



# Knights' Notes – March '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!**
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, Council mtg, 6pm
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Fish Fry
- **Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, Blood Drive**
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg KofC Hall 6pm
- **Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's Day Party**
- **Mar 17<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's Day**
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, St Joseph's Day
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, BCHA mtg and Council mtg
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday
- Mar 26<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday
- **Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday**
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Fish Fry
- **Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, Easter Sunday (Closed)**

## HOLD THE DATES

- **Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Sunday**

## 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

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](mailto:jsmith1002@aol.com) for a printed Newsletter.

**Club Ph: 309-828-9671**

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## Grand Knight Report

### Greetings Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

For those of you who haven't been to the Knights of Columbus Hall recently, March is the month that your Council is most active in our mission to achieve our goals of CHARITY, COMMUNITY, AND FRATERNITY. I encourage all recipients of the Knights' Notes to rediscover the comradery that can only be felt in the family friendly astrosphere that has become Council 574's hallmark.

KC Council 574 Lenten Fish Fries are legendary. The Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration is the best in town, and the Saturday, burgers have recently become the "least unknown secret" in town.

On behalf of Council 574, I would like to meet and greet all of you worthy Knights, and Knights Friends at any of these events.

As always, we need volunteers to help pull off these events. Let me know if you are willing to help.

**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](mailto:jsmith1002@aol.com)

## Blood Drive March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Club

Call 309-662-0500 or go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>  
and schedule a time between 12:30 and 5:45pm.



**Blood Drive!**



**American Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

## Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus council 574, Bloomington IL, announces winners of the 2023 Christmas poster contest held at St Mary's Catholic School.

**Rose Pawley, Lily Dederich, and Emma Tiemann**



## Ladies Auxiliary Knights Notes

Top of the morning to ya! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 1st Annual Souper Bowl Party! We had a whopping 16 soup/chili entries and tons of delicious sandwiches, apps and desserts. The winners were – 1st prize - Potato Soup – Family friend of Rick Holt; 2nd prize – 2 chili entries – one sweet chili and one spicy chili – Rick Holt; 3rd prize – Ham and beans – Dan Carmany. Everyone’s efforts did not go unnoticed – it was a great time! Fish Fry dessert providers – Deb W. will be sending out a text message each week reminding you of your dessert date and directions on what to do. Thanks Deb!!

Raffle basket sales are going very well. The winner will be drawn Friday, March 8. Get your tickets soon – it is one of the best baskets we have ever done.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 7 @ 6:00 pm. Be on the lookout for a text message re: decorating the club for St. Paddy’s day. An Irish Toast -

May your neighbors respect you; trouble neglect you; angels protect you and heaven accept you! Tina

### Key MEMBER Contact Information

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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

March	March
1 Charles Franklin	20 Martin Walker III
1 Gerald Griffin	21 David Edwards
4 David Smith	22 Mark Kraft
5 Eric Batsie	22 Joseph Orendorff
5 Everett Kelly	23 Michael Kline
5 Paul Segobiano	23 Larry Mertes
7 Todd Noonan	23 John Murphy
8 Michael Mulcahey	24 Dale Kirby
9 Fr Roger Byambaasa	25 Robert Neiryneck
12 Rick Ramirez	26 George Egofske
18 Alex Calvert	27 Gerald Kelly
18 James Clothier	28 Michael Boylan
18 Jim Spachman	30 Stephen Sweeney
19 Jeffrey Stempora	



## 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**

Support your Council - Attend a Meeting





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				29	Happy Hour Mar 1	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Matt Cole
<b>St Patty's Day Party Saturday Mar 16</b> We need volunteers, so look for a sign-up sheet at the bar soon!						
 3	 4	5	 6	Council mtg 6pm Ladies mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 8	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Todd Noonan
 10	On-Site  ♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥	12	13	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree mtg 6pm	<b>PARTY</b> Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Sandwiches	 16
 17	 18	 19 Saint Joseph	 20 Ask Someone to Join	Council mtg 6pm BCHA Mtg After.	Happy Hour 22	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Steve Rudin
 24 Palm Sunday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	26	27	Holy Thursday	 28 Good Friday FISH FRY FRIDAY	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: John Braucht
 31 Easter	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey
<b>Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.</b>						

## March 19<sup>th</sup> the Feast of St Joseph

The feast of St Joseph commemorates Joseph, the husband of the virgin Mary and stepfather of Jesus. It is believed that Joseph died before Jesus began his public life as an adult as there is no mention of Joseph in the bible after Jesus' childhood. The feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19th.

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit."— St. Teresa of Avila



## March 25<sup>th</sup> the Annunciation of the Lord

Pour Your grace into our hearts, O Lord we who have known the incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever... Amen.

## Easter - March 31

Easter commemorates Jesus' resurrection three days after his crucifixion and death. Following his death, he was removed from the cross and buried in a tomb. On Sunday, Jesus' tomb was found empty. Angels informed onlookers that Jesus had risen. Throughout the next 40 days, Jesus appeared to his apostles and disciples before finally ascending to heaven.

Easter is the highest and holiest of holidays in the Christian faith.

## Lenten Season Tradition - Friday Fish Fry at KofC 574

**Pantagraph Article by D. Jack Alkire on Feb 22, 2024**

BLOOMINGTON — It was just after 5 p.m. on a Friday night in Lent, the first Friday, actually, and the Catholic faithful were already gathering at the Knights of Columbus Council 574's banquet hall.

Carrying on a tradition older than any of them, they showed up at 1706 RT Dunn Drive in Bloomington for the seasonal fish fry for Fridays in Lent, a time when Catholics are asked not to eat meat in observance of the religious period leading up to Easter.

The kitchen was getting ready for service, with fish and shrimp ready for the fryer, made-from-scratch mac 'n' cheese and cornbread kept in the warmers and a smorgasbord of desserts, courtesy of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Bob Fischer and Bev Roberts have been married for 40 years, and they've been attending the fish fry for as long as they can remember.

"I'd rather not say how many years," Fischer laughed. "I'm dating myself."

In fact, Roberts arrived early enough to be first in line and ensure that they both got a generous slice of pecan pie.

### Tradition

The Knights of Columbus were founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in the 1880s in New Haven, Connecticut, said Jim Smith.

Smith is the Grand Knight of Council 574, the highest-ranking member.

"Our mission is to support the parishes, the priests, the schools and the Catholic community of Bloomington-Normal, this council and the other two — they're supporting their parishes and their priests," he said.

With tens of thousands of councils worldwide, Council 574 is one of the oldest in Illinois, if not the world, Smith said.

"This council was formed in 1903 ... we've been doing fish probably as long (as that)," Smith said.

On an average Friday in Lent, Council 574 goes through about 100 pounds of whitefish and serves anywhere between 120 and 260 people, Smith said.

And it's all cooked fresh in their industrial kitchen as the throngs of hungry celebrants line up.

"I think these fish fries just came about as a way to support the community," Smith said. "Because that's what we do."

Sometimes, with long-standing traditions, minor changes or stylistic nuances can pop up over the years. For Council 574's fish fries, though, besides a brief interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic, it hasn't changed a bit.

In his quarter century with the council, they've changed "Not at all," Smith said.

Despite the cost of food rising and inflation causing people to pinch pennies every which way, Smith has only had to raise prices for the fish fry \$2 in his four years as Grand Knight, he said.

"This is a charitable event," he said. "We're not here to make a profit. We're just here to provide a meal for the Catholic community."

But you certainly don't have to be Catholic to sit at the table.

### Good upbringing

Mike and Jan Buttitta have been married for 27 years this coming May.

And while her husband was making the mac 'n' cheese last week, Jan Buttitta was getting her teenaged grandson, Oliver Rogers, ready to fill plates.

It's a family tradition, cooking and serving other, Jan Buttitta said.

"It's great," she said. "They come (out), and then they come back. Because it's just fun."

Three generations of the Buttitta family were present during last week's fish fry: the patriarch and matriarch, their daughter Madelaine Rogers, and her son, who also brought a friend.

What motivates the Buttitta family to volunteer?

"Good upbringing," Mike Buttitta said, laughing.

"Just know we're doing the work that we're supposed to be doing. We're helping our brothers and sisters in what they're doing. We're here to help," he said. "That's what we do."

His wife brought it back to their faith, though.

"That's what Christ would want us to do. That's the way we were taught. That's how he taught his disciples," she said. "It just carries on."

### Fish on

Steve Montgomery, even though he's a plumber by trade, is the head cook at Council 574. He's been there for about eight years and enjoys every minute of it.

"I've always wanted to cook," he said, coating the whitefish with his signature breading. "I've been cooking since I was 10 years old."

Growing up in restaurants, Montgomery said he's always had a passion for cooking. Tying that in with serving his Catholic family is just natural for him.

"People enjoy eating it. We enjoy getting our time to do it," he said.

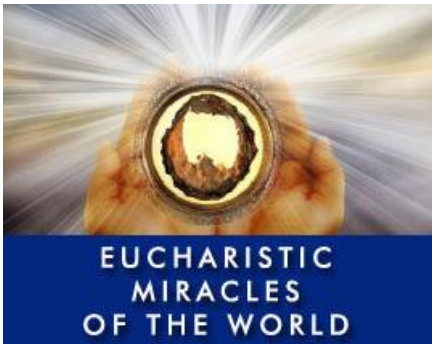
And if there's any secret to Montgomery's fish recipe, he's keeping his lips sealed.

"A couple things," he grinned. "Everybody does it a little different."

Secret recipe or no, Fischer and Roberts enjoy every meal they get.

"As long as they've had the fish fries, we've come. And it's for a good cause." Fischer said. Then he leaned in as if telling a secret that could get him into trouble.

"And we don't have to cook on Friday nights," he said.



*"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* **ALATRI**

ITALY, 1228



In Alatri's Cathedral of Saint Paul the Apostle is kept even today the reliquary of the Eucharistic miracle that occurred in 1228 and consisted in a fragment of the Host turning into flesh. A young woman, in an effort to regain the love of her sweetheart, consulted a sorceress who ordered her to steal a consecrated Host to make a love potion. During Mass, the young woman hid a Host in a cloth. But when she got home, she realized that the Host had been transformed into bleeding flesh. This miracle has extensive documentation, including from Pope Gregory IX.

The most authoritative testimony regarding this miracle is found in the Bull "Fraternitastuae" (March 13, 1228) written by Pope Gregory IX in response to Bishop Giovanni V of Alatri. Here is the text: "Gregory, Bishop and Servant of the Servants of God, to Venerable Brother Bishop of Alatri, greetings and Apostolic blessing. We have received your letter, dearest brother, in which you informed us of a certain young woman misguided by an evil woman, who, after having received from the priest the Most Holy Body of Christ, held it in her mouth until the right moment to conceal it in a cloth. After three days, she discovered the same Body which she had received in the form of bread transformed into flesh, as everyone has been able to verify with their own eyes. Because both women have humbly revealed this to you, you desire our opinion regarding the punishment that should be imposed on them. First, we give thanks with all our strength to Him who, though He always operates in marvelous ways, in this case repeats miracles and produces new wonders so that He calls to sinners, converts evil doers, and confounds heretics while strengthening faith in the truth of the Catholic Church, sustaining hope and re-igniting charity.

*Thus, dearest brother,* by means of this apostolic letter, we dispose that you inflict a milder punishment on the young woman, whom we hold to have done this more from weakness than malice, especially because it can be believed that she has sufficiently repented in confessing her sin. To the instigator, who with her perversion pushed the young woman to commit sacrilege, apply those disciplinary measures that we believe opportune to leave to your judgment. She should also visit the nearest bishops so that she can humbly confess her crime, imploring pardon with devout submission." The Pope interpreted this episode as a sign against the widespread heresies regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and pardoned the two repentant women. A commemorative medal was coined on the 750th anniversary of the miracle; one side showed the cathedral façade and the reliquary, while the other a bust of Pope Gregory IX with the Bull.

## **March: Saint Joseph is the icon of God the Father**

Silent but active and perfectly providing for the needs of all. The Church constantly invokes the protection of St. Joseph, admonishing us to *ite ad Joseph*, go to Joseph.

## Please Pay Your Membership Dues



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.

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## St Patty's Day Party Mar 16



### COME JOIN THE PARTY

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Sandwiches, Adult Beverages, Fun!**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 213

Our next Meeting is Thurs, Mar 14, 6PM

We will meet at the KofC Hall at 1706 R T Dunn, Dr. We will have Gondolas, Salad, and Chips. I will also ask that some of you volunteer to bring desserts. I will plan for 35-40 attendees.

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

Contact Scott at [normalscott212@yahoo.com](mailto:normalscott212@yahoo.com) or 309-212-2904

yes, if plan to attend / no, if do not plan to attend.

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