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December 2025

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

As we end 2025, let us find time to prepare for the celebration of the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and in anticipation of His second coming. I hope and pray that even if we become busy with everything that is going on around us, we will be able to spend the season of Advent with our family, to wait in hope and to continue to trust in God's promise.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly, and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Let us not forget how we can be of service to those in need in our community. Consider donating your time, talent, and treasure in the council's Children Christmas Shop-

ping Spree on December 13th. Praying the Rosary on December 13th for those who have been affected by abortion is a testament to our commitment in promoting the culture of Life. If you are able, the Council 1143 Blood Drive on December 17th is an initiative that supports our community.

This past month, we welcomed four new Brother Knights to council 1143 (Michael Brown, Matthew Hubbard, Padrick Mulligan, Patrick Sido) and welcomed back into the council a Brother Knight (Dave Hankins). I look forward to the council's growth with the addition of these men who said yes to being a Knights of Columbus member.

Let us continue to ask Catholic Men from our two parishes to consider joining the Knights of Columbus Council 1143. Our council depends on the collective work of

Catholic men committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and who grow in faith while actively working with trust and good deeds.

James 2:26 For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

December Calendar of Activities

December 2 (7:30pm)

December 8 (7pm)

December 13 (starts at 7:45am)

December 13 (9am)

December 15 (7pm)

December 17 (3pm)

December 19(4:30-7:00pm)

Upcoming Activities for January 2026

January 10 (9am)

January 24 (starts at 8:30am)

Assembly #0225 Meeting

Council Meeting

Children Shopping Spree (fundraising starts November)

Rosary for Life at St. Mary's

Fred Mills Board Meeting

Blood Drive

Fish Fry Team 4 portion of proceeds will go to St. Vincent Depaul

Rosary for Life at St. Mary's

Free Throw Contest at St. Boniface School Gym

December Wedding Anniversaries

		15	Blake & Laura Wagahoff
1	Richard & Judith Ann Dustman	20	Stephen & Sandy Wilshire
8	Robert & Shelli Ribbing	27	Marcus & Zenia Agustin
11	Keith & Crystal Bradley	29	Douglas & Diane Villhard
12	Eric & Amy Crony		
13	Michael & Karen Menendez		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

December Birthdays

		13	Michael K McKinzie
		14	Brad A Maher
1	Brian W Jones	15	James E Burns
1	Joseph G Kalmer	15	Michael R Spotanski
4	Steven M Calcott	15	Paul Pizzini
4	Albert G Treichel Jr	17	Stephen A Wilshire
4	James T Ware	18	Matthew A Kupferer
5	Thomas H Tucker	19	Arthur J Kotsybar
7	David B Briesacher	21	M Joseph Hill
7	Steve J Smith	21	Peter Sambor
7	Andy T Winters	22	Nicholas A Walden
8	David J Caulk	23	Steven A McClard
9	Philip B Reznack	29	John R Gabler
10	John S Kender	29	Justin R Nosser
10	Kevin M Scannell	30	Ryan L Grotefendt
12	Don Paul Brunworth	30	Kip D Heinle
12	Nicholas J Certa	31	Steve McClimans
12	Keith D Lueking	31	Blake L Wagahoff



MONTHLY FISH FRY

December 19th Team #4 4:30-7:00 pm

Total Sales for the November Fish Fry were \$2,267.25. Some of the proceeds from that Fish Fry will benefit the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree. Part of the proceeds from the December fish fry will go to St. Vincent DePaul

December 2025 Knights of Month: Doug Hastings and Aaron Jatcko

Doug served as the Past Grand Knight from 2021-2023 and Past Faithful Navigator from 2023-2025. He currently serves as a council Trustee and the assembly's Faithful Comptroller. During a busy weekend in November, Doug spearheaded the Food and Household Items Drive and Warrior to Lourdes Doughnut Sales. He continues to volunteer in the Glen-Ed Pantry, which shows his commitment to serving the community.

Aaron currently serves as a council Trustee. He was one of the council's leaders in the Intellectual Disabilities Drive from September 2025 to October 2025, resulting in a very successful ID Drive that will greatly benefit those in need in our community.



December 2025 Family of the Month: Jeff and Anna Shannon

Both Jeff and Anna continue to volunteer in a variety of council initiatives. From the council Fish Fry to helping with the ID Drive, the Shannon family are fully committed to serving the Catholic Church and the surrounding community. Jeff and Anna are active parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Anna continuing her work as an educator at St. Mary's Catholic School, and their son Joe (also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1143) following her footsteps at Father McGivney Catholic High School.



4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Merry Christmas Fellow Knights!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Happy Birthday PVT Fred Mills - This week on December 6th is the birthday of US Army Private Fred Mills. A Knight from Edwardsville Council, he was Killed in Action fighting Nazis in northern France in 1944, and our Hall is named in his honor. Happy Birthday Private Mills!

November is now past, a most active month in our Assembly with many events commemorating Veterans Day.

Warriors to Lourdes Donut Fundraiser - A special thank you to Sir Knight Doug Hastings for chairing the fundraiser, and to all the Knights who volunteered and assisted in sales. We raised \$1,360 in proceeds and donations at both parishes to support wounded and injured veterans, preparing to make the healing pilgrimage to Lourdes during the annual International Military Pilgrimage in May.

Veteran's Day Parade - The Color Corps led the Knights of the Assembly and Council to honor Veterans at the annual American Legion Post 199 Edwardsville Veteran's Day Parade. You all looked sharp and made our community proud!

Welcome New Members - Congratulations to our new Sir Knights! Past Grand Knight David Green and seminarian Padrick Mulligan took the Exemplification of Patriotism at Highland, IL on November 15th. May this be the start of an incredible journey as a Sir Knight!

Sir Knight Neil Joellenbeck Memorial Chalice - I was honored to present seminarian Padrick Mulligan with his first Chalice at the Council Exemplification on November 9th, in memory of Past Grand Knight Neil Joellenbeck.

May God Bless You this Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones

Faithful Navigator, Assembly 225



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From Our Field Agent

Gift of Life Insurance

A Blessed Advent to you all.

As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them.

These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen?

I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance.

The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payment, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly.

Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds

of a growing financial legacy – a foundation to give your loved ones, so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for.

Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.

Let's schedule time to connect before the end of the year so we can explore affordable options together that can help make a big difference for your peace of mind in 2026 and for years to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Merry Christmas!



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2025 Children's Shopping Spree

Food Drive ...

St. Boniface Catholic Church, in partnership with the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143, conducted a Food and Household Items Drive on November 8-9, 2025 to benefit the Glen-Ed Pantry. The drive collected over 1,160 pounds of food and household items and \$4,000 in monetary donations. Pictured above are some members of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143, and Glen-Ed Pantry Board during the check presentation on November 21, 2025.



Check presentation to the Glen Ed Pantry

COUNCIL 1143 AT WORK



Council 1143 members at work during Highway Cleanup (November 8)



Veteran's Day Parade

Pictures from the November 9th Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at St. Mary's





New members and Degree Team



Picture from November 15th Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in Highland, IL