# Knights' Notes – Nov '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!**
- Nov. 1st, All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Nov. 2nd, All Souls Day
- Nov. 3rd, Knights Rosary at HSP, 6pm
- Nov. 5th, Ladies Aux mtg, 6pm
- Nov. 5th, Council mtg… 6pm
- **Nov. 9th, Blood Drive**
- **Nov. 11th, Veterans Day**
- Nov. 12th, 4th Degree mtg, 6pm at Club
  Nov. 19th, Council mtg, 6pm
- Nov. 25th, Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- **Nov. 27th, Thanksgiving CLOSED**
- Nov 29th, Vocations Raffle last day
- Nov. 30th, Saint Andrew the Apostle Day

## HOLD THE DATES

- Dec 1st, Giving Tuesday
- Dec 8th, Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

## SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, & comfort them in 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**

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## Grand Knight Report-

**Brother Knights and Knights Friends,**

November is traditionally the month for giving thanks for the blessings bestowed to us during the past year. On behalf of Council 574 we give thanks to all the volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment to the goals that the Knights of Columbus aspire to achieve: **CHARITY, UNITY, AND, FRATERNITY.**

This month I am respectfully asking all of you KNIGHTS, and Knight's friends to say a PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING to those members, and non-members, who keep Council 574's 125 years of service to the Catholic Faith, and the Bloomington/Normal community active. FYI, you could include this in your everyday prayers as do I. Just a suggestion,

**THANKS**;

Knights of Columbus members, Ladies Auxiliary members, volunteer bar manager, volunteer bartenders, volunteer burger crews, volunteer Lenten fish crews, volunteer landscaping assistance, volunteer building maintenance, volunteer decorators, volunteers for Special Olympics, ID Drive, etc, etc, etc. The list of YOUR support of our organization goes on and on and on!!! YOU ARE ALL GREAT KNIGHTS!!! **LET'S CONTINUE TO GET IT DONE ON DUNN !!!!**Jim Smith: Grand Knight (309) 530-5703 jsmith1002@aol.com




## Ladies Auxiliary Notes

The Halloween party was very fun – thanks to all who dressed up, attended and brought food – the pictures are awesome and will be posted on the bulletin board. Costume winners:

1st: Mrs. Roper from Three's Company - aka-Diane Edwards; 2nd: The Three Amigos aka Mulcahey Crew – Mike, Cheryl & Joe; 3rd – The Swashbucklers aka Bryan & Luci. Nancy Banister won the Lottery Broom & Doyle Tjaden won the pumpkins. Congrats to all!

We are planning on setting up the Angel Giving Tree on Sunday, Nov 1. The committee members are Ruth, Melissa, Linda & Tina. Please check our GroupMe App for the setup time. Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov 5 @ 6:00.

## Praying for the dead in November

Praying for the dead has been seen as one of the greatest acts of charity in which a Christian can engage. In this month of November, Catholics are especially encouraged to remember the dead in their prayers.

A significant part of our Christian practice of praying for the dead is the gaining of indulgences for the dead. Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the church; in 2023 Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. A Vatican tribunal also issued a decree stating that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

**Support your Council - Attend a Meeting**

**Join us for an hour the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.**

## 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.







## Blood Drive Nov 9th at the Club

**Call 309-662-0500 or go to https://www.redcrossblood.org/**
and schedule a time between 12:30 and 5:45pm.




American Red Cross
*Together, we can save a life*

**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.**

Donations generate 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

## Please Consider Volunteering

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10:45**

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. **1 Peter 4:10**

The greatest among you will be your servant. **Matthew 23:11**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **Luke 6:38**

# Nov 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 |
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| Nov 1<br>**All Saints Day**<br> | 2<br>**All Souls Day**<br> | 3 | 4 | 5<br>**Council Mtg 6pm**<br>**Ladies Aux mtg 6pm** | **Happy Hour** 6 | **11:30 - 1:30** 7<br>Crew: Buttitta Family |
| 8 | 9<br><br>On-Site<br>**BLOOD DRIVE** | 10 | 11<br><br>**VETERANS' DAY** | 12<br>**4th Degree mtg 6pm** | **Happy Hour** 13 | **11:30 - 1:30** 14<br>**Pork Tenderloin Sandwich & Fries Special**<br>Mike Boylan |
| 15<br><br>**Ask Someone to Join** | 16<br>**Support your Council Attend a Meeting** | 17 | 18<br> | 19<br>**Council Mtg 6pm** | **Happy Hour** 20<br><br><br>**Pay Dues** | **11:30 – 1:30** 21<br>**Burgers & Dogs**<br>Crew: John Braucht |
| 22<br> | 23<br>**VOCATION FUND THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**<br>**"SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN"** | 24 | 25<br><br> | 26<br><br>GIVE THANKS<br>FAMILY · FRIENDS · GRATITUDE | 27<br>**BLACK FRIDAY** | **11:30 – 1:30** 28<br>**Burgers & Dogs**<br>Crew: Mike Weis Memorial Crew |
| 29<br> | 30<br>**Saint Andrew Feast Day**<br> | Dec 1<br>**Donate Coats or Cash**<br>GIVING TUESDAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | **11:30 – 1:30** 5<br>**Burgers & Dogs**<br>Crew: Todd Noonan |

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

## November: The Souls in Purgatory

The souls in purgatory are suffering a great deal, and they cannot pray for themselves.

They are our brothers and sisters, and as members of the body of Christ, we must pray and offer sacrifices for those who have gone before us, asking that they may rest in the light of God's presence.

**Please pray for them!**

## All Saints Day

For Roman Catholics, All Saints Day honors exemplary Christians who achieved sainthood. This includes unknown Christians and Martyrs who have attained beatific vision (a form of direct knowledge and communication with God).

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation in remembrance of departed Christian people of any time and place. We also celebrate Holy Communion in honor of those who lived before us.

## All Souls Day

All Souls' Day seeks to honor the dead through prayer & remembrance. According to Catholic belief, when a person dies, their soul goes to heaven, hell, or purgatory.

All Souls' Day was proposed in 998 C.E by the abbot of Cluny France, St. Odilo, who wanted to honor and remember the departed souls, especially those in purgatory. Souls in purgatory are thought to pass on to heaven through faithful prayer.

# Brothers,

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

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation? Connect with your agent to discuss how to create an extended care plan.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2026 Financial Protection Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at https://survey.kofc.org. Thank you!!

Vivat Jesus,

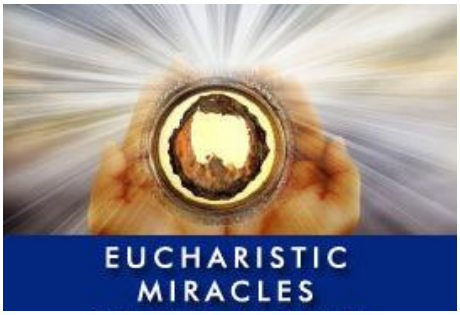
Matt Koeniger – KofC




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**URGENT - This is Your Newsletter – URGENT**

After 6 years Mike is retiring as the Newsletter editor, and we need a replacement. No experience necessary, just a few hours each month and a desire to serve your Council. Call Mike at 309-830-6824.




*"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 ALKMAAR

NETHERLANDS, 1429

In 1429, in Alkmaar's Cathedral of Saint Lawrence, a priest named Folkert was celebrating his first Mass. After the consecration, the priest accidentally knocked over the chalice, spilling consecrated wine on the altar and on his chasuble. The wine was miraculously transformed into Blood. Every attempt to remove the traces of Blood from the chasuble was in vain. The precious reliquary of the chasuble soaked in Blood is preserved even today in the Cathedral of Saint Lawrence in Alkmaar.


Church interior


Procession in honor of the miracle


Reliquary that contains the Blood of the miracle


Painting inside the church that depicts the miracle



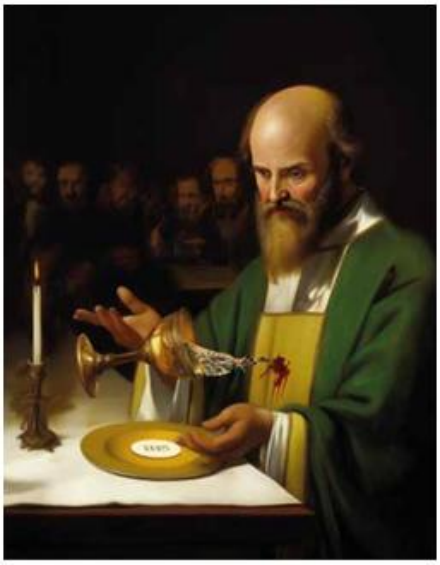






In the Cathedral of Saint Lawrence in Alkmaar there is a precious reliquary shaped like an angel that contains the chasuble soaked in Blood from the Eucharistic miracle that happened in 1429.

*On May 1, 1429,* a priest named Folkert was celebrating his first Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Lawrence. The pastor, Father Volpert Schult, assisted. Shortly after having pronounced the words of consecration, Father Folkert inadvertently knocked over the chalice containing the consecrated wine, and in its place appeared living Blood. After Mass, in a state of panic, he cut off the part of the chasuble that was spotted with Blood and burnt it. He then took the remaining piece and began sewing it up. But as soon as he finished mending the chasuble, the Blood spots reappeared. The two priests, not knowing what to do, immediately took the chasuble to the Bishop of Utrech. In 1433, after numerous canonical investigations, the bishop officially approved devotion surrounding the miracle.



## Vocations Fundraiser

Brother Knights… you should have received a mailing containing **raffle tickets** for the annual vocations raffle.

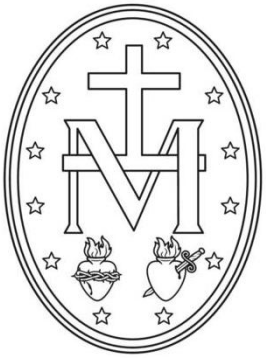
**Please turn in your ticket book with cover and the money by Nov 29th at the club**:

1. Buy/sell as many tickets as you can. **Extra books are now available at the club.**
2. Return all un-purchased tickets to the bartender.

You may also return books and money to Mike Tomlianovich, Bob Wefer, or Jim Smith.

**VOCATION FUND**
**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**
**"SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN"**






## Knight's Rosary

Our next Rosary will be at 6:00pm Nov 2nd at the Historic St Patrick Church.

We will recite the rosary and have time for group discussion.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Contact Scott at normalscott212@yal
or 309-212-2904… **Yes, I plan to attend**

## November

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| 1 | Anthony Witte | 18 | Michael Nelson |
| 2 | Martin Krylowicz | 20 | Stephen Horton |
| 4 | Daniel Kerber | 20 | John Penn |
| 7 | Bryan Ballard | 21 | Richard Ott |
| 7 | Robert Wefer | 22 | David |
| 8 | Tyler Williams | 23 | Brockmann |
| 11 | Richard Carroll | 26 | Emeka Nnakwe |
| 13 | Deacon Al Lundy | 29 | Carol Yeazle |
| 14 | David Wochner | | James Horton |
| 15 | Michael Ficek | | |
| 16 | Thomas Hilton | | |
| 16 | George Tilton | | |







## 4th Degree Assembly 213

**"All 3rd degree members are eligible to join"**

**Our next meeting is Thursday Nov 12th at the Knights of Columbus Hall RT Dunn Dr at 6PM.**

**It will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

Those with a last name beginning with A-M, please bring a hot dish. Those with a last name beginning with N-Z, please bring a dessert. The Assembly will provide ham, turkey, and rolls, and will also have plates, utensils and napkins. **Contact Scott at normalscott212@yahoo.com or 309-212-2904 with yes, if plan to attend / no, if not.**

## Key MEMBER Contact Information

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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