



Knights' Notes – Feb '24 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!**

• Feb 1st, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm

• Feb 1st, Council mtg, 6pm

• Feb 8th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm

• **Feb 11th, Souper Bowl at the Clubhouse**

• Feb 13th, Mardi Gras

• **Feb 14th, Ash Wednesday (Holy Day)**

• **Feb 14th, Valentine's Day**

• Feb 15th, BCHA mtg and Council mtg

• **Feb 16th, Lenten Fish Fry's begin**

• **Feb 23rd, Lenten Fish Fry**

HOLD THE DATES

• **Mar 1st - 29th, Friday Fish Fry**

• **Mar 16th, St Patrick Day Celebration**

• Mar 19th, St Joseph's Day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Jim Smith, Billy Smith, Bill Dubois, Ann Sallen's father, Jim Samith's sister.

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

All the faithfully departed in December safely in the Arms of God.

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Blood Drive volunteers
- 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

Check us out on Facebook to view activities...

Next to Nights

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Grand Knight Report

Greetings Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

As you all know the month of February brings the beginning of our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. For us Catholics that date begins forty days of penance, sacrifice, and **NO MEAT ON FRIDAYS!**

Your Council 574 will continue our longstanding tradition of hosting Friday fish fries on Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 22, and Good Friday March 29. Note that we are not hosting a fish fry on March 15th because the kitchen is busy preparing for Saint Patrick's Day which will be celebrated with our traditional corned beef and cabbage on Saturday, March 16.

I look forward to seeing all of you at these dinners.

We always need additional volunteer help pull these events together so let me know if you are willing to assist our Council on any of those dates. I'd really appreciate hearing from you.

Also, a special invite to all members, friends, and volunteers. We have a VERY special meeting on Feb. 1st to greet the recipients of our annual "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES" drive. This ceremony has become a highlight demonstrating why the Knights of Columbus Council 574 has endured for the past 123 years. Please show our support to these most worthy organizations by attending.

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

For the enjoyment of EVERYONE refrain from ALL Tobacco, including Vaping & Chewing Tobacco. Unless YOU volunteer to clean the URINALS!



Ladies Auxiliary Knights Notes

Souper Bowl, Lent, Fish Fries and St Paddy's Day are just around the corner. We are off to a fantastic start! We have secured volunteers for the desserts we need for the Friday fish fries and St. Paddy's day. It's been a super team effort for rounding up all the items for the St. Paddy's Day basket raffle. The basket will be a GREAT one and ticket sales will begin the first week of February. Gift certificates galore from local businesses, St. Paddy's Day swag, lottery tickets and of course some fine spirits! See your friendly bartender for ticket purchases. With all these activities, there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer so please look for signup sheets or just ask.

Our plans are well underway for the Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off set for Sunday, Feb. 11. Come out to watch the BIG game, enjoy the labor of others by tasting their soups or chilis, voting will start around 2:00. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded before the kickoff. Get cooking! Gondolas will be provided and other food items are welcome to add to the feast.

For our Feb 1st meeting - Please remember to bring the items you want to contribute to the St. Paddy's basket as we will be assembling the basket after our meeting. The men have invited the Ladies Auxiliary to join their meeting when they present the Tootsie Roll money to all the local organizations who benefit from this annual event. Also, it is time to collect 2024 member dues of \$5.00.

Looking forward to our upcoming events and seeing you at the Knights – Tina



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Key MEMBER Contact Information

Grand Knight: Jim Smith	Warden: Brendy Lee
Deputy GK: Steve Scudder	Outside Guard: Dan Carmany
Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich	1 Yr. Trustee: Tyler Williams
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	2 Yr. Trustee: Dennis Fries
Chancellor: Martin Walker III	3 Yr. Trustee: Mike O'Driscoll
Recorder: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Advocate: Martin Walker IV	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President

Come Join Us!

- Video Gaming
- Big Screen TVs
- Saturday Burgers & Corndogs
- Full Bar

Our Banquet Room is available for Weddings, Receptions, Reunions, Anniversaries & More.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

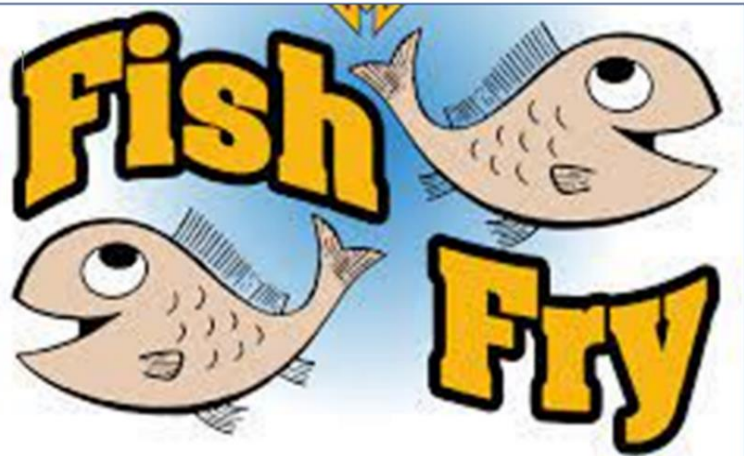
February

2 Brian Wright	15 Stephen Young
5 Stephen Petersen	18 Joseph Rondone
6 Robert Kuntz	18 Terrence Shea
8 Jamie Deffenbaugh	21 Fr Doug Hennessy
8 Tom Miller	21 Robert Mikel
9 Larry Law	26 Charles Brown
12 Brian Garncarz	26 Brian Loeffler
13 Chris Brown	26 Doyle Tjaden
14 Jordan Sigulas	27 Stephen Racki
15 James Stokes	28 William Woyak

February



Support your Council Attend a Meeting



Lent Fish Fry's Dinner & Dessert

Feb 16 – March 29

(except March 16 for St Patrick's Day)

5:30 – 7pm or until we run out

Adults \$12 – Kids \$6

(Fish or Grilled Cheese)

Open to the Public

February 2024

Club Phone: 309-828-9671



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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>St Patty's Day Party Thurs Mar 16 We need volunteers, so look for a sign-up sheet at the bar soon!</p>			<p>31 </p>	<p>Feb 1 Council mtg 6pm Ladies mtg 6pm</p>	<p>Happy Hour 2</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 3 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew</p>
<p>4 Ask Someone to Join</p>	<p>5 Don't FORGET! Pay Dues</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 4th Degree mtg 6pm</p>	<p>Happy Hour 9</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 10 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Buttitta Crew</p>
<p>11 </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday </p>	<p>15 Council mtg 6pm BCHA Mtg After.</p>	<p>Happy Hour 16 FISH FRY FRIDAY</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 17 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith</p>
<p>18 </p>	<p>19 </p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>Happy Hour 23 FISH FRY FRIDAY</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 24 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Tom Miller</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Happy Hour Mar 1 FISH FRY FRIDAY</p>	<p>11:30 - 1:30 2 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Matt Cole</p>
<p>Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.</p>						

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.

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.

CCHS Catholic Essay Contest

Congratulations 2023 Winners!

12th:

1st: Madelyn Hopper
2nd: Abigail Eckhoff
3rd: Alexander Welsh

11th:

1st: Ava Bond

10th:

1st: Audra Krylowicz
2nd: Giovanna Bellino



Tootsie Roll Distributions for 2023 Disabilities Fund Drive

Bloomington Knights of Columbus #574 will present donations to the several organizations on Thursday February 1st, 2024 starting at 6:00 PM.

We will have refreshments after the presentation of the checks. Representatives will say a few words about the clientele they serve and how our money helps them.

This will be last time that Dennis and Jan Fries will be leading this activity. Please attend and thank them for the past 22 years of service and leadership.

Super Bowl Party Feb 11th - 2pm + at the Clubhouse

Bring Appetizers to Share
and have a Blast

Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off set for Sunday, Feb. 11. Come out to watch the BIG game, enjoy the labor of others by tasting their soups or chilis, voting will start around 2:00. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded before the kickoff. Get cooking! Gondolas will be provided and other food items are welcome to add to the feast.



Please Pay Your Membership Dues

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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.

Mike will be at the club, available immediately after council meetings and on Fridays from 4:15-5:00pm. You can pay dues and receive membership cards instantly, socialize, bring someone to become a member, make a donation, get a paper copy of the monthly newsletter, offer to volunteer for council events, etc.



4th Degree Assembly 213

Our next Meeting will be Thur, Feb 8 at 6PM at the Pizza Ranch 1211 Holiday Dr, Bloomington, IL

Buffet style pizza, chicken, salad, and dessert. You are responsible for your own tab.

Please encourage any 4th degree member to attend and any not-yet 4th degree member to attend to become 4th degree. "All council 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904 yes, if plan to attend / no, if do not plan to attend.

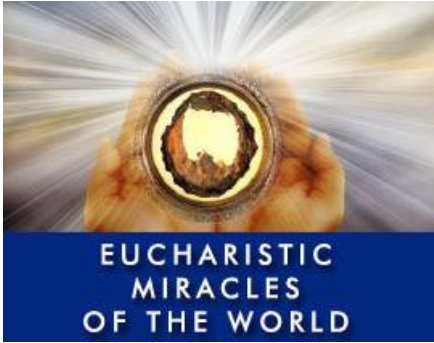
Brothers Roger Petri, Phil Mikalik and Scott Brownfield have organized a monthly meeting to pray the Rosary.

The first meeting is Mon Feb 5th at 7PM and you are invited.

We will meet at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall at 7PM, pray the Rosary and afterwards, discuss further meetings, content, and locations. All open to suggestions.

Please take an opportunity to join us, and kindly let me know if you will be joining us. I will bring some treats based on the number of Knights that respond. I hope you can make it.

Vivat Jesus, Scott Brownfield Faithful Navigator



"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.

(The Fifth in Our Monthly Series)

Eucharistic Miracle of

KRANENBURG, DISTRICT OF KLEVE

GERMANY, 1280

In 1284, in the small city of Kranenburg in the district of Kleve, there was a Eucharistic miracle known under the name of "Miracle of the Miraculous Crucifix." A sacred Host was thrown near a tree by a shepherd who was not able to swallow it because of an illness. Later, the tree was cut in half and a perfectly carved crucifix fell on the ground. On the place where the crucifix was found, a church was built. That church is still there to this day and numerous pilgrims come to visit it.

Many documents describe this miracle that took place in 1280. A shepherd of Kranenburg after taking Communion was not able to swallow it and threw it against a tree in his garden. He was plagued with remorse over the incident and he decided to tell his parish priest. The priest hastened to the place of the evil deed to try to recover the Host but the search proved fruitless.

A few years later, the shepherd decided to cut the tree down and he split it in two pieces. Right after it was cut down, a perfectly carved crucifix fell out of the tree. The report of the crucifix that "had grown from a sacred Host" spread rapidly from town to town. The Bishops of Cologne and the Count of Kiev took a direct interest in the miracles and pilgrims began to come in large numbers. In 1408, the citizens of Kranenburg began the construction of a church in honor of the miracle. The church was completed in 1444 and it represents one of the most significant examples of the Gothic architectural style in the area of the lower Rhine river. Popes and Bishops have always promoted the cult of the Miraculous Crucifix, granting privileges and indulgences, the last of which were granted in the year 2000.



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.

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

Jan 8th Blood Drive was a Success
 Thank you Donors & Volunteers.
 Next Drive will be March 11th
 Call 309-662-0500 or go to the [Red Cross website](#)
 and schedule a time between 12:15 and 5:45pm.

St Patty's Day Party Mar 16

We need volunteers.
 Read GK's Knights Notes Message!



<p>Serve your local Catholic community, become an agent with the Knights of Columbus!</p> <p>LIFE INSURANCE DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE RETIREMENT ANNUITIES</p> <p>Join Our Team! NiemeyerAgencyMail@kofc.org</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus Contact me today to learn more:</p> <p>Jeff Niemeyer, LUTCF, FICP General Agent 618 526 7004</p>	<p>TONY KILEY PLUMBING Licensed Commercial & Residential Honest & Reasonable 309-275-3944</p>
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