



The Outer Guard

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March 2023

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Hopefully as March, "Comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" we are done with SNOW and spring is just around the corner. With the coming of spring four of your Council officers will be preparing to attend the State Convention that will happen in Springfield, IL on April 21, 22, 23, 2023. One point of business that is handled at the convention is the presentation of resolutions. Below are the instructions for presenting such a resolution to the State Council who will then present an accepted resolution to the Supreme Council.

The Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit State Councils to submit to the Supreme Council resolutions that pertain to issues affecting the entire Order. All such resolutions should be submitted in good faith and in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity. As you prepare for your conventions, please bear in mind the principles and procedures set forth below.

The Supreme Council established the resolutions process to enable subordinate councils to: Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order; Amend the

Constitution or Laws of the Order;

Express an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters relevant to the mission and identity of the Order; Submit nominations for Supreme Director; and Offer proposals to enhance the Order's fraternal mission.

State Councils should not submit resolutions that: (1) concern monetary expenditures by the Supreme Council, such as financial grants to organizations; (2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance that are relevant only to that particular jurisdiction; (3) recognize, commend, denounce, or criticize individual persons or other organizations; (4) propose changes to administrative policies, functions, or procedures of Home Office Departments; or (5) have been rejected by delegates to the Supreme Council in recent years.

Resolutions that do not conform to these expectations and purposes may be deemed out of order, in which case they would not be published to the Supreme Council and would not be considered by the delegates.

Now I know what you are thinking, why in the world is our Grand Knight bringing this up??? Over my tenure as your Grand Knight a few Knights have approached me with concerns about our Order. Truthfully on those occasions I was a bit amiss about how best to move forward. I was not aware of the Resolution process or that venue for addressing such issues and concerns. A recent email from the State shined some light on how I should have tried to aid my fellow Knights and their concerns. Within that email was the information I have presented above.

If there is a subject that you feel strongly about concerning our Order this is your opportunity to speak about that concern or issue. There is a procedure to be followed as listed above that will bring your concern or issue to the folks who can have it addressed.

If you intend to avail yourself to this process, please think your resolution through, write it up using the above listed method and get it into me. I will add it to the agenda for the February Officer's meeting or the March General Council Meeting. Please note any resolution that you would like your Council to present MUST be sent to the State Council by March 15, 2023.

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Grand Knight continued...

Changing the subject!

As you read in February’s Grand Knights message, I spoke of the need to have a full slate of officers and program chairs for the upcoming elections in June. I have failed miserably at attaining this slate. Please review my February message, say a prayer for God’s guidance and give some serious thought to how you can serve your Council in the upcoming new Fraternal Year. I know this is quite a leap of faith and concern for “personal time”! Time is the most precious gift we have

to offer, and your Council needs that gift. There are four Officer positions I still need candidates: Chancellor, Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, and Marshall. Descriptions of these Officers’ duties were also listed in last month’s message. PLEASE review those descriptions and see if you could fill one of these needed seats!!! Again, save me a call!

That’s all I have for this month! Thanks to all of you for all you do to keep this Council moving forward!

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your

freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5:13-14

God Bless,

Doug Hastings
Grand Knight

NEXT LENTEN FISH FRY

Lenten Fish Fry is from 4:30pm—7:30 pm please try to be there by 4:30 when we open our doors

- March 3 Team #3
- March 10th Team #4
- March 17th Team #1
- March 24th Team #2
- March 31st Team # 3
- Good Friday April 7th Team #4

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Sir Brother Knight Lynn Ripper

Sir Brother Knight Lynn Ripper is a Past Grand Knight, Past Deputy Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, is presently serving as the Advocate for the Council and Admiral for the Assembly. Lynn ramrods the Council’s Blood Drives and is the Treasurer of the Fred Mills Club. The past month’s Blood Drive was once again a complete success. Lynn has also put in many hours revamping the financial tracking and reporting of the finances of the Fred Mills Club. For all his dedication to this Council, the Assembly, and the FMC we honor Sir Brother Lynn as the Council’s March 2023 Knight of the Month



Family of the Month

Family of the Month is awarded to Edward and Barb Leardi Family from St. Boniface Parish. There is not a St. Boniface event/mass/happening that does not have the assistance of Barb & Ed or one of there family members. The Leardi’s great gift to the St. Boniface Family is the sharing of their time and talent. When our God said help others, the Leardi’s took that command to heart.



Rosary for Life..

Please join us the second Saturday of the month, March 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.

December Anniversaries

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

St Mary Church March 11 th 5:00 pm Mass

1—Jerry & Stephanie Kapp

18—Edward & Jeane Collins

31—Robert & Colleen Nelson

St. Boniface Church March 11 th 4:15 pm Mass

23 - Gary & Helen Newton

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

March Birthdays

- 1 Christopher Bray
- 3 Sergio Cortes
- 3 Andrew Wasser
- 5 Matt Rakers
- 5 Peter Galinski
- 7 Gregory Goin
- 7 William Beutel
- 8 Michael Sullivan
- 9 Tom Johnson
- 9 Zachary Lunt
- 11 Charles Berkel
- 11 William Stullken
- 13 Donald Lask

- 17 Dr. Michael Lask
- 20 David Berczek
- 20 Christopher Amick
- 22 Dr. Nathan Vuagniaux
- 24 Dale Coleman
- 25 Dennis Hessel
- 25 Ralph Kostyshock
- 27 Michael Hines
- 27 Luke Piarowski
- 27 James Kohlfeld
- 28 Greg Frese
- 28 Jeffrey Wiedman
- 31 Jay Kohlmiller
- 31 Jeremy Wildhaber



Calendar of Events March 2023

- 1—Holy Hour of Prayer St Boniface Chapel 5:30 pm
- 2 - Trivia Night at the Hall 7:00 pm
- 3 - Fish Fry Team # 3 4:30—7:30 pm
- 5—Fred Mills BBQ 11:30—5:00
- 7—4th Degree Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10—Fish Fry Team #4 4:30-7:30 pm
- 11—Rosary for Life 9:00 am St Mary Church
- 13—Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16—Trivia Night at the Hall 7:00 pm
- 17—Fish Fry Team #1 4:30—7:30

- 18—FMCHS Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8-10 am at Hall
- 18—Highway Cleanup 9 am at the Hall
- 18—Kiss Me I’m Irish Show 6:30 pm at the Hall
- 20—Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hall
- 24— Fish Fry Team #2 4:30-7:30 pm
- 25—40 Days for Life Day at Hope Clinic Granite City 7:00– 7:00
- 27—Officer Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hall
- 31 -Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:30 pm

JOIN THE KNIGHTS!

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Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Hello Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights all!

I want to sincerely thank all those who supported the Charity Euchre Tournament last month! All proceeds will support the USO of Missouri over at Lambert International Airport. Missed out on the euchre tournament? Stay tuned as we look to host another tournament later this Spring!

As we begin our journey through Lent, many of us select a Lenten goal to challenge us either physically, mentally, or spiritually. Perhaps you chose to give up sweets, exercise more, or focus more on one's prayer life. One way you can challenge your-

self spiritually is to answer the call to volunteer with your Council or Assembly! Whether it's attending a Holy Hour of prayer, working a fish fry, or peacefully praying for Life in front of Hope Clinic in Granite City, you are putting your Faith into Action! Now more than ever, our parishes and communities need Knights to step into the Breach and be a force for good!

On behalf of the officers of Assembly #0225, I wish you and your families a prayerful Lenten journey.

God Bless,

Ryan Fitzpatrick,

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.

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

February 18th Prayer Service with the Icon of St. Joseph

Douglas Hasting GK (I) and Deacon Dan Corbett® lead prayers and scripture read-



Volunteers Wanted for FMCHS Men's Prayer Breakfast

Brother Knights! We are looking for a few volunteers to support the upcoming FMCHS Men's Prayer breakfast on Saturday, March 18th at The Hall. Our objective is to prepare a delicious meal for the program. Please use the sign-up genius link below to sign up for a slot today! Thank you for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4CA9AB28A0F9C70-fmchs>



FATHER MCGIVNEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

MEN'S PRAYER Breakfast



GUEST SPEAKERS!

FOR MEN, YOUNG MEN, DADS, SONS, GRANDFATHERS, & GRANDSONS.

BENEFITS: THE GRIFFIN GUARD

TOPIC: "SPIRITUAL FATHERS"

GUEST SPEAKERS:
FR. MICHAEL TRUMMER &
FR. CHRISTOPHER TRUMMER

\$20 PER PERSON | RSVP BY MARCH 7TH



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From Our Field Agent

Council Growth

I am sure as members of the Knights of Columbus we all know the best way to recruit a Catholic Gentlemen into our Order. Just Ask Him!

This month I would like to give you just a few tools that you can use to get that prospective member to join us.

E-Membership has been around for a few years now and it has had tremendous success in helping us grow the Order.

You or the prospective member can scan a QR code or go to [kofc/joinus](#) on a mobile device and in less than four minutes he is a member. Then the new member can attend an Exemplification and join our Council—simple. And, by the way, his first years dues are free. Everyone likes free right?

I personally have started to use a card with a QR code, my contact information and my agent referral code. I have provided a copy of this card in this addition of the Outer Guard.

Another tool that we can use to recruit new members are our Fraternal Benefit Night Webinars. The Knights are pleased to bring nationally recognized speakers to present

on financial services such as life insurance, retirement and more.

Our next webinar will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7pm featuring Ed Slott who will be presenting, "Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning."

There will be three more virtual events in the coming months. Stay Tuned!

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have an opportunity to help protect your family's financial security while working with an organization that shares your faith.

Vivat Jesus!



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Kiss Me I'm Irish 2023

Come join us for an Irish "Ceilidh" (Gaelic for "Party")



Saturday, March 18th
Knights of Columbus Hall
7132 Marine Road
Edwardsville, Illinois



Doors open at 6:00 PM, Entertainment begins at 7:00 PM

For a modest donation of \$10.00 you'll be entitled to join in all of the fun and merriment including:

- ✓ Music and mirth by the Not Ready for Diocese Players!
- ✓ Food, including an "Irish Potato Bar" and various other snacks and sweets!
- * A cash bar will be available to address all of your libation needs! *

Tickets are available at weekend Masses or by contacting the St. Boniface parish office, 100 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville, IL
(618) 656-6450



Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, presents Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning

Ed Slott, CPA

is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality & best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and distribution planning information.



You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2023. Register today to reserve your spot.

March 7, 2023

Date

7:00 PM CST

Time/Time Zone

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSlottMarch7>

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Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

Family Difficulties

All families face difficulties. At such critical moments, it is important to learn how to suffer well and to suffer together with Christ. Suffering, if given to the Lord, can bring families closer together and strengthen their love.

March 2023



Breaking Open the Theme

Catholic families today face many challenges in the very real and normal frustrations of marriage and family life. The world tells families that they can simply walk away from such situations and choose whatever lifestyle or solution makes them feel happy as individuals. However, this escapism is not the Christian way.

As St. John Paul II often reminded people, the Christian way of suffering begins with hope and the firm conviction that “God’s strength is always far more powerful than your difficulties.” Relying on God’s strength, families should not be fearful to recognize their struggles together and bring them before the Lord in prayer. Although they may not experience instant relief or be given a solution to fix the problem they are facing, the Lord will help them carry their crosses to the very end, providing comfort and healing along the way.

After taking these first steps, families need to remember that they must constantly undergo conversion and healing. They cannot stop talking about their daily concerns or problems; by doing so they run the risk of weakening their relationships. Open conversation unites family members and may lead them to discover the source of their pain and struggles. In particular, it may bring up issues that the family is struggling to express or even unbury deep concerns. It may be painful to face problems, especially those that have no easy solution, but families must do so with honesty and love.

If families start with these first few steps, their wounds can be transformed into points of intimacy with God. Suffering need not be only negative; through faith it can be transformed into great love. It is this miracle of transforming suffering into joy that is at the heart of Christian salvation.

Meditation

From Pope John Paul II’s Familiaris Consortio

There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of “reconciliation,” that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one Body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: “that they may be one.”

1. What are our family’s struggles? How might we work together as a family to heal these areas of hurt or confusion, without fleeing from challenges, shutting anyone out or giving in to despair?

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While Strengthening Our Parish

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2. What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? How does this perspective transform the way we approach suffering together as a family?

3. How can we as a family better rely on God's strength in times of difficulty? In what ways can we allow Christ's love to make our suffering fruitful and deepen our love?

Scripture Reading — Psalm 34:5-11

A prayer for those who suffer to trust in the Lord

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him and be radiant,
and your faces may not blush for shame.
This poor one cried out and the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and he saves them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in
him.

Fear the LORD, you his holy ones;
nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
The rich grow poor and go hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good
thing.

Family Project

Ask each family member to think about one difficulty in the family and to pray for it every day. At the end of the month, share your prayer intentions and experiences

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19 4th Sunday in Lent	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25 40 Days for Life Day @ Hope Clinic, Granite City 7:00am to 7:00pm
26 5th Sunday in Lent	27 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31 Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Notes: