



The Outer Guard

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July 2025

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

As your incoming Grand Knight, I am humbled at the opportunity to serve the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Our council has shown tremendous work in upholding the core principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. The volunteer hours and variety of programs that Council 1143 Brother Knights have been involved in are testament to our commitment in serving the Church, our country, and our neighbors. I am reminded of *Galatians 5:13-14* which states:

For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Big thanks to outgoing Grand Knight David Green for leading the council the past 18 months. I especially appreciate David stepping up

during a time that the council needed someone to serve as Grand Knight. I look forward to David's continued contributions as a Trustee, coupled with the wisdom and advice as a Past Grand Knight.

Thank you to the incoming set of officers for your commitment in serving the Church and the council. We all have big shoes to fill, but I am confident that with the work and support of the whole council, we will be able to build on those achievements and begin new initiatives.

One position that is vacant is that of Deputy Grand Knight. As I found out the past two years, this position is essential. Please pray and discern if you are able to step up to this important position. You can reach out to me or other Past Grand Knights on potentially serving as a Deputy Grand Knight.

Please continue to look at the schedule of council events for opportunities to promote initiatives and join in fellowship with Brother

Knights. Even serving an hour or two once a year can be very helpful as the council works towards achieving certain goals and standards that I am confident we can reach. I look forward to seeing and knowing council members through the various council events.

Lastly, please pray for me as I undertake the work that you have trusted me with. We have vibrant, diverse, talented, and committed Catholic men in Council 1143, and I would welcome and need all the support to move us forward.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

MONTHLY FISH FRY

July 18th Team # 3 4:30-7:00 pm

Calendar of Events July 2025

1—4th Degree Assembly 225 Meeting 7:30pm
12—Rosary for Life Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City
9:00am

14—Council Meeting 7:00pm installation of officers
18—Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 pm
21—Fred Mills Club Board Meeting 7:00 pm
28—Officer Meeting 7:00 pm

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the June Assembly and Council meetings the following Knights were elected as officers for the next fraternal year. Congratulation to these Knights and thank you for serving.

Council Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight—Marcus Agustin
Deputy Grand Knight—*Vacant*
Chancellor—Cliff Sachs
Financial Secretary—Michael Spotanski
Recorder—Paul Pizzini
Treasurer—Keith Lueking
Advocate—Lynn Ripper
Warden—Dustin Riechmann
Inside Guard—Joseph Marti
Outside Guard—Floyd Frey
Trustees - Doug Hastings
Aaron Jatcko
David Green
Appointed Positions
Financial Secretary—Michael Spotanski
Chaplain—Fr Chris Trummer



Assembly 225 Officers 2025-2026

Faithful Navigator—Sir Brother Knight Jason Jones
Faithful Captain— Sir Brother Knight Louis Carnoali
Faithful Admiral— Sir Brother Knight Lynn Ripper
Faithful Purser— Sir Brother Knight Brian Jones
Faithful Pilot— Sir Brother Knight Steve Edwards
Faithful Scribe— *Vacant*
Faithful Inner-Sentinel— Sir Brother Knight Jerry Kapp
Faithful Outer-Sentinel—Sir Brother Knight Robert Savant
Faithful One Year Trustee— Sir Knight Thomas Tucker
Faithful Two Year Trustee— Sir Knight Philip Koysdor
Faithful Three Year Trustee—Sir Knight Charles Berkel
Appointed Positions
Faithful Comptroller – Sir Brother Knight Doug Hastings
Faithful Friar – Fr. Bob Jallas



July Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Cavan & Tara Mc Intyre
- 3 Zachary & Kelli Bishop
- 3 Stephen & Emily Gates
- 5 Steven & Ann Richard
- 7 Michael & Gretchen Hertz
- 7 David & Susan Boduch
- 8 Marcelo & Marisa Nieto
- 8 Darrell & Diana Frey
- 9 Kenneth & Janie Hyten
- 10 Nicholas & Laura Certa
- 12 Charles & Sandra Berkel
- 15 Luke & Valerie Piarowski
- 17 Matthew & Karan Brooks
- 18 Anthony & Susan Bobrowski
- 18 Timothy & Caitlin Mueller

- 19 Douglas & Jolie Frey
- 19 Bryan & Kailey Riegert
- 20 Robert & Judy Savant
- 21 Terry & Lisa Besserman
- 22 Richard & Joan Gusewelle
- 22 John & Carol Kender
- 24 Vincent & Elizabeth Probasco
- 26 Mark & Christine Rimkus
- 27 James & Judy Albus
- 27 Charron & Natalie Comeaux
- 29 John & Mary Gabler
- 29 Eric & Carissa Hess
- 31 Daniel & Jill Willis

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

July Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Conner
- 3 Robert Scheibal Jr
- 6 Andrew Kraus
- 7 Dr Charles Hogue Jr
- 7 Francis Sambor
- 9 Joseph Siemer
- 10 Rev Robert Jallas
- 10 James Otwell
- 11 John Caulk
- 11 Lynn Ripper
- 13 Jerome Kapp
- 15 Steven Richard

- 16 Vincent Probasco
- 16 Dustin Riechmann
- 18 Thomas Neuendank
- 18 John Twombly
- 22 John Menendez
- 23 Floyd Frey
- 23 Douglas Frey
- 23 Kenneth Kerckhoff
- 24 Adam Nicoloff
- 27 Stephen Gates
- 27 Ronald Williams
- 28 Leon White
- 29 Randy Niebur
- 31 Matthew Luchtefeld



Knight of the Month

Sir Brother Knight Steve Edwards is our Knight of the Month, Steve has served on the Fred Mills Club Board for several years, serves at the Fred Mills Club BBQ's, works on Fish Fry Team #1, and works on the Friday morning fish fry prep team. In addition, he is a 4th Degree member and serves as Faithful Pilot. Thank You Steve!



Family of the Month

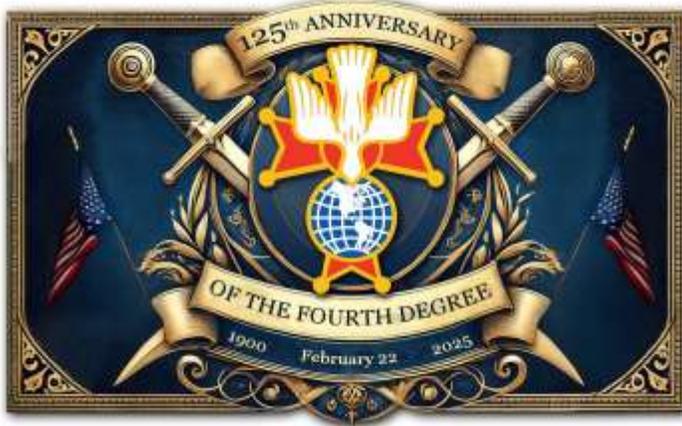
The December Family of the Month is Brother Tim Henke and his wife Stacy. Tim works in the kitchen for Fish Fry team # 2. Tim and Stacey are very involved at St. Mary Church where Tim is an usher and leads the Men's Group at St Mary's. Stacey is retired this June from St. Mary School after servicing as principal for the last several years and prior to that as a teacher. Congratulations and thank you for serving.



4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:



"Bravo Zulu" to our Faithful Navigator Doug Hastings! Bravo Zulu is a military tradition, an old semaphore flag signal (remember those?) originating from the US Navy and NATO meaning "job well done" and a way to express congratulations or praise for a successful action, operation, or performance -BZ Doug! Sir Knight Doug served as our Council's Grand Knight for two years then as our Faithful Navigator for the past two, an impressive run of servant leadership. I witnessed

him spearheading or having a hand in nearly every event our Council and Assembly hosted for these past 4 years, and he stands as a pillar of our Catholic Community. Doug thank you for your service, to our nation, our community, our parishes, and to your brother Knights!

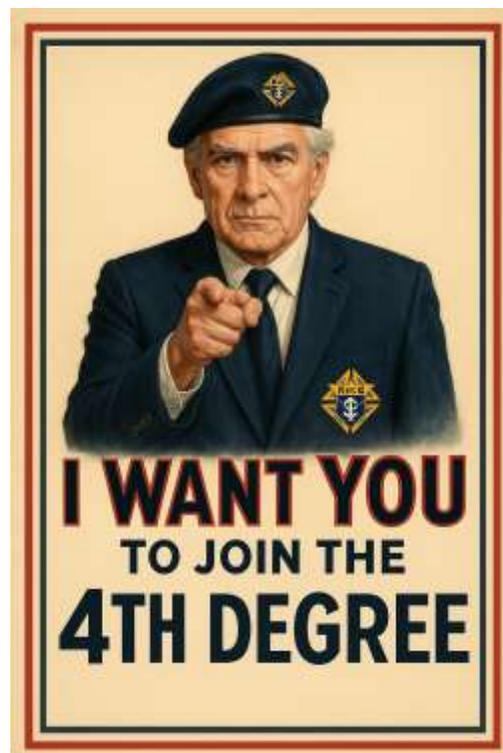
Starting July 1st, our Fraternal Year begins anew, and I have accepted the mantle of leadership as Faithful Navigator from Doug and will endeavor to carry on our traditions. But I need your help - we were still one Sir Knight short of filling the slate of Assembly officers, and we are always looking for a Brother Knight to take the Exemplification of Patriotism! Dates for all Exemplifications are posted here: <https://www.illinoisknights.org/home/calendar> and there is no better time than now as 2025 is our 125th anniversary!

Congratulations and thank you to all of our Sir Knights serving as Officers of Assembly 225!

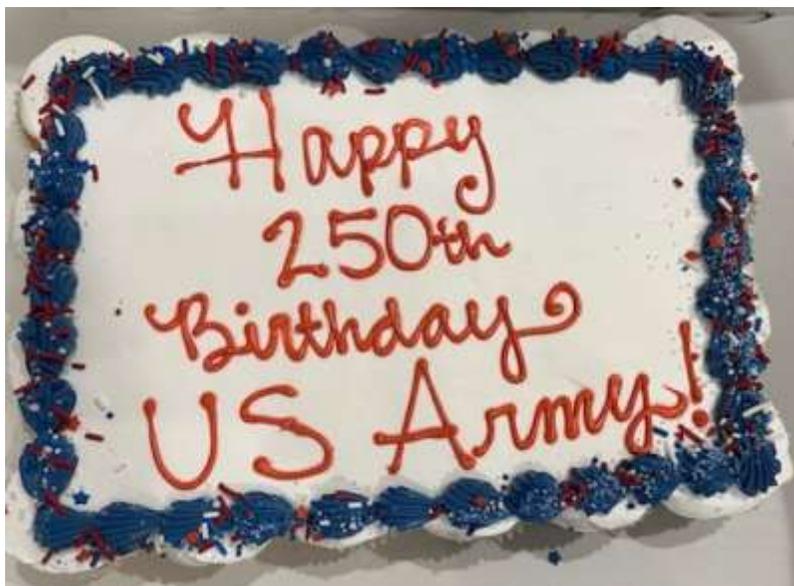
God Bless,

Jason Jones

Faithful Navigator Assembly 225



Knights of Columbus Assembly 225 hosted Flag Retirements on Flag Day, 6/14 at the Army PVT Fred Mills Hall and watch over Scouts from St. Mary's Troop and Pack 72 as they disassemble flags



After the flag retirement ceremony, those in attendance celebrated the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army singing Happy Birthday and eating cupcakes.

From Our Field Agent

Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate the members and families of Council 1143 for achieving the coveted, "Star Council Award" for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. This is the highest award a council can receive from the Supreme Council and many members had a part in this achievement.

This month as we start the new Fraternal Year together as Knights, I would also like to congratulate the new council leadership that will guide us this Fraternal Year to another, "Star Council Award."

As your brother Knight, it's my privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter what your current situation. I think this is one of the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make it this year.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest and financially strongest fraternal life insurers in North America? Since our founding, we have sought to provide finan-

cial protection to our members and their families. We continue this proud tradition of guarding what matters most. What started as a group of Knights passing the hat in mutual aid, is now a leading Catholic insurer with over \$123 billion of life insurance in force, and \$31.1 billion of assets under management.

Ready to take the first step in building a secure future?

Now is the perfect time to start a discussion about what options may work best for you and your family.

Happy Fourth of July!
Vivat Jesus!



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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

Liturgical Celebrations Throughout the Year



Below are solemnities and feasts you should commemorate as a family. Some of these have movable dates and may be transferred to another day dependent upon the calendar year and diocesan norms.

Sundays of Advent – *Last four Sundays before Christmas*

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *December 8*

Our Lady of Guadalupe – *December 12*

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – *December 25*

The Holy Family – *Sunday within the octave of Christmas*

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – *January 1*

The Epiphany of the Lord – *January 6*

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *March 19*

The Annunciation of the Lord – *March 25*

Ash Wednesday – *40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays*

The Resurrection of the Lord – *Seventh Sunday after Ash Wednesday*

Divine Mercy Sunday – *Second Sunday of Easter*

The Ascension of the Lord – *Forty days after Easter Sunday*

Pentecost – *50 days after Easter Sunday*

The Most Holy Trinity – *Sunday after Pentecost*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – *Thursday after Trinity Sunday*

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – *19 days after Pentecost*

The Nativity of John the Baptist – *June 24*

Sts. Peter and Paul – *June 29*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *August 15*

St. John Paul II – *October 22*

All Saints – *November 1*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – *Last Sunday before Advent*

Next month the beginning of a series Meditations on Family Life.

HOPS AND HEROES 2025

Our 2025 Hops and Heroes, charity beer tasting event, will be held on Saturday, August 2nd from 12:00-4:00pm at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge. Doors will open at 11:30 am and ticket sales will only be available through [Event Create](#). All proceeds will benefit the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight organization, which recognizes military veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam with all expenses paid trips to Washington D.C. to visit war memorials built in their honor.

Ticket for each attendee includes four hours of beer tasting from breweries in the Greater St. Louis area and a complimentary beer tasting glass. Food will be available for *purchase starting at 11:30am*. Please do not bring outside food.

We will be offering a LIMITED VIP experience featuring the above plus a free meal, and exclusive access to a selection of RARE barrel aged beers. VIPs will also have access to a separate air conditioned space throughout the event where they can come and go as they please AND EAT A FREE MEAL.

Live music from 3 different bands

Silent Auctions and 50/50 drawings

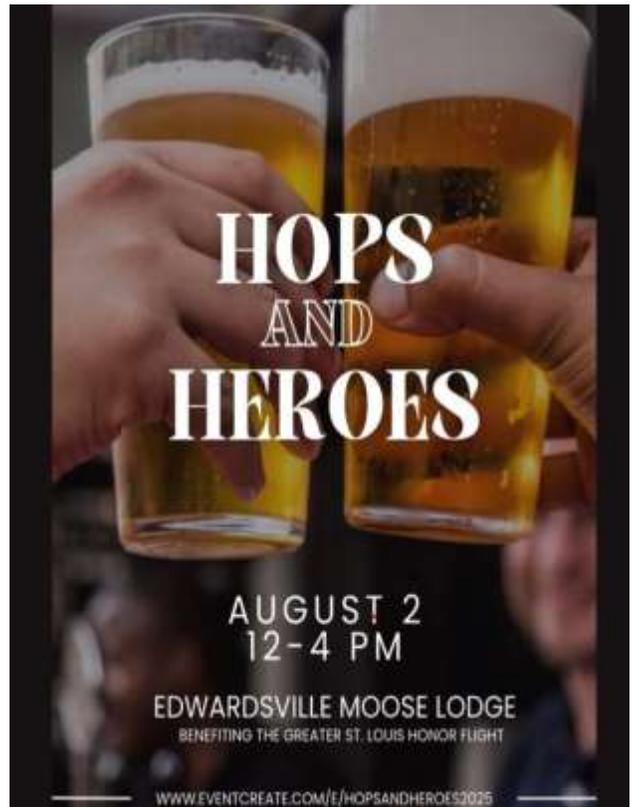
Food available for purchase

MUST BE 21 to Participate in tasting.

Ticket are available for Designated Drivers.

If you are unable to attend, but would loke to donate to this worthy cause please go to the [REGISTRATION](#) page and you will have an option to donate...THANK YOU!

Go to <https://eventcreate.com/hopsandheroes2025> to register or donate.



TO REGISTER



Vitale's Hideaway in Worden Illinois is hosting a fund raiser event to contribute to our Hops and Heroes Fund . See below for the details.

VITALE'S HIDEAWAY PRESENTS

VETERANS' COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY JULY 19

SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM

- ★ \$10 PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE - SEE BARTENDER!
PROCEEDS SUPPORT HONOR FLIGHT FOR OUR VETERANS!
- ★ \$15 TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR ON SHOW NIGHT (UPON AVAILABILITY)
- ★ PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR VETERANS!

FEATURING VETERAN COMEDIANS

ERIC RUESELER

- ★ US MARINE CORPS VETERAN - PRIMARY MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR

CLAY BEYERSDORFER

- ★ US ARMY VETERAN - WRITER FOR THE MILITARY TIMES

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- ★ US ARMY VETERAN - SERVED IN KUWAIT, IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

DAVID O'DONNELL

- ★ SPECIAL GUEST

JOIN US AT VITALE'S HIDEAWAY FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER, HONOR, AND GIVING BACK. WE'RE CELEBRATING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED WITH A COMEDY NIGHT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE HOPPS FOR HEROES HONOR FLIGHT. HELP SEND OUR VETERANS ON AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE TO WASHINGTON DC'S

NATIONAL MEMORIAL!

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Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143 27th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

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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