



The Outer Guard

Knights of Columbus #1143

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Meetings: Council -- 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Degree -- 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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September 2026

Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

The last two weeks of August signal the end of summer and the start of a busy year ahead. With the start of the school year, we can all be overwhelmed with work, family, and community responsibilities. Let us remember that, in a similar vein as the Prophet Elijah in the *First Book of Kings*, we need to wait and hear our Lord in a "tiny whispering sound".

The week after the Labor Day weekend will get the council started with the St. Mary's Fall Fest on September 11-12; Rosary for Life on September 12 (9am in Granite City); Fish Fry on September 18 (4:30-7pm at The Hall); and Fall Food Drive to benefit Glen-Ed Pantry on September 19 (8am-12noon at both St. Boniface and St. Mary's).

Together with regularly scheduled meetings (Assembly 225 (Fourth Degree) meeting on September 1; Council 1143 meeting on September 14; Fred Mills Board meeting on September 21; Council 1143 Officers meeting on September 28), our September calendar has started to get packed.

Looking ahead to October and November, I invite you to commit to a one-hour of prayer to support 40 Days for Life (October 10 from 7am-7pm); attend the council's Columbus Day and Awards Banquet honoring Council 1143 members (October 11 starting at 6:30pm); fellowship with brother Knights, family, and friends during the October 17 Council 1143 golf tournament and the October 18 LeClaire Parkfest; and help celebrate the contributions of Brother Lynn Ripper and

Brother Jim Jatcko to the Catholic Church, community, and the Knights of Columbus in their Springfield Hall of Fame induction on November 7.

Finally, I like to take this time to welcome three new Brother Knights who said yes to the call of being a Catholic man fully committed to serving the Catholic Church and the community. If you get the chance, please welcome Henry Sharp, Hudson Sharp, and Ray Todd to the council and the order.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Grand Knight

September Calendar of Activities and Future Dates of Interest

September 1

September 6

September 11-12

September 12

September 14

September 14-15; 21-22

September 18

September 19

September 21

September 28

October 10

October 11

October 17

Assembly 225 (Fourth Degree) meeting; 7:30pm

KC BBQ (11am-4:30pm; at the Hall)

St. Mary's Fall Fest

Rosary for Life (9am; Granite City)

Council 1143 meeting; 7pm

Soccer Challenge (additional details to follow)

KC Fish Fry (Team 2); 4:30-7pm

Fall Food Drive to benefit Glen-Ed Pantry; 8am-12noon

Fred Mills Board meeting; 7pm

Officers Planning Meeting; 7pm

40 Days for Life (7am-7pm; Granite City)

Columbus Day Banquet (6:30pm)

Edwardsville KC Council 1143 Golf Tournament

September Wedding Anniversaries

2 - Paul & Barbara Jenkins Jr - 51
 2 - Jeffrey & Peggy Wehling - 49
 3 - John & Suelaine Matthews - 55
 4 - Jeffrey & Nancy Hessel - 45
 9 - Albert & Fran Treichel Jr - 59
 9 - David & Angela Jurgena - 48
 10 - Andrew & Julia Conner - 27
 11 - Frederic & Kathy Kolesa - 32
 11 - Shaun & Sherri Flannery - 22
 13 - Edward & Donna Akers II - 35
 14 - David & Katya Briesacher - 7

15 - James & Nancy Jatcko - 37
 15 - Leon & Tamara White - 36
 16 - Matthew & Siobhan Wilkinson - 37
 17 - Benjamin & Stacy Hayden - 14
 19 - Don & Jeanne Brunworth - 56
 19 - James & Michelle Kovarik Jr - 40
 19 - Todd & Elizabeth Ehlen - 17
 21 - Bryce & Shari Renken - 30
 22 - Richard & Barb Stamer - 36
 22 - Steven & Amanda Huber - 25
 23 - Kip & Jeanne Heinle - 9
 24 - John & Janet Foehrkolb - 66

24 - Christopher & Liz Bray - 21
 25 - Philip & Renee Reznack - 17
 26 - Gregg & Celeste Korte - 45
 27 - Kent & Regina Trebing - 35
 28 - Jeffrey & Joan Suzewits - 35
 29 - Stephen & Kathy Wehling - 42
 29 - Dean & Rebecca Croft - 36
 30 - Lawrence & Sharon Green - 37



September Birthdays

1 - Stephen Wehling
 2 - Christopher Warren
 5 - Ryan Frank
 7 - Michael Jacober
 8 - Louis Carnoali
 9 - Deacon Daniel Corbett
 9 - Paul Hurley
 10 - Matthew Brooks
 10 - Bryan Riegert
 12 - Melvin Eaker
 13 - James Eugea
 14 - Jason Jones
 16 - Anthony Bobrowski

17 - David Schwab
 18 - David Gebhart
 18 - Thomas Hoeflerlin
 18 - Christopher Wangard
 19 - Darrell Frey
 20 - Stephen Haarmann
 21 - Patrick Sido
 23 - Alan Gerstenecker
 23 - Timothy Mueller
 24 - Rodney Schaae
 24 - Richard Stamer
 25 - Martin Morrissey
 25 - Louis Popelar
 25 - Albert Schug

26 - Denver Seay
 26 - Michael Wiedner
 27 - James Albus
 28 - James Perini
 30 - Jeffrey Papajcik



September 2026 Knights of Month: Chris Landoll and Patrick Sido

Both Chris and Patrick are new members of the Knights of Columbus and have been ready and willing to serve in whatever capacity. They are part of a Fish Fry Team that needed help due to retirement of long-time members of that team. The presence of Knights such as Chris and Patrick gives our council another perspective on serving the parishes, the community, and the order.



September 2026 Family of the Month: Mike Spotanski family

The Spotanski family are fully engaged in supporting Catholic education and the faith. Mike serves St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Mary's Church while continuing his work as the council's Financial Secretary. The various tasks that Mike has done as the Financial Secretary has resulted in a vibrant and active council. We appreciate the Spotanski family for allowing Mike to be engaged in the day-to-day operations of the council.



4th Degree Assembly 225 News



Faithful Navigator's Letter:

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Welcome to August! As summer winds down and our families prepare for a busy back-to-school season, Assembly 225 is ready to shift back into high gear. While the classrooms reopen and routines return, our Assembly is also preparing for a vibrant year of fraternity, visible patriotism, and faithful service. The Council and Parish calendars are filling up fast, so I encourage you to pencil in these special events:

November 7 - Springfield Diocese Hall of Fame Banquet at our own Fred Mills Club, where the Diocese will induct two of our own Sir Knights - Lynn Ripper and Jim Jatcko.

November 14 - Exemplification of Patriotism will take place on November 14th in nearby Highland. This is the only scheduled joining ceremony this year in Southern Illinois to become a 4th degree Sir Knight!

November 14-15: We will need your help to staff Donuts4Vets, as we will again raise funds for the Warriors to Lourdes program.

Welcome Sir Knight Rob Savant and Sir Knight Michael Sullivan who have joined the Color Corps! We want to expand our presence at all of the parish and community events this fall. For my fellow Sir Knights who are considering joining the Color Corps and purchasing the official Knights of Columbus uniform, the Assembly will reimburse 50% of your uniform cost and an anonymous donor has agreed to further reduce the costs for the next two Sir Knights who join by an additional \$100. Let us stand proud as the visible arm of the Order.

Thank you for your continued dedication and your unwavering commitment to our core principles.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Jones
Knights of Columbus Assembly 225



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 or If you would like to add an intention for a departed Knight, family member or friend for the month of October, please email or text Brother Knight Jim Jatcko at jjatcko@hotmail.com or 618-803-0570 by September 15, 2026.

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

Sept 1 Jim Hickman (12/1/25)

Sept 2 Ron Essman

Sept 3 Butch Amann (1/4/26)

Sept 4 Allen Hawkins (12/4/25)

Sept 5 Tim Gebke (9/5/25)

Sept 6 Mandy Harrison

Sept 7 Bob Hobson

Sept 8 Margo Kemp

Sept 9 Kevin Hodapp

Sept 10 Dr. Lina Medrano

Sept 11 Kenneth Jonff (5/11/26)

Sept 12 Former State Warden Gary Schmidt (11/12/25)

Sept 13 Donald Oomens (4/14/26)

Sept 14 Laurence Theriault (9/14/25)

Sept 15 Larry Yednock (8/15/26)

Sept 16 Dave McCausland (2/13/26)

Sept 17 Robin Tewes

Sept 18 Laura Pingsterhaus

Sept 19 Frances Wellinghauff

Sept 20 Tom Burns (10/20/25)

Sept 21 Cletus Rattermann (10/21/25)

Sept 22 James Zupanci (10/22/25)

Sept 23 Robert Deters (6/21/26)

Sept 24 Mollie Quirke

Sept 25 Fr. Bob Spriggs

Sept 26 Andrew Winkler (10/26/25)

Sept 27 Bernie Mennemeyer (7/27/26)

Sept 28 Ralph Langhauser (8/15/26)

Sept 29 William Cosgrave (3/29/26)

Sept 30 Raymond Kerkemeyer (6/30/26)

Life

Forty Days for Life

The council's 40 Days for Life will be on Saturday, October 10, 2026. We need at least two individuals for each one-hour time slot from 7am-7pm.

If you are able to fill in, please contact Council 1143 Life Director Tom Tucker (cell is (618) 741-8930; email address is thtucker5@yahoo.com). Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to pray for those affected by the choice between life and abortion, and to support those in the forefront in promoting the culture of Life.

MONTHLY FISH FRY

September 18th Team #2 4:30-7:00 pm
August Fish Fry Sales Totaled \$2,408.00

August in pictures..

The early morning Fish Fry kitchen and setup crew.

They prep the food and make sure the tables and chairs are setup and ready to go at 4:30pm.

If you would like to help for an hour, just show up at the hall at 7:00am.



Friday early morning set-up...



to fellowship of coffee and donuts...



kitchen crew preparing the fish fry orders...



to a well-deserved fellowship dinner at the end of the day.

August 8th Exemplification

On August 8th, Council 1143 held a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplification after 4:15 mass at St. Boniface. Three new members joined the Knights of Columbus. Financial Secretary, Mike Spotanski (right) conducts part of the ceremony.



Matthew Agustin conducts part of the ceremony.



New members—Henry Sharp, Ray Todd, Hudson Sharp.

Degree Team and new members





Knights of Columbus

Edwardsville Council 1143

August 19, 2026

Dear Brother Knight,

Our Council will celebrate its annual Columbus Day and Awards Banquet on *Sunday, October 11, 2026*. We will honor the achievements of Brother Knights and the council this past fraternal year.

Please join your Brother Knights and their ladies for cocktails in the lounge at The Hall, beginning at 6:30pm. Dinner will follow at 7:00pm. Fr. Rob Johnson, pastor of Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville, regional vocation director for Alton Deanery, and chaplain of SIUE Newman Center will be our banquet guest speaker.

Our banquet will be catered by Kain Tayo Filipino Cuisine Restaurant. After three years in St. Louis, MO, it is included in the Best 100 Restaurants by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for the second year in a row.

Please return the registration form below with a check made payable to the **Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143** no later than October 4, 2026. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 618-691-9975 or email me at magusti@siue.edu.

I look forward to seeing you at the event to honor our Brother Knights and to partake of fellowship. Vivat Jesus!

Marcus Agustin

Marcus Agustin
Grand Knight

Columbus Day Banquet Reservation Form

Please reserve ____ dinner(s) @ \$25.00 each

Enclosed is \$ _____

Send form and check payable to **Edwardsville Knights of Columbus 1143** to:
Marcus Agustin, 2804 Hunters Crossing Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025,
or hand to the bartender at the Hall by October 4, 2026.

Springfield Diocesan Chapter



Ryan Fitzpatrick
President

Thomas W. West
Vice-President

Joe Wetmore
Secretary

Anthony W. Schmillen
Treasurer

43rd Annual Bishop's Dinner & Hall of Fame Induction

Saturday, November 7th

The Hall at 7132 Marine Rd.

Edwardsville, IL 62025

2026 Honorees

Rev. Fredrick Chima Mbiere

Rob Bentel

Jim Jatcko

Jack McCoy

Michael Ray

Lynn Ripper

William Stone

Ed Wehrle

AGENDA:

4:15 PM – Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church with
Bishop Paprocki

6:00 PM – Social and Cocktails at The Hall

6:30 PM – Dinner is Served

7:00 PM – Program and Induction Ceremony

Menu Buffet Style Dinner

Smoked Pork Loin in Apple Chutney

Baked Chicken Breasts in Garlic Sauce

House Salad (plated ahead of time)

Twice Baked Potato Casserole

Green Beans and Carrots

Bakery Fresh Italian Bread

Dessert



Order Online!

Send orders and checks to:

Tony Schmillen
5482 Barlow Rd
Sherman, IL 62684
Phone # 217-622-1328

Banquet Questions:

Contact Ryan Fitzpatrick
(513) 582-6698
rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com

Ticket Order:

Name of individual picking up tickets –

Tickets _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

Do not include inductee and his 1 guest on order.

Make checks payable to:

Springfield Diocesan Chapter KofC

Name of Inductee (for seating arrangements)

Deadline for Orders - October 24th, 2026



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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