



# The Outer Guard

## Knights of Columbus #1143

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## MARCH 2018

### ***From the Grand Knight ...***

Brother Knights,

I hope that your Lent is off to a good start. These 40 days of sacrifice and renewal offer us the opportunity to grow personally and as a council. Whether through denying ourselves some things that we enjoy; giving more of our time, talent and treasure to those in need; or devoting more time to prayer, we become less focused on ourselves and more focused on serving Christ and others.

Our society needs men like you more than ever. Let's take full advantage of the rest of these 40 days to join our brothers in prayer and action. Throughout this issue of The Outer Guard, you will see that we have many upcoming prayer services and opportunities to serve. And let us not forget to invite other Catholic gentlemen to join us in our mission...invite them to join the Knights!

Together, let's finish Lent strong!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Jatcko, GK

### ***Holy Family Prayer Service***

Our Council is sponsoring the Holy Family Prayer service on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.

This event is open to the public, and all of our members are encouraged to attend along with their families.

The program features a beautiful icon of the Holy Family that was blessed by Pope Francis and is passed along in pilgrimage between KC Councils throughout the nation.

Please come join us in showing our area's support for the virtues and blessings of the Holy Family.

### ***Day of Prayer for the Unborn***

Join us on Sunday, March 4 at St. Mary's Church for a Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child.

The day begins with rosary at 1:00pm, followed by Mass (fulfilling Sunday obligation) and Exposition/Benediction celebrated by Fr. John McCusker, OSB. After Benediction, we will hear a March for Life testimony from a Father McGivney Catholic High School student and a Pro-Life talk from Fr. Ralph Wright, OSB. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Culture of Life Chairman Tom Tucker by email at [thtucker5@yahoo.com](mailto:thtucker5@yahoo.com) or 618-741-7930.

### ***Edwardsville Knights Spring Food Blitz set for Saturday, March 17***

Charity is one of the guiding principles for the Knights of Columbus.

Help feed the hungry of the Glen-Ed area by volunteering an hour or two on Saturday, March 17 at the Edwardsville Shop-n-Save.

Prayerfully consider donating to the pantry.

If you have a student under the age of 18 who needs community service hours, they can volunteer to work alongside a Knight.

We collect items from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

You can sign up with Brother Jim Albus by text at 618-304-8922 or email at [hankbus2@aol.com](mailto:hankbus2@aol.com).

## Meet the newest Knights of Columbus from SIUE Council 8343

On Feb. 21, SIUE Knights of Columbus Council 8343 once again became a reality after 11 new Knights took their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and five existing Knights transferred their membership. Council 8343 has once again become a college council of the Knights of Columbus, along with over 350 other college councils in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

The SIUE Council was originally chartered in 1983 and operated for nine years before becoming inactive. The council's Charter Grand Knight and current Council 1143 Grand Knight Jim Jatcko spearheaded the work to reestablish a council on campus, with assistance from Al Treichel, Jerry Kapp and Mike Sullivan. Our council's 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team conducted the Admissions Degree Ceremony on Feb. 21.

Thank you to everyone who helped out. We look forward to assisting and working alongside our young Brother Knights at SIUE this year and for many years to come!



*Eleven men joined the Knights of Columbus at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in February!*

*SIUE is currently reactivating Council 8343. Let us know if you or anyone you know would like to bring the Knights of Columbus to your campus!*

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## Trivia Thursdays



Join us every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the bar at The Hall for trivia night.

We have five rounds of 10 questions, with bonus music trivia questions between rounds.

Pizza and beer bonuses are offered each week, along with a prize for the winning team!

Admission is free. Bring your friends and enjoy a fun evening with us!

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## Easter Egg Hunt set for March 25

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Hall on Sunday, March 25 from 1:00-3:00pm! This event is open to anyone in our community. We are in need of volunteers to help make this a success. Please contact Ryan Fitzpatrick at [rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com](mailto:rafitzpatrick21@gmail.com) for details. Hope to see you there!



*Please welcome our newest Knights who took their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Feb. 12. L to R Logan Clark of SIUE Council 8343, Bradley Wise, Ryan Matthews and Br. John Leo Oduor. Photo Bomb: Richard Coolbaugh.*

## ***An Ethical Responsibility***

In February 2018, The Knights of Columbus was recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies. The 135 honorees for 2018 span 23 countries and 57 industries.

The Knights of Columbus has won the distinction for five consecutive years and is one of only three companies in the life insurance category, highlighting the Knight's commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"We are grateful for this honor because it recognizes that our commitment to corporate ethics and integrity is part of our founding mission and continues to be our highest priority," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson.

"Based on Catholic values, this commitment extends to every aspect of our work, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, and our day-to-day business operations."

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part

of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above everything.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the World's Most Ethical Companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less.

We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world.

For starters, we were founded by a Venerable Servant of God, who, we pray, is on the path to Sainthood. How many companies can say that?

It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 136 years later.

From our founding in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut to the present day, we are and have always been unapologetically, a Catholic company.

For us, this means that we must conduct business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are an organization by Brother Knights, for Brother Knights.

We don't worry about stock price, shareholders or corporate takeovers. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're Brother Knights too.

As agents, we are rigorously trained to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Each of us must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

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March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Birthdays Anniversaries Events <b>Day of Prayer @ St. M 1:00p</b>	<b>5</b> Peter Galinski Matt Rakars	<b>6</b> Prayer Service @ St. M 6:30p 4th Degree Mtg 7:30p	<b>7</b> William Beutel Greg Goin Ryan Taylor	<b>8</b> Mike Sullivan Trivia Night 7:00p	<b>9</b> Tom Johnson Zachary Lunt Fish Fry (Team 2) 4:30p	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Charlie Berkel William Stulken Major Degree Highland 1:00p	<b>12</b> Council Mtg 7:30p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Holy Hour @ St. B 5:30p Trivia Night 7:00p	<b>16</b> Fish Fry (Team 3) 4:30p	<b>17</b> Food Blitz Shop n Save 8:00a
<b>18</b> Edward/Jeanne Collins	<b>19</b> Fred Mills Club Mtg 7:00p	<b>20</b> David Berczek	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Nate Vuagniaux Tom/Diane Jacober Trivia Night 7:00p	<b>23</b> David Hoffman Gary/Helen Newton Fish Fry (Team 4) 4:30p	<b>24</b> Dale Coleman Ben Schollmeier
<b>25</b> Dennis Hessel Ralph Kostyshock Gerald McGivern Easter Egg Hunt 1:00p	<b>26</b> Officers Mtg 7:30p	<b>27</b> Jose Diaz Michael Hines Luke Piarowski	<b>28</b> Greg Frese Jeffrey Wriedman	<b>29</b> Trivia Night 7:00p	<b>30</b> David Viox Thomas/Cindy Orschein Fish Fry (Team 1) 4:30p	<b>31</b> Jay Kohmler Jeremy Wildhaber