



The Outer Guard

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Grand Knight's Letter

Happy New Year Brother Knights,

I would like to make this month's message about our future as a council. We are a diverse multi-generational council. We are a large council but have many Knights who are getting "long-in-the-tooth", your Grand Knight is well into this demographic! We are the only council in our district that has not added a new member this fraternal year. At a recent meeting, a request sheet was passed around asking all the Knights in attendance to place a name of a potential prospect on the sheet; the sheet came back with no names presented. If we are not a growing council, we will wither.

I have been reaching out to many of our fellow younger Knights to try and understand what attracted them to join. (The fastest growing councils within the State of Illinois are the College Councils, so there appears to be a shift in our society and younger Catholic men are looking for avenues to give something back.) I have asked for guidance from Past Grand Knights to gain from their tenure and experience as to what they did to obtain

new members. Our need this year is 16 new members.

I need your help as I am still struggling with this endeavor! Every member of this council should know someone who might be interested in becoming a Knight. There has been no more important time in our society when strong Catholic men are needed. I was recently made aware of different religious organizations being invited to display Holiday Scenes within the Illinois State Capital Building rotunda. I am not sure of the other religions that have taken advantage of this opportunity, but I do know that Catholics did place a "Nativity Scene". Sadly, the "Satanic Temple of Illinois" was also granted a spot where they assembled a nativity with the devil as the Baby Jesus, an in-your-face mockery of our faith. Of course, their placement received the press coverage!

Your help is needed! Please do some soul searching and identify a prospect. If you do not wish to make the approach, please send me the prospect's name and I can reach out to make the "ask".

"Sometimes being a brother is even better than being a superhero."

- Marc Brown.

I believe as Knights of Columbus, we can be both! (Yeah, I know the quote is a bit hokey!)

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

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Hastings

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Join online free

CHECK PRESENTMENT

On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the council present checks to the St. Boniface Catholic School and the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School, A group of Knights attend their school masses and present the donation after the masses. On December 16th, the council presented a check to the St. Mary's Catholic School prior to their Annual School Christmas program.



Quick Reminders

Fish Fry, Friday **Jan 7th** 4:30pm to 7:00pm Team 3

Assembly 225 Meeting Tuesday **Jan 4th 7th** 7:30pm

Rosary for Life. St. Mary Church ,Saturday, **Jan 8th**
9:00 am.

District Deputy Meeting Saturday **Jan 8th** 9:00 am
Greenville

Council 1143 Free Throw Contest St. Boniface Gym
Jan 15th 8:30-10:30 am

Council Meeting Monday **Jan 10th** 7:00pm.

Pray the Novena for Life **Jan 17 —27th**

Fred Mills Club Meeting Monday **Jan 17th** 7:00pm.

Knights Holy Hour St. Boniface Chapel **Jan 19th**
3:30—5:30

Fish Fry Friday **Jan 21st** 4:30pm to 7:00pm Team 4.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, **Jan 30th** 8:30-12:30
at The HALL

Officers Meeting **Jan 31st** 7:00 pm

Building the Domestic Church

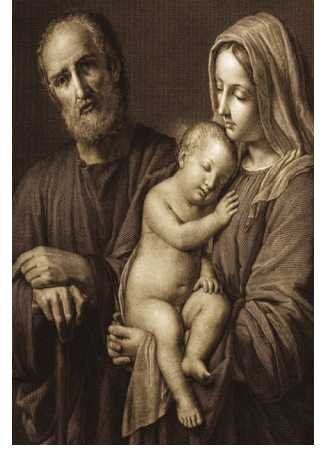
While Strengthening Our Parish

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.

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There is something very powerful about praying together as a family. Jesus reminded us that where two or three are gathered together in his name, there he is in the midst of them (see Mt 18:20). Jesus also revealed to us that our children possess guardian angels who always bring their prayers before the face of the Father (see Mt 18:10).

Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving and praise of God, as well as a means of asking for forgiveness, supplication and invocation. In all of these forms, prayer may unite the entire family. "In prayer everyone should be present: the living and those who have died, and also those yet to come into the world. Families should pray for all of their members."¹²

Meditation

From St. John Paul II's general audience on Sept. 10, 1997.

Mary appears therefore as the supreme model of personal participation in the divine mysteries. She guides the Church in meditating on the mystery celebrated and in participating in the saving event by encouraging the faithful to desire an intimate, personal relationship with Christ in order to cooperate with the gift of their own life in the salvation of all. ...

By following her model, the Church learns to be bold in her asking, to persevere in her intercessions and, above all, to implore the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1. During my day, what are some times when I could take a minute to connect with God through prayer, perhaps asking his help or simply thanking him for his love and his presence?
2. Just as talking can build a relationship, different kinds of prayer are different ways through which we

grow closer to God. What type makes me most aware that God is near?

3. How is our family touched and shaped by the prayers of all its members?

Family Project

Praying together as a family is a great way to experience the presence of God in the midst of our everyday lives. While there are many ways to pray, consider using the Bible as the center and focus of your family prayer time. You should begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance and understanding, and then read a chapter or verse aloud. Discuss those passages that might personally relate to your family situation or spirituality. Then, conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of God's Living Word.

Scripture Reading of the Month

Psalm 84: 9-13 *By our prayers we show a desire to live with God, our Beloved*

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, God of Jacob.
O God, watch over our shield;
look upon the face of your anointed.
Better one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere.
Better the threshold of the house of my God
than a home in the tents of the wicked.
For a sun and shield is the LORD God,
bestowing all grace and glory.
The LORD withholds no good thing
from those who walk without reproach.
O LORD of hosts,
blessed the man who trusts in you!

Knights Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the **2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. The local competition is sponsored by the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus Council 1143. The competition will be held on **January 15, 2022** from **8:30-10:30am** at **St. Boniface School Gym**. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. The winner of each age division progresses through local, district, and state competitions. For information, contact Marcus Agustin (618-691-9975). This is a great opportunity to volunteer for only 2 hours and work with the youth of our church.

ANNOUNCING...

After thirteen years of amazing service Sir Brother Gary Doiron has passed the duties of the Office of the Lecturer to Sir Brother Jerry Kapp. When you next see these two dedicated Brother Knights, please thank them both! They both possess a wonderful track record of service to the Knights!

Knight of the Month for December

Timothy Mueller has been a member of this Council for the past 5 years. Tim attained his First, Second and Third Degrees in October 2016. Tim and his wife Caitlin have been married for 6 years and are members of St. Boniface Parish. Tim is involved at St. Boniface serving the parish family in several endeavors. Within our Council, Tim just completed a very successful Hop for Heroes event, far exceeding expected results. The final tally is still coming in but there are great expectations that several additional trips will be provided than originally thought.



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Family of the Month for December

Thomas and Michelle Dammerich are members of St. Boniface Parish. They have been married for 27 years. Thomas is an Aerospace Engineer. They have two sons Bryan 24 and Nathan 20 who are also 3rd. Degree Knights within our Edwardsville Council 1143. Thomas and Bryan together attained their 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. degrees on 5.17.2015; Nathan attained his 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. degrees on 6.9.2019. Bryan and his wife Kathleen have been married for two years; Nathan is a student and at this time is single. Thomas is a member of Fry Team #3 and the entire family is involved with the St. Boniface Parish Family.



Faithful Navigator's Letter

Hello Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights All!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas season with your family! During this time, it is common for folks to make a couple new year's resolutions to kick off the new year. Perhaps it is to get more active outside, pray a little more, or eat a few less sweets. Why not make a resolution to get more involved with your council and assembly? There will be several great activities in the first couple months of the year that your council and assembly will need help with! Not a 4th Degree member? I invite you to make one additional new year's resolution to join the 4th Degree, the Patriotic Degree of our Order. Come join us and see why the 4th Degree is the Patriotic right arm of the Catholic Church!

Vivat Jesus

Ryan Fitzpatrick, FN

Save the Date for a Pancake for Breakfast

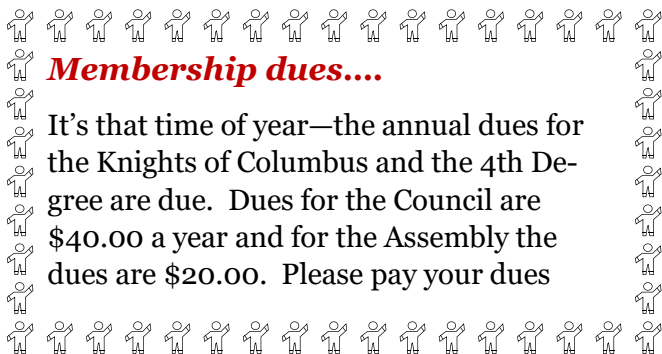
The 4th Degree will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 30th from 8:30-12:30pm at The Hall. For \$10, you will be able to enjoy a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and orange juice! All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go towards "Warriors to Lourdes," a Knights of Columbus sponsored spiritual pilgrimage for military service personnel. Please see the link below for a brief video about Warriors To Lourdes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tg_SAsO316M

The assembly is asking for volunteers from all brother knights to help make this program a success! Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below to sign up for a slot today! Thank you for your support in this initiative! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4CA9AB28A0F9C70-kofc>

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 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.



Membership dues....

It's that time of year—the annual dues for the Knights of Columbus and the 4th Degree are due. Dues for the Council are \$40.00 a year and for the Assembly the dues are \$20.00. Please pay your dues

January Birthdays

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| 1 Edward Akers II | 17 Dale Frank |
| 1 Gary Newton | 17 Eugene Vallino |
| 1 Daniel Coan | 18 Timothy Hogan |
| 1 Lawrence Luebbers | 20 Paul Jenkins Jr |
| 1 Robert Maher | 21 James Jatcko |
| 2 Justin Zimmerman | 21 Paul Murphy |
| 4 James Zupanci | 21 Kent Trebing |
| 5 Kurt Hylla | 21 Robert Lewis |
| 5 Troy Van Hauen | 22 Cavan McIntyre |
| 6 Rex Gehlbach | 22 Andrew Hessel |
| 7 Jeffrey Wieggers | 22 Thomas Allen |
| 10 Daniel Johnson | 22 Patrick Perry |
| 11 Stephen Edwards | 23 Derek Grable |
| 12 Michael Long | 24 Gerald Kienstra |
| 12 Nathan Dammerich | 26 Anthony Ambuel |
| 13 Daniel Trebing | 26 Bro Nathaniel Szidik, |
| 15 Jeffrey Suzewits | OSB |



January Anniversaries

- 5 Christopher & Steffany Chleboun
- 7 Jeffrey & Melissa Wieggers
- 7 Jay & Kristina Kohlmiller
- 8 Luke & Amber Harris
- 14 David & Robin Troeckler
- 22 Martin & Paula Manny
- 23 Rex & Tammy Gehlbach
- 29 Jason & Lindsey Jones

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
MANY MORES!**

From Our Field Agent

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great 2021 and looking forward, as I am, to an even better 2022.

As your Field Agent, I am anxiously awaiting the final numbers for the Order's Insurance Operations. And, as of this writing, it looks like 2021 may just be our BEST year EVER.

I am very happy to inform you that recently A.M Best has affirmed the Order's Financial Strength Rating of A+ (Superior) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of

"aa" (Superior), with a stable outlook.

We have all faced countless challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic instability. But I hope, like me, you will take heart in this achievement and the many other accolades the Order has recently achieved. From S&P ranking us as one of the most financially strong life insurers in North America, to our record MDRT membership and Forbes recognizing us as one of "America's Best Insurance Companies." The Knights of Columbus have accom-

plished a great deal in this difficult time.

In this new year, please take some time to meet with me to discuss your needs and goals. And please, take advantage of our Greatest Fraternal Benefit.

Vivat Jesus!

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ATTENTION BOWLERS....

The Springfield Diocesan qualifying round of the Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council Bowling Tournament will be held Sunday, February 6th, 2022 at Bowl Haven Lanes in Alton. Please see the attached flyer 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 or by phone at (618) 799-9255. The entry deadline is February 3rd.



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 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
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,

Knights of Columbus State Council Bowling Tournament

(Springfield Diocese Qualifying Round)

Sunday February 6th, 2022
Bowl Haven Lanes, Alton IL
2:00 p.m. start time

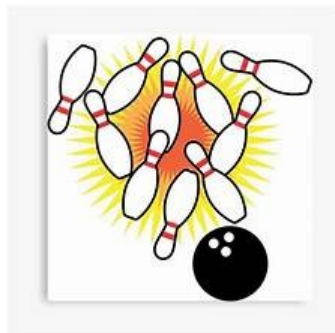
4 person team event with at least 2 Knights of Columbus members on each team, 2 non-Knight guests (male or female) will be allowed

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 5th 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.



January 2022

<u>Sunday</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Epiphany of The Lord	3	4 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Fish Fry Team #3 4:30-7:00 p.m.	8 Rosary For Life 9:00am St. Mary's Church <i>Winter District Deputy Meeting</i> 9:00-11:00am Greenville
9 The Baptism of The Lord	10 General Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15 Council Free Throw Contest 8:30-10:30 a.m. St. Boniface School Gym
16 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	17 Fred Mills Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Eucharistic Adoration St Boniface Chapel 3:30 - 5:30	20	21 Fish Fry Team #4 4:30-7:00 p.m.	22
23 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	24 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
Novena For Life						
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