Knights' Notes – Sept '26 Issue

Service to Parish & Community Since 1901 • Fr. John D. Ring Council #574
Serving Holy Trinity, Historic St. Patrick's, St. Mary's parishes & St John Paul II Newman Center

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 7th, Labor Day "SPECIAL MENU"**
- Sept 3rd, Ladies Aux meeting
- Sept 3rd, Council mtg
- Sept 10th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- Sept 17th, Council mtg
- **Sept 18-20 Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive**
- Sept 21st, Feast of St Matthew
- Sept 23rd, Feast of St Padre Pio

HOLD THE DATES

- Oct 23rd, World Series Starts
- Oct TBD- the 6th annual Craft Show
- Oct 31st, Halloween

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

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580379712696

Grand Knight Report-

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

Our Council 574 has been active in the city of Bloomington for over 125 years. We are the oldest fraternal organization in Bloomington, and the annual ID drive (Tootsie Roll) is our opportunity to let the community know the Knights of Columbus Council 574 is not only a great gathering place for the faithful, but also a faith driven organization that assists our community.

Our Council's goal is to raise $10,000 for the ID Drive. The organizations that we support have always been a great help on the first Friday of our drive. However, in order to reach our goal, we NEED participation from the membership Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

I am asking all KNIGHTS, friends of Knights, and the Knights families to volunteer for 2-hour shifts on Sep. 18-20 at the following locations. McDonalds' (E Oakland, W. Market, E. Empire(by the mall), and Jewell/Osco on Oakland. We start collecting at 6:30 AM and quit at 8:00 PM.

It has been my experience that every hour spent "wearing the apron" raises over $50 towards our goal, but if you are not able to stand outside for 2 hours, please consider donating online at illinoisknights.org/charity/id. Sign-up Genius is available if you are technically inclined. Sign-up sheets are available in the club room, or text/call/e-mail me to sign up for this most worthy cause!

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! Very happy to report that the first round of school supplies were delivered. The donations were abundant! Thanks to everyone who donated. The second drop will happen in the next week or so. "Good ol" Dan's tip jar donation was tremendous, and we really appreciate everyone's donation for it. Thank you, Daniel Eugene! Looking forward to our fall activities. Please remember we need lottery tickets for the Witch's Broom raffle. Bring those to our next meeting or drop off at the bar. We'd like to start selling tickets in Sept through the Halloween Party, which is scheduled for Friday,10-23-26 – 7:00-11:00 pm. More details to follow at our next meeting on Thursday, 9-3-26 @ 6:00.

Hope to see you all there –Tina

Happy Birthday

2	Bruce O Brien	15	Tim Mccoy
3	Eugene Jontry	15	William Taft
4	George Torres	16	Mark Brown
5	Jon Sandage	16	Tripper Phipps
7	Karl Doering	16	Daniel Whiting
9	Leonard Wochner	17	Steven Haas
9	John Wochner	17	Fr. Stimpson
11	Josh Barnett	19	Michael Leary
11	Steven Hill	22	William Adams
11	Fr Patrick O Neal	24	Patrick Herald
11	Michael Reibling	24	Dean Mueller
12	Ronald Klein	25	Mason Major
12	Mark Kramp	26	Larry Mikesh
13	Fred Buttitta	27	Robert Woyak
13	Aidan Freund	28	Trenton Albertin
13	Dr Tim Griesbaum		
13	John Hamara		
15	Daniel J Liptak		

Tootsie Roll Drive – Sept 18,19,20.

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 2026 - 2027 Annual Drive will be held September 18, 19, 20.
Jim Smith, Grand Knight, Chairman…

Donate Time: help for a few hours on Sept 18, 19 and 20 to staff locations in town. Sign-up Sheets are now up at the club. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

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

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**

Labor Day Pork Tenderloin Sandwich & Fries Special

Come join Tyler Williams & Mike Boylen as they cook a special lunch menu from 11:30 to 1:30 on Saturday Sept 5th for an early Labor Day Celebration!

Happy Labor Day Weekend

No Burgers or Corn Dogs on the 5th.

4th Degree Assembly 213

"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"

Our next Meeting will be Thur, Sept 10th at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant, Blm, 6pm.

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.

Buffet – Pay at the Register.

Key MEMBER Contact Information

Grand Knight: Jim Smith
Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Scudder
Fin Sec: Mike Tomlianovich
Chancellor: Mike Buttitta
Treasurer: Bob Wefer
Recorder: Martin Walker III
Inside John Hickey
Advocate: Mark Kramp
Warden: Charlie Kunkel
Outside Guard: Dan Carmany
Trustee: Roger Petri
Trustee: Tyler Williams
Trustee: Chris Larson
Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President

Sept 2026

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Support your Council Attend a Meeting		Sept 1	2	3 Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 4	11:30 - 1:30 5 Special -Tenderloin Sandwich & Fries Tyler Williams & Mike Boylen
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 4th Degree mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 11	11:30 - 1:30 12 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey
13	14 On-Site ♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥	15	16	17 Please Help Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 18 Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive	11:30 – 1:30 19 Burgers & Dogs Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive Crew: Buttitta family
20 Be a Yellow Vest Tootsie Roll Drive	21 Feast of Saint Matthew	22	23 Feast of Saint Padre Pio	24 Ask Someone to Join	25	11:30 – 1:30 26 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	11:30 – 1:30 3 Burgers & Dogs Crew: John Braucht

Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.

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 execution 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.

Brothers,

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

We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God.

Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith. Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here?

Life insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones.

Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve. This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect them, consider meeting with your agent.

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!

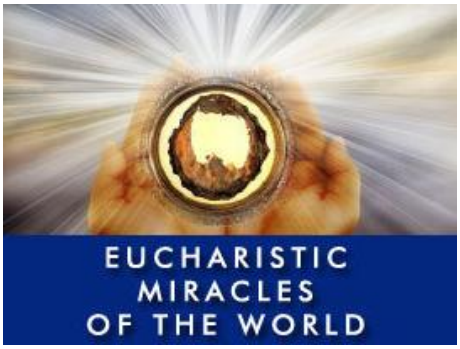
Vivat Jesus,

Matt Koeniger – KofC

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.

This is Your Newsletter

Please make suggestions for content by calling Mike at 309-830-6824. If you know of someone that is sick, injured, or has died, please let GK Jim Smith know at 309-530-5703 so we can add them to our prayer list and the Board at the Club.



"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)

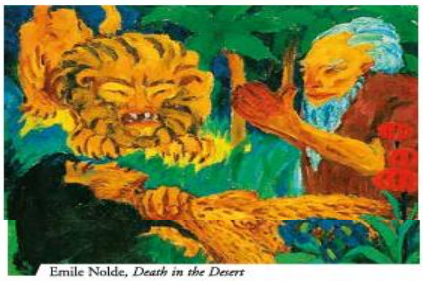
A Eucharistic miracle involves the body and blood of the Eucharist taking on biological qualities of Christ's blood, flesh, or both. These extraordinary events have helped people see the spiritual reality of God behind the physical world, reminding us there is more to our existence than we can understand with our 5 senses alone.

Eucharistic Miracle of ST. MARY OF EGYPT

EGYPT, SEVENTH CENTURY

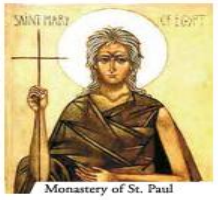
This Eucharistic miracle is related in the life of St. Mary of Egypt who lived in the desert for 47 years. The account of her life was written by the Bishop Sofronio of Jerusalem in the 7th century. St. Mary is said to have walked on the Jordan River to reach the opposite bank and receive Communion from the Monk Zosimus.

Marcantonio Franceschini, *Last Communion of St. Mary of Egypt* (1690)



Emile Nolde, *Death in the Desert*

Jordan River



Monastery of St. Paul

St. Mary of Egypt. Diocesan Museum of Milan

We are told that when St. Mary was 12 years of age she left her parents and went to Alexandria. There she led a very dissolute life for 16 years. One day she came upon a ship about to set sail with different groups of passengers. She inquired who they might be and where they were going. She was told they were pilgrims sailing toward Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. She decided to join them. When on the feast day she tried to enter the church, she was seized by a mysterious force. Fearfully she raised her eyes to an image of the Holy Virgin and was overcome with a deep sorrow for the sinful life she had led until that day. Only then was she able to make her way into the church and worship the True Cross.

She did not remain in Jerusalem. "If you go across the Jordan you will find peace" was the message of the Madonna. The following day after her confession and Communion she made her way across the Jordan to the desert of Arabia.

There she lived for 47 years in solitude encountering neither men nor beasts. Her skin shriveled, her hair was long and white, but the promise of the Virgin proved true, she found her peace of soul.

One day she met up with the Monk Zosimus and asked him to bring her Communion each year. One year Zosimus arrived with the Eucharist, but Mary did not show. In great sorrow Zosimus prayed: "Lord, my God, King and Creator of all, do not deprive me of my desire, but grant that I may see this holy woman." Then he thought, "Now what will I do if she appears, there is no boat around to get me across? I will not achieve my wish." While he gave into these thoughts, Mary appeared on the opposite shore and Zosimus was consoled. Then he saw her make the sign of the Cross over the water and walk out on it as though it were dry land. When 12 months had passed Zosimus returned but was unable to find the mummified remains of the saintly penitent. A lion had dug her grave and buried the body.

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HAND IN HAND

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

Blood Drive Sept 14th 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

Attend a Meeting & get to know these amazing guys!

Anthony and Samuel taking a break from serving Brunch to hundreds of students after an overflowing Mass at the Newman Center.