



Knights' Notes – Sept '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!**
- **Sept 1st, Labor Day**
- Sept 4th, Ladies Aux meeting
- Sept 4th, Council mtg
- Sept 11th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- **Sept 26-28 Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive**
- Sept 18th, Council mtg
- Sept 21st, Feast of St Matthew
- Sept 23rd, Feast of St Padre Pio

HOLD THE DATES

- Oct 24th, World Series Starts
- Oct TBD - 5th annual Holiday Craft Show
- Oct 31st, Halloween

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Gerard Worth, David Busch, Will Gustavson, Dave Kraft, Gretchen Lee (Brandy's wife), Jerry Griffin, Father John Horton, Jim Smith's little – Jill Stefan, Dennis and Jan Fries, John Wochner, Bob Dobski, Paul O'Brien, Laurie Kunckle – keep them in your prayers: 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 those faithfully departed in June safely in the Arms of God.

FOR THE MONTH

HONORING ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Blood Drive volunteers
- Burger crews
- Volunteer Bartenders, Dan C, 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 for a printed Newsletter. Club Ph: 309-828-9671

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<https://www.facebook.com/nexttonights>



Grand Knight Report - 51st

Greetings Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

I was going thru the membership list while composing this, and feel shameful that, after serving as GK for 4 years, I recognize less than half of the names on the roster. This is YOUR Council and need every Knight's input to make Council 574 the best that it can be. Please consider attending a meeting (1st & 3rd Thursday @6:00) and let's get to know each another. LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING each and every Knight during this upcoming year.

While I'm on this subject of membership, I would like to clarify the usage of the KC banquet facility. Due to liability concerns Your Council changed the requirements for the utilization of our banquet room several years ago. The Knights of Columbus banquet room is a private facility reserved for the usage of our membership and approved charitable organizations. When calling the club to reserve our banquet room, please let Terry know that you are a member of Council 574 and we'll do everything that we can to accommodate you.

Tootsie Roll drive will be held on the weekend of Sept. 26-28th, so save the dates and GET INVOLVED!

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 Knights Notes

Ladies – our school supply drive has been great! The distribution will be completed this next week. BIG shout out to Dan and his loyal Sunday patrons for raising \$600 for the supply drive this year. Thank you all! Jodi and Connie took care of the shopping – thanks to both of you too! Please plan to attend our next meeting, September 4 at 6:00 pm. Thanks - Tina

Blood Drive Sept 8th 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

Tootsie Roll Drive - Sept 26,27,28.

The **Intellectual Disabilities** or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus does. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning and life needs. The 2025 - 2026 Annual Drive will be held September 26, 27, 28.

(Jim Smith, Grand Knight, Chairman... <https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/id>)

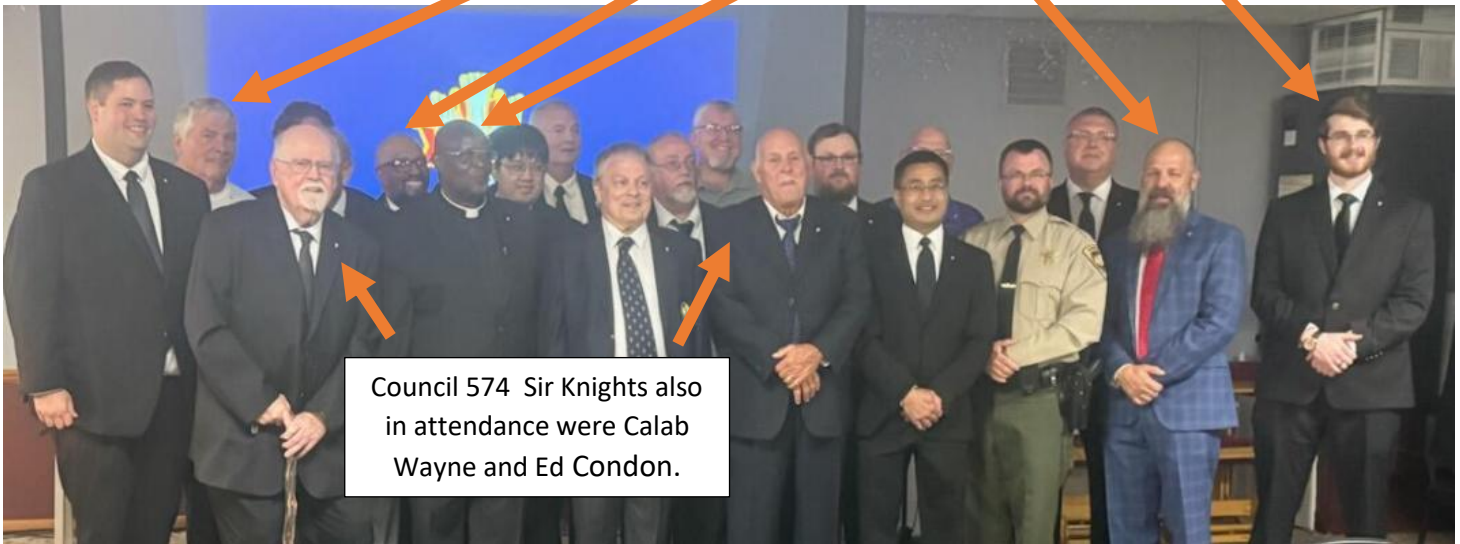
Donate Time: help for a few hours on Sept 26, 27 and 28 to staff locations in town. Sign-up Sheets at the club.

Donate Money: copy and paste this link <https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/id>



Congratulations to all 5 new Sir Knight 4th Degree Members from Council 574 and all the rest of the Morton Exemplification Class.

From left to right: Charlie, Vee, Father Rogers, Matt, and Nick



Council 574 Sir Knights also in attendance were Calab Wayne and Ed Condon.

Happy Birthday

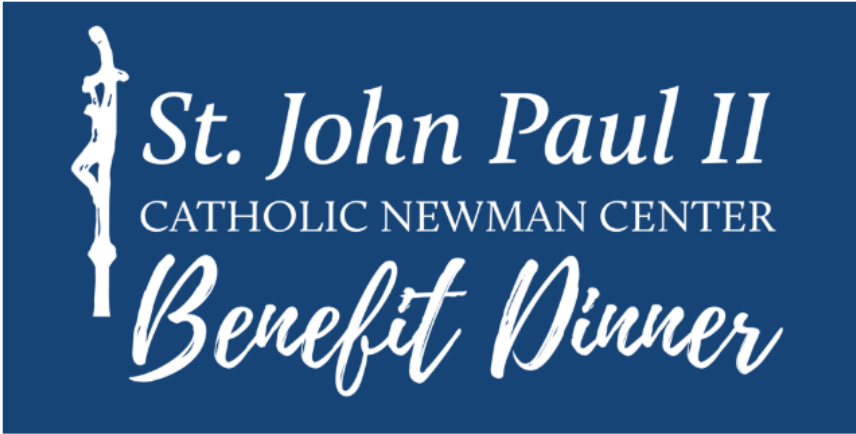
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- Saturday Burgers & Corndogs
- Full Bar

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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	



STJPNC Benefit Dinner

Friday, October 3rd 2025

Location: St. John Paul II Catholic Newman Center in Normal, IL

- Mass celebrated by Bishop Tylka: 5:00pm
- Cocktail Hour: 5:45pm - 6:30pm
- Dinner and Programming: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Join us for an evening of fellowship, dinner, and engaging conversation as we come together to support and celebrate the mission of the St. John Paul II Catholic Newman Center and its ministries. The special evening promises to be an inspiring and meaningful event. It will serve as a crucial fundraiser to further our ministry's efforts in fostering spiritual growth, community growth, and a strong sense of faith among college students in the Bloomington-Normal area.

Please RSVP by September 22nd. Table sponsorships help us to cover costs and give you the opportunity to invite 7 others to join you at this event. Table Sponsors will be given preferred seating based on level of sponsorship. RSVPs for general seating will be taken at a first-come, first-serve basis and tickets are complimentary. See the RSVP section for more details. If you have any questions, please email office@stjpsc.org.

Council 574 has purchased a table (as we did last year). If you would like to attend, please contact Jim Smith. Eight seats are available on a first come basis. If enough of you are interested, we may be able to place up to eight more.

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.



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CAPITAL VIRTUES

The seven capital virtues can put a stop to Satan and his plan to destroy our lives. The seven capital virtues are: Chastity, Generosity, Temperance, Brotherly Love, Meekness, Humility & Diligence. They overcome the seven deadly sins of lust, greed, gluttony, envy, anger, pride, and sloth.

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years. An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income. Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis. As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement. Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks! Thank you!

Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values.

September 2025

Club Phone: 309-828-9671



Next to Nights



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Sept 1 Labor Day</p>	2	<p>3 Council Mtg 6pm</p>	4	<p>5 Happy Hour</p>	<p>6 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith</p>
<p>7 Don't FORGET! Pay Dues</p>	<p>8 On-Site BLOOD DRIVE</p>	<p>9-10 Intellectual Disabilities</p>		<p>11 4th Degree 6pm</p>	<p>12 Happy Hour</p>	<p>13 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Tom Miller</p>
<p>14 Beer and Baseball</p>	<p>15 Be a Yellow Vest</p>	<p>16-17 Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive</p>		<p>18 Council Mtg 6pm</p>	<p>19 Happy Hour</p>	<p>20 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: John Braucht</p>
<p>21 The feast Day for St. Matthew</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 The feast Day for Padre Pio</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Happy Hour</p>	<p>27 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Todd Noonan</p>
<p>28 Hand in Hand Tootsie Roll</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Ask Someone to Join</p>	<p>Oct 1 </p>	<p>2 Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.</p>	<p>3 Happy Hour</p>	<p>4 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs</p>

September: The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Aside from Jesus, no human being has suffered more than our Blessed Mother. In perfect obedience to the will of God, she consented to her son's torture, humiliation, and brutal executed for our salvation.

As any parent knows, watching one's child suffer is the greatest suffering of all. She still bears the sufferings of her divine Son in her heart.

St. Matthew Feast Day

The feast day for St. Matthew celebrates the life of Jesus' disciple who wrote the Gospel of Matthew, one of the four gospels in the New Testament that tells stories of Jesus.

St. Matthew, one of the 12 apostles, was born in Galilee. His original name was Levi until Jesus named him Matthew. He is primarily mentioned in the Gospels in lists of the disciples, except in the Gospel of Matthew, which tells the story of his conversion (Matthew 9:9).

St. Padre Pio Feast Day

The Feast of St. Padre Pio commemorates his life. Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was a priest and friar in the Capuchin order. He was known for several supernatural phenomena including the scars on his hands known as stigmata. Another example is the miraculous ability of bilocation, an ability wherein a person is simultaneously two places at once.

Padre Pio was beatified and canonized by St. John Paul II.



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.

Each \$20 donation will generate 5 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



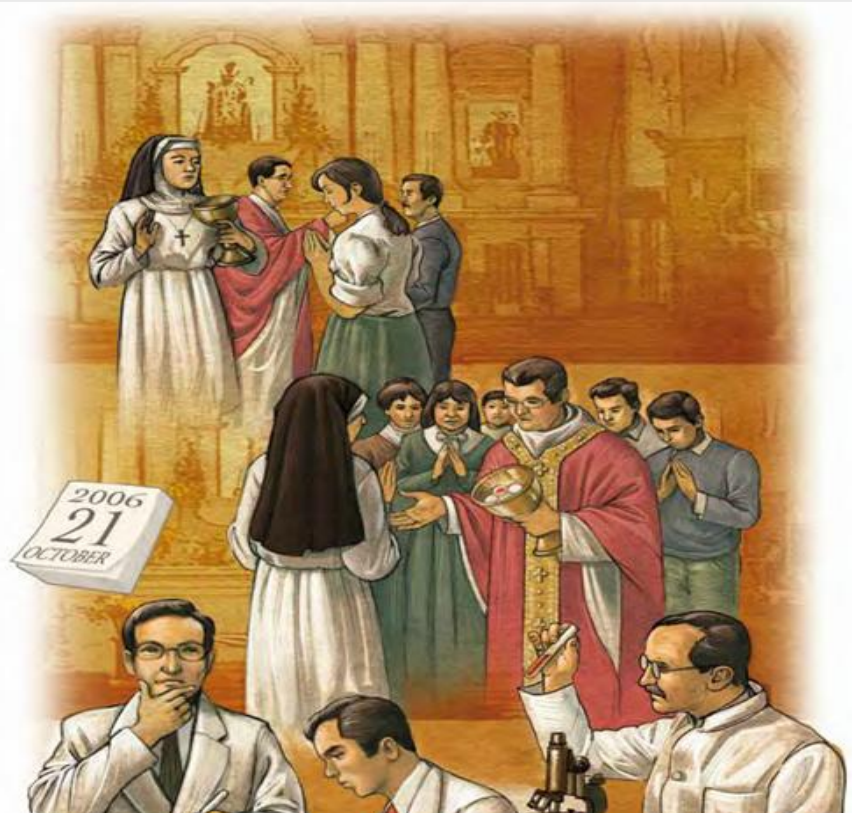
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Eucharistic Miracle of **TIXTLA**

MEXICO, OCTOBER 21, 2006



On October 12, 2013, H.E. Most Rev. Alejo Zavala Castro, Bishop of the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa, announced through a Pastoral Letter the recognition of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred at Tixtla, on October 21, 2006. In the letter we read: “This manifestation brings to us a marvelous sign of the love of God that confirms the Real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist... In my role as Bishop of the Diocese I recognize the supernatural character of the series of events relating to the Bleeding Host of Tixtla... I declare the case as a “Divine Sign ...”.



The scientific research conducted between October 2009 and October 2012 came to the following conclusions, presented on May 25, 2013, during the course of an international Symposium held by the Diocese of Chilpancingo, on the occasion of the Year of Faith, and which saw the participation of millions of people coming from four continents “1. The reddish substance analyzed corresponds to blood in which there are hemoglobin and DNA of human origin. 2. Two studies conducted by eminent forensic experts with different methodologies have shown that the substance originates from the interior, excluding the hypothesis that someone could have placed it from the exterior. 3. The blood type is AB, similar to the one found in the Host of Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin. A microscopic analysis of magnification and penetration reveals that the superior part of the blood has been coagulated since October 2006. Moreover, the underlying internal layers reveal, in February 2010, the presence of fresh blood. 5. They also found intact white blood cells, red blood cells, and active macrophages that engulf lipids. The tissue in question appears lacerated and with recovery mechanisms, exactly as occurs in a living tissue. 6. A further histopathological analysis determines the presence of protein structures in a state of deterioration, suggesting mesenchymal cells, very specialized cells, characterized by an elevated bio-physiological dynamism. 7. The immunohistochemical studies reveal that the tissue found corresponds to the muscle of the heart (Myocardium). On account of the scientific results and the conclusions reached by the theological committee, last Oct 12 the Bishop of Chilpancingo, his Eminence Alejo Zavala Castro, announced: - The event does not have a natural explanation- It does not have paranormal origin. - It is not traceable to manipulation of the enemy.”

Knights' Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00PM Oct 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**



4th Degree Assembly 213

"All council 3rd degree members are eligible to join the Assembly"

Our next Meeting will be Thur, Sept 11th at the KofC Hall on RT Dunn Dr.

Please bring a dessert to share.
We'll begin at 6PM.

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904

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

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