



Knights' Notes – July '26 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!**
- July 2nd, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- July 2nd, Council mtg, 6pm
- July 3rd, Saint Thomas Day
- July 4th, Independence Day **Open 2pm**
- July 9th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- July 13th, Blood Drive, 12:30 - 5:45
- July 16th, Council mtg, 6pm
- July 25th, Saint James the Greater Day

HOLD THE DATES

- Aug 15th, Assumption of Mary
- Aug 24th, Memorial of St. Bartholomew

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, 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 those faithfully departed in June 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-

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,



Grand Knight, Jim Smith's brother-in-law passed away in mid-June, and Jim is currently out of state taking care of his sister. We wish prayers for Jim and his family and a safe return for him.

In Lieu of the customary Grand Knight Report Jim has asked we provide an update on July news and events.

1. The 25th Anniversary Celebration for our council is postponed and will be rescheduling for later in the year. A date will be determined after GK Jim returns.
2. Our next blood drive is on Monday, July 13. Please sign up for this worthy cause.
3. Our Council Family Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 19. Has been canceled for this year. Let's hope for better weather next year.
4. This year's Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on the 3rd weekend in September – Sept 18-20. We need to volunteers again this year to help with the drive, expanding on the number of people who helped out last year.

Blood Drive July 13

K of C Hall

Call 309-662-0500 or go to the Red Cross website and schedule a time from 12:30 and 5:45pm.

Appointments are PREFERRED by American Red Cross. Walk-ins are always welcome, but appointments help ensure that everyone that comes is served.



Blood Drive!



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Ladies - We will meet July 2 @ 6:00 pm. Our next event to kick off is the school supply drive. More details at this week's meeting.

Hope to see you there – thanks – Tina

Slate of Officers 2026/2027

Below are your officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year. The elected officers and offices are:

- GRAND KNIGHT:** Jim Smith
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** Steve Scudder
- RECORDER:** Martin Walker III
- CHANCELLOR:** Anthony Fanelli
- TREASURER:** Robert Wefer
- WARDEN:** Charles Kunkle
- INSIDE/OUTSIDE GUARDS:** Martin Walker IV, John Hickey, Dan Carmany
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tyler Williams, Roger Petri, & Chris Larson

Blood Drive July 13th



Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm June 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**



Open 2pm to 7pm July 4th
- No Burgers Available on the 4th -

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
July	July
2 Alfred Buscher	11 David M Stokes
2 David Nord	14 Jay Smith
3 Lee Pretet	15 Walter Kraft
7 Mark Dennis	16 Charles Yanacheak
7 Nathan Fishman	18 Matthew Cole
7 James S Morris	21 James Whalen
8 Brian Burns	22 Michael O Driscoll
8 William Miller	28 William Hinderks
8 Noah Sallen	29 Harold Strebe
11 Nick Bussan	31 Michael O'Grady
11 Frank Downes	31 Matt S Raycraft
11 John Schirpke	



YOUNG AT HEART


Everyone over 50 is invited to join us on July 15th for the 5:00 pm Mass at the St. John Paul II Newman Center on the ISU campus, 501 S. Main St., Normal. Following Mass, we will tour the facility, enjoy a summer meal, and a program after. Parking is available on the west side of the Newman Center. Hope to see you there!

Cost: \$14.00 per person

Reservations and payment due: July 9th. Late reservations cannot be accepted.

Make checks payable to Young at Heart and mail to:

Mary-Margaret McHugh, 406 Northridge CC Est., Normal, IL 61761



4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Our next Meeting will be Thur, July 9th at KofC 574 Hall on RT Dunn Dr, Blm, 6pm.

Please let Scott 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.

We will have a Chicken Dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. Chicken and rolls will be furnished.

We will be swearing in new officers.

July 2026

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

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
Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.			1 	2 Council Mtg 6pm	3 Happy Hour Feast of Saint Thomas 	4 11:30 - 1:30 No Burgers Dogs
5 	6 Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	7 	8	9 4 th Degree mtg 6pm	10 Happy Hour	11 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Steve Scudder
12 	13 On-Site ♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥	14	15	16 Council Mtg 6pm	17 Happy Hour	18 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey
19 Support your Council Attend a Meeting	20	21	22 	23 Ask Someone to Join	24	25 11:30 - 1:30 Crew: Buttitta Family Feast of St James
26 Coming in Sept Please Help	27 Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive	28	29	30 	31	Aug 1 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith

July: Precious Blood of Christ

The blood of Christ saves us from sin. It is the blood of Christ that gives us the hope of heaven.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus reconciled "to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20).

Without the blood of Christ shed for us, all would be lost.

Saint Thomas

St. Thomas was one of Jesus' disciples. He is best known for being the one who wanted proof of Jesus' resurrection. He is often referred to as Doubting Thomas, and also the name The Twin.

Saint James

James was among the three disciples to see the transfiguration of Jesus. He, Peter, and John accompanied Jesus on a mountain where Jesus becomes radiant and is transfigured to light. The prophets Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36).

Tootsie Roll Drive -

Everyone, PLEASE put this on your calendar, Sept 13th, 14th, and 15th for volunteering for a few hours to collect donations in front of stores in Bloomington. This is the 53rd year for this drive to help the Intellectual and Physically Disabled. The Knights does this all over the state and country.

PLEASE watch for the sign-up sheets at the club about the first week of August and volunteer for at least one shift. Be an active member or friend of our council.

Holy Trinity &
Historic St Patrick



St. Mary's
Parish

St. John Paul II
CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

Brothers,

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full?

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms & the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet. Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings. 309-533-5667 or e-mail matthew.koeniger@kofc.org. Thank you!

Matt Koeniger - KofC



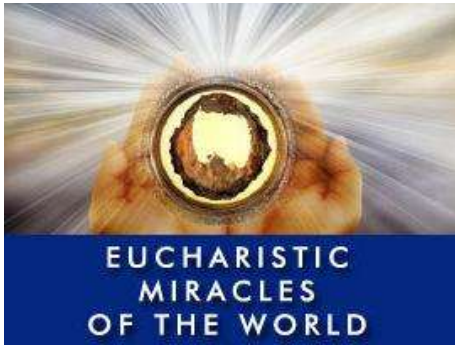
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This is Your **Newsletter**

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.



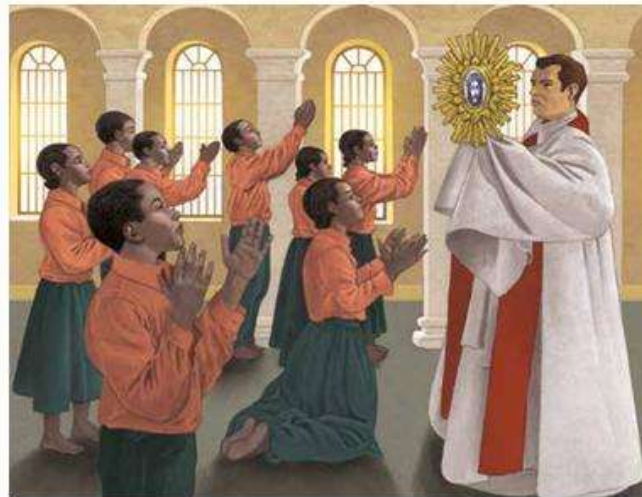
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

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.

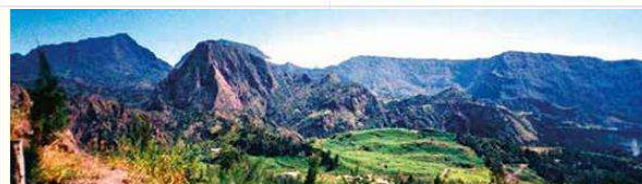
Eucharistic Miracle of **SAINT-ANDRÉ DE LA RÉUNION**

ISLAND OF LA RÉUNION, 1902

On January 26, 1902, at the parish church of Saint-André, a city on the island of La Réunion (French colony), Abbot Henry Lacombe, pastor of the church, was witness to the miracle that he would recount to thousands of people during the Eucharistic Congress of Angouleme (1904), as well as to the group of priests gathered for a spiritual retreat in the town of Perigueux. The face of Jesus appeared in the Host which was for many hours witnessed by thousands of people.



Ancient print representing the Prodigy



Let's look at Abbot Lacombe's report: «It was January 26, 1902. We were celebrating perpetual adoration (the Forty hours). The Most Holy Sacrament was exposed in the tabernacle. I began to celebrate the Mass. After the elevation, at the moment of the Our Father, my eyes were lifted toward the Host and I saw a bright halo around the rays of the monstrance. I continued to recite the prayers of the Mass, with great agitation in my soul but which I tried to overcome. We came to the moment for Communion and again I looked toward the monstrance. This time I saw a human face, with lowered eyes and a crown of thorns on the forehead. What moved me the most was the dolorous expression painted on the face. The eyelashes were long and thick. I tried not to let on to the presence of the turmoil agitating inside of me.

After Mass, I went to the sacristy and summoned the older children from the choir to go to the altar and closely observe the monstrance.

The children

raced back and told me : "Father, we see the face of a man in the Host. It is the good Lord revealing Himself ! I understood then that the vision was authentic". A young man of 16, Adam de Villiers, who had studied in a college in France, also arrived. I said to him as well: "Go in the church and see if you notice something strange in the tabernacle". The young student went to the sacristy and returned immediately, saying: "Father, it is the good Lord who appears in the Host, I see His divine face". Since then, all my doubts disappeared. Slowly the entire town went to the church to see the

miracle. Journalists and people from the capital of Saint Denis also arrived. The face on the Host suddenly became animated and the crown of thorns disappeared. I used every possible precaution, and fearing the effects from the rays of light, I had all the candles extinguished and the shutters closed. The phenomenon became even more clear. There was a young artist among the visitors who faithfully reproduced the face in the Host. Later, the vision changed again and a crucifix appeared which covered the entire Host from top to bottom. After the Eucharistic blessing and recital of the Tantum Ergo, the vision disappeared.