



# The Outer Guard

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## January 2025

### Grand Knight's Letter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Brother Knights!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas Day (and a Happy New Year, depending on when the Outer Guard gets delivered!). We are in the middle of Christmas with Epiphany arriving on January 5. The Christmas season lasts until January 12, 2025, at least according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You better not have taken down those Christmas decorations yet!

It is fitting to take a moment to look back on all that you have accomplished in 2024. We had the Corpus Christi Procession, a Food Drive for the Glen Ed Food Pantry, our ID/Tootsie Roll Drive, several Holy Hours, a number of successful blood drives, Corporate Communion, several Exemplifications, delivered Coats For Kids, had a very successful Parkfest food stand, a number of very profitable Fish Fries,

our Columbus Day Banquet (which was actually on Columbus Day for a change), 40 Days For Life at the Hope Clinic, several Saturday Rosaries For Life, Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest, and capping it off with a wonderful Children In Need Christmas Shopping Spree, just to name some of our many successful events and programs we accomplished in 2024. No wonder this fraternal year seems to be flying by!

As we turn the page of the calendar to 2025, we look forward to being just as busy and devoted in the coming year. We have a Rosary For Life on January 11 at St. Mary's, the KC Free Throw Contest on January 18 at S Boniface, a Euchre Tournament at the Hall on January 24, and a Corporate Communion and Exemplification on January 25 at St. Mary's. At this pace February will be upon us before we know it.

I want to say thank you to all the hard work and support you have shown our Council, Community, and the Church. Let's keep it up and make the second half of our fraternal year as successful as the first.

It would be great if we could get more members to our meetings and Council programs and events. Please take a minute to look at the calendar of events listed in the Outer Guard and come out to the Hall for a meeting or simply to have some fellowship with your fellow Brother Knights.

Wishing you the best of the Holiday Season!

Vivat Jesus!

David Green  
Grand Knight

**January Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Richard & Judith Ann Dustman
- 3 Bruce & Patrica Thorley
- 4 Albert & Betty Schug
- 8 Robert & Elizabeth Smith, Jr
- 8 Robert & Shelli Ribbing
- 11 Keith & Crystal Bradley

- 13 Michael & Karen Menendez
- 15 Blake & Laura Wagahoff
- 20 Stephen & Sandy Wilshire
- 27 Marcus & Zenia Agustin
- 29 Douglas & Diane Villhard
- 30 Thomas & Denise Saksa

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORE!**

**January Birthdays**

- 1 Brian W Jones
- 1 Joseph G Kalmer
- 4 Steven M Calcott
- 4 Albert G Treichel Jr
- 4 James T Ware
- 5 Thomas H Tucker
- 7 David B Briesacher
- 7 Steve J Smith
- 7 Andy T Winters
- 8 David J Caulk
- 9 Philip B Reznack
- 10 John S Kender
- 10 Kevin M Scannell
- 12 Don Paul Brunworth
- 12 Nicholas J Certa

- 12 Keith D Lueking
- 12 Robert D Vollmar
- 13 Michael K McKinzie
- 14 Brad A Maher
- 15 James E Burns
- 15 Paul Pizzini
- 17 Stephen A Wilshire
- 18 Matthew A Kupferer
- 19 Arthur J Kotsybar
- 21 M Joseph Hill
- 22 Nicholas A Walden
- 23 Steven A McClard
- 27 Eugene E Dickerson
- 29 John R Gabler
- 29 Justin R Nosser
- 30 Ryan L Grotefendt
- 30 Kip D Heinle
- 31 Steve McClimans



**Calendar of Events January 2025**

- 4—District Deputy Meeting at Hall 9:00am
- 7—Assembly 225 Meeting 7:30pm
- 11—Rosary for Life at St Mary Church 9:00 am
- 13—Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 17—Fish Fry Team #4 4:30—7:00pm
- 18 KC free Throw Contest 8:30am St Boniface Gym
- 20—Fred Mills Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24— Euchre Tournament 6:30pm @ Hall
- 25—Corporate Communion and Exemplification St. Mary's 5:00 pm Mass
- 27—Officer Meeting 7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month**

Sir Brother Knights Kyle Jackson and Ken Lanter for chairing the Annual Children's Christmas Shopping Spree. Ten families had a brighter Christmas thanks to their efforts.



**Family of the Month**

The December Family of the Month is Brother Knight Lynn Ripper and his wife Marlene. Each week they put in a couple of hours working up the bar sales for the week and doing payroll. Lynn is the bookkeeper for Fred Mills Club, serves on the Fred Mills Club board, serves as Advocate for the council, Faithful Admiral for the 4th Degree Assembly, Past Grand Knight, and past Faithful Navigator as well as serving in many other offices through the years.



## 4th Degree Assembly 225 News



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

Hello Sir Brothers,

If I have not seen you since the ushering in of 2025, Happy New Year!

In my last message of 2024, I spoke about my need to always be looking over the next hill! To that point, my first thoughts for 2025 concern our Assembly's need for new members. As your Faithful Navigator, I am blessed to have dedicated fellow officers who have greatly aided the Assembly's mission. Many of these fine gentlemen serve both the Assembly, the Council, and the Fred Mills Club. At times I feel there is little for me to do with such a deep bench! With that said, there is always a need for new faces and a diversity of new ideas. The only way we fill that need is with new members.

We were blessed in December to add one new member to our Assembly via a transfer. Sir Knight Ron Frisse moved home from Nebraska to be closer to his family and immedi-

ately joined our ranks in our Assembly and Council! He was very engaged in the KC effort back in Nebraska and we are blessed to have him as our newest member.

Being the greedy guy I am, our Assembly needs more!

This is an effort that we can all participate in! In fact, the Assembly truly needs all of us to engage in this effort; this cannot be accomplished by one or two Sir Knights. We all know someone who is in our Council but has not YET taken his Fourth Degree! Please engage in this effort, reach out, shake a hand, and make the ASK! Dad, ask your son, Granddad, ask your grandson, encourage a friend! If you feel a united front would be of assistance, ask a fellow Sir Knight to join in with the approach!

God Bless,

Doug Hastings

Faithful Navigator Assembly 225

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

**NEXT MONTHLY FISH FRY**

**January 17th, Team #4**

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Christmas Shopping Spree a success. We raised approximately \$3,300 through your donations coupled with the generous contribution from the Thursday evening Trivia Team. Your time and donations allowed us to help 10 families have a better Christmas. We unfortunately had one "no show" who never responded to our follow up. Our Father McGivney students volunteers were an amazing help! The entire cheerleading squad helped us wrap and shop. Through activities like these we shine as Knights in the Community. Together make a difference. May God Bless you and your families with a happy and healthy new year!

Kyle Jackson and Ken Lanter



A big THANK YOU goes out to the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School Cheerleaders for helping out that morning.

## Fish Fry Notes....

You may not know it, but the Fish Fry we hold once a month and every Friday during Lent produces the largest amount of funds we have to support our charitable works. The Fish Fry proceeds goes for tuition support at St. Boniface School, St. Mary School, and Fr. McGivney Catholic High School, Christmas gifts for our clergy, church calendars and Sunday bulletins for both parishes, among other things.

The Fish Fry also has our largest need for manpower to run. Each Fish Fry requires at a minimum of one bartender, one cashier, five people to work the floor, five people working in the kitchen, and four people in the fry shack. Lenten sales are over 55% of the total sales for the year and during Lent we need almost double that.

We have a very dedicated group of workers. THANK YOU for your efforts. We could always use more as our membership ages, people have to drop out and others move away. We are always have the need to replace them. We have four teams and you only work every fourth fish fry, or 4-5 times a year depending how Lent falls. If you work already—THANK YOU, and if you don't - please consider signing up for a team.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [dhessel@charter.net](mailto:dhessel@charter.net)

Dennis Hessel Fish Fry co-chair

### 2025 Fish Fry Schedule

Team 4	1/17/2025		Team 1	5/16/2025
Team 1	2/21/2025		Team 2	6/20/2025
Team 2	3/7/2025	LENT	Team 3	7/18/2025
Team 3	3/14/2025	LENT	Team 4	8/15/2025
Team 4	3/21/2025	LENT	Team 1	9/19/2025
Team 1	3/28/2025	LENT	Team 2	10/17/2025
Team 2	4/4/2025	LENT	Team 3	11/21/2025
Team 3	4/11/2025	LENT	Team 4	12/19/2025
Team 4	4/18/2025	LENT		

#### Fish Fry Financial Results for 2024

From: 01-01-2024 To: 12-29-2024

##### Income Accounts

Fish Fry: Fish Fry Reimbursements	322.65	0.5%
Fish Fry: Sales - Cash	40,015.00	61.7%
Fish Fry: Sales - Square, Inc. net	24,502.64	37.8%
Total Revenue	64,840.29	

##### Expense Accounts

Fish Fry Misc	(333.50)	0.9%
Fish Fry Supplies	(33,125.43)	85.5%
Fish Fry Supplies-Pending December	(915.40)	2.4%
Sales Tax	(4,390.00)	11.3%
Total Expense	(38,764.33)	
Net Income	26,075.96	



Join us on Friday, January 24th for the 3rd Annual Charity Euchre Tournament. All proceeds from this event will support the USO of St. Louis, Missouri.

Each \$60.00 ticket is good for two tournament players. Ticket includes 1 beverage of choice and Snacks for each player. Players must be at least 18 years of age to play.

Registration will open at 6:30pm with tournament play to begin at 7:00pm. Each Euchre game will consist of 8 hands dealt per game. A total of 6 games will be played. For the initial game, players will play with the partner they registered with for the tournament. Then, the remaining 5 games will be a round robin. Each player will keep track of their points from each game.

Cash prizes will be awarded for most points at the end of 6 games- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and lowest score.

All proceeds will support the USO of St. Louis Missouri at Lambert International Airport! This USO station is one of the busiest stations in the country frequently serving military members destined for Fr. Leonard Wood.

This event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly #0225.

**\*\*Must be at least 21 years of age for an alcoholic beverage\*\***

## From Our Field Agent

### New Year 2025

I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great 2024, and as I am, looking forward to an even better 2025. I would also like to thank all the members and their families that have put their faith and trust in me, and in the Knights of Columbus last year.

As we begin the new year, I have some very exciting news to share with you. Beginning January 1, 2025, a dividend increase will take effect for eligible participating insurance policies. This is in addition to the increased fraternal benefits announced last year.

Dividends are amounts paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus on most whole life policies. Dividends are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. Dividends are not guaranteed to be paid in any specific amount.

Dividends vary based on: Plan type, Payment period, Face amount, Gender and Underwriting class, and whether there is an outstanding policy loan.

These dividends can be used in various ways:  
-Purchase paid-up additions, which is the default option.

- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium (this option is not available on all policies, and not available if premiums are paid via monthly EFT).
- Reduce an existing loan.

Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$22 billion in dividends and insurance benefits.

We continue to offer quality insurance products that help you achieve your financial security and retirement goals. I look forward to serving the membership and their families in 2025. Give me a call and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Vivat Jesus!

Happy New Year!



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# The Family Fully Alive

## Building the Domestic Church

The following are excerpts from a Knights of Columbus publication—the Family Fully Alive.



## BASIC CATHOLIC BELIEFS

*"Our profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last, the beginning and the end of everything. The Credo begins with God the Father, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works."*

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 198

### The Nicene Creed

*Each Sunday Mass, Catholics recite together a profession of faith called the Nicene Creed or Credo. Credo is a name which comes from the very first words of the prayer in Latin: Credo in unum Deum (I believe in one God). It is called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed because it was approved by the bishops at the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness

of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Ten Commandments

*"The curtness of the Ten Commandments is an evidence, not of the gloom and narrowness of a religion, but, on the contrary, of its liberality and humanity. It is shorter to state the things forbidden than the things permitted: precisely because most things are permitted, and only a few things are forbidden."* 90

— G. K. Chesterton

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. You shall not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet thy neighbor's goods.

### The Precepts of the Church

*The word "precept" comes from the Latin word praeceptum (to warn or to instruct). The precepts can be thought of as basic instructions or statutes given by the Church to illustrate the bare minimum obligations for all Catholics.*

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established

**Next Month—What is Prayer?**