseverance and Fraternal Support

“ All Knights of Columbus come together to support our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who are suffering. [...] You are the heirs of Blessed Father McGivney helping those who need help. [...] It's a concrete example of what Father McGivney started. This is the legacy we have.

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

## Men of Action

Our members in Ukraine and Poland have worked tirelessly in developing creative ways to support those in need, including:

- Charity Convoys to transfer humanitarian supplies to those who remain in Ukraine
- Mercy Centers to assist displaced people find food, shelter and other necessities
- Easter care packages, to ensure Ukrainian traditions could be celebrated on the holiest day of the year

## Men of Prayer

In times of darkness, prayer is the first and the most precious gift we can offer one another. Our Knights have joined the Holy Father in consecrating Russia and Ukraine to Mary and in praying for peace by organizing:

- Eucharistic processions
- Prayer vigils
- Masses
- Rosaries

## What's Next?

Thanks to your prayers and support, the Knights will continue to provide humanitarian support and work to address emerging needs, such as:

- Basic medical care
- Mitigation of human trafficking
- Psychological counseling
- Resettlement efforts
- And more...

**100%** of your donation goes directly to support those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.



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