



Knights' Notes – Feb '25 Issue

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Serving Holy Trinity, Historic St. Patrick's, St. Mary's parishes & St John Paul II Newman Center

Grand Knight Report-48th Edition

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

You all are familiar with the Knights of Columbus' mission of CHARITY, UNITY, & FRATERNITY.

The definition of fraternity is (a group of people sharing a common interest).

Council 574 has exemplified the definition of FRATERNITY by donating \$24,891 & over 9,000 hours of service to Church, the Priests, the seminarians, the schools, the FOCUS missionaries, TEC, ID Drive, Birth-Rite, Catholic Sprite Radio, Special Olympics, St. Vincent de Paul, and the communities of Bloomington/Normal in 2024.

After compiling these numbers I was totally amazed! I knew that we had a good Council, but had no idea regarding the activities that our Council's membership were participating.

Thank all of you for your commitment of service hours and your monetary support!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our Council 574 has been awarded the "PEOPLES CHOICE" award for "BEST FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION" in Bloomington/Normal.

What an honor! I attribute this award to the volunteer efforts of Terry Kieswetter, Dan Carmany, and all the volunteers that make OUR COUNCIL HALL THE PLACE TO FIND FRATERNITY!

LET'S KEEPING IT DONE ON DUNN!

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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!**
- Feb 6th, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Feb 6th, Council mtg, 6pm
- **Feb 9th, Souper Bowl at the Clubhouse**
- Feb 13th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- **Feb 14th, Valentine's Day**
- Feb 20th, BCHA mtg and Council mtg

HOLD THE DATES

- **Mar - Friday Fish Fry**
- Mar 4th, Mardi Gras
- **Mar 5th, Ash Wednesday (Holy Day)**
- **Mar 15th, St Patrick Day Celebration**
- Mar 19th, St Joseph's Day
- Mar 25th, Annunciation

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Jim Hertel, Randy Zarecki... 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

- All faithfully departed 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**

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



The
Season
of
Lent

What is Lent?

Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, preparing for his mission.

Lent is your opportunity for that same focus. Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously and it is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter. **Are you ready?**

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

With our cold snowy January behind us, let's hope for a better weather February!

If you happen to drop by the club, the snow shovel fundraiser is up. Get your tickets soon!

Our next meeting is Feb. 6 at 6:00. Agenda items include set up for the "souper" bowl party on Sunday, Feb, 9 and the dessert plans for our Lenten fish fry dinners and storage room cleanup.

Thanks – Tina

Keep Christ in Christmas - Family

Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus council 574 announces winners of the 2024 Christmas poster contest held at St Mary's Catholic School.



Fr Adam Stimpson, and pictured but not in order are Maggie Alvarez, Aubree Alvarez, Cruz Holzhauer

Souper Bowl Party

Feb 9th - 2pm +

at the Clubhouse

**Bring Appetizers to Share
and have a Blast**

Souper Bowl Soup Cook-off set for Sunday, Feb. 9. Come out to watch the BIG game, enjoy the labor of others by tasting their soups or chilis, voting will start around 2:00. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded before the kickoff. Get cooking! And other food items are welcome to add to the feast.



FEBRUARY

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Brian Wright | 15 Stephen Young |
| 5 Stephen Petersen | 18 Joseph Rondone |
| 6 Robert Kuntz | 18 Terrence Shea |
| 8 Jamie Deffenbaugh | 20 Fr. Huy Quoc Pham |
| 8 Tom Miller | 21 Fr Doug Hennessy |
| 9 Larry Law | 21 Robert Mikel |
| 12 Brian Garncarz | 26 Charles Brown |
| 13 Chris Brown | 26 Brian Loeffler |
| 15 James Stokes | 26 Doyle Tjaden |
| | 27 Stephen Racki |
| | 28 William Woyak |



**Support
your Council
Attend a
Meeting**

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**





Fish Fry

**Lent Fish Fry's
Dinner & Dessert**

March – April

5:30 – 7pm or until we run out

Adults \$12 – Kids \$6
(Fish or Grilled Cheese)

Open to the Public

Coming In March



Ash Wednesday
& Lent



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARTY**

Saturday March 15th, More Details Coming Soon!

February 2025

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

We are a Catholic organization. Please refrain from using inappropriate language on our Property



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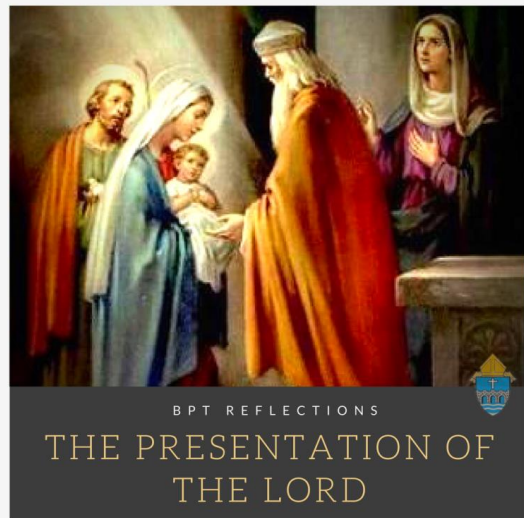
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div style="background-color: #76b82a; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px;"> St Patty's Day Party Saturday Mar 15 We need volunteers, so look for a sign-up sheet at the bar soon! </div> | | | 29 | 30 Council Mtg 6pm | 31  Happy Hour | 1 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Todd Noonan |
| 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord | 3 Knight's Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church | 4 | 5  | 6 4 th Degree mtg 6pm | 7 Happy Hour | 8 11:30 - 1:30 Crew: Steve Rudin |
| 9  SUPER BOWL | 10 | 11 | 12  Don't FORGET! Pay Dues | 13 Council Mtg 6pm | 14  Happy Hour | 15 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Mulcahey |
| 16  <i>Presidents Day</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20  KofC | 21 | 22 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Buttitta Family |
| 23 Ask Someone to Join | 24  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | Mar 1 11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Jim Smith |

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

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, which occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.
Lk 2:32

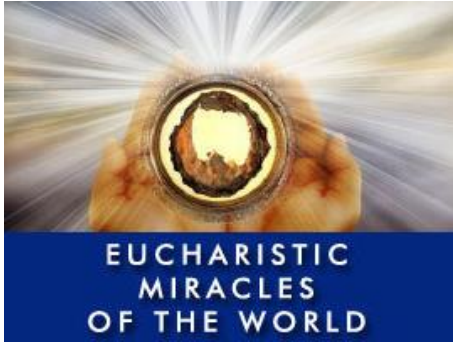


The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates the purification and offering of Mary and Jesus in accordance with the law. It invites reflection on our own willingness to present offerings to God, areas in need of purification, and the possibility of offering aspects of our own lives as gifts during worship.

February: The Holy Family

The Holy Family is an earthly reflection of the Holy Trinity. By meditating on the Holy Family, we can learn the meaning of love, obedience, and true fatherhood and motherhood.

We are also reminded that the family is the foundational unit of both society and the Church.



"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. **(a Monthly Series)**

Eucharistic Miracle of **SANTAREM** PORTUGAL, 1247

The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important. Numerous studies and canonical analysis were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of it. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarem.

Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV.

Still today, in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarem, it is possible to admire these precious relics. According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266, in Santarem, a young woman overcome with jealousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid it in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. The confused woman stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband, also aware of the strange phenomenon questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything.

The next day, the couple informed the pastor, who went to the home to remove the Host and return it to the church of St. Stephen in solemn procession, accompanied by many religious and lay people. The Host bled for three consecutive days. It was then placed in a beautiful reliquary made of beeswax.

In 1340 another miracle occurred. When the priest opened the tabernacle, he found the beeswax vase broken into many pieces: in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with the wax. The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne, above the main altar. The Church of St. Stephen is now known as the Shrine of the Holy Miracle. Throughout the centuries, on various occasions, the Host gave new emissions of Blood and in some cases various images of our Lord were seen in it.

Among the witness of this prodigy is also St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions. Every year, since the miracle occurred, on the second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684.



Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Feb 3rd 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 will be Thur, Feb 13 at Pizza Ranch 1211 Holiday Dr Blm, 6pm.

Everyone will responsible their own meal. 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.

Dues for 2024 are now due. Bob Wefer sent these out a week or two ago. Please pay them promptly. Send your dues to: Bob Wefer, Faithful Comptroller, 1313 Joan Way, Normal IL 61761.



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