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November 2025

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

We completed the first four months of the fraternal year, and I am in awe by what this council has accomplished in promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church through prayers and serving families in the surrounding community. From a very successful food and household items drive for the Glen-Ed Pantry; praying the Rosary in promoting the culture of Life; attending a Corporate Communion Mass with our family; seeking monetary donations in support of the Intellectual Disabilities Drive; serving the community and our local parishes through council-sponsored blood drives, highway clean-ups, fundraising for Honor Flights for local veterans, and preparing food for St. Mary's Parish Fall Fest and LeClaire ParkFest; the work by our council continues. In everything we do, let us be guided by what St. Paul said in his letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ.

The month of November is no exception. The council will start its fundraising efforts for the Children Shopping Spree this month. While

the monetary gifts that some of you will be able to share go a long way in supporting this initiative, it will be as important to find time to contribute by being a chaperone when shopping for presents and helping with the wrapping of presents.

The council has several Faith and Life initiatives this month. On November 5th, we have a Holy Hour where members and their family are invited to spend time together in prayer. We start a new Faith program called Ora Pro Nobis (Pray for Us) where council members are encouraged to pray a daily Rosary for the souls in purgatory and other intentions. Our monthly Rosary for Life will start its 6-month schedule at 9am on the second Saturday of the month at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Finally, Brother Knights and family will gather at two of the Catholic cemeteries at 9am on November 15th to pray the Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory.

Several fellowship opportunities with Brother Knights are in our November calendar. We will have our well-known Fish Fry on November 21st, with portion of the proceeds supporting an ultrasound initiative by another local Knights of Columbus council for A Beacon of Light. We can march together in honoring our veterans during the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th.

The Hall is an important venue for majority of the council activities so if you are able, there is a Hall clean-up on November 15th. Finally, do not forget to support the Bourbon Raffle, which will help with some of the fundraising efforts of the council, and will culminate with a social hour and drawing at 7pm on November 25th at The Hall.

Let us continue to grow our council membership by inviting Catholic Men from our two parishes to join the Knights of Columbus Council 1143. An Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will be held after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's on November 9, and this Mass will be another Corporate Communion for council members and family. The work of this council requires all the help that we can get from men committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin
Grand Knight

November Wedding Anniversaries

3	Michael & Nicolle Nolte	18	David & Terry Gebhart
5	Timothy & Sue Hogan	20	Stephen & Mary Haarmann
7	Michael & Claire Wiedner	22	Thomas & Ann Neuendank
8	Joseph & Christine Lombardi	23	David & Kathy Viox
9	Kurt & Mary Hylla	24	Anthony & Sue Certa
10	Michael & Sharon Colligan	26	Stephen & Rose Mary Edwards
12	Douglas & Heather Frank	29	Robert & Jane Scheibal Jr
13	Michael & Laura McKinzie		
16	Brian & Jennifer Jones		
18	Mark & Myriam Lambiotte		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

November Birthdays

1	Daniel L Boner	14	Zachary R Bishop
1	Anthony R Garavalia	16	Bryan T Dammerich
3	William Jeff Helbling	16	Jon Harris
4	Scot T Ambuel	17	Bruce P Gerstenecker
4	David M Yates	17	Michael C Menendez
5	Ryan A Fitzpatrick	17	Patrick J Morrison Sr
6	Steven E Huber	18	Kenneth M Negro
7	Adam Lawrence Wessel	18	Vernon G Zurliene
7	Kyle Jackson	20	Dave G Strong
9	Kenneth G Lanter	20	Collin T Foster
10	James W Kovarik Jr	22	Eric B Crony
10	William E Morris Jr	22	John K Nwacha
11	Joseph S Gassiraro	23	Marcelo J Nieto
11	Mark A Mancewicz	25	Philip H Hans
12	John Omer Foehrkolb	28	Stephen T Bobrowski
12	Kevin K Law	29	Dr David Hyten
12	J D McCausland	29	Gerald Luchtefeld
13	Richard L Gusewelle	29	Nathanael K Rowlan
13	Michael E Bobrowski Sr	30	John Michael Baker



Knight of the Month

Sir Brother Knight Brian Jones is Knight of the Month. Brian has been part of the LeClaire Parkfest group for a number of years. Brian currently serves as the Faithful Purser of Assembly 225 and has contributed to several council initiatives such as Fish Fry and 40 Days for Life. Brian's commitment to promoting the culture of Life is an example to all council members.



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is Brother Clyde and Melinda Nosser. The Nosser family has been at the forefront on efforts of promoting the culture of Life in the metro-east and the state of Illinois. Clyde and Melinda are leaders in the Forty Days for Life and other Life initiatives in the community. They are active parishioners at St. Boniface Catholic Church, serving as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, and Handbell member, among others.



MONTHLY FISH FRY

November 21st Team # 3 4:30-7:00 pm

Some of the proceeds will go to the Maryville Council to purchase an ultrasound machine for A Beacon of Light

Gross Sales for the October Fish Fry were \$2,277.00 some of the proceeds went to A Beacon of Light

Calendar of Events November 2025

<i>Month of November</i>	Ora Pro Nobis (Pray for Us)
<i>TBD in November</i>	Coats for Kids (distribution date TBD)
<i>November 4 (7:30pm)</i>	Assembly 225 Meeting
<i>November 5 (5-6pm)</i>	Holy Hour (St. Boniface Parish)
<i>November 8 (9am)</i>	Highway Clean-up
<i>November 8 (9am)</i>	Rosary for Life at St. Mary's
<i>November 8-9 (weekend Masses)</i>	Warrior to Lourdes Donut Sales
<i>November 9 (10:30am Mass)</i>	Corporate Communion at St. Mary's
<i>November 9 (after 10:30am Mass)</i>	Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity (St. Mary's)
<i>November 10 (7pm)</i>	Council 1143 Meeting
<i>November 11 (2pm)</i>	Veteran's Day Parade meet at Eden church parking lot
<i>November 15 (9am)</i>	Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory (at each parish cemetery)
<i>November 15 (9am-1pm)</i>	Hall Clean-up
<i>November 21 (4:30-7pm)</i>	KC Fish Fry (Team 3)
<i>November 24 (7pm)</i>	Council 1143 Officers Planning Meeting
<i>November 25 (7pm)</i>	Bourbon Raffle Drawing and Socials

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.



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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.

SAVE THE DATE - CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE DECEMBER 13TH 7:45 AM - 11:00 AM

7:45 Wal-Mart Glen Carbon: Meet at Pharmacy entrance 9:00 (ish): Head to The Hall to wrap the gifts

It's that time of year! We need your time, talent and treasure for the Children's Shopping Spree.

Time - Need Chaperones and Family Members to shop for presents with child(ren)

Talent - Wrap the presents - NOTE Great Service Hour opportunity for your children or grandchildren

Treasure - Need monetary donations to fund the gifts **and** also Christmas Cookies/Goodies for the Hall after the event



Please send contributions to:

The Hall, Attn: Mike Spotanski,
7132 Marine Rd.,
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Or drop it off at The Hall in an envelope marked Christmas Shopping Spree. All donations go directly to the CHILDREN IN NEED CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #1143

Please contact Co-Chairs: Ken Lanter (618-954-0463) or Kyle Jackson (314-378-0513) to volunteer or with any questions.

The CHARITY project depends on our members' generosity and cooperation. Plus, it provides a meaningful method of putting the message of Christ into Christmas.

Edwardsville IL Knights of Columbus Council #1143

2025 Children's Shopping Spree

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More details

To make an online donation go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/2025-childrens-shopping-spree>

Please note that our new Zeffy payment platform automatically adds a tip at checkout. This tip is optional, and you can adjust the amount of the tip to any amount of \$0 or more.



Please be aware that these tips are non-refundable as they go to Zeffy, so please review the total before submitting your donation.

4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Brother Knights,

It's November already, almost time to get out the turkey and feast! But before you get out the pumpkin pie and crack open the classic can of cranberry sauce, I challenge you to help me honor the Veterans in our community who answered the Call to Heroic Virtue!

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson wrote the order that ended World War 1 "On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we will remember them" and we celebrate those who lived, our cherished Veterans, every year since. On Veterans Day, we pause not only to salute the brave men and women who served our nation, but also to reflect on the deeper spiritual truths their sacrifice reveals. The Catechism teaches us that "the love of country is a requirement of the order of charity" and that Patriotism, rightly ordered, is not mere sentiment—it is a virtue rooted in justice and love, calling us to serve the common good and defend the dignity of every human person.

Our veterans embody this virtue. They have answered the call to protect, to persevere, and to place others before self. Their witness challenges us as Knights of Columbus to live our own vocation with similar courage. Whether we wear a military uniform, the "KC Polo Shirt", or the full Knights' Re-

galia, we are called to be men of honor, defenders of faith, and servants of truth.

Let us not be content with ceremony alone. Let this Veterans Day be a summons—to recommit ourselves to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Let us be the kind of men our Church and our country need: steadfast in prayer, bold in service, and humble in leadership. The world needs Knights who are not only visible, but vital.

Vivat Jesus!
Jason Jones

Faithful Navigator, Assembly 225

P.S. November is one of our busiest months at Assembly 225, with events for Veteran's Day!

- Donuts for Vets sale at all masses 11/8 – 11/9 (Sign up to help sell via SignUp Genius!)
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA4AA2AA7FE3-59799155-warriors>
- Veteran's Day mass 8am Tuesday 11/11 at St Boniface
- Veteran's Day parade downtown 11/11 (line up at Eden Church 2-3pm, march at 3pm)
- Exemplification of Patriotism (our annual, local ceremony to join the 4th Degree Assembly) – Highland, IL Saturday 11/15



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

Leclaire Parkfest 2025 ...



The annual Leclaire Parkfest took place on Sunday, October 19th. Council 1143 sold our world famous Italian Beef sandwiches along with hamburgers and brats. The proceeds of this event goes to the Scholarship Fund. Gross sales were \$3,667.30. Thank you to those that volunteered their time.

To the left chairman Brian Jones with Keith Lueking and Joe Marti. Below workers prepare to grill some food.

Below customers place their orders



Upcoming Activities for December 2025 and January 2026

December 13 (starts at 7:45am)

December 13 (9am)

December 17 (3pm)

January 24 (starts at 8:30am)

Children Shopping Spree (fundraising starts November)

Rosary for Life at St. Mary's

Blood Drive

Free Throw Contest at St. Boniface School Gym

LAST MINUTE....

Brother Knights: Father Jeff at St. Boniface has asked for the Knights of Columbus to help provide pickup and transportation of the Food Stuffs that the Church hopes to collect on the weekend of Nov. 8 & 9. Fr. will have the food drive conducted after all Masses that weekend.

There is a need for a pickup truck at the 4:15pm Saturday Mass. Doug's truck will be available for the Sunday Masses, but he will be involved with the Warriors to Lourdes Doughnut Sale, so most likely will not be by the truck to accept food stuffs for boxing. We will most likely need an additional pickup truck at all the Sunday Masses.

Please open the Signup Genius link below to take on one of the needed tasks.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA4AA2AA7FE3-60083688-glen>

Thank you for your help. Let us continue to help those who are in need in our community.

From Our Field Agent

Extended Care Planning

The Knights of Columbus can help your family recover from an extended care event, whether it results from a chronic illness requiring long-term care or a move to a nursing home or assisted-living facility. The cost of an extended care event could significantly impact your ability to meet your retirement income goals. Your asset accumulation plan contributes to the income required to live comfortably during your retirement and provides extended care protection should you or loved one ever need it.

Key questions to consider when it comes to extended care:

- Who will pay for care?
- Who will provide care?
- Where will the care be provided?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. **November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.**

With those questions in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check it out.

“WhatCareCosts” gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members. Visit: www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus and enter sponsor code “KofC” to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of

caring for them.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2025 Annual Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

This year, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win!

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at <https://survey.kofc.org>.

Whether you have questions about the survey or want to talk about setting up an extended care plan, I'm here to help you. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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New Faith Program

Beginning Nov 1, our council will be offering a new Faith Program titled *Ora Pro Nobis* (Pray for Us). Anyone interested in participating in this program is asked to include in their daily rosary the soul of a departed Brother Knight, friend or family member. At the beginning of each month, we will provide a list of names to include in your rosary intentions for every day that month.

Saint John Paul II stated that praying for the souls in Purgatory is the “highest act of supernatural charity”. The souls in Purgatory rely entirely on the prayers of the living, as they can no longer help themselves.

As November is the month of praying and sacrificing for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we hope that you will consider joining us in this prayerful remembrance of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith.

To either submit a name of a Faithfully-departed soul and/or to participate in this daily rosary for Holy Souls, please email or text Brother Knight Jim Jatcko at jjatcko@hotmail.com or 618-803-0570.

Jim Jatcko
State Treasurer



Rosary for Life...

Each month, on the second Saturday of the month we gather to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring an end to abortion. During the summer months we pray outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City and during the winter months we meet at St. Mary Church to pray. Starting on November 8th, we will meet at 9:00 am at St. Mary Church, 1802 Madison Ave to pray the rosary. This event is not limited to just members of The Knights of Columbus. Bring you spouse, your children and your fellow parishioners.

RED MASS with Bishop Paprocki

The annual Red Mass was held October 26th at St. Boniface Church. Our Assembly held an Honor Guard for the Bishop.



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 and the Common Good

The civilization of love evokes joy: joy, among other things, for the fact that a man has come into the world (cf. Jn 16:21), and consequently because spouses have become parents. The civilization of love means “rejoicing in the right” (cf. 1 Cor 13:6). But a civilization inspired by a consumerist, anti-birth mentality is not and cannot ever be a civilization of love. If the family is so important for the civilization of love, it is because of the particular *closeness and intensity of the bonds* which come to be between persons and generations within the family.

St. John Paul II—*Letter to Families, 13*

How does Joseph exercise his role as protector? Discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand. From the time of his betrothal to Mary until the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, he is there at every moment with loving care. As the spouse of Mary, he is at her side in good times and bad, on the journey to Bethlehem for the census and in the anxious and joyful hours when she gave birth; amid the drama of the flight into Egypt and during the frantic search for their child in the Temple; and later in the day-to-day life of the home of Nazareth, in the workshop where he taught his trade to Jesus.

How does Joseph respond to his calling to be the protector of Mary, Jesus, and the Church? By being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God’s presence and receptive to God’s plans, and not simply to his own. ... God does not want a house built by men, but faithfulness to his word, to his plan. It is God himself who builds the house, but from living stones sealed by his Spirit. Joseph is a “protector” because he is able to hear God’s voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God’s call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!

Pope Francis - *Homily at his Papal Inauguration, March 19,*

2013

Mary as the model of charity. In what way is Mary a living example of love for the Church? Let us think of the readiness she showed toward her cousin Elizabeth. In visiting her, the Virgin Mary brought not only material help — she brought this too — but she also brought Jesus, who was already alive in her womb. Bringing Jesus into that house meant bringing joy, the fullness of joy. Elizabeth and Zechariah were rejoicing at a pregnancy that had seemed impossible at their age, but it was the young Mary who brought them the fullness of joy, the joy which comes from Jesus and from the Holy Spirit, and is expressed by gratuitous charity, by sharing with, helping, and understanding others.

Our Lady also wants to bring the great gift of Jesus to us, to us all; and with him she brings us his love, his peace, and his joy. In this, the Church is like Mary: the Church is not a shop, she is not a humanitarian agency, the Church is not an NGO. The Church is sent to bring Christ and his Gospel to all. She does not bring herself — whether small or great, strong or weak, the Church carries Jesus and should be like Mary when she went to visit Elizabeth. What did Mary take to her? Jesus. The Church brings Jesus: this is the center of the Church, to carry Jesus! ... The Church must bring Jesus, the love of Jesus, the charity of Jesus.

Pope Francis—*General Audience, Oct. 23, 2013*

1. How is the family the root of society? How do families shape society and our communities?
2. In our family, each person is welcomed. How can I show that each person is lovable and a reason for happiness?
3. Where do I see Christ needing protection in my life? How can I protect him outside the home?
4. How can I “bring Jesus” with me in helping others? How do I think Mary would act in my community with its needs?

That concludes - THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE Booklet

2025 Columbus Awards Banquet

The Annual Columbus awards banquet was held on October 26th at the Hall. Kathy Lesnoff, President and CEO, from Mosaic Health was the main speaker for the evening. She also brought their mobile ultrasound van for everyone to tour.



The meal was catered by Kain Tayo Filipino Cuisine Restaurant



Kathy Lesnoff, president and CEO of Mosaic health, shows off the mobile ultrasound van to attendees.



Attendees enjoy dinner.



Kathy Lesnoff, President and CEO of Mosaic Health, talks about the services they provide.

2025 Columbus Banquet Awards presented.....



District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick presents Past Grand Knight David Green with the Star Council Award.



Brother Steve Edwards receives a Honorary Membership pin for 25 years of continuous membership.



District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick presents Past Grand Knight David Green and Brother Don Brunworth with the Family Program of the Year award for the Christmas Shopping Spree which Don chaired for many years.



District Deputy Ryan Fitzpatrick presents Brother Jerry and Stephanie Kapp with the October Family of the Month Award.

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!

The Bottle Shop, Glen Carbon & Lebanon; Hot Shot Liquor, Collinsville; Dr. Langston at Integrity Spine & Joint, Troy; Milton Food & Liquor, Alton; The Neimeyer Agency, Knights of Columbus Insurance; The Store, Edwardsville; Tropical Smoothie Café, Glen Carbon; Wing Snob, Glen Carbon; Wing Zone, Edwardsville