



# The Outer Guard

## Knights of Columbus #1143

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## FEBRUARY 2022

### Grand Knight's Letter

Hello Brother Knights,

Here we go again! It seems we just cannot get out from under the Covid 19 Virus/ Pandemic! As this new year gets underway, I am happy to report that your Council is still functioning and doing it's best to keep on track with our mission and our events, despite the uptick in new Covid cases and the continued appearance of new strains of this virus. Please continue to offer to our Savior your prayers for His intercession to end to this plague on our daily lives.

This past month we continued with our very successful Fish Frys, the Rosary for Life (That is prayed at St. Mary Church the second Saturday of the month.) and a successful Council Free Throw Contest. Thank you to all the Brother Knights who attended and worked this event. A big "Thank You" to Brothers Marcus and Matt Agustin and Lady Zenia for their leadership!

Now for the ask!!! I do need

your help with our manpower issues and the recruitment of new members to our council. There will be a new approach to recruiting coming and once it is in place, I will bring you all up to date. Regarding manpower and Knights coming to events PLEASE reach out to me if you have suggestions or ideas to improve membership involvement. Our most recent "Prayer Hour" was at best, poorly attended, as was our most recent Corporate Communion. There is a steady group of Knights who attend the monthly Rosary for Life, but there is plenty of room for more Knights and their families to be part of this opportunity to pray together as a family for the most precious cause we have as Catholics; the preservation of LIFE!

My door is always open, give me a call 618-406-1033 or send an email to [hastingsdouglas@yahoo.com](mailto:hastingsdouglas@yahoo.com), I truly appreciate your input!

*"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world!"*

*Khalil Gibran.*

Thank you all for your help this past month! God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Hastings

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Join online free

## Children in Need Christmas Shopping Spree

Thanks to all members who donated funds to our annual CHARITY: Children in Need Christmas Shopping Spree for 2021. It was a challenging COVID year. We were not able to take children shopping, nor have our delightful Christmas wrapping party at the hall. We did the best we could, considering our limitations.

In summary, we received seven families from the Edwardsville school district Nursing staff. Walmart gift cards were purchased and distributed to the selected families, whom all needed financial assistance.

Thanks to several larger generous donations by members, we collected \$ 3,041.68. Much of this money came in late, as we had to get gift cards out to school nurses early for distribution to families; due to Covid restrictions. At the council meeting, the majority of members voted to keep left over monies: as seed money for the next year. Charity should always be the major goal of our council, and KC members have certainly accomplished that goal. Thanks again, and hopefully next year Covid will be less of a problem and the Knights can get back to our normal Shopping Spree Program.

Don Brunworth--Chairman



## Edwardsville Knights of Columbus

**Sponsored by Edwardsville KofC Council 1143**

**Masks and appointments required!**

*DONORS GET THEIR CHOICE OF A ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEMED SHIRT OR A GIFT CARD!*

**Wednesday, February 16 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall 7132 Marine Road**

To schedule an appointment,  
call Lynn Ripper at 618.799.9255  
or online at [www.bloodcenter.org/group](http://www.bloodcenter.org/group)  
Use group code 9920 to schedule online  
or scan QR code →



### Quick Reminders

- ◆ Assembly 225 Meeting Tuesday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. 7:30pm.
- ◆ Fish Fry Friday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. 4:30pm to 7:00pm Team #1.
- ◆ Rosary for Life. St. Mary Church Saturday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am.
- ◆ General Council Meeting Monday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm.
- ◆ Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday Feb. 16 3:00pm to 6:30pm at the Hall.
- ◆ Fish Fry Friday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm to 7:00pm Team 2.
- ◆ District Free Throw Contest for boys and girls 9 through 14, Saturday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am St. Boniface New Gym.
- ◆ Fred Mills Club Meeting Monday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm.
- ◆ Council 1143 Officers Meeting, Monday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm at the Hall.

**Pray for peace in  
Ukraine**

# Building the Domestic Church

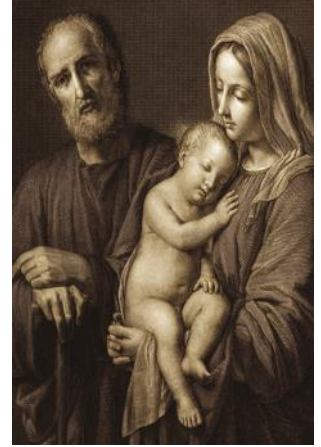
## *While Strengthening Our Parish*

### **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.*

February 2022



*Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our family wants to promote the life-giving spirit of our families.*

Parents see the fruit of their lives in their children, who become living witnesses to the great hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Men and women who do not have children of their own similarly participate in the life-giving spirit of God, for they, too, generate new life in the world through their work, mission and other acts of spiritual parenthood. Each of us, whatever our state in life, are “in the world for a purpose — to receive God’s love ourselves and to show God’s love to others. God seeks to heal a broken universe. He asks us to be his witnesses and helpers in that work.”

#### **Meditation**

*From Pope Benedict XVI’s Spe Salvi.*

Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” — the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance, has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we “live.”

1. How would our family life be different if we did not love at all?
2. In what ways has the faith and God’s love shown me how to love?
3. Why is having a relationship with God so important to really “living”?

#### **FEBRUARY Family Project**

To celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, discuss times in your family’s life when you grew together in faith or love. Discuss moments of your relationship, courtship, engagement and wedding celebrations that helped you grow as a couple. Share stories of your children’s births, and discuss the gift that each of their lives has been to your family. Gather photos or various mementos of these events for a scrapbook or memory box that your family can cherish, or consider compiling them into a slideshow that can be shared with relatives.

#### **Scripture Reading of the Month**

**Psalm 139: 13-18**

*A prayer to the all-knowing and ever-present God*

You formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works!  
My very self you know.  
My bones are not hidden from you,  
When I was being made in secret,  
fashioned in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw me unformed;  
in your book all are written down;  
my days were shaped, before one came to be.  
How precious to me are your designs, O God;  
how vast the sum of them!  
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands;  
when I complete them, still you are with me.



## **4th Degree Pancake Breakfast..**

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the Knights and Fr McGivney HS Students that worked at the Pancake Breakfast on January 30th. THANK YOU also to those that supported the event. We served over 225 people and raised over \$500 for Warriors to Lourdes.



## ***Knight of the Month for January***

The Knight of the Month for January is Matthew Agustin. Matthew joined the Knight's of Columbus last year. Matthew plays the violin at the SIU-E Mass at St. Boniface on a regular basis. This past month he assisted with the Free Throw contest and took the photos shown above.



## ***Family of the Month for January***

The Family of the Month for January is Marcus, Zenia, Matthew, and Katrina Agustin. Marcus sings in the choir at St. Boniface. Marcus is a Trustee for the Council, serves on the Fred Mills Club Board, is a 4th Degree Knight, serves on Fish Fry Team #3, and in January Chaired the Free Throw Contest.

Thank you for your service to the Knights and the Church!



## *Knights Columbus Free Throw Championship*

The Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143 recently held the local level of the competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on January 15, 2022 at the St. Boniface School Gym. Despite the wintry weather, 13 children with their families and friends supporting them, participated in the competition.

The following will proceed to the district-level of the competition as the local winner in their age group.

Age Group	Name	Age Group	Name
9 Boys	Brandon Frank	11 Girls	Avery Riechmann
10 Boys	Ian Bowers	12 Boys	Colin Luitjohna
10 Girls	Ava Barone	12 Girls	Regan Bowens
11 Boys	Noah Chleboun	13 Girls	Zoe Oller

Thank you to all the participants and to the following Brother Knights and their families for making this a successful event!

David Boduch, Lou Carnoali, Jim Caulk, David Caulk, Steve Edwards, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Floyd Frey, Doug Hastings, Jerry Kapp, Dustin Riechmann, Mike Sullivan, and Keith Sutorius

A special THANK YOU to

Marcus and Matt Agustin Co-chairs, Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Council 1143





### **Faithful Navigator's Letter**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent 4<sup>th</sup> degree programs! Whether it was volunteering or dining in at the pancake breakfast or purchasing ham raffle tickets, you are helping support our Nation's Military Service personnel!

The pancake breakfast supported Warriors to Lourdes, a Knights of Columbus sponsored Spiritual pilgrimage of healing for military personnel.

The ham raffle will be supporting the USO of Missouri at Lambert St. Louis International Airport. Haven't purchased raffle tickets yet? There is still time! Please turn in your tickets to The Hall before Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win a ham in time for Easter!

**Now would be a good time to become a 4th Degree Knight.** Save the date - Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> is the planned date for an Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree! 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Parish with the Exemplification to follow at The Hall. More details to follow soon!

Thank you for all you do for our Council and Assembly!

God Bless,  
Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

### **Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor, Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Calling all Military Veterans!**

Worthy and Brother Sir Knights All – I am reaching out for your help with an important project. I am looking to build a database of Brother and Sir Knights of whom served in our Nation's Military. Please email [rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com](mailto:rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com) at least the branch of service you served and any other information you wish to share. The purpose of this project is to recognize and thank our fellow brother Knights who served in our Nation's Military. I sincerely thank you for your help with this project!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, Faithful Navigator.

### **SUPPORT THE**

### **NEWMAN APOSTOLATE FUND**

#### **February Birthdays**

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|----|--------------------|
| 19 | Vincent Hess Jr    |
| 4  | Frank Troeckler Jr |
| 7  | Brad Bolt          |
| 7  | Raymond Kerkemeyer |
| 9  | Jeffrey Chitwood   |
| 9  | Todd Frank         |
| 11 | Gregg Korte        |
| 15 | Thomas Dammerich   |
| 15 | John Smith         |
| 16 | David Carrion      |
| 20 | Michael Ziolkowski |
| 21 | Melvin Heien Jr    |
| 22 | Matthew Wilkinson  |
| 26 | James Strack Jr    |
| 28 | William Rodney     |



#### **February Anniversaries**

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|----|------------------------|
| 2  | Dennis & Ginger Hessel |
| 10 | Sergio & Dawn Cortes   |
| 12 | Brad & Audrey Bolt     |

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|----|-------------------------|
| 17 | Jeff & Lisa Worman      |
| 22 | Matt & Leanne Rakers    |
| 23 | Steven & Alice Bartels  |
| 24 | David & Angela Berczek  |
| 27 | Frank & Kathy Troeckler |

**CONGRATULATIONS AND  
MANY MORES!**

**From Our Field Agent**

**Retirement Annuities**

NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY! You have no doubt seen this kind of ad in the newspaper or a magazine, on social media or a TV commercial. ARE THEY SERIOUS?

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like a Traditional IRA or 401k. Or non-qualified or Roth IRA that is, funded with money you've already paid the tax on. Like money you take from your paycheck or out of your, checking or savings account. Either way, the tax on the growth in your Knights of Columbus annuity each year is deferred. You pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money. Or, in the case of a Roth IRA, no future taxes.

I think an annuity is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why I think that way:

- 1. Your minimum interest rate is

guaranteed, for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity and never will!

- 2. Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it. We consistently have high strength ratings from A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. Forbes recently recognized us as one of America's Best Insurance Companies.
- 3. You are charged no administrative fees each year. 100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.
- 4. Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any penalty from the Knights of Columbus.
- 5. Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
- 6. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outlive!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a

short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the Knights of Columbus, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is. And, I haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit.

Where do you keep your safe money?

Vivat Jesus!

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**Membership dues PAST DUE....**

It's that time of year—the annual dues for the Knights of Columbus and the 4th Degree were due Jan 1st. Dues for the Council are \$40.00 a year and for the Assembly the dues are \$20.00. Please pay your dues promptly to make our Financial Secretary and Comptroller's jobs easier. You can mail your payment to Knights of Colum-

### **ATTENTION BOWLERS....**

The Springfield Diocesan qualifying round of the Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council Bowling Tournament will be held Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 start time is 2:00 pm at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton. Please see below for further information. If you are interested in entering the tournament either as an individual or as a team, please contact Lynn Ripper by email at [lynn.ripper@att.net](mailto:lynn.ripper@att.net) or by phone at (618) 799-9255. The entry deadline is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4 person team event with at least 2 Knights of Columbus members on each team, 2 non-Knight guests (male or female) will be allowed. Handicap will be 80% of 220

Cost will be \$25/person (\$100/team) of which \$10 will be for local prize money and state awards. Bowlers wishing to participate in single competition will pay an additional \$10 fee, again for local prize money and state awards, with the top 3 single competitors advancing to the state finals. Singles competition will use individual scores from the team event.

Teams and individuals finishing in the top 3 positions will qualify for the Illinois State Council Championship at Landmark Lanes in Peoria on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> with all entry fees paid from the local tournament prize money. The next team or individual down in the standings will replace any of the qualifying teams or individuals unable to make the championship tournament.

Highest league average from prior year will be used unless current average for at least 21 games is 10 pins or more higher. Bowlers having no previous average will use 170 for men and 150 for women.

### **Annual Newman Apostolate Fund Drive...**

This year the State Council is not mailing out cards soliciting funds for the Newman Fund. In the past they have spent over \$60,000 each year to mail an appeal to every Knight in Illinois. In an effort to have more funds for the Newman Fund this year it is an online appeal.

Go to [www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman](http://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman) to donate.



# Donate to the Newman Apostolate Fund

Brother Knights,  
For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach our goal of \$345,000, or just \$5.00 per active member. Please consider a gift this year. Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters or any amount adds up to help college students in Illinois be supported in the Catholic faith.  
Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this appeal.

**Newman Centers**

- provide a Catholic environment
- do spiritual programming
- do social events
- help students strengthen and grow their faith

Donate Online  
[www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman](http://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman)  
OR Scan QR Code Below  
OR Mail a Check to:  
Illinois State Council KofC Charities, Inc.  
P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901  
Include your Council Number  
and Membership Number on the check



*Worthy Newman Chairman.*



## March for Life in Springfield



There was great turnout at the March for Life in Springfield on January 21. The Cathedral was full for 10:00 mass and possibly more showed up at 11:00 for the walk. Mark Luchtefeld, a parishioner from St. Boniface, and Jerry Kapp assisted in carrying the K of C banner provided by District Deputy Trauernicht. Jerry also gave out handheld K of C signs provided by District Deputy Jatecko

### ***Reminder ...***

***Jeff Davis is our new Financial Secretary. If you use a bill pay service, be sure to check where your payments are being mailed to. Some payments are being mailed to the past Financial Secretaries. They should be mailed to 7132 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025 or directly to Jeff at 7023 Alston Ct, Edwardsville, IL 62025***

## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Fish Fry Team #1 4:30-7:00 p.m.	5
6 5th Sunday Ordinary Time	7	8	9	10 Trivia Night at The Hall 7:00pm	11	12
13 6th Sunday Ordinary Time	14 General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Blood Drive 3:00 - 6:30	17	18	19 Rosary For Life 9:00am St. Mary's Church
20 7th Sunday Ordinary Time	21 Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Trivia Night at The Hall 7:00pm	25	26 District Free Throw Contest 4:30-7:00 p.m. St. Boniface Gym 9:00am
27 8th Sunday Ordinary Time	28 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Notes:				