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Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

The month of September is upon us and that means council work will be ramping up. While the various fundraising activities that assist the wide array of charities that the council supports (Charity Golf Tournament on September 6, the Fish Fry on September 19, and the ID Drive the weekend of September 20-21) can fill up our calendars, let us remember to consider spending time together in prayer through the Holy Hour on September 3 and the Rosary for Life on September 13.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Growing our council membership is

an important event to celebrate. During the August 16 Exemplification, we welcomed Aaron Bohnenstiehl into the Knights of Columbus and our council. We also welcomed two new members to the council, John Trimaco and Gerald Meznarich. Let us continue to work on bringing Catholic men into the Knights of Columbus. There will be an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity scheduled after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's on November 9, so we have another chance to invite Catholic men into our council.

In reviewing past council activities while preparing for upcoming ones, I am humbled to see the tremendous work that Council 1143 has accomplished and continues to do, not for our personal glory, but in service to God and the community

around us. Let us continue the service that is in the "DNA of Council 1143".

Please pencil in the Columbus Day Banquet scheduled on October 26. We will honor some members of our council during the banquet. Details will be sent soon. I hope to see many of you on the 26th of October.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

PARISH ID DRIVE

Brother Knights: Please use the following link to volunteer for spots on September 20-21. We will have two spots for each of the Masses in St. Boniface (4:15pm, 8:15am, 10:15am) and St. Mary's (5pm, 8am, 10:30am) to collect money for Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A AAAA2DA6FEC61-57700229-counsel>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Worthy Chancellor Cliff Sachs (email address is cliff.sachs60@gmail.com). Thank you!

MONTHLY FISH FRY

September 19 th Team # 1 4:30-7:00 pm

September Wedding Anniversaries

2	Paul & Barbara Jenkins Jr	19	Todd & Elizabeth Ehlen
2	Jeffrey & Peggy Wehling	21	Bryce & Shari Renken
3	John & Suelaine Matthews	22	Richard & Barb Stamer
4	Jeffrey & Nancy Hessel	22	Steven & Amanda Huber
9	Albert & Fran Treichel Jr	23	Thomas & Leone Burns
9	David & Angela Jurgena	23	Vernon & Cindy Zurliene
10	Andrew & Julia Conner	23	Kip & Jeanne Heinle
11	Frederic & Kathy Kolesa	24	John & Janet Foehrkolb
11	Shaun & Sherri Flannery	24	Christopher & Liz Bray
13	Edward & Donna Akers II	25	Philip & Renee Reznack
14	David & Katya Briesacher	26	Gregg & Celeste Korte
15	James & Nancy Jatcko	27	Kent & Regina Trebing
15	Leon & Tamara White	28	Jeffrey & Joan Suzewits
16	Matthew & Siobahn Wilkinson	29	Stephen & Kathy Wehling
17	Benjamin & Stacy Hayden	29	Dean & Rebecca Croft
19	Don & Jeanne Brunworth	30	Lawrence & Sharon Green
19	James & Michelle Kovarik Jr		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

September Birthdays

1	Stephen James Wehling	18	Christopher R Wangard
5	Ryan M Frank	19	Darrell L Frey
7	Michael W Jacober	20	Stephen H Haarmann
8	Louis A Carnoali	23	Alan R Gerstenecker
9	Paul T Hurley	23	Timothy R Mueller
9	Deacon Daniel L Corbett	24	Rodney A Schaake
10	Matthew E Brooks	24	Richard P Stamer
10	Bryan Riegert	25	Martin K Morrissey
12	Melvin L Eaker	25	Albert W Schug
13	James F Eugea	25	Louis F Popelar
14	Jason M Jones	26	Denver P Seay
16	Anthony J Bobrowski	26	Michael R Wiedner
17	David F Schwab	27	James H Albus
18	David R Gebhart	28	James L Perini
18	Thomas J. Hoferlin	30	Jeffrey E Papajcik



Knight of the Month

Co-Knights of Month: Jon Harris and Tim Mueller

Jon and Tim co-chaired this year's Hops and Heroes. They were involved with the preparation (brewery recruitment, sponsorship, planning, etc.) and actual event. Hops and Heroes has continued to fund Honor Flights for local veterans.



Family of the Month

Family of the Month: Ed and Kate Burnley

The Burnley family go to St. Mary's Catholic Church and all three kids attend St. Mary's Parish School. Ed is a Captain and Paramedic with the Edwardsville Fire Department. The Burnley family helped with the August Fish Fry even though they were not part of a Fish Fry Team.



September Calendar of Activities

September 3 (5-6pm)	Holy Hour (St. Boniface Parish)
September 5-6 (4-10pm)	St. Mary's Parish Fall Fest
September 6 (8am-2pm)	Charity Golf Tournament (Oak Brook Golf Club)
September 7 (11:30am-4pm)	BBQ (The Hall)
September 8 (7pm)	Council 1143 Meeting
September 13 (9-10am)	Rosary for Life (Hope Clinic in Granite City)
September 15-18 (tentative)	Youth Soccer Challenge
September 19 (4:30-7pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 1)
September 20-21	ID Drive
September 22 (7pm)	Council 1143 Officers Planning Meeting

Upcoming Activities for October and November

October 11	40 Days for Life (Hope Clinic in Granite City)
October 18	Men's Leadership Summit (St. Boniface)
October 19	Leclair Parkfest
October 26 (10:15am)	Corporate Communion and Red Mass (St. Boniface)
October 26 (6:30pm)	Columbus Day Banquet (at The Hall)
November 9 (11:30am)	Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity (St. Mary's)
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Brother Knights: Council 1143 has been assigned to have at least two individuals on Saturday, October 11, starting at 7am. Please take an hour out of your busy schedule and pray the Rosary to end abortion. Currently, we need council members and family for the following time slots.

10:00 AM -1
12 Noon -2
3:00 PM -2
4:00 PM—2

Even though a slot is filled, you can still go and pray with those already signed up.

If you can fill in one of the time slots, please send an email to Bro. Tom Tucker (email address is thtucker5@yahoo.com).

Golf Tournament Workers Needed..

Brother Knights! The 27th Annual Council Golf Tournament is upon us. We need your help or your golf team. The tournament is on Saturday, September 6th at Oak Brook Golf Club. We are in need of several volunteers to help make this event a success! Please follow the sign-up genius link below to volunteer for a slot today.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA9AB28A0F9C70-58007879-edwardsville>

Interested in signing a team up for the tournament? It is not too late! There is still room available. Please email Ryan at rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com to register your team today. Thank you for your support!

4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Brother Knights,

This past month we lost our brother Sir Knight Neil Joellenbeck. Neil was a Sir Knight of our Assembly, and had briefly served as the Council's Grand Knight before moving to the Mascoutah, IL area. Please take a moment and say a prayer for the repose of his soul. Here is an example: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen".

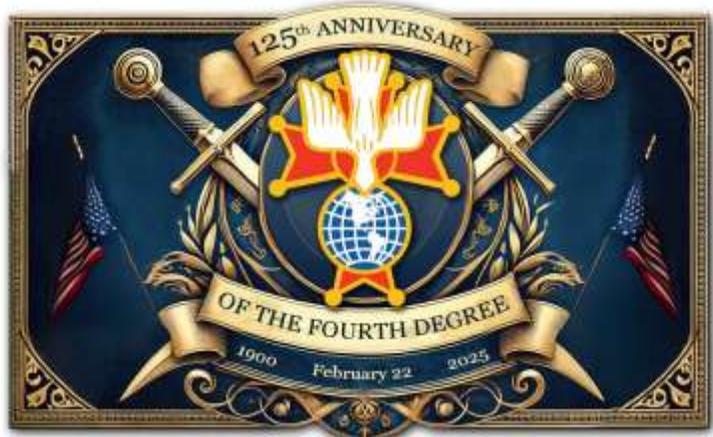
I'd like to express gratitude toward our fellow Sir Knights who came to his visitation and performed the Assembly Chalice Ceremony. It was a beautiful ceremony and Neil's family, including his mother and his sons, greatly appreciated it. Our Assembly has not lost a member for quite some time, and we were able to put together the ceremony on short notice. Thanks to my fellow Sir Knights of the Color Corps, led by our Color Corps Commander, Ryan Fitzpatrick. The Chalice Ceremony included a time of vigil, standing watch with the departed, and the presentation of the Chalice. The ceremony includes the message that although such a loss is sad, it is also an inspiring reminder that Death will be swallowed up by Victory, through Christ! We donate the Chalice afterward through the Knights of Columbus chalice program to a bishop, priest, parish, mission, or religious home.

This ceremony marks my first time putting on the Uniform of the Knights of Columbus and carrying the ceremonial sword. The sword is of particular significance, as it is worn to signify Chris-

tian Knighthood; the defense of our Church, our Country, and our Freedom; for reverence for the Eucharist, and for respect for our Clergy. I can say it was an inspiring experience donning this uniform, and I hold my chin up a bit higher representing our Council and Assembly in such a way! I invite all of you who have taken the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree to don the uniform. We currently have less than ten members in the Color Corps, although we have over fifty members in the Assembly and hundreds in our Council. We would be delighted if more would come and wear the uniform. We generally have about 4 regularly scheduled events throughout the year in uniform, and a variable number of events due to special masses and occasionally a funeral. We can always use more members in uniform to represent the Knights at these occasions! To don the uniform, you would need to join the Assembly by completing the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. I challenge each and every Knight in our Council to live by the fourth Principal of Knighthood, Patriotism, to join us at the Assembly, and take the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree!

Remaining 2025 4th Degree Exemplifications:

- Sunday September 7th Teutopolis, IL
 - Saturday October 25th Champaign, IL
 - Saturday November 15th Highland, IL
- Vivat Jesus!
Jason Jones
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 225



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

Greetings Brother Knights,

For this fiscal year, the officers and I are trying something a little different to increase awareness and attendance at our fish fry's. Starting with the September 19 Fish Fry, a portion of the proceeds will be designated to various organizations which we currently support. While this has always been done, by focusing on one entity per month, we hope to generate more overall support for each group. Below is the list of organizations we have designated for this fiscal year and as always, the Lenten Fish Frys will still support the three Catholic schools:

Sept. 19 - Intellectual Disability Drive
Oct. 17 - A Beacon of Light (ABL)
Nov. 21 - KC Children's Shopping Spree
Dec. 19 - St. Vincent DePaul Society
Jan. 16 - St. Boniface sports uniforms
Feb. 20 - April 3 - Catholic Schools
April 17 - St. Mary's School (need TBD)
May 15 - Fr. McGivney HS (need TBD)
June 19 - MOASIC

By designating the recipients, the hope is that the specific organization will encourage their supporters to attend the fish fry and our members can do their part by helping to spread the word - after all, everyone needs to eat.

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Carnoali

Fish Fry Chairman

VOLUNTEERING: "That job's not for me...."

Author unknown

Everyone feels inadequate from time to time. "That's not for me," we say, and shrink away from activities that take us out of our comfort zones.

Certainly, each of us has our unique set of strengths. But too often we limit what God wants to accomplish through us when we say "No" to what we think will be a difficult or unsavory role.

Scripture has a lot to say about being adequate for the task. Recall how God led the prophet Samuel to anoint an unlikely choice, the shepherd boy, David, as the future king of Israel. No one thought David was adequate to the task, not even himself. The Lesson? God doesn't measure our potential according to human standards. He measures our hearts, then equips us for the task. David soon learned this truth when he found himself facing the Philistine giant, Goliath!

The apostle Paul came to know it, too. He wrote about the effectiveness of his ministry, saying, "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence is from God" (2 Cor.3:5.) Later, he reiterates his point saying, "...But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Cor. 4:7.)

God calls upon all His people to serve Him. The first thought many Christians have when asked to help in an area outside their comfort zone is that they aren't cut out for that type of work. Humanly speaking, they are right, but that is why God steps in and provides what's needed to do any task He calls them to do. And He encourages them by His Spirit and the support of those who have found Him to be a faithful guide.

So, if you are the person that thinks you can't volunteer because you don't have the skills or the courage or the *TIME*, you are precisely the person who should help, because you will be relying on the competence of God, rather than you own!

From Our Field Agent

Life Insurance Coverage

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need?

Maybe you wonder about this occasionally, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it at all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you.

The good news is buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock into a plan now.

Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone.

Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children

in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually have a secondary education option, if desired.

Small business owners. You built your business – now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensure your business will continue to operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs and your budget.

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Highway Cleanup crew from August 23rd . Watch for next date and volunteer an hour to help.



The Family Fully Alive

Building the Domestic Church

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

MEDITATIONS ON FAMILY LIFE



Family Prayer

Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving, praise of God, asking for forgiveness, supplication and invocation. In all of these forms the prayer of the family has much to say to God.

St. John Paul II

Letter to Families, 10

Mary appears therefore as the supreme model of personal participation in the divine mysteries. She guides the Church in meditating on the mystery celebrated and in participating in the saving event, by encouraging the faithful to desire an intimate, personal relationship with Christ in order to cooperate with the gift of their own life in the salvation of all. ...

We could add that for the people of God, Mary represents the model of every expression of their prayer life. In particular, she teaches Christians how to turn to God to ask for his help and support in the various circumstances of life.

Her motherly intercession at the wedding in Cana and her presence in the Upper Room at the Apostles' side as they prayed in expectation of Pentecost suggest that the prayer of petition is an essential form of cooperation in furthering the work of salvation in the world. By following her model, the Church learns to be bold in her asking, to persevere in her intercessions and, above all, to implore the gift of the Holy Spirit.

St. John Paul II

Audience, Sept. 10, 1997, 4-5

1. During my day, what are some times when I could take a minute to "touch base" with God through prayer, perhaps asking his help or simply thanking him for his love and his presence?
2. Just as talking can build a relationship, the different kinds of prayer mentioned are all ways to grow closer to God. What type makes me most aware that God is near and a part of this life he has given me?
3. How is our family touched and shaped by the prayers of all of its members?

Education of Children

The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason too it can and should be called "the domestic church."

All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons, making the family "a school of deeper humanity": this happens where there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service every day; when there is a sharing of goods, of joys and of sorrows.

A fundamental opportunity for building such a communion is constituted by the educational exchange between parents and children in which each gives and receives. By means of love, respect and obedience towards their parents, children offer their specific and irreplaceable contribution to the construction of an authentically human and Christian family. They will be aided in this if parents exercise their unrenounceable authority as a true and proper "ministry," that is, as a service to the human and Christian well-being of their children, and in particular as a service aimed at helping them acquire a truly responsible freedom, and if parents maintain a living awareness of the "gift" they continually receive from their children.

St. John Paul II

Familiaris Consortio, 21

1. What are some similarities between how we learn to live in the family and how we learn to live in the Church?
2. What are some differences between living shallowly and living in a more deeply human way?
3. Realizing that God has given us our familial relationships, how do we each give and receive from each other?
4. What are some of the "graces and responsibilities" I have to contribute to make our family more Christian and more human?

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