



The Outer Guard

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From the Grand Knight ...

Brother Knights,

I hope this finds you and your family well and safe. As we continue through this season of lent, I want to challenge you to Step into The Breach and put your Faith into Action!

Our community needs us now more than ever to be a force for good and there are several ways you can help! Many of this month's charitable activities can be read in detail in this edition of the Outer Guard.

Whether you are donating your time at the upcoming To-Go Irish Dinner fundraiser the weekend of March 14th, helping sort food at the council's Food drive on March 20th, praying for the unborn at St. Mary's or at Hope Clinic on March 27th, or simply donating or making a purchase at any of these events including the Friday Fish Fry, YOU are making a difference.

No matter how big or how small, your support will help our council support our community!

Thank you in advance for your support and may God Bless our Lenten journey with spiritual growth and love of thy neighbor!

Vivat Jesus!

Ryan Fitzpatrick, Grand Knight

Family of the Month

For March, we salute The Johnson family as family of the Month.

Tom has been a member of the Knights for over 20 years.

Tom recently supported the council's annual Children in Need Shopping spree by providing a very generous donation for the event!

Both Tom and his wife Billie are active members of St. Mary's Parish and regularly attend mass together.

Thank you, Johnson family, for all you do for the council and the parish!

Knight of the Month

For March, we salute Tom Tucker as Knight of the Month! Tom is currently serving in his 3rd year as Trustee with the council.

Also, Tom has chaired the council's ID Drive program for the last five years and is helping with transitioning the program to a new team.

Tom has been active on the Life front by chairing the council's 40 Day's for Life day on March 27th. Also, Tom currently chairs the monthly Rosary for Life Program that is held at Hope Clinic in Granite City and at St. Mary's Parish. Also, Tom chaired a project on fundraising for a beautiful Memorial dedicated to the Unborn right outside St. Mary's Parish.

Thank you, Tom, for all you do for the council, the parish, and for defending life!

Mark your Calendars for the Next Food Drive!

The Edwardsville Council is teaming up with the SIUE Knights Council #8343 to host a spring food drive! The drive will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 8:00am-12:00pm.

Like last year's food drive, the drive will be a contactless, drive thru style event.

Please place any items you wish to donate in your trunk and volunteers will collect them for you. It is that simple!

The pantry is most in need of non-expired food items, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and paper goods.

Donation locations will include St. Boniface satellite parking lot at the corner of Buchanan St. and Fillmore St. and St. Mary's Parking Lot!

All donations will support the Glen-Ed Food Pantry.

Volunteers will be needed at both locations! Please contact Ryan Fitzpatrick at rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com to sign up for a slot today.

Thank you for your generosity!

Life Insurance Retirement Plans

There is an abundance of tools available to help plan for retirement, such as IRAs, 401ks, Annuities, just to name a few. Many people believe that retirement accounts and life insurance are two separate tools used for planning two separate events, retirement and death. This is not the case. Life Insurance can be a valuable tool for retirement planning if your situation allows for it.

A Life Insurance Retirement Plan (LIRP) is an accumulation tool that shares many of the tax-free attributes of traditional retirement accounts such as a Roth IRA. A LIRP is a life insurance policy that is specifically designed to maximize the accumulation of cash within the policy's growth account.

No Contribution Limits: If you find yourself in the position where your asset reposition strategy requires a shift that exceeds the allowable con-

tributions to the Roth IRA. The IRS poses no limitations on the amount of money that you can annually contribute.

No Income Limits: Income limitations imposed by the Roth IRA and discover that your Traditional IRAs make the nondeductible IRA option infeasible. The IRS poses no income limitations on LIRP contributions.

Retirement Planning: There are only so many years between now and your desired retirement, and each year counts. Having a steady stream of tax-free income from your policy is a great way to supplement your retirement income.

Tax-Free Bucket: Review the ideal balances for both the taxable and tax-deferred buckets. The taxable buckets should have roughly six months of income to protect against life's unexpected

emergencies.

Long-Term Care and Death Benefit Options: One of the biggest advantages other than the retirement income stream are Long-Term Care benefits. A LIRP can provide accelerated death benefits that are available if you are terminally or chronically ill. If you were to pass away prematurely, the death benefit will pay out to your beneficiaries income tax free, less any accelerated death benefits and loans.

Savings: Offers your family a sense of financial security for the future. Can be used for college savings for children or grandchildren. Not reportable for FAFSA financial aid.

Vivat Jesus!

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Two Catholic Men Join the Knights

Congratulations to John Caulk and Tyler Moore for becoming members of the Knights of Columbus, Edwardsville Council! Both John and Tyler became 3rd Degree Knights at the recent live Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Ceremony at St. Boniface Parish. Welcome to the council, John, and Tyler! Thank you for saying "Yes" to the Knights!

Member Achieves Knighthood

Congratulations to Brother Knight Patrick Marvin on advancing to the 3rd degree with The Knights! Patrick recently achieved full Knighthood at the live Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Ceremony at St. Boniface Parish. Patrick has been a member of our council for five years and has volunteered for the golf tournament, the ID Drive, and the Food Drive. Thank you, Patrick, for your continued "Yes" with the Knights and for your service to our council!

Welcome to Council #1143!

Our council has welcomed several new members over the last couple months! Please join me in welcoming the following Brother Knights to the Edwardsville Council! We are glad to have you!

Steven Huber | Fr. Michael Meinhart | Michael Weidner

40 Days for Life on Day on March 27th!

The 40 Days for Life campaign is active again this Lenten season!

The council has adopted Saturday, March 27th as a day to be present for Life by peacefully praying for an end to abortion at the Hope Clinic in Granite City.

The hours will be from 7:00am-7:00pm and will need two people per hour. We are asked not to engage anyone but to simply be peacefully present to pray and be witness to the tragedy of abortion.

If you can join in support for an hour, please contact Tom Tucker at 618-741-8930 to sign up and/or if you have any questions.

You may also visit www.40DaysGC.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the protection of the unborn!

Upcoming Fraternal Benefits Night

Brother Knights, one of the great fraternal benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus is the Insurance program.

Please join us for an upcoming Fraternal Benefits night on Tuesday, March 23rd beginning at 6:30pm hosted by area Knights of Columbus Field Agents.

The program will feature a keynote speaker, Tom Hegna, discussing "Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life" The council will be hosting a "Watch Party" at The Hall.

Limited seating will be available due to social distancing protocols. Light refreshments will be provided. Use the following link to RSVP today: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fraternal-benefits-night-watch-party-tickets-143568121115>

The program is also available online. Use the QR code on the right to register for the event!

We hope to see you there!

YOU'RE INVITED!



Knights of Columbus



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Fraternal Benefit Night

Virtual Webinar

by award winning author Tom Hegna

March 23, 2021
6:30 PM



Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

Pay Checks and Play Checks

You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live.



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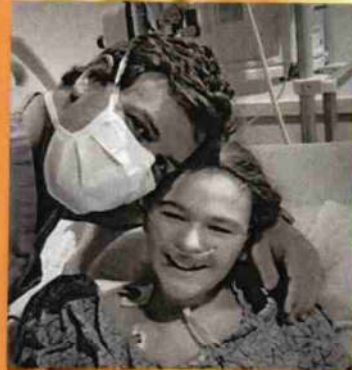
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FAMILY DIFFICULTIES

MARCH, 2021

Faith In Action: Support Vocations Program



All families face difficulties. At such critical moments, it is important to learn how to suffer well and to suffer together with Christ. Suffering, if given to the Lord, can bring families closer together and strengthen their love.

Breaking Open the Theme

Catholic families today face many challenges in the very real and normal frustrations of marriage and family life. The world tells families that they can simply walk away from such situations and choose whatever lifestyle or solution makes them feel happy as individuals. However, this escapism is not the Christian way. As St. John Paul II often reminded people, the Christian way of suffering begins with hope and the firm conviction that “God’s strength is always far more powerful than your difficulties.” Relying on God’s strength, families should not be fearful to recognize their struggles together and bring them before the Lord in prayer. Although they may not experience instant relief or be given a solution to fix the problem they are facing, the Lord will help them carry their crosses to the very end, providing comfort and healing along the way. After taking these first steps, families need to remember that they must constantly undergo conversion and healing. They cannot stop talking about their daily concerns or problems; by doing so they run the risk of weakening their relationships. Open conversation unites family members and may lead them to discover the source of their pain and struggles. In particular, it may bring up issues that the family is struggling to express or even unbury deep concerns. It may be painful to face problems, especially those that have no easy solution, but families must do so with honesty and love. If families start with these first few steps, their wounds can be transformed into points of intimacy with God. Suffering need not be only negative; through faith it can be transformed into great love. It is this miracle of transforming suffering into joy that is at the heart of Christian salvation.

Meditation

From Pope John Paul II’s *Familiaris Consortio*

There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of “reconciliation,” that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one body of Christ

offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: “that they may be one.”

Family Reflections

1. What are our family’s struggles? How might we work together as a family to heal these areas of hurt or confusion, without fleeing from challenges, shutting anyone out or giving in to despair?
2. What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? How does this perspective transform the way we approach suffering together as a family?
3. How can we as a family better rely on God’s strength in times of difficulty? In what ways can we allow Christ’s love to make our suffering fruitful and deepen our love?

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:5-11

A prayer for those who suffer to trust in the Lord

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him and be radiant,
and your faces may not blush for shame.
This poor one cried out and the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and he saves them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge
in him.
Fear the LORD, you his holy ones;
nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
The rich grow poor and go hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Family Project

Ask each family member to think about one difficulty in the family and to pray for it every day. At the end of the month, share your prayer intentions and experiences.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christopher Bray Joseph/Diane Gassirato Jerry/Stephanie Kapp	2 4th Degree Meeting 7:30pm	3 Sergio Cortez Andrew Wasser	4	5 Peter Galinski Matt Rakers Fish Fry Team #2 Carry Out Only	6
7 3rd Sunday in Lent William Buettel Gregory Goin Fred Mills Club BBQ 11:30-5:00pm at The Hall	8 Michael M Sullivan Council Meeting 7:00pm To-Go Irish Dinner Orders End Tonight at 11:00pm!	9 Tom Johnson Zachery Lunt	10	11 Charles Berkel William Stullken	12 Fish Fry Team #3 Carry Out Only	13 Thomas Kupferer Donald Lask Rosary For Life @ 9:00am St. Mary's Parish
14 4th Sunday in Lent To-Go Irish Dinner For Life Pickup 12:00-5:00pm	15 Fred Mills Club Meeting 7:00pm	16	17 Dr. Michael Lask	18 Edward/Jeanne Collins Trivia Night 7:00pm Main Hall	19 Fish Fry Team #4 Carry Out Only	20 David Berczek Food Drive 8:00-12:00pm Multiple Locations Rilynn Marti Benefit Night 3:00-8:00pm @ The Hall
21 5th Sunday in Lent	22 Dr. Nathan Vuagniaux Thomas/Diane Jacober Officer's Meeting 7:00pm	23 Gary/Helen Newton	24 Dale Coleman Fraternal Benefits Night 6:30pm at The Hall/Virtual	25 Dennis Hessel Ralph Kostyshock	26 Fish Fry Team #1 Carry Out Only	27 Michael Hines James Kohlfeld Luke Piarowski 40 Days for Life 7am-7pm Hope Clinic in Granite City
28 Palm Sunday Greg Frese Jeffrey Wiedman	29	30 David Vox Thomas/Cindy Orscheln	31 Jay Kohlmiller Jeremy Wildhaber Robert/Colleen Nelson	Notes:		