



Knights' Notes – Oct '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!

- Oct 1st, Ladies Aux meeting
- Oct 1st, Council mtg
- Oct 4th, St Francis Assisi Feast Day
- Oct 8th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- Oct 15th, Council mtg. BCHA mtg at 5pm
- Oct 18th, St Luke Feast Day
- Oct 18th, World Mission Day
- Oct 23rd, World Series Starts
- Oct 23rd, Halloween Party
- Oct 31st, Halloween

HOLD THE DATES

- Nov 9th, Blood drive
- Nov 29th, Vocations Raffle last day

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal Debra Freid and all 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,

Once again, I would like to keep all of you informed of the stuff that goes behind the scenes of the Knights of Columbus Council 574. We have just about completed our 2026 INTELLECUTAL DISABILITIES DRIVE, and have not yet reached our goal of \$9,500, but we are close.

THANKS to the following members of the KC who made this success possible. Bob Wefer, Tony Witte, Tom Whalen, Phil Hudson, Martin Walker IV, Dan Carmany, Mike Buttitta, Joe Walker, Phil Mikalic, Martin Walker III, Mike Tomlionovich, David Stansak, , Charles Kunkle Deacon Al Lundy, James Gallagher, Mark Kramp, Roger Petri, Steve Scudder, Ken Pacha, Joe Wilson, Tim Leary , and John Hickey. This year's volunteer effort by our membership was the best during my tenure as chairman, but 22 members out of 282 is not satisfactory! KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 574 if your name is not on this list please consider a donation to this most worthy cause. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Also, MANY THANKS to the following lady friends who made this possible. Robin Carmany, Wendy Hannibal, Sandy Lennox, Mary Kramp, Christie Pacha, and Ruth Smith.

Sooo Sorry to keep hitting you up for donations, but it is that time of year that Knights of Columbus holds the annual VOCATIONAL RAFFLE to support those who have committed to a religious vocation. As a Catholic organization, we all realize the need for more Priests. PLEASE BE GENEROUS ONCE AGAIN!!

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

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Hello Ladies! Please plan to meet Thursday October 1 @ 6:00. Halloween/Christmas Parties and Christmas Giving Tree will be discussed. Hope to see you - Tina



Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church, has established that Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen lived a life of heroic virtue and, pursuant to the confirmation of a miracle attributed to his intercession, will raise him to the honors of the altar at a solemn Mass of Beatification on September 24, 2026, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Sheen was the Catholic voice of his generation, reaching millions of viewers and listeners with the Gospel message through award-winning television and radio programs; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Sheen joined Council 178 in Rochester, New York, in 1968, and was later inducted into the Fourth Degree as a member of Bishop James E. Kearney Assembly 723; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Sheen addressed the Supreme Convention on two occasions, at the 88th annual meeting in Houston, Texas, in 1970, and at the 93rd annual meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, in 1975, exhorting Knights to respond to the signs of the times by developing a "theology of the laity"; seeing "Christ in everyone"; bringing the light and love of Christ into the everyday situations of a troubled world; standing up for and serving the most vulnerable, including the aged and the unborn; upholding and defending the teachings of the Church; and growing in the Order's principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he oversaw a worldwide evangelization initiative and provided vital temporal aid to countless families and individuals in mission areas; and

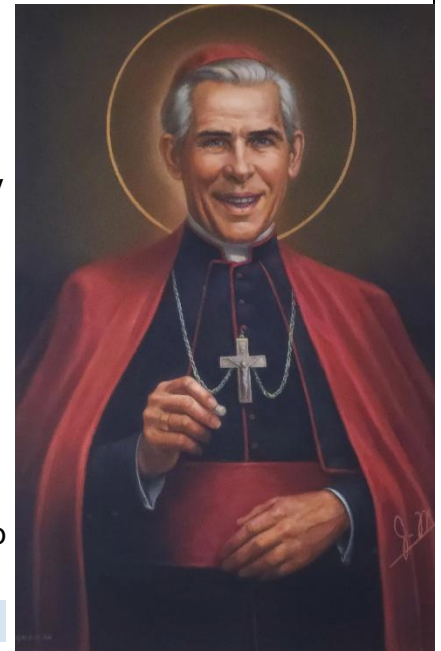
WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus supported Archbishop Sheen's work while he was alive, publicizing his many books and preaching programs and providing financial assistance for his mission activities; and

WHEREAS, wishing to honor and emulate this legendary Churchman, numerous Knights of Columbus councils and Fourth Degree assemblies have been named in his honor, including his home Council 178 in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, during the October 2, 1979, papal visit to New York, Archbishop Sheen was sought out in St. Patrick's Cathedral and embraced by Pope John Paul II, who told the aging archbishop, "You have written well and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!" and only two months later, on December 9, 1979, Archbishop Sheen was called to his eternal reward.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus offers heartfelt and grateful prayers on the occasion of the beatification of this world-renowned evangelist and Fourth Degree Knight; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supreme Council gathered on the threshold of Archbishop Sheen's beatification, congratulates Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria, as well as his predecessor, Bishop Daniel Robert Jenky, C.S.C., who opened the Cause for Canonization in 2002. *Substitute for Resolutions 91 & 188*



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Sheen was born May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois, the oldest of four sons of Newton & Delia Sheen. His parents were of Irish descent. He was baptized as "Peter John" and called "P.J." as a boy. However, he preferred the name "Fulton", his mother's maiden name. [

Sheen graduated in 1913 from high school at Spalding Institute in Peoria with valedictorian honors. In 1913 he entered St. Viator College in Bourbonnais and graduated in 1917. Deciding to become a priest, he started studies at Saint Paul Seminary in Minnesota.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Support your Council Attend a Meeting				Oct 1 Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 2	11:30 - 1:30 3 Crew: John Braucht
4 Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi	5 Hail Mary... Pray the Rosary	6	7 Don't FORGET! Pay Dues	8 4th Degree mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 9	11:30 - 1:30 10 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 16 Beer and Baseball	11:30 - 1:30 17 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Todd Noonan
18 Feast of Saint Luke World Mission Sunday	19	20	21	22 Ask Someone to Join	Halloween Party World Series	11:30 - 1:30 24 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Steve Scudder
25	26 Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.	27	28	29	30	11:30 - 1:30 31 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey

The Holy Rosary

One of the most powerful weapons the Church possesses. We are exhorted by saints, popes, and Our Lord and Our Lady themselves to pray this simple yet profound prayer.

The Church has set aside this month to this prayer.

- The Joyful Mysteries recount the infancy and childhood of Christ.
- The Luminous Mysteries, added to the rosary by St. John Paul II, are dedicated to Christ's public ministry.
- The Sorrowful Mysteries are the events of Christ's passion and death.
- The Glorious Mysteries invite the faithful to meditate on the events following Christ's return from the dead.

Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Oct 4th commemorates the life of St. Francis. St. Francis was born in Italy during the 12th century. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his love for animals.

In Catholic Church's, he is the Patron Saint of animals and the environment. Francis became a saint when he was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1226. Saint Francis is celebrated each year in October.

St. Luke Feast Day

Oct 18th celebrates the life of St. Luke, one of Jesus' 12 disciples. Luke was thought to be an educated Gentile, or non-Jew, and may have even been a physician. Some biblical historians believe he may have even been a slave.

Luke wrote two books in the New Testament -- the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospel of Luke focuses on converting non-Jews to Christianity.

Brothers,

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

Brothers, Nearly half (47%) of adults say they would have trouble paying living expenses within six months of their primary wage earner's death. Planning ahead about how your family might manage financially can be an important part in caring for those you love.

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he was witnessing firsthand the precarious situation widows and orphans faced when a father died. He sought to create a way to relieve their burdens and care for those in need.

Today, we are proud to continue that tradition of guarding what matters most to our members — their families and their faith. Income replacement through life insurance can be one part of that protection. As your financial circumstances and family needs change over time, I'm here to help you consider whether your coverage continues to align with your goals and priorities. That's why every year, we ask for an update on any big life changes — such as whether you've bought a home, had a baby or retired.

This survey gives my team important insight into your evolving financial needs so we can provide the personalized, faith-based service you deserve. Complete your survey online at <https://survey.kofc.org>.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Koeniger 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!

Vivat Jesus,

Matt Koeniger – KofC



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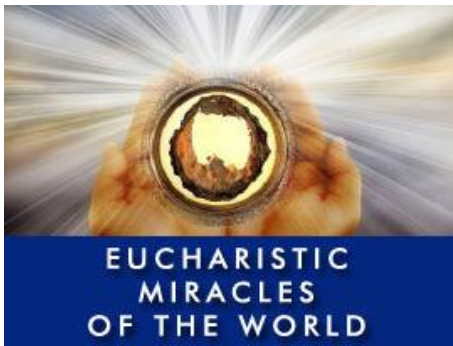
Catholic Investing



Life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance is offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Cash value growth is gradual and may take time to accumulate. Guarantees are based on the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance company. Access to the policy's cash values is through loans and withdrawals and will reduce the policy's cash value and death benefit, may result in a taxable event, and could cause the policy to lapse if not properly managed. Policy loans accrue interest.

URGENT - This is Your Newsletter – URGENT

After 6 years Mike is retiring as the Newsletter editor, and we need a replacement. No experience necessary, just a few hours each month and a desire to serve your Council. Call Mike at 309-830-6824.



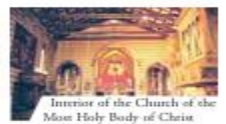
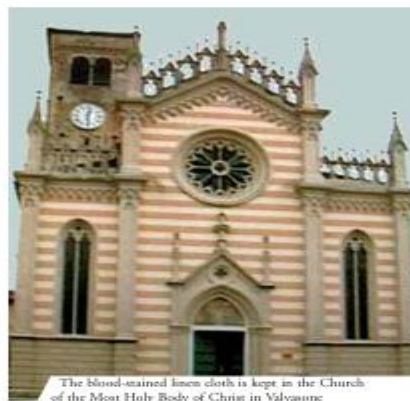
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51-52)

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 **GRUARO (VALVASONE)**

ITALY, 1294

Among the most authoritative documents which describe the Eucharistic miracle which took place at Gruaro in 1294 is that of local historian Antonio Nicoletti (1765). A woman was washing one of the altar linens of the Church of St. Giusto in the public wash house of Versiola. Suddenly she saw the altar linen become tinged with Blood. Observing more closely, she noted that the blood was flowing from a consecrated Particle remaining among the folds of the cloth.



The relic of this Miracle is kept in the Church of the Most Holy Body of Christ in Valvasone, but the miracle happened in Gruaro. In 1294, a young housemaid went to the public wash-house of Versiola to wash the altar linens of the Church of St. Giusto in Gruaro. Suddenly, the woman noticed that a consecrated Host had remained by mistake among the folds of the cloth and that Blood was flowing from it. Frightened by this inexplicable event, she immediately ran to alert the pastor who then informed the Bishop of Concordia, Giacomo di Ottonello from Cividade. The Bishop, having learned the facts, asked to be able to keep the cloth of the miracle in his Cathedral in Concordia. However, the pastor of Gruaro and the family of the Counts of Valvasone, patrons of the churches of Gruaro and of Valvasone, wanted

to keep the cloth. No agreement was reached, and so it was decided to seek recourse with the Holy See. In the end, Rome let the Counts keep the relic, on the condition that they would build a church dedicated to the Most Holy Body of Christ. The construction of the church was completed in 1483.

The oldest and most authoritative document describing the miracle is a decree of Pope Nicholas V written in 1454. The title of the parish church, formerly St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist was thereby changed to the Church of the Most Holy Body of Christ (March 28, 1454). Today, the cloth is kept in a crystal cylinder, held by a precious reliquary of silver made by master craftsman Antonio Calligari. The celebration of the Holy Cloth is

commemorated on the 5th Thursday of Lent, at the end of days of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with the participation of the priests and of the community of Valvasone. During the celebration of Corpus Christi, the reliquary is carried in procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Vocations Fundraiser

Brother Knights... you should have received a mailing containing **raffle tickets** for the annual vocations raffle.

Please turn in your ticket book with cover and the money by Nov 29th at the club:

1. Buy/sell as many tickets as you can. **Extra books are now available at the club.**
2. Return all un-purchased tickets to the bartender.

You may also return books and money to Mike Tomlianovich, Bob Wefer, or Jim Smith.

**VOCATION FUND
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"SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN"**



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Congratulations to Matt Koeniger, our 2026 NAFIC Professional Award Recipient!

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Happy Birthday

1 Daniel J Boylan	16 David Tjaden
1 John Rettick	18 Mark Boylan
2 Fr. J. Twinomujuni	18 Richard Hinthorn
3 Michael Molck	20 Lawrence Olson
3 Carl Baines	21 John Hickey
6 Gerald Gorges	21 Joseph Wilson
7 Daniel Carmany	22 Mark Flynn
8 Michael Kiley	23 Cam McGown
9 David Reynolds	24 James Fruin
9 James Tuite	25 Deacon R Knapp
10 Robert Schultz	26 Jody B Brucker
12 Mike Steach	28 Michael Kinsella
12 Rev J Stimiman	28 Edward Kraft
12 William Walker	29 Anibal Torres
15 Andry Brockmann	31 Tim Mc Shane

Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Oct 5th 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 is Thursday Oct 8th at the Knights of Columbus Hall RT Dunn Dr at 6PM.

We will be having our annual hot dog cookout. Please bring a plate to share.

Al Meissner & Rich Thomas will be cooking. 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.

Burgers and Corndogs

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Saturday's**



Key MEMBER Contact Information

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Recorder: Martin Walker III	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Inside John Hickey	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President
Advocate: Mark Kramp	



Please Consider Volunteering

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10:45**

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. **1 Peter 4:10**

The greatest among you will be your servant. **Matthew 23:11**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **Luke 6:38**



World Mission Sunday (10/20) is dedicated to recognizing and supporting the work of missionaries worldwide.

Established by the Catholic Church, it emphasizes the importance of spreading the message of faith, bringing hope to impoverished communities, and providing education and basic healthcare needs.

The observance serves as an opportunity for Christians everywhere to deepen their understanding of the missionary calling & contribute to the financial, moral, & spiritual support of missionaries across the globe.

The origins of World Mission Sunday date back to 1926 when Pope Pius XI initiated the event to encourage and strengthen the missionary spirit within the Catholic community.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, oversees World Mission Sunday efforts.

They focus on mission education, facilitating mission appeals, and supporting the vital work of Catholic missionaries both in the United States and abroad in impoverished and underserved areas.

Prayer for Father Michael J. McGivney

God, Our Father, Protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life in virtue, may we follow your son, Jesus Christ for closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body, which is the church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work for caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your humble servant Father McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession grant the favor that I now present through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Buy your tickets to win a broom stick full of lottery tickets.

The winner will be drawn at our Halloween Party



Scan the Code on the right to Contribute to the education of our future Priests and religious - or Purchase a book of tickets from our Council 574.

Donations generate Tickets into the drawing to be held at the December State Meeting.

Your donations provide financial support and scholarships to the men and women who are studying to be our future priests and nuns in the six dioceses in Illinois.



Support Vocations