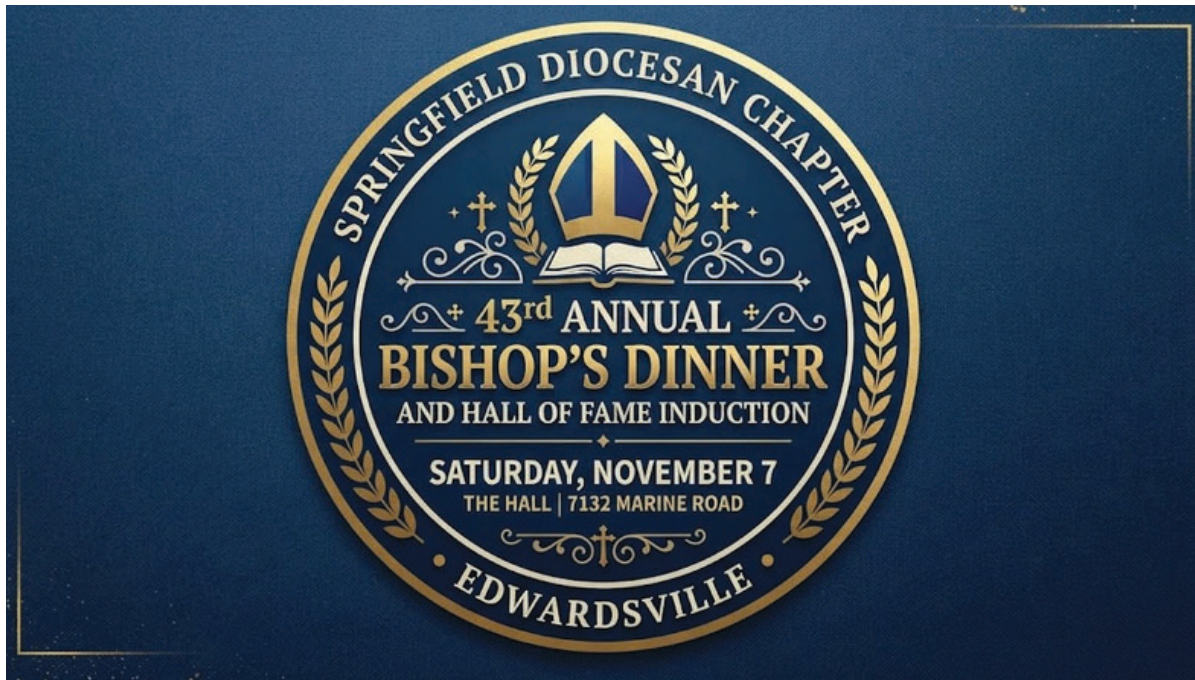


Monthly Newsletter

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Longtime Council 577 member (56 years) and Past Grand Knight Jack McCoy will be honored at the Springfield Diocesan Chapter's 43rd Annual Bishop's Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction on Saturday, November 7, at The Hall at 7132 Marine Road in Edwardsville. All members are encouraged to attend to show appreciation for Jack's hard work and dedication to our Council!

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online here:
<https://illinois-knights-of-columbus-springfield-diocesan-chapter.square.site>

The deadline for orders is October 24, 2026.

The schedule for the evening follows:

4:15 PM - Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville with Bishop Paprocki
6:00 PM - Social and Cocktails at The Hall
6:30 PM - Dinner
7:00 PM - Program and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Previous Council 577 Hall of Fame inductees include:
Class of 1984 – Darrell Beck
Class of 1989 – Ted Kraft
Class of 1990 – William G. Williams
Class of 1993 – John Kee
Class of 1995 – Tom McKenzie
Class of 2024 – Fred Lohrstorfer
Class of 2025 - Fr. Chris Comerford



Decatur Right to Life is hosting the annual Life Chain event on Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. We will gather in peaceful prayer outside of St. Patrick Church along Eldorado Street to stand in support of unborn children and their right to life. Signs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus, and all are welcome to attend.



The October Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM. Council members are also invited to attend the Officer's Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 4:30 PM. Both meetings take place in the Council Chambers at the Hall at Five-Twenty.



Please join Council 577 members at the WSOY Community Food Drive on Friday, October 2 at the Kroger on Route 36. At 9:45 AM, the council will present an \$8,000 donation to support the cause. Last year, the food drive raised over \$867,776 in food and funds to benefit 25 local agencies. To learn more about how you can help fight hunger and support area food pantries, visit www.wsoyfooddrive.com.



October has long been designated as the month of the Holy Rosary, with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary observed annually on October 7. Knights of Columbus Council 577 will host a Rosary Prayer Service in the St. Patrick Prayer Garden (on the east side of St. Patrick Church at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 7. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. All are welcome to attend.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered with the Council 577 Intellectual Disabilities Drive throughout September. Thanks to the support of over 50 Council members, friends and volunteers from the Decatur Blaze Millikin Men's Basketball team and Special Olympics Region I, we have raised \$7,617.30 since the beginning of the month. If you would like to donate to the Council's Intellectual Disabilities Fund, please visit decaturknights.org.



Please keep in your prayers the following Brother Knights of Council 577 and family members who were mentioned at our August and September membership meetings.

- Mike Dawson
- Jim Comerford
- Adrienne Moore
- Ellen Stenga
- Connie Gilbert
- David Rayhill
- Mike Jordan
- Mark Nixon
- Jack & Barbara McCoy

October Checklist

- Ask a new member to join Council 577.
 - The Council would like to exemplify nine new members by the end of December!
 - Sign up at kofc.org/joinus.
- Attend the Life Chain on October 4.
- Attend the Rosary Prayer Service on October 7.
- Attend a Cor meeting October 7 or 21.
- Attend the 4th Degree Assembly 211 Weenie Roast on October 21.
- Sign up to attend the Springfield Diocesan Hall of Fame and Banquet on November 7.

Council 577 Officers

- Grand Knight - Matt Harding
- Deputy Grand Knight - Justin Reed
- Chancellor - Mike Scott
- Treasurer - Rich Kaczynski
- Advocate - Bill McNutt
- Recorder - Kevin Martin
- Inside Guard - David Cox
- One Year Trustee - Mark Niemeyer
- Two Year Trustee - Fred Lohrstorfer
- Three Year Trustee - Steve Smith
- Financial Secretary - Gary Durbin
- Chaplain - Fr. Chris Comerford
- Lecturer - Jim Hammann



"Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) is a prominent men's faith formation program and study series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Inspired directly by Pope Francis' 2020 Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, which marked the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being named patron of the Universal Church, the program is designed to guide Catholic men in cultivating authentic, Christ-centered masculinity, leadership, and fatherhood.

All Catholic men are invited to join the next Cor gatherings on October 7 and October 21 at 6:30 AM at the Saint James Parish House (742 E. Clay, Decatur).



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