



The Outer Guard

Knights of Columbus #1143

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February 2023

Grand Knight's Letter

Happy February Brother Knights,

As you may recall I placed a warning in my Grand Knight Outer Guard message a few months back letting you all know that I was starting to make phone calls looking for Officers and Program Directors for the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year. One of the greatest gifts I received when I started my service as your Grand Knight was a very robust list of Officers and Program Directors that Past Grand Knight Ryan Fitzpatrick had attained for me before I tapped my first gavel! I would like to do the same for the Grand Knight who will take over in July 2023!

Here is the list of candidates that have offered their services thus far, these fellow Knights have agreed to run for the following Offices in 2023-2024.

Chaplain: **Fr. Michael Trummer** from St. Boniface, this is an appointed office.

- A priest chosen annually by the grand knight, deputy grand knight and board of trustees.
- Acts as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of the council.
- Provides his message to members at the beginning of the meeting as outlined in the Method of Conducting Council Meetings #10318.

Grand Knight: **Candidate Neil Joellenbeck**

- Presides over all council meetings.
- Appoints program and membership directors.
- Appoints committees as needed.
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks.
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils.
- Maintains a working relationship with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent, and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations, and the local parish.
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management.
- Responsible for council's Admission Degree Team and the scheduling of frequent Admission Ceremonials.

Deputy Grand Knight: NO CANDIDATE

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council.
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the grand knight.
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee.
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

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Chancellor: NO CANDIDATE

- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned.
- Is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities.
- Is recommended to serve as chairman of the Admission Committee.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Recorder: NO CANDIDATE

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council using a Reorder's Minute Book #1403.
- Maintains all correspondence of the council.
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Financial Secretary: **Jeff Davis** This is an appointed office.

Appointed by the supreme knight for a three-year term upon grand knight and trustees' recommendation.

Treasurer: **Candidate Vernon Zurliene**

- Handles council funds.
- Receives money from the Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper accounts.
- Maintains all council checking accounts.
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Lecturer: **Jerry Kapp** This is an appointed office.

- Is responsible for providing suitable educational and entertainment programs under the "Good of the Order" section at council meetings.
- Stays abreast of developments within the council's charitable, membership and social programs.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Advocate: **Candidate Lynn Ripper**

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council.
- Has working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings.
- Knows the council bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws # 30.
- Has access to Officers Online and Officer's Desk Reference.
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Warden: NO CANDIDATE

- Supervises and maintains all council property.
- Arranges the council chamber for meetings and degree exemplifications.
- Oversees inside and outside guards.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

Inside Guard: **Candidate Joseph Marti**

Outside Guard: **Candidate Floyd Frey**

- Attending the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance.
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct.

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Board of Trustees:

First Year Trustee: ***Candidate Doug Hastings***

Second Year Trustee: ***Candidate Cliff Sachs***

Third Year Trustee: ***Candidate Dustin Riechmann***

- Consists of the grand knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's members for terms of three years, two years, and one year.
- At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three and two- year trustee potentially moving on to become the two and one-year trustee.
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts semiannual audits.
- Ensures the proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for payment of monies – however, cannot override the vote of the council's membership.

If you find yourself with a BURNING desire to serve at a higher level, save me a call and let me know you would like to be placed on the list of nominees for office. If you wish to offer your services as a Program/Event Director/Chairman, AGAIN SAVE ME A PHONE CALL, and let me know.

You can reach me at 618-406-1033, or email me at hastingsdouglas@yahoo.com, or just walk up to me at Church or at the Hall, or on the street, I'm the white haired guy with the "Deer in the Headlights" look on my face!

Changing the subject, let's talk PROGRAMING!

We have a great many programs that are coming down the pike in the second half of this Fraternal Year. Take a look at the calendar and sign up to help. There are many "on-going" programs like the Rosary for Life that happens every second Saturday of the month, the bi-monthly Fish Fries, and our two monthly Council Meetings, just to name a few. Jump in where you can and give your Council a hand.

There will be a new program/event that will take place on Thursday evening June 8th, 2023. Your Council will sponsor/host, with the help of our parishes, a "Silent Candlelight Eucharist Procession" through the streets of Edwardsville for the intention of World Peace. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this Faith event. I can use some help with this event if you care to Co-Chair with me.

I also want to thank all the Knights who have run or will run an event or program this Fraternal Year. We stop being an organization for GOOD if we do not have men willing to take leadership roles and keep the ball moving. That said, as most of you who have taken on chairmanships know, you live the event night and day until it is completed. You hope and pray that all goes well, and you are successful with your efforts. It can be quite frustrating when a fellow Knight interjects himself into the management of an event. At the last General Meeting I addressed this issue but it is worth another mention. Please do not jump into an event or program and take it upon yourself to change what is happening. Ideas and suggestions are great to present, and you may have a really good one, but there is a proper way to present it and it is not during the event! Please be forthcoming when you see a need, or you have come up with what you feel is a better way to execute a task. There are two Council meetings per month, and this is the place to be heard. Give your Grand Knight a call and get onto the agenda, all Knights will always be heard at all Council meetings.

Finally, you have all seen the emails concerning the new swag! (Council logoed shirts and jackets) There is no better way to make the public and our fellow parishioners aware of the Knights than wearing and being seen in KC logoed clothing. There is still time to order some swag. Look up the old email or reach out and I will get an order sheet to you.

My door/phone/email is always open, reach out if I can be of service!

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." **Philippians 2:3-4**

God Bless,

Doug Hastings
Grand Knight



Council Hosts Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity:

On Sunday, January 22nd, the council hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity following 10:30am mass at St. Mary’s Church. Altogether, 3 new members and a 1st degree member achieved full Knighthood in the Order including our council’s newest member Edwards Ludde! Please congratulate Edward the next time you see him! Brother Knights from councils #1712 in Collinsville and #13216 in Glen Carbon also joined the Exemplification. Special thank you goes out to Fr. Bob Jallas for his help and participation in the Exemplification!

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Knight of the Month: Brother Knight Collin Foster

Brother Collin is one of our newest Knights. He jumped in last year and offered to reignite the Council’s “Father/Daughter Dance. We are very grateful for Brother Collin’s tenacity to take on the Chairmanship of a program with less than a year’s service within the Council. May have a Grand Knight in the making!!!!



Family of the Month

Family of the Month is awarded to Brother Dustin Riechmann Family. Dustin and his wife Bethany are active in the pro-life movement through A Beacon of Life Pregnancy Center. They attend St Mary Church where Bethany is a lecturer and Dustin is always available to help Fr Bob Jallas. Dustin is a member of the inaugural Christ Renews His Parish men’s retreat, and has been active with that group of men since 2014. Dustin is a 4th Degree Knight and serves the council on a fish fry team, as a Trustee and a member of the Fred Mills Board.



2023 Youth Free throw Championship....

The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143 recently held the local level of the competition for the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on January 14, 2023 at the St. Boniface School Gym. With friends and family members supporting them, more than 15 children participated in the competition. The following will proceed to the district-level of the competition as the local winner in their age group.

| Age Group | Name | Age Group | Name |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 9 Boys | Elijah Brown | 9 Girls | Elizabeth Worman |
| 10 Boys | Brandon Frank | 10 Girls | Vivian Dorsey |
| | | 11 Girls | Kinley Dettmers |
| 12 Boys | Sam Bradley | 12 Girls | Avery Riechmann |
| | | 13 Girls | Emerson McGaughey |
| 14 Boys | Hayden Apotheker | 14 Girls | Cate Dorsey |

Thank you to all the participants and to the following Brother Knights and their families for making this a successful event!

David Boduch, Lou Carnoali, Jim Caulk, Jeff Davis, Joe Doyle, Steve Edwards, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Floyd Frey, Doug Hastings, Jason Jones, Dustin Riechmann, Lynn Ripper, Jeff Shannon, Keith Sutorius

Marcus and Matt Agustin

Co-chairs, Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Council 1143



February Anniversaries

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

St. Boniface Church Feb. 19th 5:15 pm Mass

- 12—Brad & Audrey Bolt
- 17—Jeff & Lisa Worman
- 23—Steven & Alice Bartels
- 27—Frank & Kathy Troeckler

St Mary Church Feb. 12th 10:30 am Mass

- 2—Dennis & Ginger Hessel
- 10— Sergio & Dawn Cortes
- 22— Matt & Ellen Rakers
- 24—David & Angela Berczek

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

February Birthdays

- 1 Adam Davis
- 4 Frank Troeckler Jr
- 6 Robert Rapp
- 7 Brad Bolt
- 7 Raymond Kerkemeyer
- 8 Brian Reeves
- 9 Jeffrey Chitwood
- 9 Todd Frank
- 11 Gregg Korte

- 12 Thomas Saksa
- 13 Clifton Sachs
- 15 Thomas Dammerich
- 15 John Smith
- 17 Rev. Jeffrey Goeckner
- 19 Vincent Hess Jr
- 20 Michael Ziolkowski
- 21 Melvin Heien Jr
- 21 Christopher Taylor
- 22 Matthew Wilkinson
- 26 James Strack



Calendar of Events February 2023 ...

- Feb 3rd—Fish Fry Team #4 4:30-7:00 pm
- Feb 4th—Father Daughter Dance 6:00 pm
- Feb 7th—Learn to play Euchre 6:30 pm
- Feb 7th—4th Degree meeting 7:30 pm
- Feb 11th—Rosary for Life St. Mary Church 9:00 am

- Feb 13th—Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 15th—Blood Drive 3:00-6:00 pm
- Feb 17th—Fish Fry Team #1 4:30-7:00 pm
- Feb 18th—Charity Euchre Tournament 6:00 pm
- Feb 20th—Fred Mills Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 24th—Lenten Fish Fry Team #2 4:30-7:30 pm

NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY

February 3rd—Team #4, February 17th—Team #1 February 24th—Team #2

Lenten Season starts February 24th

K of C Fish Fry

Council 1143 has been serving up delicious fish dinners for over 40 years. Year in and year out the council has hosted a fish fry twice a month. Over the years the fish fry has been our major fund raiser and we have donated countless dollars to Catholic grade schools and many other charitable outreaches.

The fish fry is held on the first and third Friday of each month from 4:30 – 7:00pm. During Lent we have a fish fry on every Friday 4:30-7:30pm. The menu includes fried cod, catfish and shrimp, both as a sandwich or as a plate with two sides including cole slaw, potato salad, green beans, French fries, and macaroni and cheese. We also serve onion rings, hush puppies, and clam chowder.

There are four teams who work on a rotating basis. Each team is comprised of a cashier, a bartender, a kitchen crew, a fry shack crew, and a dining room crew. It takes between 18-24 members to man a fish fry. Lou Carnoali, Dennis Hessel, and Rob Savant serve as co-chairs for the Fish Fry.

Over the last few years many of the teams have lost members due to age, illness, death, and relocation out of the area. We need our new knights and old timers to step up and volunteer to serve on a team every other month for 3 hours.

With the Lent coming soon, **please consider volunteering** for the fish fry. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to join a team.

Thank you all who presently serve.

Dennis Hessel

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Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights all!

I hope this finds you well. Right around the corner, there is a fantastic event where you can enjoy a great evening of fellowship while supporting active military service members! That event is the Charity Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 18th at The Hall. Doors will open at 6:00pm with play to start at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$60 per pair of players which includes 1 beverage of choice and snacks. Tickets are available now on Eventbrite. All proceeds from this event will support the USO of Missouri at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. Grab a partner and register for this great event today!

Don't know how to play Euchre but interested in learning? Join us on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm for a fellowship dinner and a Learn To Play Euchre hour before the 4th Degree meeting.

Thank you for your support!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

To register for tournament go to link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-euchre-tournament-tickets-510230783007><https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-euchre-tournament-tickets-510230783007>

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 \$30 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.



To register for tournament go to link below

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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, February 7th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Take the next step—become a 4th Degree Knight!

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.

Rosary for Life..

Please join us the second Saturday of the month, February 11th, 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.

From Our Field Agent

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

I'm sure that we all know that the Knights of Columbus offers our members and their families exclusive access to financial products grounded in Catholic teaching. And, that we are a charitable organization that rivals all others.

We are one of the most highly rated insurance providers in North America.
And the largest Catholic lay Order in the world.

The Order was formed to render financial assistance to members and their families. And the success in this mission allows the Order to support Catholic and other charitable causes worldwide. Without the insurance program, none of this would be possible.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus showed tremendous growth.
We reached \$126 Billion of Life Insurance in-force, a record high.
We reached a record high of 382 members of the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table. This number is 35% of our entire Field Force.

We realized over \$77 Million of Life Insurance premium in 2022. This was also a record high and a 5% growth over 2021.

There were 7,743 members recruited by Agents last year. We have recently been reaffirmed A+ Superior by AM Best.

And our organization was recently named for the second consecutive year, one of "America Best Insurance Companies" by Forbes and Statista Inc.

Fraternalism and insurance are two sides of the same coin. When fraternal and insurance leaders work together, our common goals will be realized. Growth of the Order, protection of all Catholic families and increased charitable giving and volunteer hours donated to Catholic, local, national and global causes.

Vivat Jesus!

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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.

Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

The Sacrament of Marriage

The foundation of the domestic church is the sacrament of marriage. It is therefore important to reflect often on the mystery and calling of this sacrament. Also, our children may be called to become spouses and parents, so it is important to help them understand the type of love that is necessary in marriage and family life.

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Breaking Open the Theme

The sacrament of marriage is a wondrous divine mystery. As Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen liked to remind couples, it takes “three” to get married: husband, wife and God. By virtue of the sacrament of baptism, Christians no longer belong to themselves, but to Jesus Christ. As a result, when a baptized man marries a baptized woman, Christ himself is the one who gives the spouses to each other on their wedding day.

It is Christ who also receives their vows as the Church witnesses their exchange of love and blesses it in Christ’s name. This is why it is important to celebrate the sacrament of marriage in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is present and also why the Church recommends that Christian marriages take place within a Mass. Christ, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is made present in the love of the spouses. He becomes the source and unshakable guarantor of their unity as a couple. He transforms their love: “Spouses love each other with a love that is greater than themselves, in fact, with the very love that brought them into existence in the first place!”

By virtue of the great sacrament of holy matrimony, human love participates in Christ’s own sacrificial love wherein he gave up his body for sinners on the cross. To receive the graces of this sacrament fully, married couples must enter into the total self-gift of Christ on a daily basis, holding nothing back in their love of each other through prayer and sacrifice for the good of the beloved.

Meditations

From a homily by St. John Chrysostom on Mar-

riage and Family Life

How is marriage a mystery? The two have become one. This is not an empty symbol. They have not become the image of anything on earth, but of God Himself. ... They come to be made into one body. See the mystery of love! If the two do not become one, they cannot increase; they can increase only by decreasing! How great is the strength of unity!

From Pope John Paul II’s Familiaris Consortio

The Spirit which the Lord pours forth [in the sacrament of marriage] gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. ... Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.

1. Do we think of marriage differently when we remember that Christ is present in the sacrament of marriage? How does this change or challenge our personal views of love?
2. What do we think of St. John Chrysostom’s principle of Christian married love — that spouses and family “increase” by “decreasing”? How does this principle relate to the words that we hear from John the Baptist: “He must increase; I must decrease” (Jn 3:30)?

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3. Have we loved each family member by sacrificing for them as Christ has done for each of us? In what ways do each of us do this? In what ways could we be better at this?

Scripture Reading – Psalm 128

A prayer of the happy home that follows the Lord

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and who walk in his ways.
What your hands provide you will enjoy;
you will be blessed and prosper:
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your home,
Your children like young olive plants
around your table.
Just so will the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you see Jerusalem's prosperity
all the days of your life,
and live to see your children's children.
Peace upon Israel!

Family Project

Read the below nuptial prayer from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Share memories about

your wedding day with your family over a nice family meal. At this meal, have each child share one thing they appreciate about their parents' marriage. Then, each spouse should share one reason why they are grateful for their marriage and how each one sees Christ as present in their marriage.

Nuptial Blessing

Holy Father, who formed man in your image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world; O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful. ... May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel. ... Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

February 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6 | 7 Learn to Play Euchre Hour, 6:30 p.m. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Rosary for Life 9:00am St. Mary's Church |
| 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 13 General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 Blood Drive 3:00-6:30pm @ The Hall | 16 Trivia Night at The Hall 7:00pm | 17 Fish Fry Team #1 4:30-7:00 p.m. | 18 Charity Euchre Tournament 6:00 pm @ The Hall |
| 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20 Washington's Birthday / Presidents Day Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 21 | 22 Ash Wednesday | 23 | 24 Fish Fry Team #2 4:30-7:30 p.m. | 25 |
| 26 1st Sunday in Lent | 27 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 28 | Notes: | | | |