



Knights' Notes – Feb '23 Issue

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

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!**
- Feb 2nd, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Feb 2nd, Council mtg, 6pm
- Feb 2nd, BCHA mtg, after Council mtg
- Feb 9th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- **Feb 12th, Super Bowl at the Clubhouse**
- **Feb 14th, Valentine's Day**
- **Feb 15th, Tinkers Meal, Cancelled**
- Feb 16th, Council meeting, 6pm
- Feb 21st, Mardi Gras
- Feb 22nd, Ash Wednesday
- **Feb 24th, Lenten Fish Fry's begin**

HOLD THE DATES

- **Mar 17th, St Patrick Day Celebration**
- Mar 19th, St Joseph's Day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Jan Smith – Jim Smith's sister

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

- John Kerrick – past Brother Knight
- Alene Valone – past Ladies Auxiliary

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

Check us out on Facebook to view activities...
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Grand Knight Report

Greetings, Brother Knights, and Knights Friends

At the beginning of Lent in 2001 I stopped by 1706 R.T. Dunn Dr. looking for a fish dinner. I was surprised to see my next-door neighbor, Marty Mulcahey, and joined him for an adult beverage (or 2).

To make a long story short, he asked if I was a Catholic, and when I replied YES, my life was changed forever. He immediately introduced me to all his friends, and they all told me the benefits of becoming a member of joining the Knights of Columbus.

By joining the Knights of Columbus an individual can positively impact their community, grow spiritually, and enjoy a sense of community with other Catholics.

Our Lenten fish fries and St. Patrick's Day celebration are events that bring many non-members to our doors. I sincerely hope that we all take it upon ourselves to relay the message that membership in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will benefit all Catholic men in a positive way.

ALSO: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE DESERTS FOR 6 FISH FRIES AND 1 SUPER HUGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Jim Smith,
Grand Knight
Council 574



St Patty's Day Party Mar 17

We need volunteers. Read GK's Urgent Message on the last page!



**Jan 9th Blood Drive was a Success
Thank you Donors & Volunteers.**

**40 Donors, we collected 38 Units,
with the potential to save 114 lives.**

Next Drive will be March 13th - 12:30 till last apt 5:45



DID YOU KNOW? The Knights of Columbus has many charitable programs.

Four categories represent our priorities as an Order and Council. Programs highlighted in Blue were our focus in 2022. We welcome anyone who wants to add to this list, **and we are looking for someone to step in as Program Director!**

FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Leave No Neighbor Behind** Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

Ladies Auxiliary Dessert Bakers

- bake at home & bring to the Club -

120 desserts for each Fish Fry

240 desserts for St. Patrick's day

To volunteer bake goods... Text 309-830-6188 Provide name, date(s), what dessert(s), size or quantity.

Burgers and Corndogs

11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Saturday's



SHARE EVENT - Go to

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Super Bowl Party

Feb 12 - Starting at 2pm

at the Clubhouse

Bring Appetizers to Share and have a Blast

Ladies Auxiliary is drawing for a Valentine Bag filled with Goodies

Tickets At The Bar



Support your Council Attend a Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 5 Stephen Petersen
- 6 Robert Kuntz
- 8 Jamie Deffenbaugh
- 8 Tom Miller
- 9 Larry Law
- 12 Brian Garncarz
- 13 Chris Brown
- 14 Jordan Sigulas
- 15 James Stokes

February

- 15 Stephen Young
- 18 Joseph Rondone
- 18 Terrence Shea
- 21 Fr Doug Hennessy
- 21 Robert Mikel
- 26 Charles Brown
- 26 Brian Loeffler
- 26 Doyle Tjaden
- 27 Stephen Racki

Come Join Us...

Be part of something bigger than all of us!

Give Back for all you have received



Custodian/Janitor Position Available

Are you retired? Still want to be busy, but not as busy as before retirement? 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 about 20 hours/week and offers a decent per hour wage. You would enjoy a friendly work environment, too! 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. Stimiman via email or phone.**



February: The Holy Family

The Holy Family is an earthly reflection of the Holy Trinity. By meditating on the Holy Family, we can learn the meaning of love, obedience, and true fatherhood and motherhood.

We are also reminded that the family is the foundational unit of both society and the Church.



Fish Fry

Lent Fish Fry's Dinner & Dessert

Feb 24 – April 7
(except Mar 17 for St Patrick's Day)

5:30 – 7pm or until we run out

Adults \$11 – Kids \$5 (fish or Grilled Cheese)

Open to the Public

Pre-Order Call 828-9671

Ladies Please Pay Your Membership Dues



Paying promptly is the right thing to do.

Checks made out to the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary or \$5 cash can be brought to the club.

Our council works wonders through our programs. PLEASE HELP US make it all work.


Come Join Us! Special Events

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

Key MEMBER Information

Grand Knight: Jim Smith	Inside Guard: Bernie Wright
Deputy GK: Steve Scudder	Outside Guard: Dan Carmany
Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich	1 Yr. Trustee: Dennis Fries
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	2 Yr. Trustee: Mike O'Driscoll
Chancellor: Dave Kraft	3 Yr. Trustee: Mike Mulcahey
Recorder: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Advocate: Brian Ballard	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President
Warden: Tyler Williams	

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 16th starting at 6pm.

Ask a friend!

Pray many join our Council

Ladies Auxiliary Valentine Bag Raffle

Some lucky lady will LOVE this **Pink Insulated Wine Bag** filled with lots of goodies. Drawing will be held Feb 13 during the Super Bowl in the Club.

Tickets Are Available At The Bar



Council meeting 50/50 & Capsule Drawing

Jan 5th name drawn was Brian Ballard \$17 which he donated to the Scholarship fund. The Capsule Drawing name drawn was Joe Orendorff, not present so the amount increased by \$17 to a total of \$73.

Jan 19th name drawn was Martin Walker Sr. \$6. The Capsule Drawing name drawn was James Johnson, not present so the amount increased to \$79.

February 2023

Club Phone: 309-828-9671



Next to Nights



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
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1	2	Happy Hour 3	11:30 - 1:30 4 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Buttitta Family
<div style="background-color: #76c73a; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"> <p>St Patty's Day Party Thurs Mar 17 We need volunteers, so look for a sign-up sheet at the bar soon!</p> </div>				<p>Council mtg 6pm (50/50 drawing) BCHA (immediately after) Ladies mtg 6pm</p>		
5	6		<p>Ask Someone to Join</p>	9	Happy Hour 10 	11:30 - 1:30 11 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Jim Smith
12	13		<p>No Tinkers Meal this Month</p>	16	Happy Hour 17	11:30 – 1:30 18 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Tom Miller
19	20		22	23	Happy Hour. 24	11:30 – 1:30 25 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Todd Noonan
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	11:30 – 1:30 4 Burgers & Dogs Crew – Kyle Baner

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, which occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.
Lk 2:32

Mardi Gras:

Mardi Gras marks the end of the Carnival season observed by many Catholics. It starts at Epiphany on January 6 and ends on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is the last day before lent, which is a solemn period observed by prayer, repentance, fasting, and moderation. It is often associated with lavish Carnival-like celebrations.

Mardi Gras has been celebrated in the U.S since 1699. The first parade was in 1857 in the streets of New Orleans.

Ash Wednesday:

A Catholic observance in which ashes are marked on the forehead of parishioners in the shape of a cross. The ashes are meant as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness.

It marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period that ends with Easter. This is a period observed by prayer, repentance, fasting, & moderation.

Sundays are excluded as they are considered a celebratory day that represents the resurrection of Jesus and the Sabbath day of rest.

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 on the Board at the Club.

Keep Christ in Christmas - Family

Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus council 574, Bloomington IL, announces winners of the 2022 Christmas poster contest held at St Mary's Catholic School.



Left to right: Principal Jamie Hartrich, Maggie Alvarez - 2nd grade, Aubree Alvarez - 4th grade, Bea Pawley - 7th grade, Father Greg Nelson - St Mary Parish Pastor

CCHS Catholic Essay Contest Winners

9th, 11th & 12th grade CCHS students wrote and submitted essays: "In an essay, describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow."

Congratulations 2022 Winners!

Grade 12:

- 1st - Cameron Kossler (95)
- 2nd - Joshua Pagan (93)
- 3rd - Zander Tabb (91)

Grade 11:

- 1st - Alexander Welsh (94)
- 2nd - Elena Bantista (93)
- 3rd - Elijah Raridan (91)

Special Thanks To:

Mr. Daniel McEllin
Social Studies Teacher

Grade 9:

- 1st - Leo McKibbin (96)
- 2nd - Koby Brown (90)
- 3rd - Giovanna Bellino (87)



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Grand Knight's Urgent Message concerning 2 of our Biggest Annual Fundraisers

We need volunteers to help set up the dining room, cooking, and cleaning for the Fish Fry's and St Patrick's Day Dinners.

Helping just a couple of hours working alongside other Brother Knights would be very helpful.

Crew Member Sign-up sheets are available at the bar or contact GK Jim Smith at 309-530-5703 or jsmith1002@aol.com



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Fish Fry Crews

2-hour shifts or more

Feb 24 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

March 3 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

March 10 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

March 24 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

March 31 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

April 7 –

Kitchen - cooking or serving

4pm – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear down

4pm – 8pm

St. Patrick's Day Crews

March 15 & 16

Kitchen - cooking

11am – 8pm

March 17 –

Kitchen - cooking or s

11am – 8pm

Dining – setup or tear

9am – 8pm



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St. Patrick's Day Party

March 17th - 11 AM - 7 PM

Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Potatoes, Sandwiches, Beer

