

# The Outer Guard

# Knights of Columbus #1143

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May 2023

## Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Here we go again!!!!

Once I get going with this month's message, I know there will be some "eye rolling" and the thought that your Grand Knight is beating a dead horse, but I must keep at this! Here is that "four letter word", MEMBERSHIP. I have just returned from this year's Illinois KC State Convention, where there was great backslapping for the positive efforts across that state to increase our membership rolls. numbers reported at the convention for membership were quite impressive across the board. Many, many, many, councils demonstrated 125% or better growth. The top council in the state had exceeded 300%! I sat there shaking my head wondering how in the heck that kind of success was possible.

The only thing I believe will work with this effort of gaining new members is personal contact with fellow Catholic men and directly inviting them to join our ranks. Thus far this Fraternal Year I have miserably failed at this effort. Maybe, "a white haired, balding old man" is not the image the young Catholic men of our two parishes are looking for. They may appreciate someone who looks like them when an invitation is being offered.

Obviously, I need your help and I truly believe we still have time to close the membership gap. All you Brother Knights who are YOUNGER than I am, please step into the breach and reach

out to someone you know at St. B. or St. M. and ask your acquaintance or buddy to become a Knight of Columbus. The lack of 9 new members is all the is keeping our Council from being have received, how much money we awarded "Star Council" status! Please take this to heart and within the next week reach out to someone and make the "ASK"!

Now that I have whipped the younger Knights, I am looking for a "switch" to spank all of us older Knights. There is no top age cutoff for being a Knight. I will gladly Exemplify an 80+ Catholic man! Now, I can hear the excuse already, "Oh I'm too old to work a Fish Fry!" Well, to these "Old Farts" I would say this, "Our Council has many events that does not require physical exertion! You are NEVER too old to pray, and this Council has many opportunities to speak to our Lord and Savior." All you "Old Farts" in 1143 (I include myself in this demographic) can put get some skin into this game. Ask your card playing buddy, your golf buddy, your drinking buddy to take the plunge and join you as a new member to our order. Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and Brotherhood have no age limit!

All the other work has been done, the hard work has been accomplished, programming for this FY is nearly put to bed! Please, let's all of us jump hard into this effort and secure a "Star Council Award" for this Fraternal Year. Membership is the only goal holding us back.

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." Mother Teresa

Be proud my Brothers, this is what Knights do!!!! Let's go out and get some more Catholic men to do the same!

God Bless,

**Doug Hastings Grand Knight** 

#### From the 2023 State Convention



L-R: Doug Hastings -Grand Knight, Ryan Fitzpatrick,-Faithful Navigator and District Deputy. Vern Zurliene-Treasurer, Jeff Davis - Financial Secretary, Michael Sullivan - Field Agent, Jerry Kapp—PGK and PFN and PDD display our "Illinois In Action Silver Award" for the work our Council achieves in the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.

## From Death into Life .....

Pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased Brother Knights Thomas Berry and Michael Long. May their souls and all of the souls of the faithfully departed Rest in the Peace of Christ. Amen..

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

## Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Sir Brother Joe Marti.

Joe serves as our Inside Guard. He works in the fry shack on Fish Fry Team 4. He always helps with Highway Cleanup and most other projects. His is also co-chair for the upcoming GLO Bingo Fund Raiser for a Knight in need.



## Family of the Month

Family of the Month for May 2023 will be the Joel and Natasha Noronha Family from St. Mary's.

Joel, Natasha, Sebastian, and Veronica attend St. Mary Church and are all very active in various duties in the parish. Joel serves on the Building and Grounds Committee and is always working on something around the grounds. Natasha is a Lecturer and Sebastian is often a server.



May Anniversaries  A mass is offered each month for those couples celebrating their anniversary during the month.  St. Boniface Church May 11th 6:45 pm Mass	27 Floyd & Mary Ann Frey 27 Randall & Lisa Dunn 28 James & Deborah Caulk 28 Keith & Barbara Sutorius
1 John & Judy Baker 7 Matthew & Amy Luchtefeld 16 James & Denise Otwell 18 David & Jamie Schwab 19 Nathan & Sarah Kreke 20 Jeffery & Ashley Chitwood 20 Steven & Whitney Calcott 22 W. Edward & Joan Rodney 22 Daniel & Julie Sullivan 23 Jack & Gail Miller 24 David & Elizabeth Knetzer 24 Martin & Kit Morrissey 25 Anthony & Alice Garavalia	St Mary Church May 29th 10:30 am Mass  11 Beau & Elizabeth Moody 17 Mark & Lisa Mancewicz 17 Andrew & Amanda Hessel 20 James & Michelle Hattrup 23 Roy & Darlene Stalhut 27 Joel & Natasha Noronha 28 Donald & Janice Eveker 28 Joseph & Mary Gierer

	May Birthdays	14 14	Daniel Sullivan Austin Strieker
4	David Scheibal	15	Tobias Heddinghaus
4	Jeffrey Wehling	-5 15	Michael Klopmeier
5	Marcus Agustin	17	Richard Coolbaugh
6	Michael Hertz	21	Kenneth Jonff
7	James Hengehold	21	Clyde Nosser
7	James Hattrup	22	Scott Garman
8	Robert Hotz	24	Donald Eveker
10	John Coulton	24	Greg Hartnagel
10	Andrew Helbling	24	Jeffrey Wittek
12	Floyd Mezo	29	Ryan Matthews
12	David Troeckler	29	Peter Mihelcic
13	Bryan Dunnill		BIRTHDAY

<b>1</b> 2 - Assembly 225 Meeting, 7:30pm at the Hall.	22—Officer's Meeting 7:00pm at the Hall.
5– Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 pm at the Hall Team #2	27— Place Flags at both Cemeteries Time to be deter-
7— Fred Mills BBQ 11:00am to 5:00pm at the Hall.	mined.
■ 8 – General Council Meeting 7:00pm at the Hall.	29— 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard St. Boniface Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery 9:00am

19—Fish Fry 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Hall. Team #3

13— Rosary for Life @ Granite City Abortion Mill 9:00am on the curb.

30— 4<sup>th</sup> Degree June Meeting and Elections 7:30pm at the Hall.

15— Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hall.

Calendar of Events May 2023

## MAY FISH FRY 4:30-7:00pm

May 5th Team #2 and May 19th Team #3

## 4th Degree News Assembly 225



## Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Sir Knights and Brother Knights All,

Last month, the Southern District of Illinois hosted a live Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in Benld, IL. This is only the second live Exemplification conducted since COVID. It was a phenomenal day! In total, 20 Brother Knights were exemplified to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree and were accompanied by at least 25 Sir Knights in attendance! 1 Brother Knight from our council stepped into the Breach and joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Please congratulate SK Floyd Frey in joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree next time you see him! Our Assembly was well represented as PFN Lynn Ripper, FC Lou Carnoali and I attended the exemplification. I invite all Brother Knights of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to seriously consider joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, the Patriotic

Degree of the order! I anticipate there will be more live Exemplifications later this year. Please reach out to me to learn more about the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree!

As we look to May, the Assembly will be busy with great programs. The highlight of May will be the placing of flags at both Parish Cemeteries on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 9:00am at St. Boniface Cemetery and then wrap up at St. Mary's Cemetery. Then, (weather pending) please join us for the Memorial Day Mass at 9:00am at St. Boniface Cemetery. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

God Bless,

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

## 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.

## **Honor Guard Requests:**

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at FMCHS Mass and Graduation Ceremony. Assemble at 9:40am with mass to follow at 10:00am. Bishop Paprocki will be presiding with the Graduation Ceremony to follow.

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass at St. Boniface Cemetery. Assemble at 8:40am with mass to follow at 9:00am. If there is inclement weather, mass will be held at St. Boniface Parish.

#### Rosary for Life..

Please join us the second Saturday of the month, to pray the Most Holy Rosary of our Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to abortion. We will meet at the Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City 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.



Honor Guard for Corporate Communion Mass L-R: Doug Hastings, Lou Carnoali, Jerry Kapp, Lynn Ripper, Ryan Fitzpatrick, and Fr. Trummer.

Welcome Knights Mike McDonald and Ben Wilson.

After the recent Corporate Communion, Council1143 held a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree Exemplification. Picture at the right is the Exemplification team and new members. L-R: Fr. Trummer, Vern Zurliene, Doug Hastings, Mike McDonald, Lynn Ripper, Jerry Kapp, Ben Wilson, Michael Sullivan, Ryan Fitzpatrick Lou Carnoali Marcus Agustin Jason Jones, and Deacon Dan Corbett.





Floyd Frey became a 4th Degree Knight at the Benld Exemplification April 15th. Pictured L-R: Ryan Fitzpatrick—Faithful Navigator, Lou Carnoali—Comptroller, Sir Knight Floyd Frey, and Lynn Ripper past Faithful Navigator and Admiral.

## From Our Field Agent

Congratulations!

This month I would like to thank all the Brother Knights and Brother Sir Knights and their families in the Council for your support of our Insurance Program. And, according to the surveys that were completed from our last Fraternal Benefit Webinar; Council 1143 has achieved the Founders' or Insurance Award, for this Fraternal Year, Congratulations!

Many companies offer Life Insurance, Retirement Annuities, Disability Income and Long-Term Care Insurance, like us.

Many companies can boast about their financial strength,

## JOIN THE KNIGHTS!

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their industry ratings, their size and their reach, one of the largest books of Life Insurance in the industry, and a long history of strong ratings and industry accolades, like us. But only one company can combine products and pedigree with a unique Catholic purpose. Only one company can transform the act of purchasing a financial product into a statement of faith and fraternalism. And that company is the Knights of Columbus.

If you missed the last Fraternal Benefit Webinar, we will be welcoming Tom Hegna again on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM

CDT. Tom will be presenting "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." Registration information will be available soon.
When was the last time you reviewed your insurance coverage?

Give me a call!

Vivat Jesus!



## 24 HOURS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

No man is too busy to be <u>an active</u> 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.
- $\diamond~$  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 Hope

Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our family wants to promote hope and the life-giving spirit that flows from it to our families.

May 2023



## **Breaking Open the Theme**

Christian hope is faith in the redemption of Jesus Christ that enables mankind to face the present, even when there are many problems. "The dark door of time, of the future, has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life." But how exactly do such hopeful people live differently?

Hopeful people do not get weighed down by pessimism. They choose to counter discouragement by accepting the love of Christ every day through a robust prayer life. They believe "all things are possible" with God (Mt 19:26). They lovingly help their family and friends, realizing that life in its fullness consists in "being for others" even when the other is not affirming or loving in return.

Hope is born through encounters of love that present a life-giving spirit to our families. Families participate in the life-giving spirit of God through raising children, work, mission, generosity, tenderness and other acts of love. A hopeful family helps each person realize that they live "in the world for a purpose — to receive God's love ourselves and to show God's love to others. God seeks to heal a broken universe. He asks us to be his witnesses and helpers in that work."

#### Meditation

From Pope Benedict XVI's Spe Salvi

Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" — the true life which, whole and

unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live."

- 1. How would our family life be different if we did not love at all? How would this affect our sense of hope?
- 2. In what ways has the Catholic faith and God's love shown us how to love? In what way does the faith shape our hopes?
- 3. Why is having a relationship with God so important to really "living" and "hoping"?

#### Scripture Readings — Psalm 139:13-18

A prayer to the all-knowing and ever-present God

You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works!
My very self you know.
My bones are not hidden from you,
When I was being made in secret,
fashioned in the depths of the earth.

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# **Building the Domestic Church**

While Strengthening Our Parish
The Family Fully Alive



Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands:

when I complete them, still you are with me.

#### Family Project

Ask each person to choose something "impossible" to pray for this month, and choose one person in your family to pray for every day

during the month. Also, to celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, discuss times in your family's life when you grew together in faith or love. Discuss moments of your relationship, courtship, engagement and wedding celebrations that helped you grow as a couple. Share stories of your children's births, and discuss the gift that each of their lives has been to your family. Gather photos or various mementos of these events for a scrapbook or memory box that your family can cherish, or consider compiling them into a slideshow that can be shared with relatives.

## Committee Members Wanted!

Brother Knights! Planning is underway for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Scramble. The scramble will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Oak Brook Golf Club. We are looking to grow our committee members to help with adding sponsors, fielding teams, and other behind the scenes preparations. This event is one the council's largest single day fundraisers behind the Lenten fish fries.

Please contact me at rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com to learn how you can help make this 25<sup>th</sup> year a success. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Ryan Fitzpatrick



Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble

Entry Form (Or Use OR Code below to register online!)

	code below to register offilite.)	
Team Captain:	Email:	
Company Name (If Sponsoring Hole):		
Address:		
Phone:		
Player 2:		
Player 3:		
Player 4:		

Tournament limited to first 36 teams

More Info Contact: Ryan Fitzpatrick at 513-582-6698 or rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com e checks payable to: Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	-	<b>2</b> 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	ဇ	4	<b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo Fish Fry Team #2 4:30-7:00 p.m.	9
7 5th Sunday in Easter Fred Mills Club BBQ 11:30am to 5:00pm	<b>8</b> General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	10	11	12	<b>13</b> Rosary for Life 9:00 a.m. Hope Clinic, Granite City
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18	<b>19</b> Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>21</b> 7th Sunday in Easter Honor Guard Request FMCHS Graduation 10:00am @ FMCHS Gym	Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26	<b>27</b> Place Flags at Cemeteries Start at St. Boniface, 9:00am
<u>78</u>	Memorial Day Honor Guard Request Memorial Day Mass 9:00am, St. Boniface Cemetery *Weather permitting*	<b>30</b> 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	Notes:		