



The Outer Guard

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May 2026

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

May ushers in the period when family vacations are planned, flowers have started to bloom, children get excited with the end of the school year, and is the Month of Mary. The Gospel according to Luke contains several passages that show the importance of Mary as the Mother of Jesus, and as a Knights of Columbus member, our devotion to Mary was instilled during our Exemplification.

The 2025-2026 fraternal year has been a busy and fruitful one. Through various council activities (e.g., monthly Rosary in supporting Life; youth and family activities such as Soccer Challenge, Children in Need Shopping Spree, Father and Daughter Dance; Food Drives for Glen-Ed Pantry; seminarian support; LeClaire Parkfest; monthly Fish Fries; etc.), you have shown the vibrancy and engagement of this council and commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The month of June is when we elect council officers. Current council officers

have agreed to continue; but you can step up to be a council officer. In fact, we still need a Brother Knight to step in as the Deputy Grand Knight. Please prayerfully consider serving the council in this position. 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 – Joe Marti
- Outside Guard – Floyd Frey
- 1 Year Trustee – Douglas Hastings

The upcoming calendar of activities in the months of May and June may not be as packed as the other months, but

your support in these activities is very much needed. From the May 9 Rosary for Life in Granite City, to the May 15 Fish Fry (portion of proceeds will support Fr. McGivney Catholic High School activities), Bonifest on May 23-24 (council members will be doing the frying), and the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 7, among others, you and your family have various ways to be engaged in council programs.

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

May 15th Team #2 4:30-7:00 pm

a portion of the proceeds will go to Fr. McGieeny Catholic HS activities.

The April 17th Fish Fry sales totaled \$1,400.00 Guess everyone was tired of fish. \$100.00 will be donated to the St. Mary School Faith Formation Program.

May Wedding Anniversaries

1	Mike & Judy Baker - 61	24	David & Elizabeth Knetzer - 46
7	Matthew & Amy Luchtefeld - 15	24	Martin & Kit Morrissey - 40
11	Beau & Elizabeth Moody - 14	25	Anthony & Alice Garavalia - 24
16	Jim & Denise Otwell - 64	27	Floyd & Mary Ann Frey - 48
16	Daniel & Michele Glinn - 39	27	Randall & Lisa Dunn - 37
17	Mark & Lisa Mancewicz - 29	27	Joel & Natasha Noronha - 20
17	Andrew & Amanda Hessel - 18	27	James & Deborah Caulk - 50
18	David & Jamie Schwab - 13	28	Donald & Janice Eveker - 44
19	Nathan & Sarah Kreke - 25	28	Joseph & Mary Gierer - 38
20	Jeffrey & Ashley Chitwood - 20	28	Keith & Barbara Sutorius - 33
20	James & Michelle Hattrup - 20		
22	Ed & Joan Rodney - 55		
22	Daniel & Julie Sullivan - 33		

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

May Birthdays

4	David Scheibal	14	Austin Strieker
4	Jeffrey Wehling	14	Daniel Sullivan
5	Marcus Agustin	15	Tobias Heddinghaus
6	Michael Hertz	16	Mark McGranahan
6	Aaron Jatcko	20	Michael Walsh
7	James Hattrup	21	Kenneth Jonff
7	James Hengehold	21	Clyde Nosser
8	Bob Hotz	22	Scott Garman
10	John Coulton	24	Donald Eveker
10	Andrew Helbling	24	Greg Hartnagel
12	F.L. Mezo	24	Jeffrey Wittek
12	David Troeckler	29	Ryan Matthews
13	Bryan Dunnill	29	Peter Mihelcic
		30	Edward Luedde
		31	Matt Plese



May 2026 Knight of Month: Joe Marti

Joe has served as the Inside Guard of the council for the last 13 years and is on the Fred Mills Board. Joe consistently helps with the Fish Fry, monthly BBQ, and in various council activities such the KC Council 1143 Golf tournament, Hops and Heroes, Highway Clean-Up. Whenever there is a need for volunteers, you know that Joe is willing to step up in whatever capacity.



May 2026 Family of the Month: Jason and Lindsey Jones

The family of Jason and Lindsey Jones are active parishioners of St. Boniface Church, typically attending the 10:15am Mass. Jason and his sons frequently serve as ushers during Mass while Lindsey is on the Father McGivney Catholic High School staff. Both of their children attend Catholic schools, showing their commitment in supporting Catholic education. Jason currently serves as the Assembly 225 Faithful Navigator and has served as council Treasurer. Jason is an active Team 2 Fish Fry member and ready to assist the council and St. Boniface whenever there is a need.





May Calendar of Activities

- May 3 (11am-4:30pm) KC BBQ
- May 3 4th Degree Exemplification West Frankfort , IL
- May 5 (7:30pm) Assembly 225 meeting
- May 9 (9am) Rosary for Life (Hope Clinic in Granite City)
- May 11 (7pm) Council 1143 meeting
- May 15 (4:30-7pm) KC Fish Fry (Team 2) – portion of proceeds support FMCHS
- May 15-17 Illinois State Convention Springfield, IL
- May 17(12:30 pm) Fr. McGivney High School Graduation Honor Guard
- May 18 (7:00pm) Fred Mills Club Board Meeting
- May 22-23 Bonifest (Fry Crew)
- May 23 (8:00am) Flag retirement at the Hall followed by placing flags on grave sites at St. Boniface and St. Mary Cemeteries
- May 25 (9:00am) Color Corp at St. Bonia e Cemetery Mass
- May 26 (4:30pm) Retrieve flags starting at St. Boniface Cemetery
- May 30-31 Assembly 225 Krispy Kreme sale (at both parishes)

Word of Thanks and Sincere Gratitude


Through the donation of an anonymous donor, the council is able to provide additional seminarian support (added a third seminarian; supplemented the financial support to the seminarians); assist SIUE Cougar Catholics (Newman Center) in two student-led initiatives that help in their faith formation; and youth and family charities that the council has continued to support (Coats for Kids; Christmas Shopping Spree). We pray that the anonymous donor and family continue to be blessed with good health and blessings in the years to come.

BONIFEST FISH FRY.....

The 2026 Bonifest is right around the corner, May 22-23. We will again this year fry fish and french fries for the Bonifest Fish Stand. You are invited/requested to help with the fry stand by signing up in the Sign-up Genius application. If you've worked in the past, your help is sorely needed again this year. If you haven't helped before, you can learn along with me. Thank you in advance for all you do. Help us make this years Bonifest a great event.

Go to SignUp Genius to reserve your volunteer slot- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COC45AFAB29A4FFC25-63689386-bonifest>

Please contact me with questions.
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4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Worthy Sir Knights,

The month of Mary is here! As we continue through the Easter Season, we turn our devotion to the Blessed Mother, seeking her guidance and protection for our families and our nation.

May is a pivotal month for Assembly 225, beginning with an immediate opportunity to grow our ranks. On Sunday, May 3, the Southern District will host an Exemplification day in West Frankfort. The Patriotism degree begins at 1:30 PM. This is a great local opportunity for our 3rd Degree brothers to join the 4th Degree. Please reach out to eligible brothers today to extend the invitation.

Mid-month, our focus splits between the 128th Illinois State Convention (May 15–17) and our local youth. I am calling on our Color Corps to serve at the Father McGivney Catholic High School Graduation that same weekend. Our presence there is a powerful testament to our support for

Catholic education.

We have a busy Memorial Day weekend planned in service to our veterans and community alongside Scout Troop 8072:

- Saturday, May 23: Flag Retirement (8:00 AM @ KC Hall), followed by placing flags at St. Boniface (9:00 AM) and St. Mary's (10:30 AM).
- Monday, May 25: Color Corps at the St. Boniface Cemetery Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by a Fellowship Breakfast.
- Tuesday, May 26: Flag recovery starting at 4:30 PM at St. Boniface.

Finally, remind those who miss the May date to mark their calendars for the June 27 Exemplification in Northbrook. Let's finish this fraternal year strong by honoring our fallen heroes and growing our ranks.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones

Faithful Navigator, Assembly 225

Hello Sir Brothers,

As most of you know the two veteran efforts we support are the Warriors to Lourdes Project and the St. Louis USO. This spring we are adding the Global Wheelchair effort for Veterans to the list.

After all masses at both parishes on Saturday and Sunday May 30 & 31, 2026, we will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to support the effort to provide wheelchairs to veterans in need!

Please go to the Signup Genius link listed here to help at one of the weekend Masses!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA4AA2AA7FE3-63853630-spring>

If you have any difficulty with the link give me a call 618-406-1033.

Thanks & God Bless,
Doug Hastings



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

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, please email or text Brother Knight Jim Jatcko at jjatcko@hotmail.com or 618-803-0570.

May 1 - Neil Joellenbeck

May 2 - Tim Gebke

May 3 - Lloyd (Tom) Harmon

May 4 - Al Korte

May 5 - Fr. Philip Kraft

May 6 - Jack Springmire

May 7 - Allen Hawkins

May 8 - Al Arth

May 9 - Butch Amann

May 10 - Charlie Foos

May 11 - Maurice Gutzler

May 12 - Oliver Jacober

May 13 - Tom Burns

May 14 - James Zupanci

May 15 - Donald Oomens

May 16 - Richard Trame

May 17 - Josephine Slivka

May 18 - Jan Biliskov

May 19 - Dennis Bellm

May 20 - Laurence Theriault

May 21 - William Cosgrave

May 22 - Cletus Rattermann

May 23 - Robert Bentel Jr.

May 24 - Jim Hickman

May 25 - Frank Troeckler, Sr.

May 26 - Peter Claxton

May 27 - Larry Luebbers

May 28 - Gary Schmidt

May 29 - Dave McCausland

May 30 - Msgr. Dave Peters

May 31 - William Isaacs

If you would like to add an intention for a departed Knight, family member or friend for the month of June, please email jjatcko@hotmail.com by May 15.

Pro Life

Rosary for Life - 9:00 am on May 9th at Hope Clinic in Granite City

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. Starting in May, we will pray outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City. This event is not limited to just members of the Knights of Columbus. Bring your spouse, your children and your fellow parishioners.

Brothers Thomas Tucker and Andy Kraus attended the Illinois Pro Life March for Life in Springfield in March 19th.



To Our Field Agent

**EFFECTIVE MAY 1st
HAPPY RETIREMENT AND THANK
YOU FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE!**

JOIN THE KNIGHTS!

KofC.org/JoinUs

Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

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LENTEN FISH FRY SALES...

The Lenten Fish Fries grossed about \$44,700 against expenses of about \$30,000, netting about \$14,700. It's hard to exactly match revenues with expenses, we ended up having a pretty good stock of paper goods to carry over into the remaining Fish Fries, which will understate the profits from Lent a little.

Thank you to all Brother Knights, family members and other volunteers that helped to make this year's Lenten Fish Fry a success.

Date	Team	Sales
2/20/2026	2	\$ 6,766.13
2/27/2026	3	\$ 6,561.75
3/6/2026	4	\$ 6,623.25
3/13/2026	1	\$ 7,682.75
3/20/2026	2	\$ 5,964.50
3/27/2026	3	\$ 6,083.00
4/3/2026	4	\$ 5,020.50
Total Sales		<u>\$ 44,701.88</u>