



The Outer Guard

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Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Happy Pentecost to you and your family! May we be filled with the Holy Spirit, as first described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

As we end the fraternal year, I am happy to announce that the council received recognition during the Illinois State Convention. The council received the Illinois in Action Gold Award, 4-star Charity award, and the Faith Program of the Year Award (Retire Holy Sacramentals). These recognitions are due to the tremendous work by the council and shows our continued support of the teachings of the Catholic Church in serving those around us.

During the June 2026 council

meeting, we will be electing the council officers for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. We still need a Brother Knight to step in as the Deputy Grand Knight and a Brother Knight to step in as Inside Guard. Please prayerfully consider serving the council in either position, and show support to your Brother Knights who have stepped up for the coming fraternal year by attending the June 2026 council meeting. The current list of candidates for each position is as follows.

- Grand Knight – Marcus Agustin
- Deputy Grand Knight – no current candidate
- Chancellor – Cliff Sachs
- Recorder – Paul Pizzini

- Treasurer – Keith Lueking
- Advocate – Lynn Ripper
- Warden – Dustin Riechmann
- Inside Guard – no current candidate
- Outside Guard – Floyd Frey
- 1 Year Trustee – Douglas Hastings

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

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin
Grand Knight

Calendar of Events June 2026

- June 2 (7:30pm) Assembly 225 meeting
- June 7 (11am-4:30pm) KC BBQ
- June 7 (around 8:00 pm) Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession St Boniface parking lot
- June 8 (7pm) Council 1143 meeting – election of officers for 26-27
- June 13 (9am) Rosary for Life (Hope Clinic in Granite City)
- June 19 (4:30-7pm) KC Fish Fry (Team 3)

MONTHLY FISH FRY
June 19th Team #3 4:30-7:00 pm

June Wedding Anniversaries

1	Kris & Kathleen (Kathy) Horvath - 41	16	Mike & Juanita Spotanski - 47
1	Bryan & Katherine Dammerich - 7	16	Dustin & Bethany Riechmann - 25
2	Dale & Patricia Frank - 47	17	Daniel & Renee Johnson - 26
3	Gregory & Julie Goin - 20	19	Lynn & Marlene Ripper - 61
6	William & Jean Sampson - 34	19	Donald & Kathy Lask - 50
6	Nick & Melissa Walden - 17	21	David & Monica Laurent - 35
7	Tom & Billie Johnson -	21	Christopher & Maureen Wangard - 29
7	Gary & Angela Doiron - 40	22	Paul & Sue Murphy - 41
10	Cliffton & Sandy Sachs - 43	23	Jeffrey & Tara Blair - 31
11	Scot & Merry Ambuel - 49	23	Andrew & Lisa Kraus - 25
11	F.L. & Dorothy Mezo - 32	24	Jeffrey & Anna Shannon - 31
11	Michael & Michele Ziolkowski - 27	25	Thomas & Michelle Dammerich - 32
12	Douglas & Katie Hastings - 50	26	John & Christina Menendez - 25
12	Ryan & Beth Matthews - 16	29	Jan & Susan Caban - 35
14	Kevin & Nancy Scannell - 18	30	Jeremy & Sara Wildhaber - 19
15	Jeffrey & Debbie Davis - 35		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

June Birthdays

1	Eric Hess	11	Patrick Marvin
1	Michael Kaufman	12	Jerome Hengehold
3	Brad Fry	16	Chad Frank
4	Randall Dunn	17	John Matthews
4	Ethan Willenborg	18	Robert Ribbing
5	Paul Harmon	19	Joel Noronha
8	Samuel Bennett	19	Keith Sutorius
8	Timothy Moorman	20	Anthony Zollo
8	Tim Pranger	22	Michael McDonald
8	Daniel Willis	26	Keith Bradley
9	Roger Frank	26	Brian Gerstenecker
10	Steven Bartels	29	Terry Besserman
10	Thomas Henry		



Pictures from the State Convention....



Louis Carnoali and Michael Sullivan carry the Council 1143 banner in the Parade of Councils

Grand Knight, Marcus Agustin receives the Illinois in Action Gold Award for all the events Council 1143 held during the 2025-2026 year



The Faith in Action Program of the Year Award Council 1143 received for the Sacramental Retirement Program.

Check Presentments.....

During May the Council presented a \$5,000.00 check to the three Catholic Schools that serves our Council—Fr. McGivney Catholic High School, St. Boniface School, and St. Mary School



Marcus Agustin—Grand Knight and Mike Spotanski—Financial Secretary presents check to Fr. McGivney Catholic High School Principal and Brother Knight Joe Lombardi.



Marcus Agustin—Grand Knight and Mike Spotanski—Financial Secretary presents check to St. Boniface School principal and students.

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Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Greetings Brother Knights,

May is a whirlwind. My wife calls it "MayCember" as it rivals the crunch of the Christmas season for anyone involved with education. Our Assembly is no exception, with May representing the busiest time of our fraternal year with all the events culminating in Memorial Day weekend. I thank you all for your work and diligence, and hope you enjoy a slower pace for the summer as we return to Ordinary Time. As the warm summer weather arrives and our schedules shift into vacation mode, it is a great reminder that our faith doesn't take a summer break. The green vestments we see at Mass symbolize growth and life. Just like the busy fields around us in Illinois, summertime in Ordinary Time is our season to do the quiet, everyday work of growing closer to Christ and serving our neighbors.

Our busy stretch of activities began with our Color Corps providing a solemn and celebratory guard for the graduating class at Father McGivney Catholic High School.



Shortly after, we proudly served at the Springfield Cathedral for the Deacon Ordination of Seminarian Padrick Mulligan. What an extraordinary event it was. It is not every day we see a young man from one of our own parishes take this major step toward the priesthood, and it was a privilege to witness. We then moved into our Memorial Day

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weekend obligations, standing in tribute during the Memorial Day Mass at St. Boniface Cemetery to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. In that same spirit of remembrance, we partnered with Scout Troop 8072 and Pack 8072 to place and later collect flags on the graves of Veterans and Knights of Columbus members at our Catholic cemeteries. We started that day with our Flag Retirement ceremony as well, and the Scouts got to hoist a brand new donated flag at the Fred Mills Club, and learn about the namesake of our Hall, Private Fred Mills of the US Army 29th Infantry Division who landed on Omaha beach and gave his life fighting Nazis in World War II in northern France.



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Thank you to the Scouts and Sir Knights who worked side-by-side to ensure our departed brothers were properly honored.

Beyond these beautiful moments of faith and remembrance, our members showed incredible charity and community support. Thank you to everyone who bought donuts or volunteered at our "Donuts for Vets" fundraiser over the weekend. All proceeds from this effort are going directly to the Knights' Global Wheelchair Mission to change lives worldwide. Alongside these assembly-specific duties, many of our members pulled double duty by stepping up to help our Council with food prep for the annual Bonifest fair as well as our ongoing fish fries.

I have to reveal something here, that I did not work Bonifest alongside you. I have done so in years' past but when paired with these quiet ceremonies, the carnival overwhelms me. This weekend, every year, I think of my Soldiers who did not make it home. If you were not aware of this, faithful reader, I was once upon a time Captain and Major Jason Jones, US Army, and spent several years in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, where I lost many good friends and great Soldiers in those wars. I appreciate this wonderful community we have in Edwardsville, and I don't want to take away from the efforts and the fundraising that Bonifest brings. But this weekend I do not feel festive... I remember them. They were my friends, my coworkers, I knew their families. In my own regiments and brigades, I take a moment to remember them, and I hope you will help me pray for

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them and their families. For years now I have enjoyed a quiet life, this loving marriage, this time watching my sons grow up, this brotherhood of Knights in this flourishing Catholic community in Illinois. Because I made it home. But they did not.

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SPC Zachary Shannon

CW3 James Groves

CW5 Scott Reagan

I like to remember them with a prayer, and a poem:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

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The entire crew of Blackhat 14:
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As we look ahead to Ordinary Time and the new fraternal year starting July 1st, our upcoming June meeting will include officer elections. As Assembly 225 traditionally operates on two-year terms, many of our officer positions will likely remain unchanged. However, we do have openings and your attendance and vote are still crucial to officially solidify our leadership team for the year ahead. Thank you all for your tireless service this month; you truly embody our core principle of Patriotism.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones, Faithful Navigator Assembly 225

FAITH

Ora Pro Nobis (Pray for Us)

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.

Anyone interested in participating in this new 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.

To participate in this daily rosary for Holy Souls or If you would like to add an intention for a departed Knight, family member or friend for the month of July, please email or text Brother Knight Jim Jatcko at jjatcko@hotmail.com or 618-803-0570 by June 15, 2026.

Ora Pro Nobis (Daily Rosary Intentions for the Faithful Departed)	June 15 - Jack Springmire
June 1 - Neil Joellenbeck	June 16 - Richard Trame
June 2 - Tim Gebke	June 17 - Maurice Gutzler
June 3 - Charlie Foos	June 18 - Leon Luber
June 4 - Jim Nagle	June 19 - Andrew Winkler
June 5 - Carolina Perez	June 20 - Laurence Theriault
June 6 - Janina Piotrowski	June 21 - William Cosgrave
June 7 - Allen Hawkins	June 22 - Cletus Rattermann
June 8 - Harold Sannes	June 23 - William Laslavich
June 9 - Butch Amann	June 24 - Jim Hickman
June 10- Christine Muldoon	June 25 - Paul Capelle
June 11 - Kenneth Jonff	June 26 - Peter Claxton
June 12 - Donald Oomens	June 27 - Harold Goeckner
June 13 - Tom Burns	June 28 - Gary Schmidt
June 14 - James Zupanci	June 29 - Dave McCausland
	June 30 - John Voegele

Sacramental Retirement Program

The Knights of Columbus Council 1143 Sacramental Retirement program has been a huge success, however the volume of items collected has dropped off significantly. On June 15th, the program will be suspended and return during the Lenten season in 2027. Going forward the program will collect items during Lent only.

To date we have retired or redistributed the following items-

Retired over 500 -Holy Cards, retired 5- missals, redistributed 90- rosaries, retired 28 -broken rosaries, retired 8 - statues, retired 5- crucifixes, redistributed 7-crucifixes, retired 32 scapulars, retired 10 prayer books, and retired numerous medals and palms.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus recently received the Faith in Action Program of the Year award at the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention for this new program.