



# Knights' Notes – April '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!

- Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday
- Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, Council mtg, 6pm
- Apr 2<sup>n</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday
- Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lenten Fish Fry
- **Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday**
- **Apr 5<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday (Closed)**
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mtg 6pm
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup>, Frassati Society at Holy Trinity  
8am-3:30pm <https://frassatisociety.org/>

## HOLD THE DATES

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, St James TL / St Philip
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day
- May 14<sup>th</sup>, Ascension of our Lord
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, Trinity 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.

## IN GOD'S CARE

Mike Galloway, Glen Weidig, Dennis Fries and faithfully departed and in Gods Arms.

## 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**

Check us out on Facebook... **Next to Nights**  
<https://www.facebook.com/nexttonights>



## Grand Knight Report-58<sup>th</sup> Edition

### Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

First of all, I want to STRONGLY URGE all Brother Knights to read the e-mail sent to you regarding the minutes of the meeting that was held on March 19th. These minutes were sent via e-mail and contain a very important RESOLUTION that we are required to vote upon. Please note that because we are all faithful Catholics, and will all be attending HOLY THURSDAY MASS, this meeting will be held on Wednesday Apr 1<sup>st</sup> instead of our regular Thurs meeting. I'm hopeful that you will attend, this is important!

This year Council 574 provided the spirit of Ireland, and it's Patron Saint, to over 250 celebrants. This annual event has become a mainstay tradition for the Bloomington/Normal community.

I would like to use this space to publicly recognize all of the VOLUNTEERS that made this event the success that it was.

VOLUNTEER Head Chefs: Bernie Wright, Joe Wilson  
Assistance: Mike Mulcahey, Roger Longman, Paul Herald, Charlie Brown, Terry Keiswetter, and Dan Carmany.  
VOLUNTEER Servers: Charlie Kunkle, Tony Witte, Ian Weis, Deacon Al Lundy, Joe Wilson, Jodi Wharton, and Coleen Herald.  
VOLUNTEER Deserts: BAKERS: Ruth Smith, Becky Kirkpatrick, SERVERS: Teresa Orick, Laurie Kunkle, Deb Wharton, Tina Weis, and the entire community of the KofC Ladies Auxiliary. VOLUNTEER Cashiers: Brendy Lee, Chris Larson, Phil Hudson, Mark Kraft, Bob Wefer. I sincerely apologize if I missed someone! There were so many.

Please note that the word VOLUNTEER is stressed 5 times in the above notices, because volunteerism is the base upon which Council 574 has built its success for the past 125 years.

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

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

## Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Spring Greetings! Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 6:00. The winner of the St Paddy's basket was Susie Brockman. She was thrilled to win. It was an impressive basket and a big THANK YOU to all who donated. Next week, April 3, will be our last week for fish fry desserts. Looking forward to discussing our next celebration – Kentucky Derby, Saturday May 2. See you in April if not before – 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.

### Did You Know

We are going to celebrate 125 years as Council 574. Look for details for big party in June.



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<https://focus.org/campus/illinois-state-university/>



Ashley Miller



Mia Marchiori

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### April

- 6 John Power
- 7 Neil Finlen
- 7 Richard Lamb
- 7 David Liptak
- 9 Roger Petri
- 11 Leo Ensenberger
- 11 Randolph Zarecki
- 12 Daniel Miller
- 12 Larry Mulcahey
- 13 Russell Benjamin

### April

- 17 Charles Stevens
- 19 Ralph Dinges
- 22 Charles Cresci
- 21 Marty Haas
- 22 Logan Berryman
- 24 Grant Martin
- 27 Ed Ensminger
- 27 John Spencer
- 29 James Mikel



## Lent Fish Fry's Dinner & Dessert

Last Fish Fry-Apr 3

5:30 – 7pm or until we run out

Adults \$12 – Kids \$6

(Fish or Grilled Cheese)

Open to the Public



### 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: Tyler Williams
Treasurer: Bob Wefer	2 Yr. Trustee: Dennis Fries
Chancellor: Martin Walker III	3 Yr. Trustee: Roger Petri
Recorder: Mike Buttitta	Terry Kieswetter: Club Manager
Advocate: Martin Walker IV	Tina Weis: Ladies Aux President

### Burgers and Corndogs

11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Saturday's




# April 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
29  Palm Sunday	30 	31	April 1 Council Mtg 6pm	2 HOLY THURSDAY	3 Happy Hour  	4 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith
5  Easter	6 Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church	7	8	9 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree mtg 6pm	10 Happy Hour	11 11:30 - 1:30 Crew: Buttitta Family
12  Divine Mercy Sunday	13	14 	15	16 Council Mtg 6pm	17 Happy Hour	18 Crew: John Braucht
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
26	27	28 	29 Ask Someone to Join	30	May 1	2 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: TBD

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

## Easter - April 5

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.

## Divine Mercy Sunday - Apr 12

Divine Mercy Sunday is an observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustian Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II. Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion. Divine Mercy Sunday occurs the Sunday after Easter.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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- It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustian Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II. Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion.
- In one vision Jesus asked her to paint the vision where he has one hand raised in blessing & two fingers of his other hand resting on his heart, & to include a prayer "Jesus, I trust in you".
- The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me, which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate - Pope John Paul II.

## April: The Blessed Sacrament

The Holy Catholic Church is the guardian of the Holy Eucharist. For two thousand years, she has guarded this treasure, administering it to the faithful and proclaiming that it is nothing less than Jesus himself. We can never be too devoted to the Blessed Sacrament or show it too much honor.

## 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®.

# The Frassati Society

Young Men of McLean County  
Advancing the Social Kingship of Christ

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# CATHOLIC ACTION SUMMIT

## How, Then, Should We Invest?



## SPEAKERS



Fr. Robin Kwan  
Priest of the Canons  
Regular of Saint John  
Cantius



Daniel Catone  
CEO of Arimathea  
Investing



Dr. Benjamin Keil  
Assistant Professor of  
Philosophy at ISU



### You, perhaps?

We will have a lightning round  
of 5 minute talks on projects  
happening now in our  
community; email to sign up



25 April 2026  
8:00 am - 3:30 pm



Holy Trinity Church  
106 W Chestnut St.  
Bloomington, IL 61701

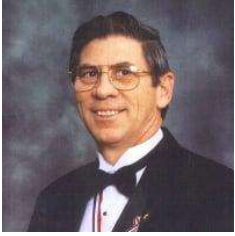
## TOPICS

- What is Catholic Social Teaching?
- How can we build economic structures that promote the common good?
- What opportunities exist in my community for me to invest in?



**Register Now**





Dennis Fries - born November 13th, 1946, passed away on March 11th, 2026 at the age of 79.

To express condolences online and read his obituary please visit [www.carmodyflynn.com](http://www.carmodyflynn.com).





**Knights' Rosary**

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Apr 6<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, April 9 at Imperial Buffet, 6pm.**

Buffet style, Pay Individually. 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.



If you would like to have an image of your business card displayed in this newsletter, please email Dennis: [jfdf143@gmail.com](mailto:jfdf143@gmail.com)

## 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.