



Knights' Notes – March '25 Issue

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Grand Knight Report-49th Edition

Brother Knights and Knights Friends,

You “faithful” readers of these Knights Notes should know that your Council 574 is in great shape. Our spirituality, programs benefitting the Church schools and community, and our financial stability continue to grow. BUT, in order for our Council to continue this success, WE NEED NEW KNIGHTS!

The average age of our membership is 67 and not getting any younger. Therefore, I am proposing a new initiative. Since our Lenten fish fries, and St. Patrick's Day celebration are the most visible events to the community, we're going to be giving away a free dinner to anyone that provides us contact information regarding prospective candidates.

All you must do to earn this FREE dinner is complete a simple form at the cashier table. We'll do the rest. I know that there are many young Catholic men in our community that don't even realize how easy it is to become a KNIGHT, and we would like to reach out to them.

Please help us recruit new members so that we can continue the 124-year-old traditions the Knights of Columbus Council 574 has established in the Bloomington/Normal.

LET'S KEEPING IT DONE ON DUNN!

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



Blood Drive March 10th 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

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 5th, Ash Wednesday
- Mar 6th, Ladies Aux meeting, 6pm
- Mar 6th, Council mtg, 6pm
- **Mar 7th, Fish Fry**
- **Mar 10th, Blood Drive**
- Mar 13th, 4th Degree meeting, 6pm
- **Mar 15th, St Patty Day PARTY**
- Mar 19th, St Joseph's Day
- Mar 20th, BCHA mtg and Council mtg
- **Mar 21st, Fish Fry**
- Mar 25th, The Annunciation
- **Mar 28th, Fish Fry**

HOLD THE DATES

- Apr 13th, Palm Sunday
- Apr 18th, Good Friday
- Apr 20th, Easter Sunday
- Apr 27th, Divine Mercy Sunday

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

- Dennis Fries, Mike Tomlianovich, Jan Buttitta, Jim Smith.

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you.

Help them O Lord, & 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

- Ed Kidwell and all 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 for a printed Newsletter.
Club Ph: 309-828-9671

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

Our Souper Bowl party was a wonderful success. With a delightful selection of 11 soups and chilis.

The top 3 winners were 1ST: Sally - Cheeseburger Chowder; 2ND: Rick - Chili; and 3RD: Deb S - Tuscan Soup.

The drawing for the lottery tickets snow shovel went to "little" Bob Wefer. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated, cooked, cleaned up and contributed to the fun time.

Lenten Season, Fish Frys and St. Paddy's Day are just around the corner. We have some fantastic plans in place to get ready for the celebrations.

Important Dates: Fish Fry Fri. March 7 (please check the Group Me App for a pic of the dessert signup sheet. The instructions for what to do are listed there); We still have 2 date slots to fill for desserts, so please let me know via Group Me what date works for you. Wed.

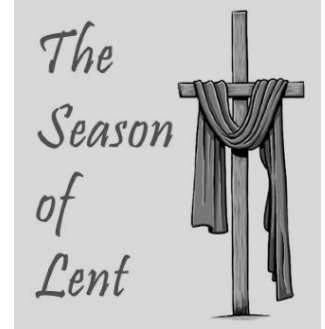
March 12 Cake Bake for St Paddy's Day desserts; Fri. March 14, Frost the Cakes.

Our next meeting is Thurs., March 6.

See you there – Tina

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?

Come Join Us!

- Video Gaming
- Big Screen TVs
- Saturday Burgers & Corndogs
- Full Bar

Our Banquet Room is available for Weddings, Receptions, Reunions, Anniversaries & More.

Support your Council Attend a Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

1 Charles Franklin
 1 Gerald Griffin
 4 Charles Kunkel
 4 David Smith
 5 Eric Batsie
 5 Everett Kelly
 5 Paul Segobiano
 7 Todd Noonan
 8 Michael Mulcahey
 9 Fr Roger Byambaasa
 12 Rick Ramirez
 18 Alex Calvert
 18 James Clothier

March

18 Jim Spachman
 19 Jeffrey Stempora
 20 Martin Walker III
 21 David Edwards
 22 Mark Kraft
 22 Joseph Orendorff
 23 Michael Kline
 23 Larry Mertes
 23 John Murphy
 24 Dale Kirby
 26 George Egofskes
 27 Gerald Kelly
 28 Michael Boylan



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





Lent Fish Fry's Dinner & Dessert

March 7, 21, 28, and
April 4, 11, 18

5:30 – 7pm or until we run out

Adults \$12 – Kids \$6

(Fish or Grilled Cheese)

Open to the Public

Please Pay Your
Membership Dues

venmo



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.

(Make sure email from 'noreply@kofc.org' don't go to spam)



St Patty's Party Mar 16

COME JOIN THE PARTY

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,
Sandwiches, Adult Beverages, Fun!**



ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARTY



Saturday March 15th, More Details Coming Soon!

March 2025

Club Phone: 309-828-9671

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



Next to Nights



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<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>			26		27	28	11:30 - 1:30 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Bernie Wright
2	Knights Rosary 6:00 pm at Historic St Patrick Church		 Ash Wednesday Lent	6	Council Mtg 6pm	Happy Hour  7	11:30 - 1:30 8 Crew: Tom Miller
	On-Site  ♥ BLOOD DRIVE ♥		12	13	4 th Degree mtg 6pm	Happy Hour 14 PARTY Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Sandwiches	
		18	 Saint Joseph	20	Council Mtg 6pm	 21	11:30 - 1:30 22 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew
	24	The Annunciation	25 Ask Someone to Join	27		 28	11:30 - 1:30 29 Burgers & Dogs Crew: Steve Rudin
	30	31	Apr 1	2	Council Mtg 6pm	 4	5
Our council works wonders through our programs. However, we depend on you to make it all work.							

March 19th the Feast of St Joseph

The feast of St Joseph commemorates Joseph, the husband of the virgin Mary and stepfather of Jesus. It is believed that Joseph died before Jesus began his public life as an adult as there is no mention of Joseph in the bible after Jesus' childhood. The feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19th.

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit." — St. Teresa of Avila



March 25th the Annunciation of the Lord

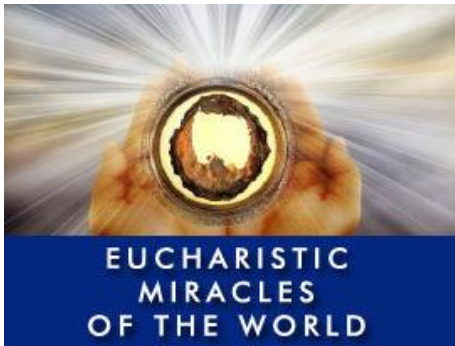
Pour Your grace into our hearts, O Lord we who have known the incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever... Amen.

Ash Wednesday:

A Catholic observance in which ashes are marked on the forehead of parishioners in the shape of a cross. The ashes are meant as a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness.

It marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period that ends with Easter. This is a period observed by prayer, repentance, fasting, & moderation.

Sundays are excluded as they are considered a celebratory day that represents the resurrection of Jesus and the Sabbath day of rest.



"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
BOXMEER
 NETHERLANDS, 1400

During a Mass in Boxmeer, in Holland, in the year 1400, the species of wine was transformed into Blood and bubbled out of the chalice, splashing onto the corporal. As soon as the priest, terrorized at the sight, asked God to forgive his doubts, the Blood stopped bubbling out of the chalice. The Blood that had fallen on the corporal coagulated into a lump the size of a walnut. Even today one can see the Blood, which it has not changed at all over time.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Boxmeer took place in the church of Saints Peter and Paul in 1400.

Father Arnoldus Groen was celebrating Mass and immediately after having consecrated the Eucharistic species, doubted the Real Presence of the Lord in the consecrated bread and the wine. Without warning, the species of the wine, almost like it was boiling, began bubbling out of the chalice onto the corporal. The wine was changed into Blood and coagulated in a great lump.

The reliquary of the corporal and the Blood is preserved to this day and the anniversary of the miracle is celebrated with an annual solemn procession.

There are many documents that describe the miracle, as well as stone tablets and paintings. Popes Clement XI, Benedict XIV, Pius IX and Leo XIII all showed a particular devotion to the miracle.



March: Saint Joseph is the icon of God the Father

Silent but active and perfectly providing for the needs of all. The Church constantly invokes the protection of St. Joseph, admonishing us to *ite ad Joseph*, go to Joseph.



Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Mar 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, Mar 13 at Bandanas on IAA 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.

Scott has reserved us a semi-private area in the back, but for the most part this will be a social gathering.



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