



Knights' Notes – June '25 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!**
- June 5th, Council meeting, 6pm
- June 8th, Pentecost
- June 12th, 4th Degree Assembly mtg, 6pm
- June 13th, St Anthony Day
- June 15th, Trinity Sunday
- June 15th, Father's Day
- June 19th, Feast of Corpus Christi
- June 19th, Council meeting, 6pm
- June 24th, St John the Baptist Day
- June 27th, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 29th, St Peter Day

HOLD THE DATES

- July 3rd, Saint Thomas Day
- July 4th, Independence Day
- July 25th, Saint James the Greater Day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Jerry Griffin, Dennis Fries, Gretchen Lee, David Liptak, Pope Francis.

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you.

Help them O Lord, & 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

- Tim Brady
- All faithfully departed and in Gods Arms.

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

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

Exciting news for Council 574! For the 1st time in my 24 years of membership in the Knights of Columbus the membership will have 2 contested elections for the leadership of OUR Council. Notably: Grand Knight (candidates Jim Smith & Martin Walker III) and Deputy Grand Knight (candidates Steve Scudder & Jodi Brucker). All other offices are still uncontested, but there is still time to consider joining the leadership of Council 574. Any other nominations will be opened at the meeting on Thur. June 5 (6:00 P.M) and voting for next year's officers will follow. Please attend this meeting to make your vote count.

This is GREAT! Our HISTORICAL organization needs the involvement of many concerned members to continue our legacy. **LET'S KEEPING IT DONE ON DUNN!**

Jim Smith: Grand Knight (309) 530-5703 jsmith1002@aol.com

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

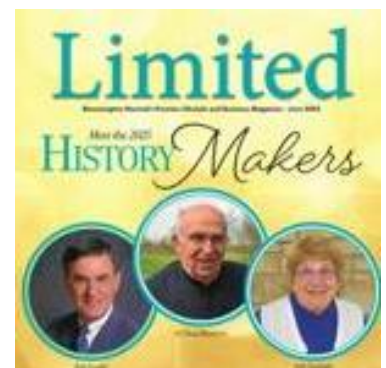
Hello to all! Our next meeting is Thursday, June 5 @ 6:00 pm. We have a couple of topics to cover. First, news from the Nomination Committee regarding the 2025/2026 slate of officers, trustees, and election. Second, we will cover the details for the Special Olympics Pizza and Dance Party set for Sat., June 21. Hope you can make – Tina

Meet Fr. Doug Hennessy - 2025 McLean County History Maker

Each year the History Makers Gala recognizes long-standing residents whose outstanding, life-long contributions of time and talents have helped to make McLean County a better place to live.

The Gala will be held June 18th at the Brown Ballroom at Illinois State University.

Get tickets at mchistory.org by June 2.



Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon Program

Through the Pilgrim Icon Program, councils are organizing a Sacred Heart Holy Hour featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

At the request of David Liptak, Evang. Coordinator for HT/HSP, our Council 574, in support of St Mary, Historic St. Patrick, and Holy Trinity churches purchased an Icon to display during the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy hour at St Mary's on June 27th (on the Feast of The Sacred Heart), and on the 26th and 28th at Historic St Patrick and Holy Trinity. Check your church bulletins for the Sacred Heart Holy Hour times and locations.

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart and time for silent prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament may also be included. Following the holy hour, families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes by placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and conducting an enthronement ceremony.

Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 191,000 council and parish prayer services with some 23 million participants have been held.



**St. Mary's
Parish**



The month of June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the revelation of God's immense love for us.

The Sacred Heart is also a profound reminder of the humanity of our Lord, for his heart is not a mere symbol, but a true physical reality.

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

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available for Weddings,
Receptions, Reunions,
Anniversaries & More.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

2 Patrick Leary
7 William Kinsella
8 Michael Wieting
9 Craig Ames
9 Dcn Brendan Carolan
9 Bart William
10 Martin L Walker IV
12 David Deneen
14 Darrel Petri
17 Stephen Sproull

June

17 Caleb Wayne
18 Charles Morton
18 Joseph Mulcahey
18 James Walker
20 Thomas Harris
20 Daniel Kelley
24 Dave Fontaine
29 Peter Barry
29 Mike Hilgenbrinck
29 John Romanick



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**



June 2025**Club Phone: 309-828-9671**

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**Next to Nights**
<https://www.facebook.com/nexttonights>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 1 1 	2 2 	3 3 	4 4 	5 5 	6 6 	7 7 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Steve Rudin
8 8 	9 9 Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	10 10 	11 11 	12 12 	13 13 Happy Hour	14 14 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey
15 15 	16 16 	17 17 	18 18 	19 19 	20 20 Special Olympics	21 21 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Buttitta Family Crew
22 22 	23 23 	24 24 St John the Baptist	25 25 	26 26 	27 27 Happy Hour Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus	28 28 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith
29 29 Coming in Sept Please Help	30 30 Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive	July 1 1 	2 2 	3 3 	4 4 Happy Hour 	5 5 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: No Burgers Today

The Slate of Officers Running for Election in June is:

Anyone wishing to enter a nomination please contact Mike Tomlianovich at 309-825-5823

Grand Knight: Martin Walker III / Jim Smith
 Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Scudder / Jody Brucker
 Chancellor: John Hickey
 Treasurer: Bob Wefer
 Recorder: Mike Buttitta
 Advocate: Martin Walker IV
 Warden: Brendy Lee
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Summer Games Family Tailgate Picnic

**Special
Olympics**
Illinois



On Friday, Friday, June 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. our Council will be grilling burgers & serving 500 families & friends at the north side of Horton Fieldhouse.

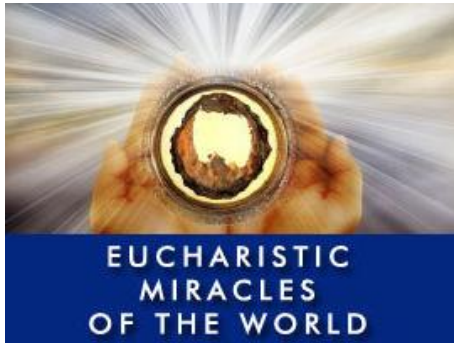
Please contact Grand Knight Jim Smith at 309-530-5703 or jsmith1002@aol.com or sign-up at the bar for this worthy cause!

Vocations Fundraiser

Brother Knights... you will soon be receiving a mailing containing **raffle tickets** for the annual vocations raffle.

Support tomorrow's Priests

- **Buy/sell as many tickets as you can.**
- Return all purchased tickets and money to the club.
Please do not remove the cover...
- Return all un-purchased tickets to the bartender.



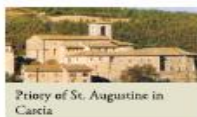
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

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 **CASCIA**

ITALY, 1330

In 1330, at Cascia, a gravely ill peasant called the priest to receive Communion. The priest, partly through carelessness and partly through apathy, instead of taking with himself the ciborium to carry the Eucharist to the house of sick man, took a Host and placed it irreverently in a prayer book. When he reached the peasant the priest opened the book and with astonishment saw that the Host was transformed into a clot of blood and the pages of the book were marked with blood.



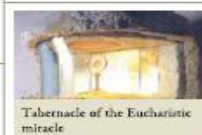
Priory of St. Augustine in Cascia



Urn containing the body of St. Rita which is preserved intact



Relic of the Eucharistic miracle



Tabernacle of the Eucharistic miracle



Chapel where the relic is kept in the Lower Basilica

At Cascia, in the basilica dedicated to St. Rita, is also preserved the relic of the Eucharistic Miracle, which happened near Siena in 1330. A priest was asked to bring Communion to a sick peasant. The priest took a consecrated Host and placed it irreverently in the pages of his breviary and went to the peasant. When he arrived at the house of the sick man, after hearing his confession, he opened the book to take out the Host which he had placed there. To his great surprise he found that the Host was stained with living blood, so much as to mark both pages between which it had been placed. The priest, confused and penitent, went immediately to Siena to the Augustinian Priory to ask the counsel of Fr. Simone Fidati of Cascia, known by all to be a holy man. Fr. Fidati, having heard the story, granted pardon to the priest and asked to keep the two

pages marked by blood. Many of the Popes promoted veneration conceding indulgences.

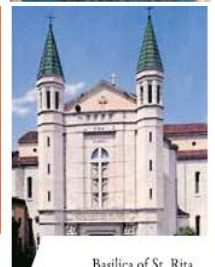
In the act of recognition of the relic of the Eucharistic miracle of Cascia in 1687, a text was also reported of a very ancient code of the priory of St. Augustine in which are described numerous pieces of information regarding the miracle. Beyond this information, the episode is also mentioned in the Communal Statutes of Cascia of 1387 where it was ordered that "every year on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the authorities, the counsels, and the people of Cascia, should meet in the Church of St. Augustine and follow the priest who should carry the venerable relic of the Most Holy Body of Christ in procession through the city. In 1930, on the occasion of the sixth centenary of the event, a Eucharistic Congress was celebrated at Cascia



Painting depicting Blessed Simone Fidati



The oldest depiction of St. Rita



Basilica of St. Rita

for the entire diocese of Norcia; a precious and artistic monstrance was consecrated, and the entire historical documentation of the miracle was published.

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We now manage more than \$2.2 billion for dioceses, religious communities and families. And every dollar we invest respects the Church's moral teaching. This is also true of the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF). We launched it five years ago. And this year, we passed a major milestone. Through KCCF, a wide variety of generous donors have now given more than \$100 million to over 2,000 worthy charities.

Our continued growth proves the timeless value of Father McGivney's vision. But it's also a testament to the tireless work of our fellow Knights. One thousand K of C insurance agents advance our mission every day. They do outstanding work. And I couldn't be more grateful for their commitment and professionalism. When I became Supreme Knight, I asked Bob Marlowe and Joe DiCalogero to be my senior insurance advisors. Both of these men have been top-performing general agents for decades. And they know what it takes to keep us strong and growing. After a combined 85 years of building up the Knights, they're both retiring this year. Bob and Joe, thank you for serving the Order so well for so long!

2024 Supreme Knight

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Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals?

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The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed. Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you. I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you! Matt Koeniger

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Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight Candidate Comments

A Brief Note from a few of our Officer Candidates:

Jim Smith – Current Grand Knight:

My name is Jim Smith, and I am running for the position of Grand Knight of Council 574. My plan to lead the KCs for the next year is to continue to prioritize the Catholic faith within our membership. The Knights of Columbus was founded to serve our faith, and, if elected, will do my best to accomplish that mission.

Martin Walker III – Grand Knight Candidate

On Being a Knight - Martin L Walker III

A few years ago, someone asked me what I thought about being a Knight of Columbus. My answer was that it was a great outlet for doing charitable works. As Catholics we are called to serve - to serve God, our Church, and our Community. To me, this is the Knights of Columbus. This is our mission.

Our council, Father John D. Ring Council 574, is special. There are many ways the council provides to serve others. Whether it is giving blood at our blood drives, serving at a Fish Fry, cooking burgers, supporting our seminarians and priests, or collecting money for the disabled, our council is there. This is Charity.

One of the strengths of our council, in having our own building, is that it provides a space for us to join together to meet with our fellow Catholics, Knights and their wives, to talk and laugh and enjoy each other's company. We do this through our events, from our Saturday lunches to our Fish Fries, to just coming in to visit, have a beer, talk, and get to know one another. This is friendship. This is Fraternity.

Every Knight, every Catholic, brings their own skills and passions to the Faith. We have different interests and hobbies, from sports to construction to technology to everything else. Our diverse skills and interests make us strong. But we all have something in common, our Faith, our shared beliefs. This ties us together. This is Unity.

My vision for the Knights looking at the coming Fraternal year is to provide more opportunity to more Catholics. I would love for our council, the Father John D Ring Council, to grow, both in numbers and in the participation of our fellow Knights. If you have a program in mind to help our church and community, let us know! Get involved! You have fellow Catholics, fellow Knights of Columbus, that will support you.

If I am elected Grand Knight, this would be my focus - to grow our programs, build our membership, and get our current members involved.

The Father John D Ring Council 574 is a special place. Our fellow Knights and their families have made it what it is, a place of Charity, Fraternity and Unity. A place of service, love, and shared beliefs. With God's grace, we will continue to grow. With the help of Jesus and Mary, we will bring the opportunity to more Catholics to be a Knight of Columbus.

Steve Scudder – Current Deputy Grand Knight:

Hello, I am Steve Scudder current Deputy Grand Knight. I have been involved in Council Leadership for twenty years. I have held several positions Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee, Inside Guard and outside guard.

I am running for Deputy Grand Knight to help support the Grand Knight on his goals as Grand Knight. I will continue to be a loyal member of our Council. I am committed to help the Council to succeed in all the annual goals of the Knights of Columbus. I appreciate support of the membership on the election into this position.

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Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm June 2nd 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, June 12th at the Imperial Buffet.

1950 E College Ave at 6PM and we have the south banquet room reserved.

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

Increasing the attendance at these meetings will be a topic of discussion.



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