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Grand Knight's Letter

Happy New Year Brother Knights, I always enjoy the coming of the new year! Like the coming of springtime, it offers a "fresh start"! Some of you are aware of my lack of patience and that I am always looking over the next hill. I'm the guy who stands on the edge of the Grand Canyon, looks left, then right, then says, "What's next"? Not a great trait, but my wife loves me anyway! That's how I am looking at the Council, as we begin the second half of my final year as your Grand Knight, I'm constantly thinking, "What's next"?

In last month's message I talked about the thankfulness I have for the membership of this Council and all the good works that my Brother Knights accomplish. I also spoke about the need to get our ducks in line for the handover that will happen in six months, when we begin the New Fraternal Year. As we begin the second half of the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year, we first need to redirect some of our efforts into adding new members to our ranks.

I am quite aware of this OLD

SONG AND DANCE, and the ROLL OF THE EYES we all have when "new membership" is discussed; but our obligation to address this need is one we must expedite and work hard to achieve!

We have garnered little success with our Church Drive efforts. Several other tactics we have employed to aid our efforts in attracting new Brother Knights have not brought the sign-ups we had hoped for! I have come to believe that the only way we can have any success with this effort is with "PERSONAL" invitations. We need to press the flesh!

As your Grand Knight I suck at this. I do not find it easy to walk up to someone in our parishes that I do not know and as I said, "Press the Flesh"! If I had had to make my living and support, my family via salesmanship we would have all perished! BUT, with that said, I intend to try! My Grandma Jen always said, "God hates a coward"! Darn that woman, I can hear her voice right now, so I will be trying to step way out of my comfort zone and shake some hands. I need all

of you to do the same! I know we all have someone we can ask to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We can all speak of the good works our Council has performed. We can all start wearing our Knights gear at Mass and other occasions that bring attention to all of us being part of such a great brotherhood that provides so much good in our community. We need everyone to know we are Knights, and we are proud to serve!

This Council is truly blessed to have a very diverse Council with regard to age. We have Knights who are in their twenties and Knights who are in their eighties and nineties. I know in the past that we have focused on the young men of our parishes, but we should not overlook those who are in the middle of the pack or older. I came to the Knights when I was 45, truly the middle of the pack. An infusion of "young blood" is always a good thing but let us not overlook those in the middle and those who have more past than future.

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Grand Knight continued...

Catholic men of all age groups have something to offer the Knights of Columbus and all these men can bring something to the Knight's table. All we must do is, "make the ask"!

Please, as I will be doing, jump into the deep end of the pool and put yourself out there a bit. Make a new friend, grab a hand, and let us attain some new members!

Stop debating if it is going to work and just go do it! -
Justin Robinson

God bless you all and this Council and our efforts as we begin a new year!

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Hastings
Grand Knight

From Death into Life

Pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased Brother Knights Charles Fears. May his soul and all of the souls of the faithfully departed Rest in the Peace of Christ. Amen..

Keep his families in your prayers during this time of sorrow and loss.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Sir Brother Dennis Hessel. Over the years he has served the Council as Trustee, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recorder, Fish Fry co-chair, Outer Guard editor, and for the Assembly—Trustee, Purser and Faithful Navigator. Most recently he assisted the Council and Fred Mills Club above and beyond performing financial analysis and reporting on the FMC financial reporting upgrade and the cost to profit work on the Fish Fries, our Council's main fund raiser.



Family of the Month

Family of the Month is awarded to Marcus and Zena Agustin Family for Marcus's and Zena's work for many council events and their family's leadership of the Council Free Throw Contest. It is a family affair. Marcus is a Trustee for the Council, serves on the Fred Mills Club board, works on Fish Fry Team #3. Congratulations!



Brother Knights,

The Annual Newman Fund Appeal helps Newman Centers at colleges and universities in Illinois provide a Catholic faith-based environment for college students. Your support means that Newman Centers around the state can do spiritual and social programming to help students remain as one with their faith while they are away from their home parish. For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach our goal of \$345,000, or just \$5.00 per active member.

Please consider a gift this year. Donate Online, quickly and securely by scanning the QR Code on this postcard or visit www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman or send us a check. Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters or any amount adds up to help college students in Illinois be supported in the Catholic faith. Below is the Newman Donation Card for this year's campaign. Simply indication your level of giving, tear at the perforation, place it in an envelope, and mail it to: Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901 along with your check or money order. Please write Newman Fund and your Membership number on the memo section of your check.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this appeal.
Gerry Mattix-Wand, Newman Program Chairman

You can count on me to continue to provide a "Home Parish" for our Catholic students away at school. Please accept my Tax Deductible Donation to help with the Newman Ministry Program. **The Charity year is from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

- \$ 5.00 \$ 10.00 \$15.00 \$ 75.00 Other \$ _____
- \$ 25.00 "Quarter Century"
- \$ 50.00 "Half Century"
- \$ 100.00 Century Donor (receive a pin each year)



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Please make checks payable to: Illinois State Council K of C Charities Inc.
(Note: Write "Newman Fund" in the memo line on the check)
Mail to: Illinois State Council, PO Box 691, Kankakee, IL 60901

January Anniversaries

A mass is offered each month for those couples celebrating their anniversary during the month.

St. Boniface Church Jan. 8th 10:15 pm Mass

- 7 Jay & Kristina Kohlmiller
- 14 David & Robin Troeckler
- 22 Martin & Paula Manny
- 29 Jason & Lindsey Jones

St Mary Church Jan. 8th 8:00 am Mass

- 5 Christopher & Steffany Chleboun
- 7 Jeffery & Melissa Wieggers
- 8 Luke & Amber Harris

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

January Birthdays

- 1 Edward Akers II
- 1 Lawrence Luebbers
- 1 Gary Newton
- 1 Daniel Coan
- 2 Justin Zimmerman
- 4 James Zupanci
- 5 Kurt Hylla
- 5 Troy Van Hauen
- 10 Daniel Johnson
- 11 Stephen Edwards
- 12 Michael Long
- 12 Nathan Dammerich
- 15 Jeffrey Suzewits
- 17 Dale Frank



- 17 Eugene Vallino
- 18 Timothy Hogan
- 18 Peter Russo
- 20 Paul Jenkins Jr
- 21 James Jatcko
- 21 Robert Lewis
- 21 Paul Murphy
- 21 Kent Trebing
- 22 Thomas Allen
- 22 Andrew Hessel
- 22 Cavan McIntyre
- 24 Gerald Kienstra
- 26 Anthony Ambuel
- 26 Bro. Nathaniel Szidik, OSB
- 27 Joseph Marti
- 28 Paul Yates

Calendar of Events January 2023

- Jan 1—Distribute Prayer Cards all both parishes
- Jan 2—Assembly 225 Meeting 7:30
- Jan 6—Fish Fry Team 2 4:30-7:00 pm
- Jan 9—Council 1143 Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan 14—Rosary for Life 9:00 am St. Mary's

- Jan 14—Council Free Throw Contest 8:30 am
- Jan 16—Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 20—Fish Fry Team 3 4:30-7:00 pm
- Jan 22—Corporate Communion St Mary's 10:30 am
Mass Exemplification to follow at 11:45am
- Jan 23—Council 1143 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY

January 6th - Team #2 and January 20th TEAM #3

Fred Mills Club News...

At the recent FMC Board meeting the members of the board voted to rename the pavilion the William Morris Pavilion. William "Bill" Morris is a Past Grand Knight and over the years has supported the Fred Mills Club and the Knights of Columbus in many ways. The board felt that they would like to recognize Bill for all of his works by naming the pavilion in his honor. Thank Bill for all that you do.

Rosary for Life..

Please join us the second Saturday of the month, January 14th, to pray the Most Holy Rosary of our Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to abortion. We will meet at the St. Mary Church, 1802 Madison Ave at 9:00 am. Please consider taking some time out of your busy schedule and pray with us to end the scourge of abortion. Everyone is welcomed bring the wife and the kids.

4th Degree News Assembly 225



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights all,

Happy New year! I hope you had a great Christmas season with your families. As we kick off 2023, I wish to invite all members of the 3rd Degree to join the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree of the Order! Now more than ever, our Parishes and our Communities need Catholic men to stand as Proud Patriots of our Nation and stand in support of our Priests! From hosting fundraisers sup-

porting Veterans attending Warriors to Lourdes to planting flags at the Parish Cemeteries and participating in an Honor Guard for Bishop Paprocki's annual Red Mass, there are many opportunities for you to get involved in the 4th Degree! Be on the lookout for more communications on upcoming opportunities to join the 4th Degree. Thank you for all that you do for our Parish and our Community!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

If you are a member of the 4th Degree please consider getting the regalia. We are in need of more members with regalia. The Assembly will reimburse you 50% of the cost of the regalia. If you are not a member of the 4th Degree, please consider becoming a 4th Degree Knight.

Save the Date for the Charity Euchre Tournament!

The 4th Degree will be hosting a Charity Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 18th at The Hall. Doors will open at 6:00pm with Tournament play to start by 6:30pm. Entry fee is \$20 per player. It is highly encouraged to bring a friend to help keep an even number of players! All proceeds will go towards the USO of Missouri at Lambert St. Louis International Airport. All are welcome to play in the tournament! Come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship while supporting Veterans! More details on how to RSVP to follow soon. Reach out to Ryan Fitzpatrick at RAFitzpatrick21@gmail.com for any questions.



Don't know how to play Euchre?? Come out to The Hall for two learn to play euchre hours ahead of the tournament! The learn to play hours will be on Tuesday, January 3rd and Tuesday, February 7th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Father Daughter Dance 2023

Saturday February 4th, 2023 at 6:00PM

We are back! Join us for the 8th Annual Father Daughter Dance at The Hall on Saturday, February 4th! Your ticket includes dinner, DJ, and lots of dancing! Tickets for two (father and daughter) are just \$30 and just an extra \$5 for each additional daughter.

Order your tickets early, as prices increase an additional \$15 per ticket on January 23rd.

Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite starting December 1st through this URL (<https://tinyurl.com/nenamhbw>) or QR code.



From Our Field Agent

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great 2022, and as I am, looking forward to an even better year in 2023.

I would also like to thank all the members and their families that have put their faith and trust in me, and the Knights of Columbus in 2022.

This faith and trust demonstrated by the Knights being recognized as one of "America's Best Insurance Companies" by Forbes and Statista, Inc for 2023.

We're more than your average Fortune 1000 company. We continue to turn some of the profits from our

insurance business into charitable impact every year around the world. That's our "Catholic Difference."

This means that today and, in the future, we will continue to offer quality insurance products that align with your needs and values.

"Discover the Catholic Difference"

Vivat Jesus!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



24 HOURS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

No man is too busy to be an active Knights of Columbus. Giving just one full day a year to the Knights of Columbus activities you can make an enormous difference in your life and those around you. By spending 24 HOURS with us, you will be able to serve your parish and help those in need in our community, and grow in your faith. Below is an illustration of just how much can be done in 24 HOURS.

- ◇ 10 HOURS a year working with our Council on charitable projects for your Church or the community.
- ◇ 4 HOURS a enjoying a Council social function with your entire family.
- ◇ 4 HOURS a year attending Council meetings to help plan future activities.
- ◇ 4 HOURS a year reading the Knights magazine **Columbia** and the Council Outer Guard newsletter.
- ◇ 2 Hours a year attending mass or Holy Hour with your fellow Knights.

24 HOURS WILL change your life and make a real difference.

As we enter into 20213 we need to be thankful for the things we have and be charitable to those less fortunate. Please reflect on how you can help your neighbor or become more active in the Knights of Columbus., and not it name only.

Children in Need Shopping Spree 2022 Summary .. By Don Brunworth

One of our major Charity events was a big success of the Knights helping those less fortunate than most of our members, The Children in Need Christmas Shopping Spree was well attended this year. It was nice to get back to normal: after 2 years of COVID. Our council was able to buy gifts for 12 families this year. All 12 referrals showed up on time at Walmart on December 3rd. We had 10 members and one widow participate in helping young children shop for their families. We collected a record \$4,000 for this Charity event!! After shopping we all proceeded to the Hall for a gift-wrapping party. We were kindly assisted by some energetic Father McGivney students, who were a huge help in wrapping presents.

Thanks to all members who donated to this Shopping Spree. A special thanks to all the chaperones: Jim and Judy Albus, Jack and Gail Miller, Cliff and Sandy Sachs, Doug and Katie Hastings, Joe and Mary Gierer, Evie Gorski, Ken Lanter, Kyle Jackson, Dave Boduch, Joe Marti, Lou Carnoali and Lynn Ripper for opening the Hall; who gave their time to these underprivileged children, some of them that have problems that the rest of us do not have, Also a BIG THANKS to one member and Past Grand Knight , Ryan Grotefendt, who donated a large amount to this program this year.

History of the Shopping Spree Program

My records show the program was started in 1981 (maybe earlier). Ray Stoces was the first chairman followed by Gary Allison. I became chairman in 1989. In 1989, we serviced 27 families with 19 KC chaperones with \$1,060. WOW!! The lowest donations were \$654 in 1995. The highest year was this year at \$4,000. The lowest number of chaperones was 9 in 1994. We had 10 this year. Also in the 80's, we shopped at K-Mart, until it closed and the manager was a KC member!

After 33 years of being Chairman, I am retiring. Please give your continued support to Ken Lanter and Kyle Jackson. A special thanks goes to the families of Andy Kraus and Gary Doiron, who always bailed me out many years, by taking 3 families shopping!!

This charity program definitely puts the meaning of Christ back into Christmas, Remember that CHARITY is our number one goal.

Thanks again,

Don Brunworth, Chairman

Grand Knight Doug Hastings presents Don Brunworth with the Knight of the Month Award for December 2022 for his 33 years as chairman of the Children in Need Shopping Spree.



Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory

On Saturday November 28th, Council 1143 Knights and parishioners from St. Boniface and St. Mary Church prayed the rosary for the Souls in Purgatory at the parish cemeteries.



Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

At the December Council meeting, the members judged the entries into this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. Student at St. Boniface and St. Mary Schools, grades 5-8, made posters around the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. The drawings were judged on the composition of their drawing and presentation of the theme. In total 93 students submitted entries into the contest. A winner from each grade was selected and the winners of the will be entered into the regional competition.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Brother Knight David Boduch to chairing this contest and to all the students who took the time and effort to participate.

- 5th Grade Winner - Teresa Foppe (St. Boniface)
- 7th Grade Winner - Matilda Schmidt (St. Boniface)



Pictured left: Students from St. Boniface show off their drawings.

Pictured below: The two winning poster that are being entered into the regional competition. The poster on the left was submitted by 7th Grade Winner - Matilda Schmidt (St. Boniface) and the poster on the right was submitted by 5th Grade Winner - Teresa Foppe (St. Boniface)

Good Job and Good Luck!



Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together

The Christian family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love. .

January 2023



Breaking Open the Theme

The Christian family is called to offer to Christ all of its activities through a life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this advice about prayer: “We cannot pray ‘at all times’ if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it.”⁴¹ In other words, families need to set aside a definite time for formal prayer together in order to have prayer infuse everything they do. Family members must build their life around God rather than fit God into their busy schedule. If families attempt the latter, then they are sure to find prayer dry and will eventually leave it out of their schedule altogether.

To help nourish a shared prayer life, it is a good idea to learn more about different ways of praying and to establish a rhythm of praying. Different forms of prayer include vocal prayer (saying out loud a formal prayer, giving praise, asking for forgiveness, thanksgiving, adoration, petition, etc.); meditation on Scripture or other religious writings; and contemplation, in which a person just listens to and talks with God as one would with a friend.⁴² But there are other ways of praying, such as through song and art.

A family should consider its rhythm of prayer, such as morning or evening prayer, grace before and after meals, and prayers before bedtime. Some rhythms are weekly, such as Sunday Mass and entering into the Sabbath rest. Some rhythms are yearly, such as the liturgical year and its feast days. Finally, some rhythms of prayer should be unique to each person’s family, such as prayerfully celebrating birthdays, anniversaries of family members’ weddings, baptisms (or other sacraments) and patron saints. The possibilities are

endless, but it is necessary to develop a rhythm because “life is shaped by rhythms: the rhythm of heartbeat and breathing, the rhythm of day and night, of meals, of weeks, and so on. Mental prayer should become a daily event as vital to us as the basic rhythms of existence. It should become the breathing of our souls.”

Meditation

From Pope John Paul II’s Familiaris Consortio

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Family prayer has for its very own object family life itself, which in all its varying circumstances is seen as a call from God and lived as a filial response to His call. Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of the parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, the death of those who are dear, etc. —

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all of these mark God's loving intervention in the family's history. They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving, for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God's unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer.

1. Is prayer at the center of our family life? If not, why?
2. How can we better build a rhythm of prayer into our family's life? In what way can we mark significant family moments throughout the year with prayer?
3. What are our family members' preferred ways of praying — vocal, meditative or contemplative? Is there a way to incorporate each family member's preferred way of praying into family prayer?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 65:6-14

A prayer of gratitude for God's blessings

You answer us with awesome deeds of justice,
O God our savior,
The hope of all the ends of the earth
and of those far off across the sea.
You are robed in power,
you set up the mountains by your might.
You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
Distant peoples stand in awe of your marvels;

the places of morning and evening you make resound with joy.
You visit the earth and water it,
make it abundantly fertile.
God's stream is filled with water;
you supply their grain.
Thus do you prepare it:
you drench its plowed furrows,
and level its ridges.
With showers you keep it soft,
blessing its young sprouts.
You adorn the year with your bounty;
your paths drip with fruitful rain.
The meadows of the wilderness also drip;
the hills are robed with joy.
The pastures are clothed with flocks,
the valleys blanketed with grain; they cheer and sing for joy.

Family Project

The Catechism recommends that we find places favorable for prayer. One of the places it suggests is a "prayer corner" in the home.⁴⁵ If you do not already have one, make a prayer corner in the home in order to facilitate prayer. This sacred space could be a simple table with a nice cloth over it, a Bible, religious images and statues, rosaries, candles, prayer cards, a family prayer intention book, a vase for flowers, etc. Make the corner unique to your family and have each family member contribute one religious item to the prayer corner. For further ideas, see the following resource: *The Little Oratory: The Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home* by David Clayton and Leila Marie Lawler.

January 2023							February ▶
◀ December	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solimily of Blessed Virgin Mary	2 New Year's Day Observed	3 Learn to Play Euchre Hour, 6:30 p.m. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Trivia Night at The Hall 7:00pm	6 Fish Fry Team #2 4:30-7:00 p.m.	7 Winter District Deputy Meeting, 9:00 am Highland, IL	
8 The Epiphany of The Lord	9 The Baptism of The Lord General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14 Rosary for Life 9:00am St. Mary's Church Council Free Throw Contest, 9:00am @ St. Boniface School	
15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Trivia Night at The Hall 7:00pm	20 Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 p.m.	21	
22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity St. Mary's Parish following 10:30am Mass	23 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28	
29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31	Notes:				