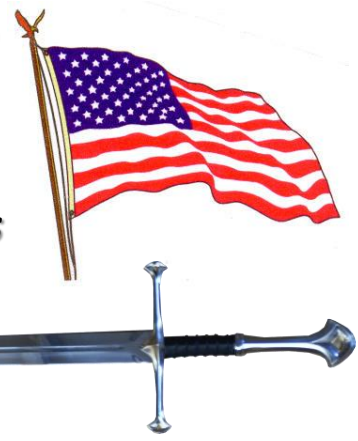




The Sword of Freedom

**Newsletter of the
Lansing Assembly #3334
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
Lansing, Michigan**



APRIL 2026

Assembly Officers for 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator SK Paul Lacroix, PGK
Faithful Friar Rev. SK Gordon Reigle
Faithful Admiral SK Russell Pate, PFN
Faithful Captain SK Francis Jacobs
Faithful Pilot SK David Hall
Faithful Comptroller SK Daniel K. Reinecke, Sr. PFN, PGK
Faithful Purser SK John Gordon, PFN, PGK
Faithful Scribe SK John Ingraham

Faithful 1-Year Trustee SK Paul Mapes, PGK
Faithful 2-Year Trustee SK Sean Riley, PFN
Faithful 3-Year Trustee SK Ken Corrigan
Faithful Inner Sentinel SK Frank Levandowski
Faithful Outer Sentinel SK Michael Hanson
Faithful Commander SK William Currie PGK, PFN, FDD
Faithful Assembly Photographer SK Ken Corrigan

***Our next Assembly meeting is
scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026,
at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish in East Lansing.***

***Your Faithful Navigator,
SK Paul Lacroix,
welcomes all Assembly
members to our Assembly meetings,
the 3rd Tuesday of every month!***

*Please see
Page 6 for
upcoming events!!!*



Please welcome our new Assembly Members

Rev. SK Corey Bilodeau
SK Matthew McKune
SK Tony Rohac
SK Andrew Sandstedt
SK Robert Snow

SK Scott Jakovac
SK Aaron Bolder
SK Nelson Deford
SK Steven Lacroix



The Lansing Assembly #3334 Proudly Represents the following Councils:

- Fr. F.B. McCormick Council #7545 (St. Mary Parish, Williamston)
- Msg. MacEachin Council #7816 (St. Thomas Aquinas Parish)
- St. Martha Council #10006
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #10542
- Msgr. John A. Gabriels Council #11099 (Resurrection Parish)
- San Juan Diego Council #15417 (Cristo Rey Parish)



Please prayerfully consider asking your Brother 3rd Degree Knights to join the Patriotic Degree and complete their journey.



NAVIGATOR NOTES



My Brother Sir Knights,

The 92nd Michigan District II Fourth Degree Exemplification is upon us. Please join me in welcoming our new Sir Knights;

Rev. SK Corey Bilodeau (Fr. Mac Council #7816)
SK Matthew McKune (Garbiels Council #11099)
SK Tony Rohac (Fr. Mac Council #7816)
SK Andrew Sandstedt (IHM Council #10542)
SK Scott Jakovac (Fr. Mac Council #7816)
SK Aaron Bolder (Fr. Mac Council #7816)
SK Nelson Deford (IHM Council #10542)
SK Robert Snow (IHM Council #10542)
SK Steven Lacroix (Fr. Mac Council #7816)

We look forward to getting to know our new brother Sir Knights.

At our meetings in April and May, we will be holding elections for Assembly Officers for the 2026 – 2027 Fraternal year. Any Fourth Degree Sir Knight in good standing is eligible to stand for any Assembly Officer position. I have included an attachment that lists the duties and responsibilities for each of the Assembly Officer Positions. If you are interested in being an Assembly Officer, please take a few minutes to look over the positions, and the duties and responsibilities for each of those positions. The Assembly has seen an influx of new members, some with proven leadership skills able to fill officer positions. The future of our Assembly depends on a strong, dedicated, committed Officer Corps.

We have a few events coming up between now and the end of the Fraternal Year. Watch for details to come about the Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14, and our Awards night also coming in June.

If you are planning to attend the State Convention on Mackinac Island in May, please consider bringing your Uniform to be able to participate with the Honor Guard.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Paul Lacroix
Faithful Navigator

**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA!**



**250
YEARS
AND
COUNTING!**



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Your Assembly Officer elections are upcoming!

Nominations for Officer positions will start at our April 21st Assembly business meeting, and continue through our May Business meeting, at which time we will conduct our elections for the next fraternal year! Please consider offering to take on an officer position!

Please see the description of officer positions starting on page 7 of this newsletter.



PFN Sean Riley and Assembly Comptroller Dan Reinecke stand with Michigan District 2 Master Ben Dandrow with the Michigan District 2 92nd Exemplification Red, White, and Blue Ad it purchased.

SK Paul Lacroix (2nd row far left) receives the Order's Civic Award at the recent Michigan District 2 meeting.



The 65 new Sir Knights from the Michigan District 2 92nd Exemplification conducted on April 18, 2026, at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing.

Comptroller Comments

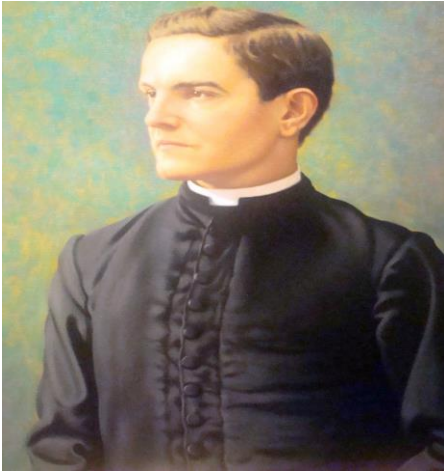
Fellow citizens and Brother Knights, permit me to give a short Comptroller report.

As of April 1, 2026, we have a reduced number of 226 members (Supreme has made an adjustment of 8 members, as well as Rev. SK William Luger (deceased) finally hit our rolls). Of these, 52 are Honorary Life, 6 are Honorary, and we have 2 members exempted from dues.

Speaking of dues, there are currently 52 members who have still not paid their dues for 2026. Second dues notice are going out to these members. Won't you consider paying your dues and helping the Assembly financially.

Fraternally yours,

SK Daniel K. Reinecke, Sr. - Faithful Comptroller



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CANNONIZATION
OF
BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY!**

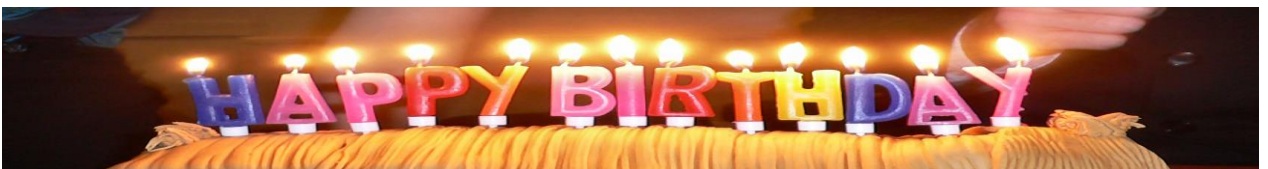


Msgr. John A. Gabriels Council #11099 (Resurrection Parish) offers a monthly *Euchre Tournament* on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Assembly Members' Birthdays for the Month of April 2026

SK Hector M. Arroyo
SK Louis Axeman
SK Thomas M. Colosimo
SK Kenneth C. Corrigan
SK John M. DeRose
SK John J. Draminski
SK Mark B. Kwast
SK Mark J. Lenhard
SK John G. Madigan
SK Michael A. Markey

Rev. SK Steven M. Matson
SK Stephen J. McCarthy
SK Gaylend K. Meeks
SK Clark R. Miller
SK Michael E. Radamacher
SK Rudolfo E. Reyes
SK Gabriel J. Riley
SK Randal S. Telesz
SK John L. VanBuskirk
SK Paul M. Wakeman



Assembly Members' Ladies' Birthdays for the Month of April 2026

Lady Patty Bidle
Lady Cindi Currie
Lady Nancy Fedewa

Lady Cindy Franco
Lady Kristine Hanson
Lady Diane King



Newsletter Patrons (Thank You!)



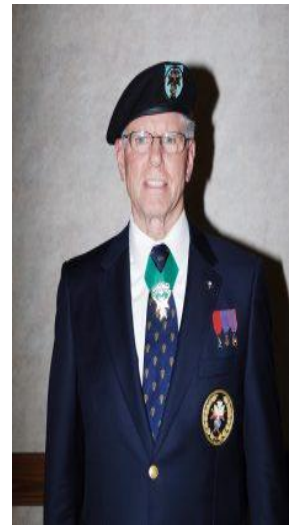
SK Louis Axeman, Jr.
 SK Kenneth Balcer
 SK Bradley Bertsch
 SK Michael P. Bobinski
 SK Carl Boehlert
 SK Robert Carlin
 SK Scott Cole
 SK Lawrence Combs
 SK Eric Cullimore
 SK William Currie
 SK John Day
 SK Ernest Delgado
 SK John DeRose
 SK Kevin Duffy
 SK Steven Elias
 SK Daniel Fell
 SK Curt Flammini
 SK Francis Fortier
 SK Daniel Frank
 SK Philip Hayden

SK Tony D. Fuller
 SK Terrance Grady
 SK Terrance Grady
 SK Charles Graff
 SK David Hall
 SK Joseph Hanley
 SK Christopher Hanson
 SK Michael Hanson
 SK Anthony J. Heidt
 SK Michael Horvath
 SK Eric Huhn
 SK Douglas Hunter
 SK Michael Jackman
 SK Francis Jacobs
 SK Dennis Jenkins
 SK James Kasprzak
 SK Geoffrey Kerley
 SK Michael Kovak
 SK Mark Kwast
 SK Mark Lenhard

SK Stephen Kwast
 SK John R. Lefevre
 SK Frank Levandowski
 SK Joseph Madden
 SK Timothy Malatinsky
 SK Vic Mankowski
 SK Michael A. Markey
 SK Paul Mapes
 SK John Matuszak
 SK Gaylend Meeks
 SK Larry Meyer
 SK Donald K. Morgan
 SK Matthew Morse
 SK Tony Moss
 SK G. Thomas Muncie
 SK Michael J. Niemela
 SK Lawrence P. Nolan
 SK John D. O'Doherty
 SK Donald M. O'Hara

SK Lance C. Lemon
 SK Russell E. Pate, Jr.
 SK Thomas Quasarano
 SK Willie M. Reed
 SK Daniel K. Reinecke, Sr.
 SK Gabriel J. Riley
 SK Sean P. Riley
 SK Michael D. Siminski
 SK Wieslaw H. Spiewla
 SK William J. Swords
 SK Randal S. Telez
 SK Victo J. Torok, Jr.
 SK John Paul Uwayo
 SK Kurt Van Steel
 SK Valente F. Villarreal
 SK Edward O. Walter
 SK Arthur J. Weber
 SK Steven Wilcox
 SK Joseph L. Wilhelm
 SL Edward L. Zaremba

Commander's Report



We joyfully exclaim, "Christ has Risen. He has risen indeed." I hope everyone had a blessed Easter. Easter symbolizes rebirth and renewal, an opportunity to start over and improve. Rely on our brotherhood of Knights to help us along the way.

I recently read an article stating that Pope Leo XIV presided over the swearing in of 27 newly trained Swiss Guard last October. It was the first time in nearly 60 years a Pontiff attended this ceremony. The new members swear an oath to serve faithfully, loyally, and honorably to protect the Pope and his successors even to the cost of their own lives. Some may have learned of the Sack of Rome in 1527 when 189 Swiss Guard sought to protect Pope Clement VII from 20,000 mercenaries of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. Forty-two guards were able to escort the Pope to safety while the remaining 142 Swiss Guard lost their lives while holding back the attack.

Pope Leo XIV addressed the new Swiss Guard saying, "To all of you who made this oath: it is a very important witness in today's world. It shows us the value of discipline, of sacrifice, of living the faith in a way that truly speaks to young people—about giving one's life, of serving, and thinking of others." I ask, can't this also be said of Knights, especially those who go a step further in our Color Corps?

Remember these words from Pope Leo XIV as we go about our daily lives.

There will be Honor Guard training at 7:00 p.m. in the Cana Chapel on Tuesday, April 21.

Fraternally,
 SK Bill Currie, Faithful Commander



Assembly Members' Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of April 2026

SK Raymond D. & Lady Diane King
 SK Matthew P. & Lady Bridget Walsh



PRAYER LIST

DEATHS

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of the Faithfull Departed

Bishop SK Carl Mengaling

Pope Francis

Rev. David Rosenberg

SK Patrick Donlon

Ann Reinecke (sister-in-law of SK Dan Reinecke)

SK Don Gardner

SK Jim Tingay

SK Bob Vondale

Cathy Variano (IHM Parishioner
and staunch Veteran supporter)

SK Robert Tetzlaff

SK Michael Gillenkirk

SK Joseph J. Brown

Rev. SK William Lugger

SK William Derengoski

SK Nicholas Scamuffo



ILL AND PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for the wellbeing of the following

SK Kurt VanSteel

Tracy Gordon (SK John Gordon's nephew)

Mark & Marjorie Evans (SK Ken Balcer's in-laws)

Rev. SK John Fain

Lady Joli Reinecke

SK John Madigan & Lady Margaret Madigan

Carol Hanson

Family of Bishop SK Carl Mengling

Family of SK Don Gardner

Family of SK Jim Tingay

Family of SK Bob Vondale

Family of Cathy Variano

Family of SK Robert Tetzlaff

Family of SK Michael Gillenkirk

Family of SK Joseph J. Brown

Family of SK Nicholas Scamuffo

Family of SK William Derengoski

Lady Carolyn Jacobs

SK Lester Bidle Family

Lady Linda Droste

Lady Marcia Pate

SK Paul Wakeman

SK William Walsh

May Lynn Smith

Dan Thelen (K of C. Insurance Agent)

Family of Rev. SK Gordon Reigle

For all mothers and their unborn babies

For the end to abortion

For all members of our military and their families

For peace in Ukraine and other hotspots around the world

For an increase in K of C membership

For the success of our programs

For the end to gun violence and terror around the world

Upcoming Assembly Meetings & Events

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – Assembly Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – IHM Council Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 – 12:30 p.m. – IHM Parish Hall, Lansing

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Assembly Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, EL

Monday, May 27, 2026 – Memorial Day Mass – 9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Cemetary

Friday, June 14, 2026 – Flag Retirement Ceremony - Location TBD

We support our Veterans!

Please consider joining us

at our next meeting –

We'd love to see you!



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From Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, 2024

ARTICLE VIII

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 23. Officers of the Assembly.

Annually, each assembly shall elect a Faithful Navigator, a Faithful Captain, a Faithful Pilot, a Faithful Comptroller, a Faithful Scribe, a Faithful Purser, Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels, a Faithful Admiral and a three-year Trustee. The Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Pilot shall annually appoint a priest to act as Faithful Friar or Chaplain but such selection must be made in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese in which the assembly is located. The Faithful Admiral shall be chosen from the Past Faithful Navigators of the assembly, if any there be.

Section 24. Duties of Assembly Officers.

Officers of the assembly should be present at all assembly meetings.

(a) The Faithful Navigator shall:

- (i) Preside over all meetings of his assembly and shall enforce the rules and regulations of the assembly and the laws of the Order, and shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- (ii) Appoint committees in addition to the permanent committees provided by the laws of his assembly as he may deem proper or as may be directed by the assembly, and he shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.
- (iii) Countersign orders drawn and signed by the Faithful Comptroller for the payment of money when the same have been ordered by the assembly or approved by the Board of Trustees.
- (iv) Countersign checks drawn and signed by the Faithful Purser.
- (v) Perform such other duties as the Supreme Assembly may impose.
- (vi) Establish a Color Corps pursuant to Article XII.

(b) The Faithful Captain shall:

- (i) In the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Faithful Navigator.
- (ii) It is also the responsibility of the Faithful Captain in order to assure a good attendance at meetings and other functions of the assembly to take direct charge of all activities social and otherwise under that portion of the order of business known as the Good of the Order.

(c) The Faithful Pilot shall:

- (i) Be responsible for the arrangement of the assembly chamber.
- (ii) Have charge of all properties of the assembly except moneys and accounts and record books of the officers but including ceremonials.
- (iii) Direct and be responsible for the activities of the Inner and Outer Sentinels.
- (iv) Acquire and maintain a thorough knowledge of the policies, procedures, and protocols governing the National Flag in order to instruct the members of the Assembly, to ensure its proper care and display, and to serve as an authority on the flag for assigned councils.

(d) The Faithful Comptroller shall:

- (i) Maintain Records. Keep a roll of the members, their age, occupation and residence with the date of their initiation in the Fourth Degree.
- (ii) Collect and receive all moneys due the assembly and all funds obtained from any source and transfer the same to the Faithful Purser and obtain a receipt from the officer.
- (iii) Keep account of the charges and receipts of each member in accordance with the standard accounting system provided by the Supreme Council.
- (iv) Make available to the Faithful Navigator and Board of Trustees at least once a year, all membership records and financial accounts for the purpose of preparing the official audit.
- (v) Draw all orders on the Faithful Purser when so ordered by the assembly, the Board of Trustees or the Faithful Navigator for payment of all claims of demands against his assembly which orders shall be signed by him and countersigned by the Faithful Navigator.
- (vi) Issue to each member not indebted to the assembly a Fourth Degree Membership Card duly signed and attested but such card shall be issued only if the member produces a Third Degree Membership Card showing his good standing in his Council.
- (vii) Notify the District Master of the names of all candidates from his assembly awaiting initiation and give written notice to the Financial Secretary of the council to which such member belongs that the member has been accepted as a Fourth Degree member of the assembly.

(viii) Notify promptly the Supreme Secretary, Master and Financial Secretary of the council concerned of the death, transfer, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, reinstatement, readmission or transfer of members on the forms provided by the Supreme Assembly.

(ix) Be the custodian of the seal of the assembly and affix same to all proper papers.

(x) Perform all other acts required by the laws of the Fourth Degree, the Order and the rules of the Board of Directors.

(e) The Faithful Scribe shall:

(i) Keep a true record of the doings of his assembly upon books approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Secretary at the expense of the assembly.

(ii) Conduct all correspondence of the assembly and perform such other duties as the assembly or the Order may direct.

(f) The Faithful Purser shall:

(i) Be the custodian of all funds of the assembly obtained from any source by or through any person or persons, acting for or in the name of the assembly or under its direction or authority.

(ii) At each meeting of the assembly, receive from the Faithful Comptroller all moneys whatever received by said Comptroller at such meeting, or between meetings, and shall give a written receipt to such Comptroller thereof, specifying the fund to which the same shall be credited. The moneys so received by such Purser shall be forthwith deposited by said Purser to the credit of the assembly in an approved bank or other secure institution of deposit, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees or majority vote of the assembly. He shall obtain vouchers or certificates of deposit thereof, and report the same at the next regular meeting of the assembly.

(iii) Pay all orders drawn on him which are signed by the Faithful Comptroller and countersigned by the Faithful Navigator. All such orders shall have the approval of the Board of Trustees, except demands of the Supreme Council, initiation fees due the District Master, the regular and usual stated payments of the assembly and payments authorized by the assembly as provided in Section 24(k).

(iv) Keep separate accounts of the moneys placed in his hands by his assembly or the officers thereof and be ready at all times to plainly show the amount of moneys in the funds of the assembly, the dales of receiving and disbursing same; such accounts to be kept in books furnished by the Supreme Secretary to said Purser at the expense of the assembly.

(v) Make available the Board of Trustees his books and records for the purpose of preparing the annual audit.

(g) The Faithful Sentinels shall:

(i) The Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels are specifically entrusted with the responsibility of seeing that all in attendance at an assembly function are in possession of both a Third and Fourth Degree Membership Card and so report to the Faithful Pilot.

(ii) They shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by the Faithful Pilot.

(h) The Faithful Admiral shall:

(i) Preside at all meetings of his assembly in the absence of the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Captain.

(ii) In the absence of the Faithful Friar, perform his duties at assembly meetings.

(iii) Perform any other duties assigned to him by the Faithful Navigator.

(i) Board of Trustees:

(i) The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Faithful Navigator and three members to be elected by the assembly. The Faithful Navigator shall be its Chairman. At the first election of a new assembly three Trustees shall be elected; one to hold office for one year or until the second next regular election, one for two years or until the second next regular election; and the other for three years or until the third next regular election; as determined by lot among themselves.

(ii) Thereafter, at each succeeding election one Trustee shall be chosen for a term of three years. The Trustees shall have supervision of all the financial business of the assembly and their approval shall be necessary for the payment of all moneys, except demands of the Supreme Council, initiation fees due the District Master, regular and usual payments of the assembly, and payments authorized by the assembly after resolution and vote in accordance with Section 24(k).

(iii) They shall audit the accounts of the Comptroller and Purser annually as of June 30 and report thereon to their assembly, the Supreme Secretary, Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master, and Master upon blanks approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Assembly.

(iv) They shall see that the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Purser give proper bonds running to the Knights of Columbus in trust for their particular assembly and in amounts fixed by said Trustees, and they shall be the custodians of such bonds. But in case the Board of Directors shall bond such officers, the Trustees shall be charged only with fixing the amount of such bonds in excess of the amount provided for by said Board of Directors and in such case they shall have evidence that said officers shall have been bonded in such excess amount.

(v) They shall perform such other duties as their assembly or the District Master or Vice Supreme Master or the officers of the Order may direct.