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Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

October is upon us. As Catholics, October is Respect Life Month, the month where we promote the value of human life from conception to natural death. This is also the time where various activities will pull us in different directions. Let us continue to find even an hour in helping the various council programs that will go a long way.

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

Can you find an hour to spend praying to support the culture of Life? There is a Life Chain on October 5 at 2pm in the corner of St. Boniface Parish Church and the council's assigned day for 40 Days for Life at Hope Clinic on October 11.

Can you find an hour to assist with the council's ID Drive? There is an ID Drive on October 10-11 and Oc-

tober 17-18 at Wood River Schnucks.

Would you like to support an important council fund raising for providing scholarships to attend either Fr. McGivney Catholic High School or a university? Come and enjoy excellent food prepared by fellow Brother Knights at the Le-Claire Parkfest on October 19.

How can we show our commitment as a council in promoting the Catholic faith? You can join fellow Brother Knights and their families in attending the 10:15am Mass on October 26 at St. Boniface as part of our Corporate Communion.

Several other chances of fellowship with other Brother Knights are in our calendar this month. Fish Fry on October 17 with portion of the proceeds supporting A Beacon of Light; the last BBQ of the year at The Hall on October 5; council Blood Drive on October 8; and the Columbus Day and Awards Banquet on October 26 are some upcoming events.

Let us continue to invite Catholic Men from our two parishes to join the Knights of Columbus and be a part of a vibrant and active council. An Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will occur after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's on November 9, and this Mass will be another Corporate Communion for council members and families.

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

September gross sales were \$2,896.75

October 17th Team # 2 4:30-7:00 pm

*Some of the proceeds for October goes to support
The Beacon of Light*

ID DRIVE NEWS...

At all the masses on the weekend of Sept 20-21, Council members collected donations for the annual ID Drive. That weekend we collected \$931.23.

In order to reach this year's goal of over \$5,200, the council was able to get additional days to collect funds for the ID Drive. We will collect donations at the Wood River Schnucks on October 10 from 3-7pm, October 11 from 9am-3pm, October 17 from 3-7pm, and October 18 from 9am-3pm.

Please use the following link to volunteer for an hour.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4CAEAB2FA6FBC16-58812023-wood>

If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Jatcko (ajjatcko@gmail.com or 618-803-0576).

Columbus Day and Awards Banquet Invitation

Our Council will celebrate its annual Columbus Day and Awards Banquet with a Corporate Communion and Banquet on **Sunday, October 26, 2025**.

Members and their families are invited to gather at the 10:15am Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church, during which we will receive Holy Communion as a body. This is also the annual Red Mass celebrated by Bishop Paprocki for members of the legal profession in Madison County.

Please join your Brother Knights and their ladies for cocktails in the lounge at The Hall, beginning at 6:30pm. Dinner will follow at 7:00pm. Kathy Lesnoff, CEO of Mosaic Health, will be the banquet guest speaker. Kathy is planning to bring the Mosaic mobile unit for the council to see the fruit of our sacrificial giving.

Our banquet will be catered by Kain Tayo Filipino Cuisine Restaurant. After two years in St. Louis, MO, it was recently included in the Best 100 Restaurants of 2025 by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Please return the registration form below with a check made payable to the **Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143** no later than October 17, 2025. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 618-691-9975 or email me at magusti@siue.edu.

I look forward to seeing you at the event to honor our Brother Knights and to partake of fellowship.

Thank you and God Bless,



Marcus Agustin
Grand Knight

Columbus Day Banquet Reservation Form

Please reserve ____ dinner(s) @ \$25.00 each

Name: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ Number of Mass attendees: _____

Send form and check payable to **Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143** to:

Marcus Agustin, 2804 Hunters Crossing Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025,
or hand to the bartender at the Hall by October 17, 2025.



October is Respect Life Month! Please bring your friends and families to the Life Chain Event on **Sunday, October 5 from 2-3 pm**. We will gather at the corner of Vandalia and Buchanan to hold up signs and pray for the unborn, their mothers, and all of those impacted by the abortion industry.

- *Bring your whole family! Rain or shine!
- *Posters are provided with various pro-life messages

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community, that abortion kills children and hurts us all, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

If you have questions about the Life Chain, please contact Melinda Nosser (mnosser93@gmail.com).

Blessing of Ultra Sound Machine



Recently, Council 1143 donated funds to Mosaic Health to purchase an ultrasound machine. On Thursday, October 9th, at 1:00pm we will meet at Mosaic Health (5016 N. Illinois St. Fairview Heights, IL 62208) and our council Chaplain, Father Christopher Trummer.

Brother Knights, this is an invitation to participate in this event. Please wear a Knights shirt/polo. Contact Marcus Agustin magusti@siue.edu if you can be there so he can tell Mosaic on the number who will be participating.



Council 1143 day of prayer at the Hope Clinic in Granite City for 40 Days for Life is on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Our Council is responsible for having at least 2 members, family or friends present between 7:00– 7:00pm to pray for the end of abortion. The one hour time slots are almost full, but there is still a need to fill in the following time slots: noon (need 1); 3-4pm (need two); 4-5pm (need two). Even though the slots have been filled you may still show up a pray. If you are able to fill in, please contact Tom Tucker (cell is (618) 741-8930). Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to pray for those affected by the choice between life and abortion.

Upcoming Events....

October Calendar of Activities

October 5 (2pm)	Life Chain outside St. Boniface Parish
October 5	BBQ at The Hall
October 7 (7:30pm)	Assembly 225 Meeting
October 8 (3-6:30pm)	Council 1143 Blood Drive
October 10-11	ID Drive (at Wood River Schnucks)
October 11 (7am-7pm)	40 Days for Life
October 13 (7pm)	Council 1143 Meeting
October 17 (4:30-7pm)	KC Fish Fry (Team 2)
October 17-18	ID Drive (at Wood River Schnucks)
October 19 (11-5pm)	LeClaire Parkfest
October 20 (7:00pm)	Fred Mills Board Meeting
October 26 (10:15am Mass)	Corporate Communion (Red Mass)
October 26 (starting 6:30pm)	Columbus Day and Awards Banquet (at The Hall)
October 27 (7pm)	Council 1143 Officers Planning Meeting

Upcoming Activities for November and December

November 8	Highway Clean-up
November 9 (10:30am Mass)	Corporate Communion (at St. Mary's Parish)
November 9 (after Mass)	Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade

Coats for Kids will be completed in November (details to come).

Christmas Shopping Spree will be in December (details to come).

Knight of the Month

The October Knight of the Month is awarded to Sir Brother Knight Tom Tucker and Brother Knight Jack Gabler. Tom Tucker and Jack Gabler have been stalwarts in our council's efforts in promoting Life, through their work in praying for the unborn and those affected by abortion.



Family of the Month

The October Family of the Month is awarded to Jerry and Stephanie Kapp. Both Jerry and Stephanie Kapp are leaders in our community in promoting a culture of Life. Their family's work and leadership in our council's Ultrasound Initiative last spring and their continued commitment to assisting pregnancy centers in our area are recognized in this Respect Life Month.



**Listen to Quo Vadis hosted by Brother Knight Clyde Nossier
on Sundays at 1:30 pm and Thursdays at 8:00 pm on WRYT
Radio AM1080 FM 92.7**

October Wedding Anniversaries

3	Jerome & Sharon Hengehold	18	Chad & Denise Frank
4	Michael & Roberta Kaufman	21	Ryan & Jennifer Grotefendt
4	Nick & Becky Robinson	22	Kenneth & Linda Jonff
5	Louis & Mary Carnoali	23	Timothy & Stacy Henke
6	William & Pamela Stullken	23	Bryan & Summer Dunnill
6	Daniel & Debbra Boner	23	Dr Charles & Dr. Sarah Hogue Jr
8	John & Melinda Smith	24	Dale & April Coleman
9	William & Michele Helbling	25	Deacon Daniel & Pamela Corbett
13	Christopher & Amy Angle	26	James & Victoria Eugea
15	Ethan & Samantha Willenborg	26	Christopher & Nancy Schroeder
16	Clyde & Melinda Nosser	28	Vincent & Carol Sue Hess Jr
16	Greg & Kelly Frese	29	Todd & Sarah Frank
17	Ryan & Ann Marie Fitzpatrick	30	Michael & Lisa Sullivan
17	Adam & Ashley Wessel		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

October Birthdays

2	Christopher A Angle	18	Edward G Collins
2	Brent R Kerns	18	Michael R Sullivan
2	Allan E Ratkewicz Jr	18	Steven H Ambrozat
2	Ben Hyten	21	Jan M Caban
2	Thomas Hyten	21	Jeffrey A Hessel
3	Jim Knebel	21	Martin H Manny
4	Douglas P Villhard	21	Rev William F Kessler
4	Spencer X Burkart	21	Benjamin Floyd Wilson
5	Michael H Colligan	22	Nathan A Kreke
5	Matthew Agustin	22	Joseph A Lombardi
7	Beau G Moody	22	Robert D Savant
9	Mark S Lambiotte	23	Gregory T Schweickert
10	Douglas C Frank	23	Michael S Cummins
11	Michael T Nolte	23	Christopher C Schroeder
11	Joseph R Doyle	24	Joseph S Michel
12	Anthony J Certa	25	Robert L Douglas
14	Robert L Towner	25	James M Reeves
15	Jeffrey M Shannon	26	Nick C Robinson
15	Glen G Knight	30	Paul B Fuller
16	Robert J Smith Jr	30	Jared W Nosser
17	Patrick G King	31	Douglas L Hastings
		31	Christopher J Haarmann



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pray the rosary daily. Get up 15 minutes early or on your lunch break and make the rosary part of your day. Pray the rosary with Covenant Network Catholic Radio at 10:00 am 3:00 pm, and/or 8:30 pm. WRYT Radio AM180 and FM 92.7

4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Brother Knights,

This past month our community held events to remember the tragedy of 9/11. On September 11, 2001, our nation was shaken to its core. The attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 claimed nearly 3,000 innocent lives and left an indelible mark on the soul of America. As Knights of Columbus, we remember not only the tragedy but the courage, unity, and faith that rose from the ashes.

We honor the first responders who ran toward danger, many sacrificing their lives to save others. We remember the families who lost loved ones and the communities that rallied in prayer and support. In the face of evil, Americans stood together—bound by compassion, resilience, and a shared commitment to justice.

Twenty-four years later, we continue to pray for the souls lost and for peace in our world. Let this anniversary renew our dedication to charity, unity, and fraternity. May we be inspired by the heroism of that day to serve our neighbors with greater love and to defend the dignity of every human life.

As we gather in remembrance, let us also recommit ourselves to being men of faith and action—living witnesses to the hope that overcomes darkness. We will never forget. We will always remember.

I continue to invite you to join me in uniform to represent the Knights of Columbus, and 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:

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!

From Our Field Agent

Life Insurance Living Benefits

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Does yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.”

One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefits riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately – when you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium this rider allows you to access your

policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for.

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Amor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible.

Set up time to meet with me, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs.

Vivat Jesus!



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VOCATIONS RAFFLE

Each year the State Council holds a raffle for Vocations. The proceeds from this raffle are used to support the seminarians throughout Illinois.

Vocations raffle books will be available during the council meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.

Or you can go to the webpage by using the QR code to the right to make you donation. Be sure to enter “Council 1143” so we get credit.



SAVE THE DATES.....

From our Faith Director—Bob Douglas

The following events have been scheduled -

Holy Hour 5:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Corporate Communion

Wednesday, November 5

Sunday, October 26, St. Boniface, 10:15 a.m. Red Mass with Bishop Paprocki

Wednesday, January 7

Sunday, November 9, St. Mary's 10:30 a.m. mass

Wednesday, March 4

Sunday, February 1, St. Boniface , 8:15 a.m. mass

Wednesday, May 6

Sunday, April 26, St. Mary's 8:00 a.m. mass

Wednesday, July 1

Sunday, June 7, St. Boniface, 5:15 p.m. (Corpus Christi)

Saturday, August 1, St. Mary's, 5:15 p.m. mass

Men's Leadership Summit

October 18

St. Boniface Church

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: John Edwards

Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at

gortiz@dio.org

or 217-321-1124

Cost: \$30

Register by October 1



Quincy Cursillo

Serving the Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Illinois

Upcoming Men's Weekends

January 22-25, 2026

March 19-22, 2026

June 25-28, 2026

September 17-20, 2026

Upcoming Women's Weekends

February 19-22, 2026

April 16-19, 2026

July 16-19, 2026

November 12-15, 2026

For more information, please visit <https://www.quincycursillo.com/> or contact Bob Douglas at (618) 406-4116 if interested.

FALL FOOD DRIVE.....

On Saturday September 27th, we collect over 1,300 pounds of food and \$200.00 in cash donations. Thank you for all that helped make this event successful.



Youth Soccer Challenge...

This year we held the Annual Youth Soccer Challenge on September 8-9 and 15-16 at Plummer Park.

We had over 60 young soccer players participate in this annual event.

Thank You to those that helped with this event—

Marcus Agustin, Thomas Dammerich, Steve Edwards, Tim Henke, Dennis Hessel, Aaron Jatcko, Jason Jones, Jerry Kapp, Paul Pizzini, Dustin, Riechmann, Mike Spotanski, Bill Tucker, and Fr. McGivney Catholic High School students.



Leclaire Parkfest Sunday October 19th 11:00 am—5:00pm at Leclaire Lake Park.

We will be serving the customary Italian Beef, brats, and hamburgers. Contact Brain Jones at 618-580-1400 if you are able to help out that day, and if you can't work, please come out support our food booth.

The proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

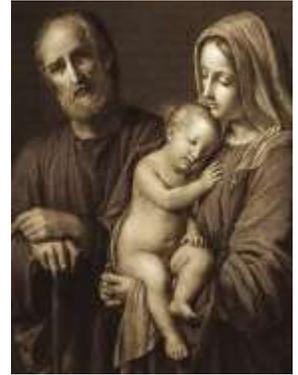
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



Loving Our Neighbor

Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God. The flight into Egypt caused by Herod's threat shows us that God is present where man is in danger, where man is suffering, where he is fleeing, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but God is also present where man dreams, where he hopes to return in freedom to his homeland and plans and chooses life for his family and dignity for himself and his loved ones. Today our gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of the life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced.

Pope Francis - *Angelus Address, Dec. 29, 2013*

1. How is our family rich in companionship?
2. Who is one person or family who lacks the love of a close family? How can we reach out to help share our family with them?
3. Do material things and busy schedules isolate members of our family, perhaps taking people in different directions all the time or excluding a parent, spouse, child or sibling? Is there a way to imitate the Holy Family's "simplicity of life" to ensure that those in our family do not feel alone?
4. Do the elderly in our family feel lonely? What are some ways we could make them feel more included in the family's love?

Family and the Parish

Among the fundamental tasks of the Christian family is its ecclesial task: the family is placed at the service of the building up of the Kingdom of God in history by participating in the life and mission of the Church.

In order to understand better the foundations, the contents and the characteristics of this participation, we must examine the many profound bonds linking the Church and the Christian family and establishing the family as a "Church in miniature" (*Ecclesia domestica*) in such a way that in its own way the family is a living image and historical representation of the mystery of the Church.

It is, above all, the Church as Mother that gives birth to, educates and builds up the Christian family, by putting into effect in its regard the saving mission which she has received from her Lord. By proclaiming the word of God, the Church reveals to the Christian family its true identity, what it is and should be according to the Lord's plan; by celebrating the sacraments, the Church enriches and strengthens the Christian family with the grace of Christ for its sanctification to the glory of the Father; by the continuous proclamation of the new commandment of love, the Church encourages and guides the Christian family to the service of love, so that it may imitate and relive the same self-giving and sacrificial love that the Lord Jesus has for the entire human race.

73St. John Paul II - *Familiaris Consortio, 49*

1. Pick a sacrament (penance, Eucharist, matrimony, etc.) or program in the parish and discuss how it has enriched our family.
2. How can we take advantage of the graces offered in the Church to make our family holy?
3. How can our family become more involved in the parish, shaping it with our love the way it shapes families with Christ's love?

Knights of Columbus #1143 2nd Annual Charity Bourbon Raffle



Raffle List:

Weller Special Reserve 1.75L
Weller Full Proof Store Pick
Four Roses 2024 Limited Edition
E.H. Taylor Single Barrel
Pappy Vanwinkle Lot B 12yr
Angels Envy Finished in Tawny Port
Wine Barrels
Blanton's Single Barrel (2)
Old Fitzgerald 7yr Bottled in Bond
Yellowstone Store Pick
Henry McKenna 10yr
Eagle Rare Store Pick (2)
Weller 12yr
Knob Creek 12yr
Wild Turkey Master's Keep
Yellowstone 2024 Limited Edition
Woodford Reserve 151st Kentucky
Derby Bottle
Pursuit United "The Oak Collection"
E.H. Taylor Small Batch
Barrel King Batch CB4 Bourbon
Michelob Ultra St. Louis City SC Sign



- ♦ 22 chances to win! Proceeds from this raffle will support A Beacon of Light Ultrasound Project, Coats for Kids, and the Intellectual Disabilities Drive fundraiser.
- ♦ Raffle is limited to 300 tickets. Tickets are 1 for \$40 or 3 for \$100.
- ♦ The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00pm at The Hall on 7132 Marine Rd. in Edwardsville, Illinois. Ticketholders are welcome to attend but are not required to be present to win. The drawing will also be streamed live on the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Facebook page. Winners will go in order of their ticket drawn to select their prize (1 bottle).



Use the QR code
to purchase your
tickets today!

The following local businesses helped make this raffle possible. Please support our sponsors!

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