



Knights' Notes – Jan '25 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. 31st, New Year's Eve 3pm to ???
- Jan. 1st, New Year's Day Noon to ???
- Jan. 1st, Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
- Jan. 2nd Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm
- Jan. 2nd, Council mtg... 6pm
- Jan. 6th, Epiphany
- Jan. 13th, Blood Drive, 12:15 - 5:45pm
- Jan. 9th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm KofC574
- Jan. 20th, MLK Holiday
- Jan. 16th, Council mtg, 6pm
- Jan. 16th, BCHA mtg, 7pm

HOLD THE DATES

- Feb 9th, Super Bowl at the Clubhouse
- Feb 14th, Valentine's Day
- Mar 5th, 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.

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-47th Edition

Happy New year 2025 , Brother Knights, and Knights Friends,

I have often been asked, **WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**. Besides the obvious reason, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO FOR EVERY CATHOLIC MALE OVER THE AGE OF 18, our Council provides much needed support to the Catholic faithful and the community in which we live.

This past year has been a most blessed and thankful year for Council 574. Your annual dues, combined with our member's generous contributions, our fundraising efforts, and especially the countless volunteer hours that your Council 574 has donated \$24,418.54 to support the following.

The ministries of our priests (Fr. Stimpson, Fr. Phram, Fr. Loftus, Fr. Luccas, Fr. Hennesey, Fr. Horton, Fr. Byambassa Fr. Twinimujina) and seminarians (Blake Miller, Francise Strong, and Angel Garcia). Prayers and thanksgiving for their vocational choices.

The schools of Central Catholic, Corpus Christi, and St. Mary's, and the Churches of Holy Trinity, St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, and St. John Paul II Newman Center.

Our Council also contributed to Teens Encounter Christ, Brighthouse, Special Olympics, ID drive (tootsie rolls), American Red Cross, Catholic Spirit Radio, and FOCUS (fellowship of Catholic university students).

Also published in the newsletter is the disappointing news that once again nobody from Council 574 won a prize in the vocations raffle, but the future of the Catholic faithful appreciates your thoughtful donations.

One more note: Enclosed in this newsletter is a form that your Council is required to fill out every January detailing the involvement of members in the community, and our faith. Please respond to me if you, or your family can check off any of the boxes on this form.

Council 574 has been busy in 2024, but we can even do more in 2025 if all we, as Knights of Columbus, continue to work toward the goals of CHARITY, UNITY, AND FRATERNITY! **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

Blood Drive Jan 13th at the Club

Call 309-662-0500 or go to the Red Cross website and schedule a time between 12:15 and 5:45pm.



American Red Cross

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Happy New Year!! The Giving Tree donations for 2024 were delivered two weeks before Christmas and all three schools – St. Mary's, Bent and Irving were overjoyed with the generous amount of gift cards, snacks and hand sanitizers. Thank you to everyone who contributed this year. YOU all are good people!

Our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party was a great success. The band, Blondarosa had us rocking around the Christmas tree and on the bar! 😊

Ladies - we will not meet in January but I do have a reminder/favor to ask – we voted and approved a lottery ticket snow shovel fundraiser. I have purchased the snow shovel and we will be collecting lottery tickets of any denomination. Please drop your contribution(s) by the club (bartender will collect). We would like to have the snow shovel ready for ticket sales by Jan 3, 2025. We plan to draw the winner of the snow shovel at our 2nd annual "Souper" Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb 9. Like last year - we will have a soup contest. The party will begin at 3:00 - soups, appetizers and desserts are welcome!

Lastly, Friday Night Fish Frys are just around the corner and at our Feb. 6 meeting, we will discuss our dessert plans for the Lenten season which runs Wed, March 5 – Thurs, April 17, 2025. See you soon – Tina



NEW YEARS DAY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

1 Chris Hamaker	17 Paul Ottis
1 James Shipley	18 Kenneth Clothier
3 Larry Jenkins	18 Robert Dobski
3 Loren Keim	18 Jeffrey Feid
3 Quintin Sullivan	20 Ronald Fowler
4 Matthew Strupp	20 Joseph Walker
7 Robert Mardis	22 Phillip Mikalik
8 Stephen Kanski	22 Daniel Miller
10 Larry Greenwald	27 Francis Hoffman
16 John Mc Intyre	27 Tim Kernes



Support
your Council
Attend a
Meeting

Brother Knights... Please Pay Your Membership Dues

Dues Invoices were sent out in December.

Membership Dues should be paid by Jan 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.

Thank you from the Newman Center

"On behalf of our entire Newman Center community, I want to thank all those who supported us through the spaghetti dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Your generosity truly humbles me and causes me to give thanks to God for an incredible network of people who are committed to the mission of the Newman Center.

Thank you for offering your time, talent and treasure through this wonderful event which helps us to continue to bring college students closer to the heart of Jesus. But perhaps the thing I am most grateful for in this moment is the witness you provide to our students of making a true gift of yourselves. Our students can see in you what it means to live for others. You place the needs of this Newman Center and its students at the top of your priority list, which models for us the words of St. John the Baptist "I must decrease, and He (Jesus) must increase."

Fr Lucas

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: Roger Petri
Recorder: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Advocate: Martin Walker IV	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President

Burgers and Corndogs

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Saturday's



Please complete this Annual Activity Form and send to Mike Tomlianovich by 1/15/2025. Thank you. mjtomlia@gmail.com

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

20__ Individual Member Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

Family Activities (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

Community Activities (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

Life Activities (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)

Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled	
Member and their Families	

TOTAL 0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
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c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
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VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RAFFLE WINNERS DECEMBER 7, 2024



Winners	Amount	Name	Affiliation
1 ST	\$10,000	JULE POPANZ	8021
2 ND	\$2,500	MIKE O'BRIEN	14649
3 RD	\$1,000	JOANNE CHIAPELLO	12882
4 TH	\$1,000	JOEL KREZMAN	997
5 TH	\$1,000	RAYMOND WACHOWSKI	3738
6 TH	\$1,000	KEN KISH	15119
7 TH	\$500	ROBERT BENTEL	16126
8 TH	\$500	J. BLAKE	12497
9 TH	\$500	THOMAS J. HANDRIGAN	1567
10 TH	\$500	KELLY JOHNSON	16062
11 TH	\$200	RICH NEUBAUER	6993
12 TH	\$200	KAREN GALLAGHER	1369
13 TH	\$200	DIANE WJTANOWICZ	11358
14 TH	\$200	KATHY ABBODD	1369
15 TH	\$200	EILEEN SULLIVAN	11112
16 TH	\$100	BARB FOX	9806
17 TH	\$100	BILL DUNCAN	1508
18 TH	\$100	NANCY STASIK	2090
19 TH	\$100	MARK C. PETERS	1369
20 TH	\$100	JOHN ETERNO	1599
TOTAL	\$20,000		



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Your Council - 2024 - 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.

January 2025

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using Inappropriate Language on our Property



Next to Nights



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
	Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church		 Solemnity of Mary	Council Mtg 6pm		11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	 Epiphany			4th Degree 6pm	Happy Hour	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥ On-Site		 Pay Dues	Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
Ask Someone to Join			Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.			11:30 - 1:30 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.



Solemnity of Mary

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

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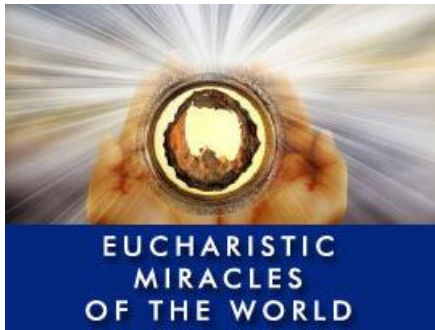
Epiphany Day is a Christian holiday that marks the day that the Three Kings visited Jesus, having followed a star to reach him. They followed a bright star that foretold the birth of a new king, and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12).

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.



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".



"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

MIDDLEBURG-LOVANIO

BELGIUM, 1374

This Eucharistic miracle goes back to 1347. In St. Peter's Church in Middleburg, during Communion, the consecrated Host changed into bleeding flesh. A portion of the Host, to this day, is kept in Louvain by the Augustinian Fathers. The monk, Jean de Gheest, confessor of the Archbishop who approved its cult, asked for It as a gift. Instead, the other portion is in St. Peter's Church in Middleburg.

There exists much documentation on this Eucharistic miracle. In a monograph written in 1905 by historian, Jos. Wils, professor of the Catholic University of Louvain, entitled *Le Sacrement du Miracle de Louvain*, are cited contemporary documents and testimonies. In Middleburg lived a noble woman known for her great faith and devotion. The woman was also very attentive to the spiritual formation of her family and household staff. During Lent of 1374, in her house she began to do penance in preparation for the coming of Easter. A few days before a new servant Jan was hired, who had not gone to confession for many years. The woman invited all the household staff to go to Mass. Jan did not dare oppose this invitation so as not to disappoint her. He attended the whole Eucharistic celebration, and when it came time for him to receive Communion, the man approached the altar.

As soon as he received the Host on his tongue, it changed into bleeding flesh. At once Jan took the particle from his mouth from which blood dripped on the cloth covering the altar rail. The priest realized at once what was happening, and with great emotion carefully placed the miraculous particle in a vessel inside the tabernacle. Jan repented and confessed his sin. From that day on, he led an exemplary life and nourished a great devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament to the end of his life. All the church and civil authorities of the city were informed of the miraculous event and, after diligent investigation, the Archbishop authorized its cult.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM

**Southern District of Illinois - Marquette Province
Kevin Schoenborn, District Master
Dwight, IL Exemplification
Sunday, January 26, 2025 – St. Patrick's Parish Hall
114 West Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420**

Schedule of Events

12:30pm-1:00pm	Registration
1:00pm	4th Degree of Patriotism.
3:30pm	Luncheon

**The exemplification fee is \$70 per candidate.
There will be No charge for Priests or Deacons.**

The dress code for the exemplification is:

- *Black or dark blue business suit, with black dress shoes, white dress shirt and dark tie. A black tuxedo is acceptable.**
- *If the candidate is serving in the armed forces, full time police or fire fighter may wear a class A or dress uniform.**
- *A priest or deacon may wear clerical attire.**

The exemplification will be open to family members as well as current Sir Knights.

There is no charge for the luncheon after the exemplification.

**Please complete and signed the Form-4 prior to the event.
Payment in the form of check or cash will be collected during registration.
Please make checks payable to Kevin Schoenborn Master**

For meal preparation please contact me with the number of people attending the luncheon by: Sunday January 19, 2025.

**Kevin Schoenborn,
1280 West Apple Street, Freeburg, IL 62243-2624
ILSDMAS@outlook.com, 618-250-8520,**

Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Jan 6th 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, Jan 9 at Knights of Columbus Hall.

This will be our chili cook-off event! Please bring a dish to pass and let me know if you will be attending.

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

Dues for 2024 are now due. 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.

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