Knights' Notes – Jan '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. 31st, New Year's Eve 3pm to ???
- Jan. 1st, New Year's Day Noon to ???
- Jan. 1st, Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
- Jan. 4th, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm
- Jan. 4th, Council mtg... 6pm
- Jan. 6th, Epiphany
- Jan. 8th, Blood Drive, 12:15 5:45pm
- Jan. 11th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm KofC574
- Jan. 15th, MLK Holiday
- Jan. 18th, Council mtg, 6pm
- Jan. 18th, BCHA mtg, 7pm

HOLD THE DATES

- Feb 11th, Super Bowl at the Clubhouse
 Feb 14th, Valentine's Day
- Feb 14th, Ash Wednesday

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

Deacon Jim Gore, Bud Concklin, William Heller and all the faithfully departed in December 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

Check us out on Facebook to view activities... Next to Nights https://www.facebook.com/nexttonights

Grand Knight Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR Brother Knights and Friends,

As we bring 2023 to a close, I would like to ask all of Council 574 membership to remember in our prayers these Knights that have passed during this last year: John Kerrick (1/16/23), Lawrence "Larry" Weber (3/12/23), Pat Burns (3/16/23), Elmo Quinn (3/22/23), Mike Barkoviak (6/30/23), Robert Carmody (10/23/23), Fredie Payne (11/3/23), Charles "Bud" Concklin (12/4/23), and Deacon Jim Gore (12/9/23), William Heller (12/24/23). These men were good and faithful servants and will be greatly missed.

The following men have chosen to join Council 574 during this past year. Frank Bush, Matt Cole, Terry Kieswetter, Deacon Al Lundy, Andrew Rippy, Alex Simplot, Vee Spikes, Robert Woyak William Woyak, and Jody Brucker.

Let's all give our new members a big welcome into Brotherhood of the HISTORC John D. Ring Council 574. We know that our Council's success relies on sustaining our membership so that we can continue our service to the Catholic community of Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Vocations Fundraiser

Drawing was Dec 2nd. Over 266 books were sold. We sold 188 books last year & 139 the year before.

Thank You for Supporting Our Priests

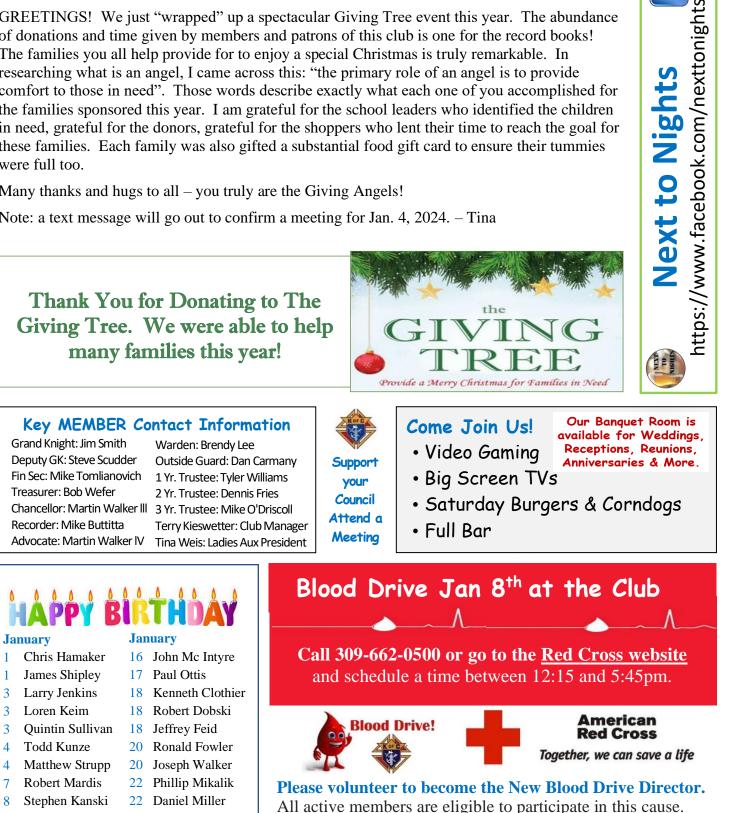
WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1 ST	\$10,000	PETER J. JUSTEN	7694
2 ND	\$2,500	K OF C COUNCIL 4380	4380
3 RD	\$1,000	TODD BANKS	15719
4 TH	\$1,000	NORM BISHOP CONSULTING LLC	141714
5 TH	\$1,000	THOMAS & PATRICIA MCBRIDE	690
6 TH	\$1,000	PHILIP FOGERTY	15746
7 TH	\$500	DAN & ANN CASING	5573
8 TH	\$500	STEVE GALL	1580
9 TH	\$500	K OF C COUNCIL 8473	8473
10 TH	\$500	STEPHEN & JACQUELINE POBOZNY	1369
11 TH	\$200	NEIL DORIGAN	1444
12 TH	\$200	STEFFEN	
13 TH	\$200	KAREN LANTER	15746
14 TH	\$200	DONNA OTTENSMEIER	
15 TH	\$200	COUNCIL 11981	11981
16 TH	\$100	JERRY SULLIVAN	6483
17 TH	\$100	BARBARA KIZELEVICUS	6090
18 TH	\$100	MATTHEW WIEST	14463
19 [™]	\$100	ROMAN RODZIEWICZ	4456
20 TH	\$100	STEWART MATTSON	16011
TOTAL	\$20,000		

Ladies Auxiliary Knights Notes

GREETINGS! We just "wrapped" up a spectacular Giving Tree event this year. The abundance of donations and time given by members and patrons of this club is one for the record books! The families you all help provide for to enjoy a special Christmas is truly remarkable. In researching what is an angel, I came across this: "the primary role of an angel is to provide comfort to those in need". Those words describe exactly what each one of you accomplished for the families sponsored this year. I am grateful for the school leaders who identified the children in need, grateful for the donors, grateful for the shoppers who lent their time to reach the goal for these families. Each family was also gifted a substantial food gift card to ensure their tummies were full too.

Many thanks and hugs to all – you truly are the Giving Angels!

Note: a text message will go out to confirm a meeting for Jan. 4, 2024. - Tina



10 Larry Greenwald 27 Francis Hoffman

27 Tim Kernes

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

Club Phone: 309-828-9671 January 2024 NEXT TO NIGHTS **Next to Nights** We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property https://www.facebook.com/nexttonights Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sunday Saturday 30 11:30 - 1:30 28 Dec 24 25 26 **Happy Hour** 29 **Burgers & Dogs** Crew: Ask Someone to Join 11:30 - 1:30 6 31 2 3 4 5 Solemnity **Burgers & Dogs Council mtg 6pm** of Mary Epiphany Ladies mtg 6pm Mother of God 10 7 9 **Happy Hour** 12 11:30 - 1:30 11 13 **Burgers & Dogs BLOOD** 4th Degree mtg Martin Luther DRIVE **9** King Jr. Day On-Site 👪 17 14 15 16 11:30 - 1:30 18 **Happy Hour** 19 20 Council mtg 6pm **Burgers & Dogs BCHA Mtg After.** 11:30 - 1:30 21 22 23 24 **Happy Hour** 26 27 25 FORGET **Burgers & Dogs** Due 2 11:30 - 1:30 28 29 30 31 Feb 1 3 **Burgers & Dogs**

Solemnity of Mary:

The Solemnity of Mary acknowledges and celebrates Mary's role as the mother of Jesus Christ. The Church considers it a holy day of obligation. This means that we are obligated to attend mass.

The Solemnity of Mary is also called the Octave of Christmas. An octave marks eight days after the significant Christian events of Christmas and Easter. These holidays are celebrated for a week, with the octave marking the last day.



Roman Catholics elevate the role of Mary as integral in their salvation because without her bearing the Child of God there wouldn't have been a crucifixion and resurrection. When the angel Gabriel arrives to tell Mary what God has planned for her, she is confused. Her faith leads her to say "Let it be." (Luke 1:26-38).

Epiphany:

Epiphany Day is a Christian holiday that marks the day that the Three Kings visited Jesus, having followed a star to reach him. They followed a bright star that foretold the birth of a new king, and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12).

It is also known as the 12th Day of Christmas, as it falls twelve days after Christmas Day. Epiphany is the last day in the Christian season of Christmas. It is observed on January 6th.

Time is a Gift

The Church takes seriously the call to sanctify all things, even time. The Catholic significance of days and months is a profound reminder that our lives are finite, and that time should not be squandered.

As the Psalmist said, "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

But more than anything, it reminds us that time is a gift from God, and with him and through him, all things are holy, and nothing is without meaning.

Please Pay Your **Membership Dues**

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Dues Invoices were 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 **Our council works wonders through our programs.** can be brought to the club, or you can VENMO to 309-825-5823.



Open Noon to ??? Come Enjoy the Bowl Games with Us.

Come Join Us...

Be part of something bigger than all of us!

Give Back for all you have received



However, we depend on you to make it all work.



4th Degree Assembly 213

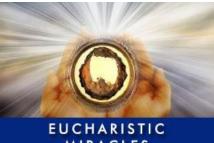
Our next Meeting will be Thursday, Jan 11th at Council 574 starting at 6pm. Chili cook off - bring a simple dessert to share and your own table service.

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 the 4th degree Assembly" Contact Scott B at 309-212-2904, or normalscott212@yahoo.com: yes, if plan to attend / no, if do not plan to attend.

Dues for 2024 are now due. Faithful Comptroller Bob Wefer sent these out a week or two ago. Please pay them promptly. Send your dues to: Bob Wefer, Faithful Comptroller, 1313 Joan Way, Normal IL 61761.

Please let Navigator Scott and/or Captain Joe of any new or changed email addresses or phone numbers. Thank you



MIRACLES OF THE WORLD "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 Fourth in Our Monthly Series)

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Eucharistic Miracle of

In the year 1597, a thief stole consecrated Hosts along with some precious objects from a church not far from Alcalá, Spain. A few days later, the thief returned full of profound remorse and went to confess his sins at the church of the Jesuits. The priest who heard his confession had him return the Hosts however, for the sake of prudence, asked him to foster the Eucharist in a silver box, without consuming it. After eleven years the Hosts were still perfectly intact and after careful analysis, both medical and theological, the act was declared miraculous.

In 1597, a penitent bandit brought himself to confession at the Jesuit church of Alcalá. He was said to have been part of a band of Moorish gypsies who, after being dispersed from the nearby mountains, had sacked numerous churches, and stole monstrance's, and other sacred objects in different countries, committing many sacrilegious acts. The penitent brought with him some consecrated Hosts that he delivered to the confessor with many tears. The confessor was very moved and went immediately to his superior to inform him. Initially it was agreed to consume the Hosts during a Mass, but later, fearing that the Hosts could be poisoned as had recently been done to some priests in Murcia and Segovia, it was decided to keep the Hosts in a box made of silver and to allow them to decompose naturally. Eleven years later the twenty-four Hosts were found still intact.

The mystic Father Luis de la Palma, in his capacity as Provincial, ordered that the Hosts be placed in a wine cellar along with some unconsecrated hosts. A few months later, the unconsecrated hosts had decomposed from the humidity, while the consecrated Hosts remained intact. Six years later Father Palma decided to make public the Miracle of the Hosts that were still intact. New academic and medical tests from the room of His Majesty, Garcia Carrera, as well as numerous illustrious theologians came to identify this as a true Miracle.

In 1619 ecclesiastical authorities officially authorized the veracity of the Miracle. The Holy Hosts were publicly adored before King Phillip III, who in 1620 presided over a solemn procession in which the whole royal family participated. When Charles III expelled the Jesuits from Spain, the Sacred Hosts were moved to the magisterial church. In 1936, when the communist revolutionists burned the church, the priests carefully hid the miraculous Hosts prior to being murdered.

However, still today it has not been found where the Hosts were hidden. There have been many surveys in the church and in the crypt, but to no avail. Nobody until today had published any news of the twenty-four Sacred Hosts. "God has made a new miracle!" exclaimed the wise biographer of the city, Don Anselmo Raymundo Tornero, who has transmitted this story to us meticulously in his work.

January: The Holy Name of Jesus

There is no name more powerful than the name of Jesus. The Catechism sums up the power of this name beautifully: "The name 'Jesus' contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation. To pray 'Jesus' is to invoke him and to call him within us.

Jesus is the Risen One, and whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and who gave himself up for him".

Your Council – 2023 – Year In Review – A List of Organizations We Supported with our Time, Talent, and/or Treasure

Special Olympics, Intellectual Disabilities in Illinois, Saint John Paul II Newman Center, Holy Trinity Church, Historic Saint Patrick Church, Saint Mary's Church and School, Central Catholic High School, Corpus Christi School, Vocations and Missionaries, Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Giving Tree for Families in Need, Habitat For Humanity, Gary Sinise Foundation, and so many more.



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