



The Outer Guard

Knights of Columbus #1143

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July 2026

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Happy 4th of July! As we celebrate 250 years of American independence, let us be thankful that we are blessed with the freedom we enjoy as a nation and the eternal freedom we have in Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we are reminded by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians where he said **"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."**

The start of the fraternal year gives us an opportunity the help grow the membership of the Knights of

Columbus by inviting Catholic men in our parishes to an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We will hold the exemplification on July 12 after the 5:15pm Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church. If you have not attended an exemplification, I invite you to witness one and together welcome Catholic men who will say yes to serving the Catholic Church and the community through the Knights of Columbus.

Your newly elected council officers and appointed program directors are looking forward to another year of service to the two parishes, the community, and the Knights of Co-

lumbus. However, we need a Brother Knight to serve as the Deputy Grand Knight and a Brother Knight to serve as the Inside Guard. Please prayerfully consider serving the council in either position.

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

Vivat Jesus

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

July Calendar of Activities and Future Dates of Interest

July 5 (11am-4:30pm)

July 7 (7:30pm)

July 11 (9am)

July 12 (after 5:15pm Mass)

July 13 (7pm)

July 17 (4:30-7pm)

July 18 (9am)

July 27 (7pm)

August 1

KC BBQ—Canceled

4th Degree Assembly Meeting

Rosary for Life (Hope Clinic in Granite City)

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity (St. Boniface)

Council 1143 meeting

KC Fish Fry (Team 4)

Highway Cleanup

Officers Planning Meeting

Hops and Heroes

MONTHLY FISH FRY

July 17th Team #4 4:30-7:00 pm

June Fish Fry Sales Totaled \$2,119.25

July Wedding Anniversaries

1	Cavan & Tara McIntyre - 15	18	Timothy & Caitlin Mueller - 11
3	Zachary & Kelli Bishop - 22	19	Douglas & Jolie Frey - 40
3	Stephen & Emily Gates - 21	19	Bryan & Kailey Riegert - 18
5	Steven & Ann Richard - 40	20	Robert & Judy Savant - 30
7	Michael & Gretchen Hertz - 19	21	Terry & Lisa Besserman - 14
7	David & Susan Boduch - 14	22	Richard & Joan Gusewelle - 59
8	Marcelo & Marisa Nieto - 26	22	John & Carol Kender - 54
8	Darrell & Diana Frey - 9	24	Vincent & Elizabeth Probasco - 27
9	Kenneth & Janie Hyten - 60	26	Mark & Christine Rimkus - 41
10	Nick & Laura Certa - 17	27	Jim & Judy Albus - 47
12	Charles & Sandra Berkel - 51	27	Charron & Natalie Comeaux - 16
15	Luke & Valerie Piarowski - 9	29	Jack & Mary Gabler - 71
17	Matthew & Karan Brooks - 22	29	Eric & Carissa Hess - 20
18	Anthony & Susan Bobrowski - 40	31	Daniel & Jill Willis - 22

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY MORES!

July Birthdays

1	Andrew Conner	16	Dustin Riechmann
3	Bob Scheibal Jr	18	Thomas Neuendank
6	Andrew Kraus	18	John Twombly
7	Dr Charles Hogue Jr	22	John Menendez
7	Francis Sambor	23	Floyd Frey
9	Joseph Siemer	23	Douglas Frey
10	Rev Robert Jallas	23	Kerk Kerckhoff
10	Jim Otwell	24	Adam Nicoloff
11	John Caulk	27	Stephen Gates
11	Lynn Ripper	28	David Hankins
13	Jerry Kapp	28	Leon White
15	Steven Richard	29	Randy Niebur
16	Vincent Probasco	31	Matthew Luchtefeld



July 2026 Knight of Month: Mike Menendez

Mike is an active and engaged participant in the St. Mary's Brothers in Faith Men's group. He is a member of Fish Fry Team 3, and can be counted on to contribute to various initiatives in the parish, the community, and the council when there is a need.



July 2026 Family of the Month: Brad and Audrey Bolt

The Bolt family is a constant presence during the 10:15am Mass at St. Boniface. Brad and his family serve as Sunday Mass ushers, Brad serves the community as a Cub Scout Den leader and is a member of Fish Fry Team 3. He and his kids have helped in various council activities, such as the Father and Daughter Dance. Brad has agreed to serve as the council Lecturer during the 2026-2027 fraternal year.



4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Greetings Brother Knights,

As we enter July, our nation prepares to celebrate the historic milestone of "America 250" marking two and a half centuries of freedom, liberty, and enduring hope. For us as Sir Knights, this grand anniversary is a powerful reminder of our fourth core principle: Patriotism. It calls us to look back with gratitude on those who built this country and to look forward with a renewed commitment to serving our community, our parishes, and our fellow citizens under God.

We put that patriotism into tangible action last month through our "Donuts for Vets" initiative. Thanks to your hard work and the incredible generosity of our parish communities, we raised over \$1,500 for the Global Wheelchair Mission. This outstanding total will completely fund the purchase of 15 brand-new wheelchairs through the American Wheelchair Mission, providing life-changing mobility and independence to veterans and individuals in desperate need. Thank you to everyone who baked, sold, and donated to make this fundraiser such a resounding success.

Our visible presence in the community also shone brightly on June 6th during the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our Assembly 225 Color Corps had the distinct honor of leading the eucharistic procession through town to the Etzkorn Bandstand at Edwardsville City Park. It was a beautiful, public testament to our faith, and I want to commend the Sir Knights who turned out in full regalia to escort the Blessed Sacrament and represent our Assembly so worthily.

For those of you considering joining the uniformed Color Corps, we continue our tradition of covering 50% of the cost of the \$475 uniform package. For this year, we have an additional special incentive anonymously added by one of our Sir Knights, that the next 3 members joining the Corps would receive an additional \$100 toward that package, bringing your cost to less than \$150. Please consider joining and standing as a visible

example of Catholic gentlemen in our community!

Looking inward to our leadership, I am humbled and honored to announce the election of Sir Knight Dennis Hessel as our Faithful Scribe, and the reelection of these Sir Knights as Assembly Officers for the upcoming fraternal year. Please join me in congratulating and supporting our leadership team:

- Faithful Navigator: Jason Jones
- Faithful Captain: Louis Carnoali
- Faithful Comptroller: Doug Hastings
- Faithful Admiral: Lynn Ripper
- Faithful Purser: Brian Jones
- Faithful Pilot: Steve Edwards
- Faithful Inside Sentinel: Jerry Kapp
- Faithful Outside Sentinel: Rob Savant
- Faithful Trustee: Tom Tucker

Additionally, our Trustees, Jerry Kapp and Rob Savant, will continue serving their three-year terms. We are also incredibly blessed that Fr. Robert Jallas has graciously accepted the appointment to serve as our Faithful Friar for the year ahead.

Looking ahead, our July meeting will be held in conjunction with Council 1143's Officer Installation, which is expected to take place on Monday, July 13th. Please keep an eye on your email for final confirmation on the timing and location. Finally, start looking ahead to August, as an Exemplification of Patriotism is being planned nearby in Highland. More details on this degree advancement opportunity will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

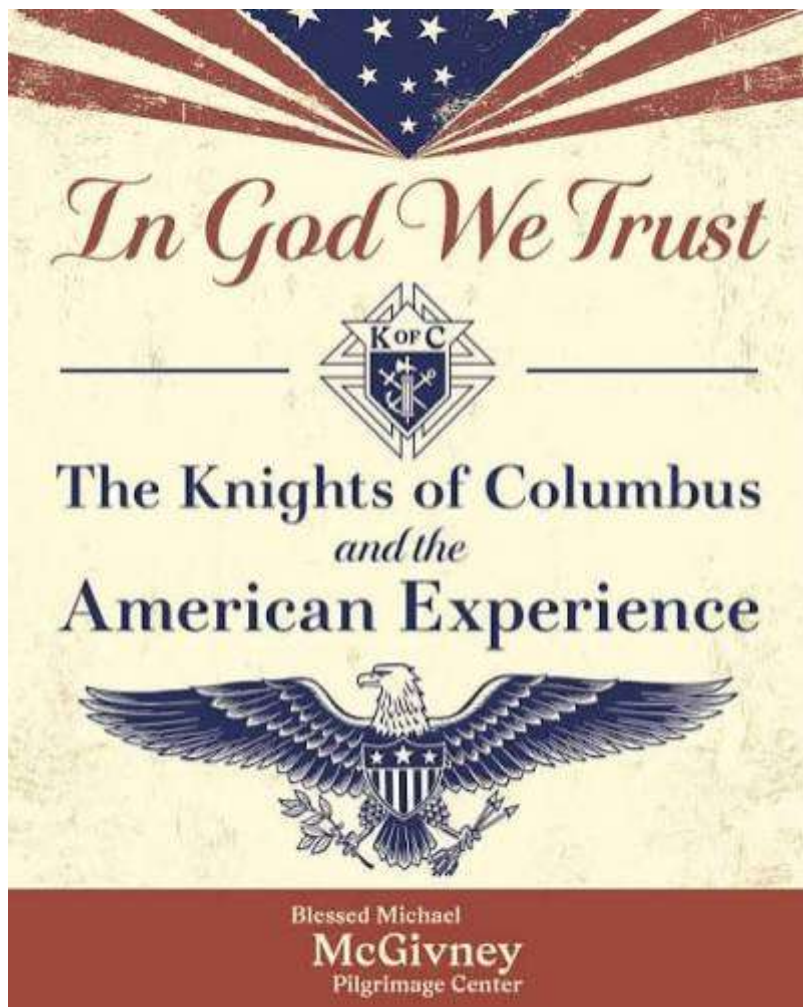
Thank you all for your continued trust, your dedicated service, and your unwavering patriotism.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones

Faithful Navigator, Assembly 225

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



Historic Patriotic Poster

Pictures from the June Fish Fry. Thanks to the Brother Brad Bolt's sons and Anna Shannon for helping fill the void in the kitchen.

The July 5th Fred Mills BBQ has been can-



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 August 15, 2026.

Ora Pro Nobis (Daily Rosary Intentions for the Faithful Departed) for the month of July

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| 1 Richard Trame (7/1/25) | 16 Dave McCausland (2/13/26) |
| 2 Jim Hickman (12/1/25) | 17 David Genczo |
| 3 Butch Amann (1/4/26) | 18 Melba Pinotti |
| 4 Allen Hawkins (12/4/25) | 19 Victor Horne |
| 5 Peter Claxton (8/5/25) | 20 Tom Burns (10/20/25) |
| 6 Tim Gebke (9/5/25) | 21 Cletus Rattermann (10/21/25) |
| 7 Jack Cygan | 22 James Zupanci (10/22/25) |
| 8 Harvey Jakel | 23 Robert Deters (6/21/26) |
| 9 Frank Stoces | 24 Nancy Rohr |
| 10 Donna Budde | 25 Robert Flood |
| 11 Kenneth Jonff (5/11/26) | 26 Andrew Winkler (10/26/25) |
| 12 Former State Warden Gary Schmidt (11/12/25) | 27 Donald Ladson |
| 13 Neil Joellenbeck (8/13/25) | 28 Melvin Haas |
| 14 Laurence Theriault (9/14/25) | 29 William Cosgrave (3/29/26) |
| 15 Donald Oomens (4/14/26) | 30 Shirley Wipke |
| | 31 Patricia DeToro |

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.



Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143 28th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 17th, 2026

Oak Brook Golf Course
9157 Fruit Road, Edwardsville, IL 62025

4-Person Scramble
\$440/Team

(Register by September 20th, 2026 for \$400/Team)

Entry Fee Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Beer, Games, Cart, Hole Prizes, Driving Range, On-Course Meal during Golf

Schedule

Registration: 7:30am

Shotgun Start..... Beginning at 8:30am

Flight winners announced..... ~1:30pm

Prizes

Based on size of field

Hole Prizes

Longest Drive Men & Women

Closest to the Pin

Sponsorships

Hole Sponsor.....\$100

Corporate Sponsor.....\$200

(Includes signage on course and social media recognition)

Tournament Sponsor.....\$300

(Includes signage on putting green and social media recognition)

Diamond Sponsor.....\$500

(Includes (1) team of four and Corporate Sponsor level recognition)

Platinum Sponsor.....\$600

(Includes (1) team of four and Tournament Sponsor level recognition)

On-Course Games

Skins Game (included)

Mulligans (included)

Wager Hole (extra)

Bourbon Raffle (extra)

Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble

Entry Form (Or Use QR Code below to register online!)

Team Captain: _____ Email: _____

Company Name (If Sponsoring Hole): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Tournament limited to first 36 teams

More Info Contact: Ryan Fitzpatrick at 513-582-6698 or rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143

Mail Checks to:

Edwardsville Knights of Columbus

Attn: Ryan Fitzpatrick

76 Lucinda Drive, Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Scan code for more details
and to register



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