



Knights' Notes – Dec '24 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. 3rd, Giving Tuesday
- Dec. 5th, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm Alexanders
- Dec. 5th, Council mtg... 6pm
- Dec. 6th, Saint Nicholas Day
- Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 14th, Ugly Sweater Party
- Dec. 12th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm Rob Dobbs
- Dec. 19th, Council mtg 6pm
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve CLOSED
- Dec. 25th, Christmas Day CLOSED
- Dec. 27th, Feast of John the Apostle
- Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve 3pm to ???
- Jan. 1st, Solemnity of Mary
- Jan. 1st, New Year's Day Noon to ???

HOLD THE DATES

- Jan. 6th, Epiphany
- Jan. 13th, Blood Drive, 12:15 - 5:45pm
- Jan. 20th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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.

IN GOD'S CARE

- All faithfully departed safely in the Arms of God.

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

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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Grand Knight Report-45th Edition

Holiday Greetings Brother Knights and Knights 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 2024 is rapidly coming to an end.

Update on the ID drive, HURRAY! Our Council raised over \$11,000. Thanks for all that contributed to this cause.

Also, our Council has sold 239 books of raffle tickets to support those who have chosen a religious vocation. THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

Great news to all Knights. We have a new Council in town. The Newman Center has established a new Knights of Columbus Council. We continue to pray for these young men who have joined our Knighthood.

On behalf of Council 574 I wish all of you a happy, blessed, and joyfully filled Christmas.

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

Jim Smith: Grand Knight (309) 530-5703 jsmith1002@aol.com

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Our Grand Knight has just submitted his 45th Grand Knights Notes for this monthly Knights' Notes Newsletter!

Thank You Jim and Ruth Ann for All You Do for Knights of Columbus Council 574 and the Bloomington/Normal Community

Come Join Us!

- Video Gaming
- Big Screen TVs
- Full Bar
- Outdoor Patio

Special Events

- Tinkers Meals (dates in Calendar)
- Friday Night Fish Fry (Lent)
- Saturday Burgers and Corndogs



Ladies Auxiliary Notes

The holidays are upon us and we are in full swing doing what we do best – spreading the holiday spirit for those in need. The Giving Tree is up and we are off to a great start. Please join us by leaving a monetary donation or gift card of your choice at the bar. We will be collecting donations until 12/5/2024. With the cash donations, we will purchase gift cards for groceries and gifts. We will distribute the cards to St. Mary’s, Irving and Bent Grade Schools. The administrators at the schools will identify the families in need who will receive the gift cards to make their holiday special. Thank you for your help.

The Ladies Auxiliary December meeting will be at Alexander’s Steak House on Thursday, 12/5/24 @ 6:00. Looking forward to a wonderful meal with good friends. Next up, our Annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party! It is set for Sat., Dec, 14, 6:30-10:30. The band, Blondarosa will play 7-10. Please plan to bring an appetizer to share.

Many thanks to everyone who has made this year so special. It never ceases to amaze me seeing the generosity and kindhearted folks who provide so much for those in need in our community. We are blessed to be a family of good people who care and can work together to do this.

Merry Christmas – Tina



Happy Birthday

2 Donald Adams	16 Bro Alex Simplot
2 David Stanczak	17 Paul O Brien
2 Thomas Whalen	20 William Dowling
3 Fr. Mwesiga	20 Steven Scudder
5 James Gore	21 H.T. Jefferson
5 Mark Witte	22 Terry Kiesewetter
8 Warren Provost	23 James Sallen
9 John Weber	25 Michael Weiland
10 Patrick Boylan	26 Vee Spikes
15 Townsend Tully	27 John Schraufnagel
16 James Mulligan	28 Derek Haizel
	28 Stephen Mueller



Support your Council Attend a Meeting



A Knights of Columbus Memorial Chalice...

For decades Memorial Chalice were given to the families of faithfully departed 4th Degree members of the Knights of Columbus.



In recent years the practice has been replaced with monetary donations directed to a charity of the deceased family’s choice.

Do you have one from a deceased family member?

Would you like to give new life to a Memorial Chalice by donating it to a mission church in Africa, to be used by a local Priest spreading the news of Catholicism?

Father Rogers Byambaasa has made a special request to the Knights of Columbus to help him give life to Memorial Chalice in our community.

Father has been the Chaplain at St Joseph Hospital in Bloomington since 2013. He is currently assisting Father Loftus with Mass at Holy Trinity and Historic St Patrick until a new Priest is assigned.

Father Rogers is from Uganda, East Africa, and has a master’s degree in human development counseling from Bradley University. He has taught English and Christian religious education in high schools and has served as a Pastor in Kenya. Prior to joining OSF St. Joseph, Father Rogers spent 12 years at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

If you are interested in donating a Chalice, please contact Mike at 309.830.6824 to make arrangements. Father is heading back to Uganda on December 15th to be with his family for Christmas... Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Father Rogers hand-carried a Chalice with him.



Dear Knights of the Diocese of Peoria and Friends,

On Monday November 18, 2024 an extensive fire damaged the home of David Garcia and father of seminarian Angel Garcia. The family has been temporarily hosted by family members in another home. Angel Garcia is a freshman at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona MN. Fr. Greg Nelson, newly assigned pastor at Holy Cross Parish, Mendota, has been mentoring Angel's vocation discernment for the last few years while he was serving as pastor of St. Mary's, Bloomington, IL. The Garcia family connection began with Fr. Greg, who is now the Chaplain of the Mendota Knights of Columbus Council. David Garcia currently teaches Spanish at St. Bede Academy, Peru, IL. and is supporting his wife Mayra and 2 younger children.

K of C Council 2090 is hosting an immediate emergency fundraising effort to replace the sudden loss of all clothing and relocation expenses for the Garcia's. The home may not be economically recoverable.

100% of all donations will be transferred to the Garcia family and will support the Diocese of Peoria seminarian program on behalf of Angel.

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 2090/Garcia Fund

Knights of Columbus Council 2090, Holy Cross Parish Rectory 1010 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342

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St. Vincent de Paul

During November and December, 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.

Key MEMBER Contact Information

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st SUNDAY Dec 1 in ADVENT 	2 Knights' Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	3 GIVING TUESDAY Please Donate Coats or Cash	4 	5 Council Mtg 6pm	6 Saint Nicholas Day	7 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
2nd SUNDAY 8 in ADVENT Immaculate Conception 	9 Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.	10 	11 	12 4th Degree 6pm At Rob Dob's Restaurant	13 Happy Hour	14 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
3rd SUNDAY 15 in ADVENT	16	17	18	19 Council Mtg 6pm	20 Happy Hour 	21 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
4th SUNDAY 22 in ADVENT	23 	24 	25 	26	27 The Feast of St. John the Apostle	28 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
29 Ask Someone to Join	30 	31 	January 1 Solemnity of Mary	2	3	4 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs

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

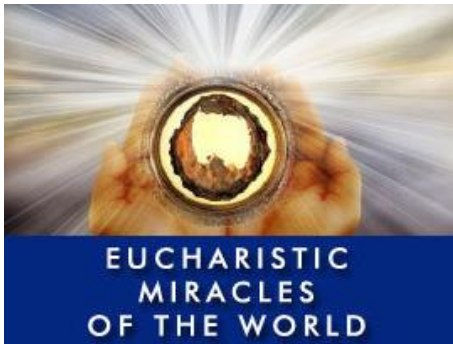
The Feast of St. John the Apostle commemorates his life. He was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He was one of the three disciples, which included Peter and James, who were included in some of the most important events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, including Jesus' crucifixion and transfiguration.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

Holy Trinity &
Historic St Patrick



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Parish

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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. **(a Monthly Series)**

Eucharistic Miracle of **FERRARA**

ITALY, 1171



This Eucharistic miracle took place in Ferrara, in the Basilica of Saint Mary in Vado, on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1171. While celebrating Easter Mass, Father Pietro da Verona, the prior of the basilica, reached the moment of breaking the consecrated Host when he saw blood gush from it and stain the ceiling vault above the altar with droplets. In 1595 the vault was enclosed within a small shrine and is still visible today in the monumental Basilica of Santa Maria in Vado.

On March 28, 1171, the prior of the Canons Regular Portuensi, Father Pietro da Verona, was celebrating Easter Mass with three confreres (Bono, Leonardo and Aimone). At the moment of the breaking of the consecrated Host, it sprung forth a gush of Blood that threw large drops on the small ceiling vault above the altar.

Histories tell of the "holy terror of the celebrant and of the immense wonder of the people who crowded the tiny church." There were many eyewitnesses who told of seeing the Host take on a bloody color and having seen in it the figure of a baby. Bishop Amato of Ferrara and Archbishop Gherardo of Ravenna were immediately informed of the event. They witnessed with their own eyes the miracle, namely "the Blood which we saw redden the altar ceiling vault." The church immediately became a pilgrim destination, and later was rebuilt and expanded on the orders of Duke Ercole d'Este beginning in 1495.

There are many sources regarding this miracle. Among the most important is the Bull of Pope Eugene IV (March 30, 1442), in which the pontiff mentions the miracle in reference to the testimonies of the faithful and ancient historical sources. The 1197 manuscript of Gerardo Cambrense, conserved in Canterbury's Lambeth Library is the oldest document that mentions the miracle. The miracle received recent attention in the "Gemma Ecclesiastica"

(Budding of the Church) by historian Antonio Samaritani. Another document which dates to March 6, 1404, is the Bull of Cardinal Migliorati, in which he grants indulgences to "those who visit the church and adore the Miraculous Blood." Even today, on the 28th day of every month in the basilica, which is currently under the care of Saint Gaspare del Bufalo's Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated in memory of the miracle. And every year, in preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the solemn Forty

Hours devotion is celebrated. The eighth centenary of the Miracle was celebrated in 1971.

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

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.



Happy Holidays



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

JOIN US FOR OUR UGLY SWEATER PARTY
SATURDAY DEC. 10TH 6:30 TO 10:30
"Tater Tour" Band from 7 to 10:30
• APPETIZERS (bring one to share)
• Drink Specials & Festive Shots Available

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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Knights' Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Dec 2nd at the Historic St Patrick Church.

We will recite the rosary and have time for group discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904... **Yes, I plan to attend**



4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Our next Meeting will be **Thur, Dec 12**

at Rob Dob's Restaurant, 801 N. Hershey Rd. Blm.

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Celebration – Please bring a dish to pass. Please be sure to let me know you are attending, so I can have the correct amount of ham and rolls for everyone.

Please bring a dish to pass and let me know if you will be attending.

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The 12 days of Christmas
The time between the Nativity of the Lord on December 25 and Epiphany on January 6.

These days are rooted in the Christian belief of the Incarnation, celebrating Jesus' birth and becoming human. The tradition is liturgically observed, and it aids in understanding the significance of Christ's coming as the means of salvation.

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