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Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

As we close out our Thanksgiving celebrations, I must offer some big thank you's to all of you who have done so much to keep our council moving forward this past month. We have had a very successful month and have pulled off some wonderful events. Your generosity always causes me a moment of pause! The Vocations Raffle, the Hops for Heroes, and the Christmas Shopping spree will provide some very big smiles, as those programs meet the needs of the folks who will receive the benefit of your generosity! THANK YOU!

As we begin our season of Advent for 2021 and prepare for the happy Christmas celebrations that are coming; I am reminded of the great gift we all received when God sent his only Son to come into our world to teach us the value of service to others. The Bible is full of testimony describing how Jesus came to serve.

I would like all my Brother Knights to recall any one of those Bible verses that

describe Christ's service to others as I proclaim my "BIG ASK" for the remainder of this year and as we begin 2022. The Council needs your help! Your Council cannot function and provide the charitable services and funding it provides without the participation of its members, and that is YOU!

Our Council boasts a membership of over 350+ Knights, unfortunately less than 100 Knights are truly engaged. If every Knight in our Council could find it in his heart to give 12 hours of service a year, I would never have to speak-to or ask-for manpower assistance, ever again! If you consider that there are 365 days in a year and 24 hours in a day; that would make the yearly hour count 8,760 hours. Your Council and I are only asking for 12 of those hours. Most Council events run three hours or sometimes less; at 12 hours a year dedicated to service, that would only be 4 events to be worked. These 12 hours make up less than .001% of your time.

Please take a moment to pray on this ASK, think of how Jesus got on his knees to wash his disciple's feet, and then make plans to contact a friend who is a Brother Knight and reach out together, to see how you both can help. Got no friends? No problem! You belong to a Catholic Fraternal Organization, we are all your friend and Brother Knights. SIGN UP TODAY!

"Not all of us can do Great Things! But we can do small things, with Great Love!"

Mother Teresa

God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Hastings

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New Members in November
Steven Calcott & Glen Knight

RESULTS OF RECENT FOOD DRIVE

On October 9th, Council 1143 held a food drive for the Glen-Ed Pantry at St. Boniface and St. Mary's churches. As you can see for the photos below the weather was nice and the volunteers were busy. We collected 1,030 pounds of food and \$1,500 in funds. Thank you for your generosity of time and food.



From our Field Agent

Fraternal Survey 2021

With the holidays upon us, we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy!

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you

that means referring you or a family member to one of our many Fraternal Benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance and retirement plans. I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's future. With our full suite of products, Life Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance, Disability Income Insurance and Retirement Annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand.

Maybe you're in good shape in one area but could make some changes in another.

Thank you, to the many Brothers Knights and families who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year draws to a close, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus!

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Quick Reminders

Fish Fry, Friday **Dec. 3rd**. 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Team 1.

Assembly 225 Meeting Tuesday **Dec. 7th** 7:30pm. Meal before the meeting.

Financial support of the three schools "Check Presentation".

St. Boniface School, Wednesday **Dec. 8th** at the "All School Mass" at 8:00am.

Fr. McGivney High School, Wednesday. **Dec. 8th** at the "All School Mass" at 10:15am.

St. Mary School, Thursday **Dec. 16th** before the "Christmas

Program" at 6:00pm, KCs attending should be at the school no later than 5:30pm.

Rosary for Life. St. Mary Church Saturday **Dec. 11th** 9:00am.

General Council Meeting Monday **Dec. 13th** 7:00pm. Meal before the meeting.

Fred Mills Club Meeting Monday **Dec. 20th** 7:00pm.

Fish Fry Friday **Dec. 17th** 4:30pm to 7:00pm Team 2.

Council Corporate Communion and distribution of Holy Cards commemorating the Consecration of the Holy Family. Sunday **Dec. 26th** at the 10:15am Mass at St. Boniface.

Building the Domestic Church

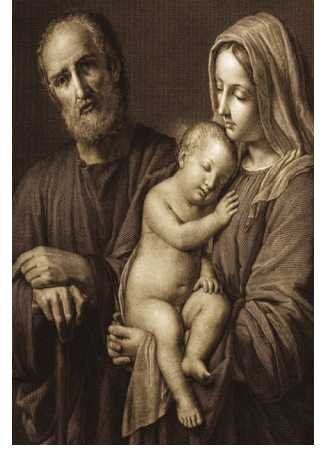
While Strengthening Our Parish

The Family Fully Alive

The Family that Prays and Plays Together, Stays Together

Because God is the Lord of mercy, we want to begin anew by helping heal our family wounds and promoting forgiveness.

December 2021



As we conclude the year, we look forward to a new beginning, full of hope and comfort. We do not know what challenges may face us in the upcoming year, but we must seek the strength and love necessary to bear witness to the mercy of God.

Mercy and forgiveness start with those who are close to us, as the wounds made by spouses, children, parents or siblings are usually the most hurtful. The family, therefore, is our first school of forgiveness, where we learn that to forgive is divine, the most perfect gift. When we forgive someone, we help them understand the meaning of God's forgiveness.

Meditation

From Pope Francis' homily proclaiming the Jubilee dedicated to Divine Mercy.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God never ceases to show the richness of his mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is "God's gift," it is "his work" (cf. Eph 2:8-10). To be touched with tenderness by his hand and shaped by his grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins ... [and to] find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, so much the greater must be the love that the Church expresses toward those who convert.

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought

about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. ... This Holy Year will begin on this coming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will end on

Nov. 20, 2016 — the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

- When have we felt the mercy of God in our own lives?
- Have we ever been a "witness to mercy" by extending God's forgiveness to others? Have we been able to look beyond the limitations of justice, and forgive those who have offended or hurt us?
- Can we, as a family, renew our own "spiritual conversion" by going to confession more frequently?

Go to confession together as a family. Young children may need guidance in preparing for the sacrament; discuss with them how one might sin in regard to the Commandments and precepts of the Church. Older children might instead independently review *A Guide to Confession* (#2075) or a similar examination of conscience.

Share with your children that although it's normal to feel some shame when preparing for confession, it should not be something to fear. Through reconciliation and penance, a person is released from the burden of sin and gifted with great graces.

Special Christmas Project

Bring the miracle of Christ's birth into your home by displaying a special Nativity scene in a prominent location in your home. Throughout Advent, have family members place a different figure in the manger and meditate on the meaning of this humble place where God became man.



Knight of the Month for November

Richard Dustman (Dusty) has been a member of this Council for the past 38 years. Dusty attained his First, Second and Third Degrees in April of 1983. Dusty and his Lady Judith Ann have been married for 43 years and are members of St. Mary Parish. Dusty is a regular fixture within the Fred Mills Club and a great deal of Dusty's work goes unrecognized. We all see that something around the facility has changed and has been improved for the better, but few of us knew who actually did the work. Dusty never looked for recognition of his efforts for the Council and the Club, he is a true disciple of Mathews gospel, "*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...!*"



Family of the Month for November

Ryan and Ann Marie Fitzpatrick are members of St. Boniface Parish. Both sing in the Parish Adult Choir. Ann Marie is a graduate of St. Boniface Grade School and has been a member of St. Boniface Parish for most of her life. Ryan is our Council's Past Deputy Grand Knight, Past Grand Knight and is presently serving as the Third Year Trustee and the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 225. Ann Marie is a member of the Daughters of Isabella. Ryan has also chaired and co-chaired many of the Council's fund-raising activities and events, recently being involved with the Golf Tournament, ID Drive, Food Drives, and the Hops for Heroes to just name a few.



Scripture Reading of the Month Psalm 103: 1, 3, 10-12

A prayer to the merciful God

Bless the LORD, my soul;
all my being, bless his holy
name! Who pardons all your
sins, and heals all your ills,

He has not dealt with
us as our sins merit,
nor requited us as our
wrongs deserve.

For as the heavens tower
over the earth, so his
mercy towers over
those who fear him.

Faithful Navigator's Letter

Sir and Brother Knights!

I hope this finds you well. I am reaching out for help with an information request. If you are or know of a Sir / Brother Knight who is a current /former service member of the United States Military, would you please send me the following: branch of service, and years of service (optional). Many of our council and assembly members are current or former members of the United States Military. Some of them might surprise you! I think it would be great to honor our members and their service to our country. Please email me at rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com. Thank you for your help with this initiative!

God Bless,

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

Save the Date for a Pancake for Breakfast

The 4th Degree will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 30th from 8:00-12:30pm at The Hall. For \$10, you will be able to enjoy a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice! All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go towards "Warriors to Lourdes," a Knights of Columbus sponsored spiritual pilgrimage for military service personnel. For more information about Warriors to Lourdes, please follow the link below. Thank you for your support! <https://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/warriors-lourdes.html>

December Birthdays

	9	Philip Reznack	21	M Hill	1 Eugene & Ruth Dickerson	
	10	Kevin Scannell	22	Nicholas Walden	3 Bruce & Patrica Thorley	
1	Brian Jones	10	John Kender	23	Steven McClard	4 Albert & Betty Schug
1	Joseph Kalmer	12	Nicholas Certa	27	Eugene Dickerson	8 Robert & Shelli Ribbing
1	Louis Perini Jr	12	Don Brunworth	29	John Gabler	11 Keith & Crystal Bradley
4	Albert Treichel Jr	12	Robert Vollmar	29	Justin Nossier	13 Michael & Karen Menendez
4	James Ware	12	Mr Keith Lueking	30	Ryan Grotefendt	20 Stephen & Sandy Wilshire
4	Steven Calcott	13	Michael McKinzie	30	Kip Heinle	27 Marcus & Zenia Agustin
5	Thomas Tucker	14	Brad Maher	31	Blake Wagahoff	28 Neil & Emily Joellenbeck
7	David Briesacher	15	James Burns	31	Steve McClimans	29 Douglas & Diane Villhard
7	Steve Smith	17	Stephen Wilshire			
7	Andy Winters	18	Matthew Kupferer			
8	David Caulk	19	Arthur Kotsybar			

December Anniversaries

1 Richard & Judith Ann Dustman

Children's Christmas Shopping Spree

There's still time to get you donation in for the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree. Working with the Edwardsville Public School nurses, we will be giving gift cards to needy children they have identified. Like last year, due to COVID, we will not be taking the children shopping or wrapping presents at the Hall. **Make a needy child's Christmas a little brighter.**

Drop your donation off at the Hall or mail it to Kof C Council 1143 , 7132 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Trivia Night 7:00pm @ The Hall	3 Fish Fry Team #1 4:30-7:00 p.m. KCIC Poster Contest Voting During Fish Fry	4
5 2nd Sunday in Advent	6	7 4th Degree Meeting & Dinner at 7:00 p.m.	8 Feast of Conception Check Presentation @ School Mass- St Boniface 8 am Fr McGivney HS 10:15 am	9 Trivia Night 7:00pm @ The Hall	10	11 Rosary for Life 9:00am St. Mary's Church
12 3rd Sunday in Advent	13 Council Meeting & Dinner at 6:30p.m.	14	15	16 St. Mary's School Check Presentation, 5:30pm Before "Christmas Program"	17	18
19 4th Sunday in Advent	20 Fred Mills Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Feast of The Holy Family Council Corporate Communion & Feast of The Holy Family, St. Boniface 10:15 a.m. Mass	27 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00pm	28	29	30 Trivia Night 7:00pm @ The Hall	31	Notes: