



The Outer Guard

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April 2024

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights!

Easter Sunday has arrived and we are now in the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday. Each of you should be proud of your efforts in supporting the Council in anticipation of Easter Sunday during the past 40 days of Lent. Your efforts in working the Friday Fish Fries, attending the 40 Days of Life event at the Hope Clinic, taking part in Holy Hour and other works over the past 40 days have been outstanding. I hope you take a minute to catch your breath because we are going to be busier still as we enter April.

We have a Knights of Columbus membership drive at St. Boniface the weekend of April 6-7. We need

fellow Knights to help with this drive-please see the e-mal I sent from our State Advocate which has a link to SignUpGenius to sign up to help with this. We will be having a similar membership drive at St. Mary's the weekend of April 13-14—details to follow.

Fred Mills is having a BBQ at the Hall on April 7. Come out and join us for fellowship and for some great food! Speaking of food, we will also have a Krispy Kreme donut sale for Warriors To Lourdes at St. Mary's the weekend of April 20-21 and at St. Boniface the weekend of April 27-28.

We have a Rosary For Life on April 13 at 9:00am at St. Mary's. Please join us in praying the Rosary for

the unborn and their mothers.

The Diocese March For Life is April 17 in Springfield, IL. We will be meeting at the Hall that morning and leaving at 8:15am to drive to Springfield for Mass at the Cathedral and then the March For Life. Please join us for what is sure to be a memorable time.

We have plenty of opportunities for you to join your fellow Knights this month in working for our Church and community. Please take a minute to look over the calendar of events this month in this newsletter.

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.

April Anniversaries

- 15 Robert & Kathy Hotz
- 17 Charles & Rhonda Burcham
- 18 Timothy & Deanna Moorman
- 19 Thomas & Susan Tucker
- 20 James & Betty Burns
- 20 Raymond & Mary Jane Kerkemeyer

- 22 Bruce & Connie Gerstenecker
- 23 Brent & Dana Kerns
- 24 Anthony & Nancy Zollo
- 29 Dave & Dana Strong
- 29 Dr. Michael & Kyle Lask

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

April Birthdays

- 2 Charles J Burcham
- 2 Joseph Shannon
- 3 Thomas F Burns
- 4 Kenneth C Hyten
- 4 Jeff D Worman
- 5 Gary A Doiron
- 5 Richard P Ryan
- 9 David W Knetzer

- 10 Timothy G Henke
- 11 Mark A Brase
- 12 Philip J Kosydor
- 13 Frederic A Kolesa
- 15 David T Boduch
- 16 Kris M. Horvath
- 17 Robert L Nelson
- 20 David E Jurgena
- 23 Richard A Dustman
- 28 James C Caulk



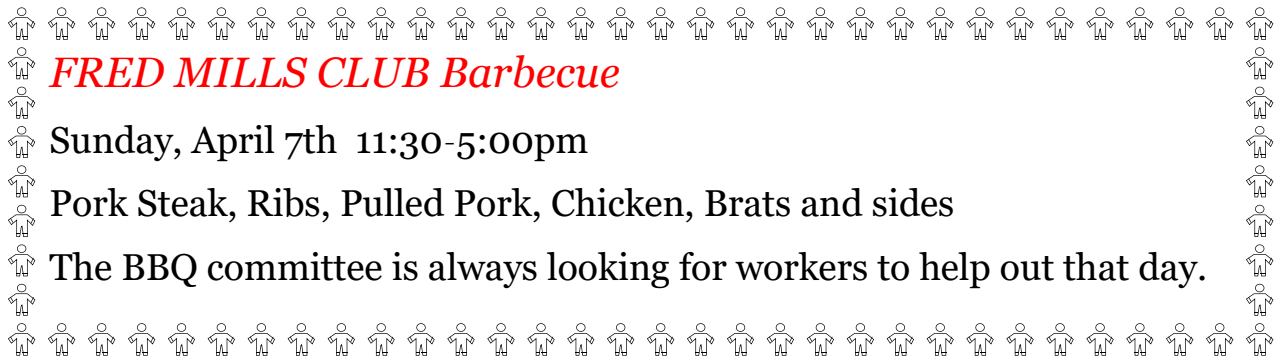
NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY

April 19th , Team #3

Calendar of Events April 2024

All events are at the Hall unless otherwise stated

- 2nd—Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting 7:30pm
- 6th—Highway Cleanup meet at Hall 9:00 am
- 6th & 7th - Membership Drive at St Boniface before and after masses
- 7th—K of C BBQ 11:30-5:00pm
- 8th—Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 13th—Rosary for Life last one at St Mary Church 9:00am
- 15th - Fred Mills Club Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 17th—Blood Drive 3:30– 6:00pm
- 17th—March for Life Springfield, IL
- 19 th—Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 pm
- 20&21—Warrior to Lourdes Donut sale after masses at St Mary’s
- 22nd—Officer Meeting 7:00pm
- 27&28—Warrior to Lourdes Donut sale after masses at St Boniface
- May 4th Corporate Communion St Boniface 4:15 pm mass
- May 8th—Holy Hour 5:30-6:30pm St Boniface Adoration Chapel



FRED MILLS CLUB Barbecue

 Sunday, April 7th 11:30-5:00pm

 Pork Steak, Ribs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Brats and sides

 The BBQ committee is always looking for workers to help out that day.

March for Life in Springfield ...

Thousands of anti-abortion advocates will descend upon Springfield April 17th, marking the second Illinois March for Life in the post-Roe era. Our council will meet at the HALL at ?????? and carpool to Springfield to participate in this event. Last year only two Knights from our Council attend. This year we would like to make a better showing. If possible, take a few hours from your day and attend this event. Show your support for Right to Life and you will get more out of it than you put in.

Schedule of Events:

Leave from the HALL for Springfield

10:00 a.m. – Mass at Sangamon Auditorium at University of Illinois Springfield (Register [here](#))

11:00 a.m. – Rally at the Capitol

1:00 p.m. – Illinois March for Life

4:00 a.m. – Matins Prayer Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, hosted by LCMS

5:15 p.m. – Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Go to [Illinois March for Life - March for Life](#) for more details



Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Knight of the Month: Brother Rich "Dusty" Dustman

Dusty serves on the Fred Mills Club board and has worked hard to maintain the Hall, keep the grounds clean, and clean up the wooded area behind the pavilion. Thanks Dusty!



Family of the Month

Family of the Month is awarded to Sir Brother Bob Ribbing and family. Bob and his daughter have worked many of the Lenten Fish Fries at the service window packing carry outs, getting trays ready for delivery, and answering the phone. Thank you for your helping hands during Lent.



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Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Hello Brothers,

We just knocked off another month of this Fraternal Year for our Assembly and if you don't mind me saying, it was quite an easy month. That will not be what we can expect for April.

As many of you are aware we have stepped away from the "Pancake Breakfast" as a means for fund raising for our effort to support the "Warriors to Lourdes" project. It was decided at the last Assembly meeting to try our luck with a "Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale"! We will conduct two fund raising weekends, one at each parish.

On the weekend of April 20 & 21, 2024 we will be at St. Mary's at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday and the 8:00am & 10:30am Masses on Sunday. Here is the Signup Genius link if you can help at St. Mary's!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA4AA2AA7FE3-48071955-krispy>

On the weekend of April 27 & 28, 2024 we will be at St. Boniface at the 4:15pm Mass on Saturday and the 8:15am, 10:15am and 5:15pm Masses on Sunday. Here is the Signup Genius link to help at St. Boniface.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA4AA2AA7FE3-48072653-krispy>

Please reach out as soon as you can and sign up to lend a hand with this important effort!

Switching gears, I want to bring you all up to date on upcoming Honor Guards and how important they are. Sir Knights in Regalia are the billboards for our order. A Sir Knight with his Service Baldric and Sword immediately stands out and is recognized for all the good work the KC do! Honor Guards aid Fraternalism by expressing an "Esprit de Corps", sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie. Honor Guards aid Patriotism by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both. This is why Honor Guards are im-

portant!

We have an Honor Guard on the following dates:

Sunday May 19, 2024, Fr. McGiveny HS Graduation @ the High School. Mass begins at 12:30pm. Honor Guard to gather and prepare at noon.

Saturday May 25, 2024, Ordination Mass @ the Cathedral in Springfield, IL. More information to come.

Sunday May 26, 2024, Fr. Jayke White's Mass of Thanksgiving @ St. Boniface's 10:15am Mass. Honor Guard to gather and prepare at 9:45am. Lower level of St. Boniface Church.

Monday May 27, 2024, Memorial Day Mass @ St. Boniface Cemetery @ 9:00am. Honor Guard to meet at the cemetery at 8:45am. (If there is inclement weather Mass will be at St. Boniface Church.

Sunday June 2, 2024, Candlelight Eucharistic Process through downtown Edwardsville. Begin at St. Boniface Parking Lot @ 8:45pm.

Sunday June 9, 2024, Bishop's Pastoral Visit to St. Boniface. First Communion and Confirmation at 10:15am Mass.

At the last Honor Guard that we provided for Bishop Paprocki, we had six of our Sir Knights in attendance and one Sir Knight from another Assembly. How wonderful it would be to have a Sir Knight at "Present Sword" stationed at every pew the next time Bishop Paprocki visits. How great would it be to have 20 plus Sir Knights leading the Candlelight Eucharistic Procession in June!

We have a great group of Assembly 225 Knights who have attained their new regalia, WE NEED MORE! Please consider joining our ranks! Remember your Assembly will reimburse one half of the expense in attaining the new regalia.

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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.

Faithful Navigator continued....

Finally, I know we have a great many members of our Assembly that I have not yet met. I would love to shake some new hands at our next Assembly meeting or any of the remaining meetings this Fraternal Year.

I know many of us have, "more past than future" and driving at night may be something you do not wish to consider. Please remember we have instituted the "Give a Sir Knight a Ride" program. All you must do is reach out and someone will be happy to give you a ride. I have room for three others and if you do not mind sitting close, I can squeeze in one more. Give me a call or one of your other Sir Knights

and we will see you at the April meeting on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30pm at the Hall. Since April is an even month, we will have dinner provided prior to the meeting, see you at 6:45pm!

"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company." --**George Washington**

God Bless,

Doug Hastings

Faithful Navigator Assembly 225

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Dear Brother Knights,

We have a Knights of Columbus membership drive scheduled for all Masses on the weekend of April 6-7 at St. Boniface and we need your help. We need at least four Knights to hand out prayer cards to everyone as they come into church that weekend. We also need to be available after Mass to answer questions and to sign up new members for our council.

This time, we are trying a new approach with our pulpit announcements. We will have a 2-3 testimony before each Mass from a representative of an organization that our council provides support to and each of these representatives is a woman. By having a lady give her personal testimony of how much the Knights of Columbus means to her and her organization, parishioners will get the opportunity to hear about the good work that we do from someone other than a Knight...someone who actually benefits from that work!

Our pulpit announcements will be delivered by:

Saturday, April 6, 4:15pm Mass: Bethany Riechmann, Board Member, *A Beacon of Light Pregnancy Resource Center*

Sunday, April 7, 8:15am Mass: Suzanne Halbrook, Advancement Director, *Father McGivney Catholic High School*

Sunday, April 7, 10:15am Mass: Laura Kretzer, Principal, *St. Boniface School*

Sunday, April 7, 5:15pm Mass: Katie Ober, Past Council 1143 Scholarship Recipient

We are asking for as many Knights as possible to come out and help us with this effort. You have to go to Mass anyway, so why not at St. Boniface that weekend? There will be an opportunity for Knights from St. Boniface to help out at our membership drive at St. Mary's that is also coming up soon, so let's all work together and make both drives successful!

Please go to SignUpGenius at this link to choose which Mass that you can assist at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49ADA62EA20-48703671-council>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jim Jatcko

Jim Jatcko State Advocate

From Our Field Agent

Life doesn't come with a road map, but you can plan for that.

Permanent life insurance policy riders can supplement your long-term care protection.

While not meant to replace long-term care coverage, the Chronic Illness Accelerated Death Benefit (CI-ADB) and Terminal Illness Accelerated Death Benefit (TI-ADB) riders available for most Knights of Columbus single-life permanent life insurance policies provide the option of additional funds, without an elimination period, which you can use for anything, including the expense of permanent nursing home care.

Facing the facts of long-term care

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, 70% of Americans age 65 or older are expected to need long-term care at some point in their lives. A private room in a nursing home can cost more than \$100,000 per year.

Permanent life policy riders can help

You don't need to face these facts without a plan. Long-term care insurance is designed to help with these costs, but it does have lifetime maximum to keep in mind. Having the option of accelerating a portion of your permanent life policy death benefit is a way to further insure you'll have sufficient resources should you need permanent care.

A flexible benefit without a downside

The CI-ADB and the TI-ADB riders are available at no additional cost on most permanent life policies through Knights of Columbus. In fact, these riders are now added to new policies automatically, so long as the policy meets the minimum face amount and other requirements.

If you do not use it you do not lose it

Remember, this is a rider to be exercised *only if needed*. The death benefit of your policy with not

change if these riders are in place but not used.

What qualifies as chronic illness

To exercise the CI-ADB, you must be permanently confined to a nursing home, and be certified, within the preceding 12 months, by a Physician as being unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living for a period of at least 90 days due to loss of functional capacity; or requiring substantial assistance from another individual to protect the insured from threats to health and safety due to permanent severe cognitive impairment.

What qualifies as terminal illness

To exercise the TI-ADB rider, you must be certified by a Physician as terminally ill with a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

Protect your loved ones now, and later

Having life insurance serves to protect your loved ones in the event you were not there to provide for them. But, what if you are the one who needs care?

What is the next step?

Whether you're insured now or need to be; as your dedicated agent I can help you consider your options, answer your questions and design coverage to ensure long-term financial stability for you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!



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Mercy and Forgiveness



The inner form of Christian familial love is mercy like God the Father who is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4).

Breaking Open the Theme

Pope St. John Paul II has beautifully said mercy is “love’s second name.” Sacred Scripture speaks frequently about Christ’s love in terms of mercy. For instance, there are the memorable parables of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11–32) and the lost sheep (Lk 15:1-7). In fact, Christ’s strongest teaching about the sacredness and life long permanence of the marriage bond (Mt 19:12) is preceded by one of his strongest teachings about forgiveness in the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mt 18:21-35).

During the course of the parable of the unforgiving servant, Christ instructs his disciples to forgive not just seven times, but 77 times — a symbolic number that represents a willingness to forgive without limit. In other words, Christ instructs his disciples to love unconditionally by being merciful. The fact that this teaching occurs right before his teaching about marriage’s indissolubility powerfully suggests that marriage, and the family life that flows from it, is to be held together by unconditional mercy. If the family practices mercy, they will be immensely blessed: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Mt 5:7).

Meditation

From Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia

Once we allow ill will to take root in our hearts, it leads to deep resentment. ... The opposite of resentment is forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people’s weaknesses and to excuse them. As Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34). Yet we keep looking for more and more faults, imagining greater evils, presuming all kinds of bad intentions, and so resentment grows and deepens. ... Something is wrong when we see every problem as equally serious; in this way, we risk being un-

duly harsh with the failings of others. The just desire to see our rights respected turns into a thirst for vengeance rather than a reasoned defense of our dignity.

When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. ... All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God’s love is unconditional, that the Father’s love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

1. Considering that Jesus forgave his persecutors from the cross, what does God’s mercy in the Scriptures teach us about how to forgive our family members?

2. Why is it important to be forgiven by God? Why must we trust in his forgiveness in order to forgive others properly?

3. Do any of us find it hard to forgive? What holds us back from forgiving? Is it resentment based on ill will, unduly looking for faults, an excessive concern for our rights, the inability to forgive ourselves or to accept our own limitations? Or is it something else?

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The Family Fully Alive



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Scripture Reading — Psalm 51:3-6, 11-15

A prayer of penance and longing for God's abundant mercy

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;
in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.

Thoroughly wash away my guilt;
and from my sin cleanse me.

For I know my transgressions;
my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your eyes

So that you are just in your word,
And without reproach in your judgment.

Turn away your face from my sins;
blot out all my iniquities.

A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit.

Do not drive me from before your face,
nor take from me your holy spirit.

Restore to me the gladness of your salvation;
uphold me with a willing spirit.

I will teach the wicked your ways,
that sinners may return to you.

Family Project

As a family, go to church for the sacrament of reconciliation. A week later, take a few moments to discuss how the sacrament has helped each of you to be more holy and to fight against temptation and sin.

Forty Days for Life...

On March 21st, our Council participated in the Forty Days for Life. From 7:00 am—7:00pm, we had two Knights praying the rosary on the curb at the Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City.

Thank you to those Knights that participated that day and a special THANK YOU to Tom Tucker for coordinating this event.

L-R— David Green, Grand Knight, Marcus Agustin, Deputy Grand Knight, Marcus's wife Zenia, and Brother Michael Baker





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)

Diamond Sponsor.....\$500

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

Platinum Sponsor.....\$600

(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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