



The Outer Guard

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January 2024

Grand Knight's Letter

Happy New Year Brother Knights!

As we reach the end of the Christmas Season, we customarily look back on the last 12 months and reflect on what we have achieved and what we hope to achieve in the upcoming year. Our Council has done wonderful works throughout the past year and you all should enjoy a moment to look back with pride on the effort and hard work you have given to support the Council in the past year. We look forward with anticipation to the coming year and the challenges it presents!

I am personally grateful to all of you who have given me encouragement and assistance in my role as Grand Knight. I hope you are patient as I "learn the ropes". Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or complaints about my services as

Grand Knight. I appreciate the feedback from all of you and would welcome any compliment as well as criticism.

Growing up in West Frankfort, Illinois (about 90 miles south of here), I had a friend who was part of a large family who lived across the street from our church. His family would host a post-Midnight Mass gathering every year where his mother would serve all sorts of Italian delights and his father would hold court in the family room and give his views of the world. His father always had a smile on his face. I asked him one day why he acted as if it were Christmas and he smiled at me and said "David, every day is Christmas!".

When does Christmas end? Some say December 25. Some view the

Octave of Christmas from December 25 to January 1 as the Christmas season. The 12 days of Christmas last to the Epiphany of the Lord on January 7. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops ends the liturgical year and the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, sometimes referred to as Candlemas, is on February 2.

Regardless of when the Christmas season ends, let us all try to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year as we strive to serve the Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

David Green
Grand Knight

2024 Membership Dues

The annual membership dues are due January 1, 2024. You should have received an email invoice for your dues by now. Annual dues is \$40.00. Half of this money goes to the Supreme Office to fund the operation of the Order and the other half stays with our council to help cover operational costs and for charity. If you didn't receive the invoice please send you check to Knights of Columbus 7132 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Grand Knight Installed

A special election for three officers was held at the December Council meeting. L. David Green (pictured right) was elected to serve as Grand Knight, Marcus Agustin was elected as Deputy Gran Knight , and Chuck Burcham was elected as Chancellor. The new officers were installed after the elections by District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick.

When you see them, thank them for leading our council and step up an assist them however you can.



Postponed Columbus Day Banquet....

Our Council will celebrate its annual Awards Banquet (also known as a belated Columbus Day Banquet!) with a Corporate Communion and Banquet on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Members and their families are invited to gather at the 5:15pm Mass at St. Boniface, during which we will receive Holy Communion as a body.

Following Holy Mass at St. Boniface, please join your Brother Knights and their ladies for cocktails in the lounge, beginning at 6:30pm. Dinner will follow at 7:00pm.

Our banquet will be catered by Cygan Delaney Catering from Highland and will feature ham, turkey, tossed salad, their renowned cheese tortellini, garlic au gratin potatoes, green beans, and cheesecake.

Please return the registration form below with a check made payable to the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus no later than **January 3, 2024**. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 618-604-7928 or email me at ldg@knappohlgreen.com

Columbus Day Banquet Reservation Form

Please reserve _____ dinner(s) @ \$23.00 each for

Enclosed is \$ _____ Number of Mass attendees: _____

Send form and check payable to Edwardsville Knights of Columbus to:

David Green, 7411 Creek Ridge Lane, Edwardsville, IL 62025,

Or hand to the bartender at the Hall by **Jan. 3, 2024**.

Distribution of Holy Family Prayer Cards. THIS WEEKEND

The Council will distribute Holy Family Prayer cards after all the masses at St. Boniface and St. Mary. There will be a box of prayer cards located in the entrance of St. Boniface and at the usher's area at St. Mary's for distribution at this weekend's Masses. If you are attending Mass this weekend (the regular weekend Masses as well as the Masses for New Year's) please help with the distribution of the Prayer Cards. If you won't be at Mass, I would appreciate it if you could reach out to those Brothers who will be attending one of the Masses and ask if they can help with the distribution of the Prayer Cards (or let me know the names of those Brothers and I will reach out to them).

Please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate your help.

Happy New Year and God Bless!

GK David Green

January Anniversaries

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

- 5 Christopher & Steffany Chleboun
- 7 Jay & Kristina Kohlmiller
- 8 Luke & Amber Harris

- 14 David & Robin Troeckler
- 22 Martin & Paula Manny
- 29 Jason & Lindsey Jones

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

January Birthdays

- 1 Edward A Akers II
- 1 Daniel J Coan
- 1 Lawrence A Luebbers
- 1 Gary V Newton
- 4 James J Zupanci
- 5 Kurt L Hylla
- 5 Troy D Van Hauen
- 10 Daniel J Johnson
- 11 Stephen L Edwards
- 12 Nathan B Dammerich
- 15 Jeffrey A Suzewits
- 17 Dale E Frank
- 17 Eugene L Vallino

- 18 Timothy S Hogan
- 18 Peter Russo
- 20 Paul A Jenkins Jr
- 21 James M Jatcko
- 21 Robert M Lewis
- 21 Paul T Murphy
- 21 Kent M Trebing
- 22 Andrew J Hessel
- 22 Cavan P McIntyre
- 24 Gerald V Kienstra
- 26 Anthony D Ambuel
- 26 Bro Nathaniel Szidik, OSB
- 27 Joseph F Marti
- 28 Bradley Allen Brewer
- 28 Paul R Yates



NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY

January 19th , Team #3

Calendar of Events January 2024

- Jan 1—Distribute Holy Family Prayer cards after all masses
- Jan 2—4th Degree Assembly Meeting 7:30 pm
- Jan 6—Winter District Deputy Meeting 9:00 am Greenville All are we;come
- Jan 8—Council Meeting 7:00 meal before meeting
- Jan 10—Holy Hour 5:30-6:30 pm St Boniface Adoration Chapel

- Jan 13—Rosary for Life 9:00 am St Mary Church
- Jan 13—Free Throw Contest 8:00 am St Boniface Gym
- Jan 15—Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 19—Fish Fry Team 3 4:30-7:00 pm
- Jan 21—Corporate Communion 5:15 pm Mass St. Boniface
- Jan 21— Columbus Day awards Banquet 6:00 pm
- Jan 22—Officer Meeting 7:00pm

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest....

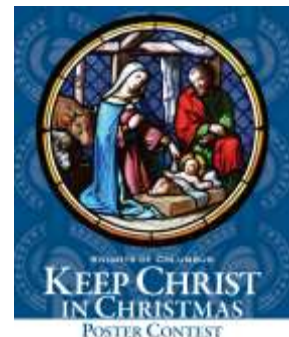
At the December Council meeting the members judged the 2023 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. The were over 14 entries covering the 5th—8th grades. Thank you to all that participated and congratulations to the following winners:

5th grade—Lucy Lavelle

7th grade—Alana Rose

6th grade—Zoey Wykoff

8th grade—Paige Hess



Children's Christmas Shopping Spree...

The 2023 KC Christmas Shopping Spree on December 9th was a success. Many thanks to Don Brunworth for having such a sound foundation on which to stand. As rookie Co-Chairs, Kyle Jackson and Ken Lanter would like to heartily thank everyone who contributed their time, talents and treasure. We could not have been successful without each and everyone one of you. We learned quite a few things (get gift bags, new scotch tape etc., need to better organize check-in) and adapted to changes (no break room access at Walmart) so we appreciate everyone's understanding. Walmart generously dedicated a check-out lane, 3 dozen donuts, a case of bottled water and a \$50 Gift Card for Supplies. Laura, Don's long term contact at Walmart, took really good care of us. She and her Team reflected that the people in an organization make all of the difference.

We helped make Christmas brighter for 11 children and their families. We spent just over \$3,300 in total which allowed us to fulfill all of their wish lists. All the smiles said it all - ours and the kids. A special thanks to the chaperones and team who helped set up The Hall and provided festive music, food and drink:

- Lou Carnoali
 - M/M David Green
 - Lynn Ripper
 - Joe Marti
 - Steve Edwards
 - M/M Joe Gierer & Sons
 - M/M Cliff Sachs
 - Dave Boduch
 - Catherine Jackson (Kyle's wife)
 - Rhonda Burcham
 - M/M Andy Kraus & Family
 - M/M Matt Brooks
- plus 6 Father McGivney student volunteers .

In closing, your donations and support of helping children and their families have a brighter Christmas brightly reflects our Charity Pillar in the Community.

Kyle Jackson and Ken Lanter



4th Degree News Assembly 225



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Hello Brothers,

Is everyone like me at the present, all worn out from the Holidays? I hope you and yours had a wonderful Christmas season filled with joy and wonder. I also hope all hangovers are cured from the New Year Eve celebrations! God love tequila, I know I do!!!!

The first thing I think when someone mentions the New Year is what "NEW" is coming down the track in 2024? For Katie and me, we will begin our New Year on the road traveling, still checking off National Parks from our bucket list. I always enjoy visiting some place new. I hope all of you are looking for what will be "new" for you and yours in 2024!

As for our Assembly, what will be "new" for it? As your Faithful Navigator I hope the "new" will be an increase in our ranks! If you have been listening to our Council leaders when they speak of new membership, the "call to arms" is to use the personal touch. The prescribed approach is to reach out to someone "one-on-one" and invite him to join the Knights. I believe the same thing is true for all of us in the 4th Degree. We need to grab a Third Degree by the hand and invite them to join our Assembly. That is my "New Year's Wish" that all of us in this Assembly find a moment to approach a friend in

the Council and invite them into the 4th Degree. Thank you all in advance for taking on this task!

What's happening in the Assembly this month? Currently I am only aware of two events. Our General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday Jan. 2nd, 2024, at 7:30pm at the Hall. Event 2 will be a ***Euchre Card Tournament*** in support of the St. Louis USO on Friday Jan. 26th at the Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm, cards to be dealt at 7:00pm. Our WDD and Past Faithful Navigator Ryan Fitzpatrick is leading this charge! Be on the lookout for information and please gather some friends and sign-up to play. We are the Patriotic Degree, what better support can we offer than to aid our Military with support of their USO! More information to come!

That's all I have for now, keep an eye out for emails both from me and the Council! Let's have a happy, safe, and blessed 2024!

"Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him....."

Exodus 2:20

God Bless,

Doug Hastings

Faithful Navigator Assembly 225

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.

Happy New Year

As we enter into 2024 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.

May you and your family have a Happy New Year and a Blessed and Prosperous 2024.

From Our Field Agent

BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE

The most destructive habit Worry
The greatest joy Giving
The greatest loss Loss of Self-respect
The most satisfying work Helping Others
The ugliest personality trait Selfishness
The greatest “shot in the arm” Encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome Fear
The most effective sleeping pill Peace of Mind
The most crippling failure disease Excuses
The most powerful force in life Love
The most dangerous act A Gossip
The world’s most incredible computer The Brain
The worst thing to be without Hope
The deadliest weapon The Tongue
The two most power-filled words ”I Can”
The greatest asset Faith
The most worthless emotion Self-pity
The most beautiful attire Smile!

The most prized possession Integrity
The most powerful channel of communication Prayer
The most contagious spirit Enthusiasm

Life ends, when you stop DREAMING. HOPE ends, when you stop BELIEVING.

LOVE ends, when you stop CARING. So, please share this BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE.

FRIENDSHIP ends when you stop SHARING.

Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!



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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.

Building the Domestic Church

While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

Family Prayer



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.

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. — 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.

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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.