



# Knights' Notes – May '26 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!**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, St James TL / St Philip
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Aux Meeting 6pm
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting 6pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, Blood Drive
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, Ascension of our Lord
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 6pm
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, Council Meeting 6pm
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, Trinity Sunday

## HOLD THE DATES

- June 21<sup>st</sup>, Father's Day
- June 4<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Corpus Christi
- June 24<sup>th</sup>, St John the Baptist Day
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, Feast - Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 29<sup>th</sup>, St Peter Day

## 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

Jim Mikel (50 yr member passed on April 10), Jim Stokes (46 yr member & past worthy Grand Knight passed on April 26).

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

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

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## Grand Knight Report-59<sup>th</sup> Edition

### Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

First of all, I would be remiss not to recognize the hardest working VOLUNTEER head chef's (and their wonderful crews) for cooking and serving the most delicious Lenten fish fries for Council 574.

TYLER WILLIAMS & MIKE BUTTITTA deserve our Council's most heartfelt thanks for their efforts. Also, once again, Council 574 thanks our most gracious LADIES AUXILIARY for providing the deserts. You ladies are the absolute BEST.

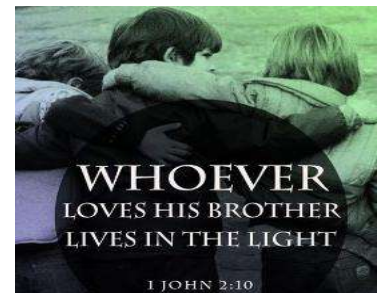
Secondly, I am pleased to announce that our Council will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of our founding on June 20. We're still ironing out the details, but I sincerely hope that all of you SAVE THE DATE, for this most auspicious occasion.

Since I've only been a member of this Historic organization for a mere 25 years, I am requesting that you more seasoned members share some of your most cherished memories of the history so that they can be included in the program. I know that there are many stories to be told!

### LET'S KEEPING IT DONE ON DUNN!

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

Philip teaches us ... to let ourselves be won over by Jesus, to be with him and also to invite others to share in this indispensable company; and in seeing, finding God, to find true life. - St. Benedict XVI



## Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Hey Ladies! Our next meeting is Thursday, May 7 @ 6:00. The two main topics will include the 2026-27 Nominating Committee for new Officers and the Special Olympics Pizza/Dance Party Committee which will be Saturday, June 13. The more the "merrier", we need everyone's input. Thank you!!

TO ALL - Looking forward to the Derby Party on May 2, 2026, starting at 3:00 pm. The taco bar will be up and going along with other appetizers or desserts folks are bringing to share. We will also feature a signature cocktail - Kentucky Oaks Lily - for the event. Come on out and have a good time! See you soon - Tina



**Please Pay Your Membership Dues**

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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.

**Blood Drive May 12**

**K of C Hall**

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

**Help Save A Life**

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

**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*

May		May	
1 Ken Pacha	19 Vern McGinnis		
2 Michael Connor	23 Jason Eardley		
2 Daniel Knieri	23 John Beemsterboer		
3 William Mulcahey	24 Mike Buttitta		
4 Fr John Horton	24 Evan Calvert		
4 Martin Mulcahey	25 James Johnson		
7 Alan Finley	26 William Walsh		
9 James Carstens	30 Merlin Malinowski		
9 Mike Tomlianovich	30 Fr Matt Deptula		
12 Fr Bowan Schmitt	31 Douglas Braun		
12 Michael Thoennes	31 James Ulbrich		
13 Fr. Andru EO Brien			
17 Charles Montgomery			

**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: Roger Longman
Chancellor: John Hickey	2 Yr. Trustee: Roger Petri
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	3 Yr. Trustee Tyler Williams
Recorder: Martin Walker III	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Inside Guard: Charlie Kunkel	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President
Advocate: Martin Walker IV	

**Burgers and Corndogs**

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Saturday's**



# May 2026

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

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



**Support your Council  
Attend a Meeting**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.						Happy Hour May 1 <b>11:30 - 1:30</b>  + Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahy
 3	<b>Knights Rosary</b> 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church 4	5	6	Council Mtg 6pm 7	Happy Hour 8	<b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 9 Crew: Steve Scudder
 10	 11	♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥ 12	13	 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree mtg 6pm Ascension 14	Happy Hour 15	16 Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
17	<b>memorial DAY</b> 18	19	20	Council Mtg 6pm 21	22	<b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 23 <b>NO Burgers Today</b>
 24 Pentecost 31	 25 Trinity Sunday	26	27	Ask Someone to Join 28	 29	<b>11:30 - 1:30</b> 30 <b>Burgers &amp; Dogs</b> Crew: Buttitta family

## May: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady has long been associated with the beauty of flowers and the coming of spring. This is fitting because she is both beautiful and the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the life of the world. In May, the Church remembers our glorious lady with crownings and processions in her honor.

### Ascension - May 29, 2025

Ascension commemorates the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:1-11) after spending 40 days appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. The disciples thought that Jesus was going to restore the earth to the Kingdom of Heaven. He instead promised to send the Holy Spirit to give them power. Afterward, he ascended into Heaven and disappeared in a cloud.



To Jesus through Mary



Ascension

The Slate of Officers Running for Election in June will be sent to the membership in May, email only so if you currently receive paper copies please call GK Jim Smith for the final list of names.

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

**PARTY TIME - We are going to celebrate 125 years as Council 574. Look for details for the big party in June.**

## Brothers,

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

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at [www.kofc.org/calculator](http://www.kofc.org/calculator). With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs.

If you have any questions, please contact me, your agent to schedule a time to meet.

Thank you and God bless you,

Matt Koeniger - KofC

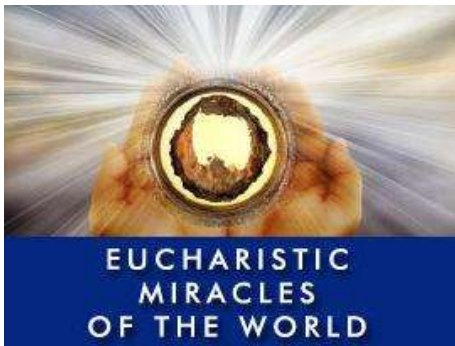
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## Knights of Columbus 2025 Insurance Statistics and Facts

The Knights of Columbus achieved significant milestones in 2025, including surpassing \$100 billion in life insurance in force, which is a testament to their commitment to protecting Catholic families. The organization manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, indicating its status as one of the largest life insurers in North America. The Knights of Columbus has set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold in 2025 and earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year. Additionally, it was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.



*"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* **MIDDLEBURG-LOVANO**

BELGIUM, 1374

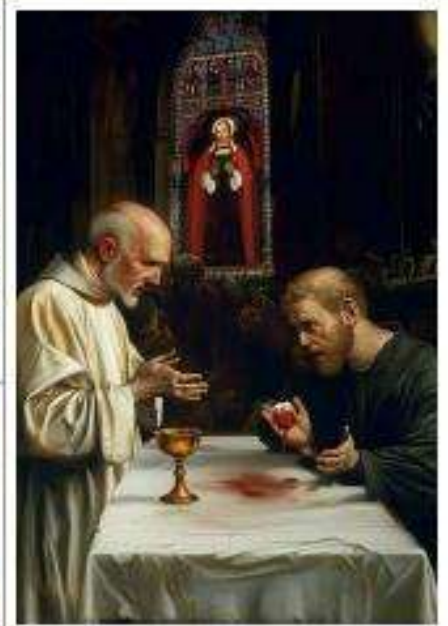
This Eucharistic miracle goes back to 1374. In St. Peter's Church in Middleburg, during Holy Communion the consecrated Host changed into bleeding Flesh. A portion of the Host to this day is kept in Louvain by the Augustinian Fathers. The monk, Jean de Gheest, confessor of the Archbishop who approved the cult, asked for the Precious Relic as a gift. The other portion is in St. Peter's Church in Middleburg.



Painting depicting the miracle, Church of St. Janus, Louvain.



Altar where the miracle took place



There exists much documentation on the Eucharistic miracle. In a monograph written in 1905 by historian Joseph Wils, professor of the Catholic University of Louvain, entitled *Le Sacrement du Miracle de Louvain*, are cited almost all the contemporary documents and testimonies. In Middleburg lived a noble woman known by everybody for her great faith and devotion. The woman was also very attentive to the spiritual formation of her family and household staff. During the Lent of 1374, as she did every year in her house, she began to do penance in preparation for the coming of Easter. A few days before, a new manservant by the name of Jan was hired, who had not gone to confession for many years, in spite of the dissolute life he was living. 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 was time to receive Holy Communion, the man approached the altar with much superficiality.

*As soon as he received* the Host on his tongue, the Sacrament changed into bleeding Flesh. At once Jan took the Particle from his mouth; Blood dripped from the Sacred Flesh onto 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 before everyone. 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 the cult of this miraculous event.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The Church gives honor to the Mother of God.

A story about a small town's efforts to create an outdoor nativity scene illustrates this point. A Protestant minister said to the local Catholic priest, "We can include all the characters mentioned in the Bible, except we should leave Mary out. Otherwise, the scene will appear to be too Catholic." The priest responded, "I'll agree to that on the condition that you explain to everyone how the infant Jesus was born without a mother."

Catholics are indeed known for the honor they give to the Virgin Mary, and she plays an irreplaceable role in God's plan of salvation. It is only right that we honor her (not worship her), for one of the Commandments says, "Honor your father and mother". If God wants us to honor our parents, how much more must he desire us to honor his Mother. The angel Gabriel declared Mary to be "full of grace", making her worthy of our highest respect. Mary herself stated that "all ages will call me blessed".

The Catholic Church is virtually unique in obeying and fulfilling this scriptural prophecy.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Ascension History

The Observance of Ascension marks Jesus Christ's ascent into heaven. After his crucifixion and resurrection, biblical narratives detail how he ascended to heavenly realms in the presence of his disciples. It signifies the conclusion of his earthly ministry, the glorification of the resurrected Christ, and anticipates his second coming. This event offers lessons like the establishment of human dignity and divine promise.

Despite its origins in the 1st century AD, across the Atlantic, the Ascension observance found its place in American Christianity, gradually becoming intertwined with its religious landscape. The significance resonates with American Christians mainly through the theological promise of believers' own future ascension, instilling both hope and encouragement. Moreover, it greatly influences the themes of various Christian-oriented systems, activities, and media.



**Knight's Rosary**

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:normalscott212@yahoo.com) or 309-212-2904... **Yes, I plan to attend**




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

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

**Our next Meeting will be Thur, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:normalscott212@yahoo.com) or 309-212-2904 with yes, if plan to attend / no, if not.

This will be a social event.

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



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## This is Your Newsletter

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