



# The Outer Guard

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### March 2024

### Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights!

We are well into the heart of the Lenten Season as we head into March. It feels more like we're approaching the Solemnity of Corpus Christi rather than Lent as I write this-79 degrees outside!

I hope you didn't give up volunteering for Council 1143 for Lent because we have plenty of opportunities coming up this month.

Our Friday fish fries are a booming success with a large number of people attending every week. We are in need of help with the March 29 fish fry as a number of workers on Team #2 will be out of town. Please contact one of the Team #2 captains if you can help

out-Steve Haarrmann 618-656-6760 (fry shack), Ryan Grotefendt 618-570-0135 (Kitchen) or Scott Garman 618-779-6504 (Dining Room).

Our Council is responsible for the March 21 Forty Days For Life at the Hope Clinic in Granite City from 7:00am to 7:00 pm. We need to fill all the one hour time slots. I can't stress enough how important this ministry is. If you can attend one of the hour slots praying the Rosary at the Hope Clinic on March 21, please contact Tom Tucker by texting him at 618-741-8930 or e-mail at [thtucker5@yahoo.com](mailto:thtucker5@yahoo.com).

We are having a tree trimming and general clean up at the Hall on

March 9 starting at 9:00am. The more workers we have the faster the work will go. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Paul Fuller at 618-781-4335 if you can help.

These are just a few of the opportunities available to serve God and our community. We'll be discussing more events coming up at our Council Meeting on March 11, including our Membership Drive the weekend of April 6-7. Hope to see you there!

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.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE—AUTOMATED DUES PAYMENTS

If you pay your dues by using one of the popular bill payment systems, please confirm that the address the check goes to is—Edwardsville Knights of Columbus, 7132 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Some of the payments are still being mailed to the previous Financial Secretary's home. Thank You

### March Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Jerome & Stephanie Kapp  | 30 Thomas & Cindy Orscheln |
| 1 Joseph & Diane Gassiraro | 31 Robert & Colleen Nelson |
| 18 Edward & Jeanne Collins |                            |
| 23 Gary & Helen Newton     |                            |

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!**

### March Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Christopher J Bray  | 17 Dr Michael D Lask     |
| 3 Sergio G Cortes     | 20 Christopher J Amick   |
| 3 Andrew F Wasser     | 20 David J Bercezek      |
| 5 Peter M Galinski    | 22 Dr Nathan A Vuagniaux |
| 5 Matt D Rakers       | 24 Dale E Coleman        |
| 7 William S Beutel    | 25 Dennis R Hessel       |
| 7 Gregory M Goin      | 25 Ralph P Kostyshock    |
| 8 Michael M Sullivan  | 25 Gerald J McGivern     |
| 9 Tom P Johnson       | 27 James A Kohlfeld      |
| 9 Zachary A Lunt      | 27 Luke R Piarowski      |
| 11 Charles M Berkel   | 28 Greg S Frese          |
| 11 William R Stullken | 28 Jeffrey S Wiedman     |
| 13 Donald J Lask      | 30 David F Viox          |
|                       | 31 Jay R Kohlmiller      |
|                       | 31 Jeremy R Wildhaber    |



### NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY

**March 1 - Team 2, March 8- Team 3, March 15 -Team 4,  
March 22-Team 1 March 29-Team 2**

#### Calendar of Events March 2024

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| March 1—Fish Fry Team 2 4:30-7:30 pm                                    | March 11—Council Meeting 7:00pm  |
| March 2—District Free Throw Contest 12:30 pm Fr<br>McGivney High School | March 15—Fish Fry Team 4 4:30-7:30pm                                       |
| March 3—Fred Mills Club BBQ 11:30-5:00                                  | March 18—Fred Mills Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm                             |
| March 4—4th Degree Assembly meeting 7:00pm                              | March 21—Council 1143 Day for Forty Days For Life All<br>day 1 hour shifts |
| March 8—Fish Fry Team 3 4:30-7:30pm                                     | March 22—Fish Fry Team 1 4:30-7:30 pm                                      |
| March 9—Rosary for Life St Mary Church 9:00 am                          | March 25—Officer Meeting 7:00 pm   |
| March 9 - Hall clean up 9:00am  | March 29—Fish Fry Team 2 4:30- 7:30pm                                      |
|   | April 6—Highway Cleanup 9:00 am  |

### Forty Days for Life

Knights form Council 1143 will pray the rosary at the Hope Abortion Center in Granite City from 7:00 am—7:00pm on March 21st. We will pray the rosary in one hour shifts and ask that two Knights ( or family and friends) be present for each shift. Contact Tom Tucker if you will take an hour out of your day to pray to bring an end to abortion.

Text Tom at 618-741-8930 or email him at [thtucker5@yahoo.com](mailto:thtucker5@yahoo.com)

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS!

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## 4th Degree News Assembly 225



### ***Faithful Navigator's Letter:***

Hello Brothers,

Thanks to all the Sir Knights that assisted the Council and the Assembly this past month. Please keep an eye on what is coming up and jump in to lend a hand whenever you can.

I would also like to remind everyone that if any Sir Knight does not want to drive at night, please let one of your officers know that you would be interested in a ride to the next meeting. I am aware of a few Sir Knights that are catching a ride, please reach out if you would like to make use of this service being offered by your fellow Knights.

I want to encourage all of you again to take some time to pray and truly consider joining the ranks of your Brother Knights who take part in the Rosary for Life events your Council offers. On the last two visits to the abortion mill in Granite City two babies' lives were saved.

Along that train of thought, I am going to jump into the deep end of the pool!

I know most of you are aware that I am fairly libertarian in my beliefs. I am also aware that in a group of men this large and diverse we share many different points of view. Being that we are all Knights of Columbus, being that we all took the same oath and made the same promises when we became Knights; I believe we have more shared beliefs than we have opposing beliefs. We also made the following promises: "To conduct ourselves as Catholic gentlemen, and live our lives guided by the principals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity! "and "to form ourselves in the Catholic Faith, and live in accord with the Precepts of the Catholic Faith, ...". That is why I am going to share my thoughts on a controversial subject.

A recently introduced bill in the Illinois House of Representatives would change the definition of "abused child" to include minors whose parents object to their children receiving puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, transgender surgeries, and abortions. This is House Bill 4876 which was introduced in early February 2024. This bill also shields doctors from liability if

they prescribe such treatments to minors who do not have parental consent and empowers the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to step in and if they deem necessary, remove children from their biological parents based on the new definition of an "abused child"!

As I stated earlier, I am fairly libertarian, I do not get too excited about things until they start happening in my back yard. When I struggle with decisions, I also ask myself one question, "What would Jesus do?" With this being my guide, this most recent event in the Illinois House of Representatives is a step TOO far. As Catholic Men of Christ I encourage all of you to pray about this and recall the promises you made. Then I encourage you to reach out to your legislators and our Governor and let them know you do not want them legislating how we raise our children. If you wish to make contact here is what I was able to find.

Erica Harris IL State Senator [harris@ilsenategop.org](mailto:harris@ilsenategop.org)  
217-782-5247.

Katie Stuart IL State Representative [repkatiestuart@gmail.com](mailto:repkatiestuart@gmail.com) 217-782-8018

Governor Pritzker 217-782-6830 (I could not find an email address to contact the Governor.)

I am also aware that I have somewhat of a "bully pulpit" and if I am asking too much, PLEASE just pray about this and let the Holy Spirit be your guide!

Finally, if you are not happy with this message you have the absolute right to let me know! [hastingsdoug-las@yahoo.com](mailto:hastingsdoug-las@yahoo.com) & 618-406-1033.

***Family is a small-scale version of the Church and is the sacrament of God's love. If we want our Church to remain holy, we must ensure our families are holy. Our families must be a place where God is encountered first.***

***St. John Paul II***

God Bless,

Doug Hastings

Faithful Navigator Assembly 225

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

## ***From Our Field Agent***

### **Life Insurance Retirement Plans**

There is an abundance of tools available to help plan for retirement, such as IRAs, 401Ks, Annuities, just to name a few. Many people believe that retirement accounts and life insurance are two separate tools used for planning two separate events, retirement and death. This is not the case. Life Insurance can be a valuable tool for retirement planning if your situation allows for it.

**A Life Insurance Retirement Plan (LIRP)** is an accumulation tool that shares many of the tax-free attributes of traditional retirement accounts such as a Roth IRA. A LIRP is a life insurance policy that is specifically designed to maximize the accumulation of cash within the policy's growth account.

**No Contribution Limits:** If you find yourself in the position where your asset reposition strategy requires a shift that exceeds the allowable contributions to the Roth IRA. The IRS poses no limitations on the amount of money that you can annually contribute.

**No Income Limits:** Income limitations imposed by the Roth IRA and discover that your Traditional IRAs make the nondeductible IRA option infeasible. The IRS poses no income limitations on LIRP contributions.

**Retirement Planning:** There are only so many years between now and your desired retirement, and each year counts. Having a steady stream of tax-free in-

come from your policy is a great way to supplement your retirement income.

**Tax-Free Bucket:** Review the ideal balances for both the taxable and tax-deferred buckets. The taxable buckets should have roughly six months of income to protect against life's unexpected emergencies.

**Long-Term Care and Death Benefit Options:** One of the biggest advantages other than the retirement income stream are Long-Term Care benefits. A LIRP can provide accelerated death benefits that are available if you are terminally or chronically ill. If you were to pass away prematurely, the death benefit will pay out to your beneficiaries income tax free, less any accelerated death benefits and loans.

**Savings:** Offers your family a sense of financial security for the future. Can be used for college savings for children or grandchildren. Not reportable for FAFSA financial aid.

Vivat Jesus!  
Happy Easter!

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- ◇ 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.**



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# Building the Domestic Church

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*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

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?
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.



# Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143 26th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 7th, 2024

Oak Brook Golf Course  
9157 Fruit Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

4-Person Scramble  
\$440/Team

(Register by August 10th, 2024 for \$400/Team)

Entry Fee Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Beer, Games, Cart, Hole Prizes, Driving Range, On-Course Meal during Golf

### Schedule

Registration: 7:00am

Shotgun Start..... Beginning at 8:00am

Flight winners announced..... ~1:00pm

### Prizes

Based on size of field

#### Hole Prizes

Longest Drive Men & Women

Closest to the Pin

### Sponsorships

Hole Sponsor.....\$100

Corporate Sponsor.....\$200

(Includes signage on course and social media recognition)

Tournament Sponsor.....\$300

(Includes signage on putting green and social media recognition)

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(Includes (1) team of four and Tournament Sponsor level recognition)

### On-Course Games

Skins Game (included)

Mulligans (included)

Wager Hole (extra)

Bourbon Raffle (extra)

### Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble

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

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

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