



Knights' Notes – Dec '23 Issue

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Serving Holy Trinity, Historic St. Patrick's, St. Mary's parishes & St John Paul II Newman Center

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. 6th, Saint Nicholas Day
- Dec. 7th, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm Alexanders
- Dec. 7th, Council mtg... 6pm
- Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 9th, Ugly Sweater Party
- Dec. 14th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm Rob Dobbs
- Dec. 21st, BCHA mtg & council mtg 6pm
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve CLOSED
- Dec. 25th, Christmas Day CLOSED
- Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve 3pm to ???
- Jan. 1st, New Year's Day Noon to ???

HOLD THE DATES

- Jan 9th, Blood Drive, 12:15 - 5:45pm

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place.

Let Jim, any 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

- Freddie Payne and all the faithfully departed in November safely in the Arms of God.

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. Contact GK Jim Smith at 309-530-5703 or jsmith1002@aol.com for a printed Newsletter.

Club Ph: 309-828-9671

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CHRISTMAS EDITION

Grand Knight Report



HAPPY HOLIDAYS Brother Knights and Friends,

Our Council #574 has been so busy this past year embracing the GOALS of the Knights of Columbus (CHARITY, UNITY & FRATERNITY), that I can't believe that 2023 is rapidly coming to an end.

Lenten fish fries, St. Patrick's Day celebration, blood drives, Special Olympic Picnic, Tootsie Roll Drive, Holy Trinity Family Picnic, Council Family Picnic, St. Vincent De Paul donations, and, of course, Saturday Burger days have provided our membership many opportunities to live OUR faith thru our council's ACTION.

In 2023 Our Knights of Columbus Council #574 has provided support to our parishes, our missionaries, our Priests, and the seminarians of our parishes, We have supported Central Catholic Central Catholic High School, Corpus Christi Grade School, and St. Mary's Grade School. We also support Birthright, Spirit Radio, Intellectual Disabled Community, Special Olympics, and the Red Cross.

We have accomplished a lot during 2023, but we can always do better. Please let me know your suggestions regarding HOW TO IMPROVE OUR COUNCIL IN 2024.

ALSO: THANKS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR TERRY, AND HIS CREW, FOR MAKING THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS THE BEST PLACE TO SHARE AN ADULT BEVERAGE WITH FRIENDS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND, AS ALWAYS, LET'S CONTINUE TO GET IT DONE ON DUNN !!!!

Jim Smith: Grand Knight Council 574

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JOIN US FOR OUR UGLY SWEATER PARTY

December 9th from 6:30 to 10:30

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

Ladies Auxiliary Knights Notes

Another holiday season is upon us and the Giving Tree efforts are in full force. There is still time to select an angel for a gift purchase or make a donation. The purchased gifts (unwrapped please) and gift cards (purchased with the donation money) will be sorted and delivered to each school well before their holiday breaks. Stay tuned for information via text for the date(s) & time(s) we will complete our final steps on the Giving Tree.

Ladies, please plan to meet at Alexander's Steakhouse on Thurs., Dec 7 @ 6:00 pm for our annual Christmas get together. Looking forward to catching up with everyone.

The Ugly Sweater Party is Sat. 12/9. A DJ and karaoke are planned. Show up in your "finest" Christmas apparel. Plan to bring a dish to pass and be ready for a great holiday celebration.

Merry Christmas – Tina



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From Dan Carmany:

Thank you to everyone who donated to my tip jar on Sunday Nov. 26th to give to the Ladies auxiliary Christmas Tree. I was able to collect \$300.00 to donate to the ladies.



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Deputy GK: Steve Scudder	Inside Guard: TBD
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Chancellor: Martin Walker III	3 Yr. Trustee: Brian Ballard
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Advocate: Martin Walker IV	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President



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| 2 David Stanczak | 20 William Dowling |
| 2 Thomas Whalen | 20 Steven Scudder |
| 5 James Gore | 21 H.T. Jefferson |
| 5 Mark Witte | 22 Terry Kiesewetter |
| 6 Ronald Carroll | 23 James Sallen |
| 8 Warren Provost | 25 Michael Weiland |
| 9 John Weber | 26 Vee Spikes |
| 10 Patrick Boylan | 27 John Schraufnagel |
| 15 Townsend Tully | 28 Stephen Mueller |
| 16 James Mulligan | |

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

Next Blood Drive will be January 8th - 12:15 till last appt 5:45



Blood Drive!



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Please volunteer to become the New Blood Drive Director.

All active members are eligible to participate in this cause.

Dennis and Jan Fries have stepped down from running the Blood Drives. Please help us serve others!

December 2023

Club Phone: 309-828-9671



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Please donate to our 7 sponsored families. Angel tags are hanging on the tree at the club. Select a tag, purchase an item or grab cash, then drop off your new and unwrapped items (with the tree gift tag), or your cash donation to the Knights Clubhouse by 12/10.</p> </div>						
3 1st SUNDAY in ADVENT	4 	5	6 Saint Nicholas Day	7 Ask Someone to Join	8 Happy Hour Dec 1 	9 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Bernie Wright
10 2nd SUNDAY in ADVENT	11 	12	13	14 Council mtg 6pm Ladies mtg 6pm	15 Immaculate Conception 	16 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Buttitta family
17 3rd SUNDAY in ADVENT	18 	19 	20 	21 Council mtg 6pm BCHA Mtg After. 	22 Happy Hour	23 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers Jim Smith
24 4th SUNDAY in ADVENT	25 	26 Christ Is Born	27 The Feast of St. John the Apostle	28 Don't FORGET! Pay Dues	29 Happy Hour	30 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
31 Open 3 pm to ???	Jan 1 Open Noon to ??? Solemnity of Mary	2	3	4	5	6

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 GK Jim Smith know at 309-530-5703 so we can add them to our prayer list and the Board at the Club.

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.



Please Pay Your Membership Dues

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Dues Invoices will be sent out in December.

Membership Dues should be paid by January 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.



St. Vincent de Paul - During Nov & Dec we are collecting Food & Coats

Please look for the donation box in the club

MAY ALL YOUR

Sweaters

BE UGLY & BRIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR UGLY SWEATER PARTY

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

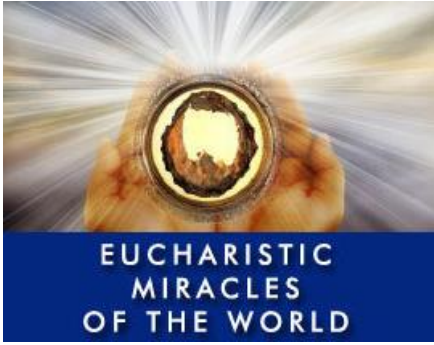
IT DOES NOT PERTAIN to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

Eucharistic miracles have occurred throughout our history. A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ's blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God behind the physical world, reminding us there is more to our existence than we can understand with our 5 senses alone.



St Thomas Aquinas, Paris, France. 1224-1274 (The Third in Our Monthly Series)

During his second tenure as professor in Paris, St. Thomas found himself in the middle of a dispute taking place among the professors at the Sorbonne University in regard to the Eucharistic sacrament. The dispute was about two points: a) if the senses perceive the presence of the so-called "accident", such as color, taste, durability, and quantity, it would be the concrete extension of the true and real Eucharistic Bread and Wine; b) faith confirms that in the sacrament exists the Body and Blood of Christ, which is an apparent contrast with the former theory.

Parisian theologians were clearly divided between the objective theory and the value of faith. They decided to ask St. Thomas because they already had the opportunity of experiencing his philosophical intelligence and his theological sanctity. They asked him to offer and communicate his opinion, in that his theological wisdom would become the rule to follow.

Thomas then, as he usually did, retreated himself to prayer and contemplation and started to pray with great fervor and devotion. Soon after, he quickly jotted down in writing the least number of words with the most precise clarity possible, what his mind was able to understand and what The Lord inspired him to write. He returned in church, went to the altar, and laid down his written answers under the Crucifix' eye and prayed: "Our Lord Jesus, actually present and forever present in this Blessed Sacrament, I am asking you to help me understand your truth and to be able to teach and confer it without any possibility of errors. So, I beseech thee, Oh Lord, to concede me this grace: If the things that I wrote about you and with your blessing are true, make it possible for me to say and teach them publicly. If, instead, I have written something that is not in tune to the truth revealed and alien to the mystery of the sacrament, stop me from inferring anything that could deviate from the Catholic faith."

This was the humble prayer of the theologian, who understands that he is dealing with things much higher than himself and that he has a grave responsibility towards his people. Father Reginaldo, his secretary, and other brethren were fortunate enough to observe St. Thomas while in deep prayer, when suddenly Christ appeared and indicated towards his writings and said: "You wrote well about the sacrament of my Body and you wrote well and according to truth; you also have resolved the question that was posed to you. This understanding of the truth, defines and holds earth true, as long as man is present on earth." Having heard this, Thomas full of joy and thanksgiving, prostrated himself and knelt down at the altar in front of our Lord.

During his years of his theological maturity, from 1269 to 1272, St. Thomas Aquinas was called to Paris to resolve the complicated question of the nature of the Eucharistic sacrament. Before St. Thomas started his dissertation, he went in church to pray and then finally wrote the actual text. Once the exhibit was concluded, St. Thomas returned to church and that is when Our Lord Jesus appeared to him to confirm the righteousness of his writings.

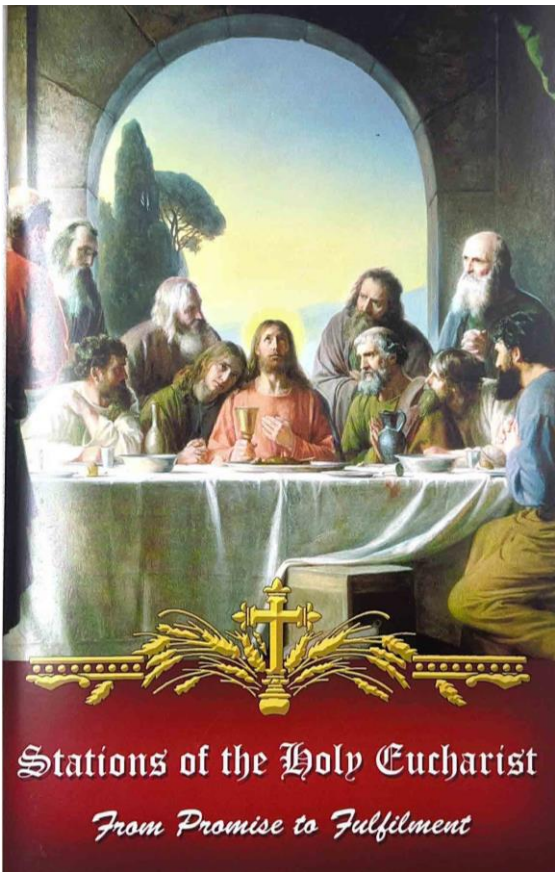


St. Vincent de Paul

During Nov and Dec, Council 574 will be collecting Food and new and gently used Coats for SVdP.

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





‘Stations of the Holy Eucharist’

1pm Sunday, December 3rd at Historic St Patrick
1pm Sunday, December 10th at Holy Trinity

These new and exciting twelve stations focus the participants on the beauty of Jesus’ True Presence in the Eucharist, using Old and New Testament passages as guides for this great gift from God.

Consider joining us in this hour-long devotion and simultaneously adoring the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration as we spend time with Jesus.

This new and unique devotion is particularly relevant during this time of our U.S. Bishops’ *National Eucharistic Revival* as well as during this prayerful season of Advent. Please considering joining us: 1:00pm on Sunday, December 3rd at Historic St Patrick Church; and 1:00pm on Sunday, December 10th at Holy Trinity Church. ~Fr Stirniman~



Brother Knights,

Fr John D Ring Council 574 has been requested to sponsor a faith event at **Historic St Patrick’s & Holy Trinity** Churches, December 3rd and 10th respectively; helping with the planning and execution of the Event.

STATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST A series of readings and prayers at each of 12 station icons depicting both Old & New Testament passages foreshadowing or confirming...

THE SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH

To help our parishes we are asking for 20 Knights to serve as:

- Readers, Station monitors, Canopy carriers, Ushers, and all Members and family to be united in prayer

If you can help with any of the above, please respond by phone or text to either Brother Mike Buttitta: 309-830-6824 or Brother Bob Wefer: 309-838-1075

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4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Next meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 pm will be at Rob Dobbs restaurant. It will be our Christmas meal.

Text / Call or email Scott Brownfield at 309-212-2904 or normalScott212@yahoo.com to confirm you are attending or if you have any questions.

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