The Sword of Freedom

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





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Our October Assembly business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing.

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



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
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- San Juan Diego Council #15417 (Cristo Rey Parish)

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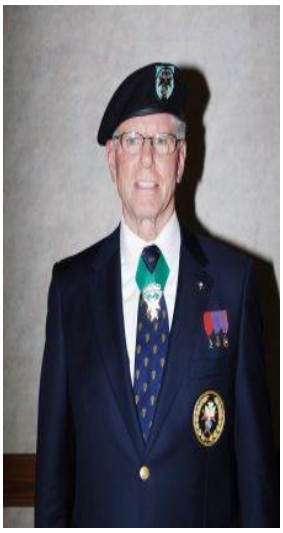
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Commander's Report

Brothers



I imagine for many summer vacations have come to an end, kids (grandkids) are back in school, and you are back to a more normal daily routine. The Honor Guard ended the summer and started fall with two 4th Degree Exemplifications on August 19 at St. John Parish in Davison and on September 26 at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. We also attended the installation of new pastors; Fr. Dwight Ezop at St. Gerard on August 22, and Fr. Mark Rutherford at St. Mary Cathedral on August 30. There was also the long-standing Living Rosary at the State Capitol on September 13. Our latest call-out was for an historic event for St. Michael parish in Grand Ledge as they had a Mass on September 27 in celebration of their 125th anniversary.

Our nation recognized the 25-year anniversary of the attack on 9/11. I hope you took time to attend Mass or say a prayer for those impacted by this tragedy on 9/11 and the military actions that spung from it. Also remember those feeling the health problems many years after.

Vice Supreme Master Walter Winkle is bringing back the provincial meeting. It will be October 23-25 in Monroe. I attended many provincial meetings in the past, they were very informative and enjoyable. There are training sessions, guest speakers, and opportunities to ask questions. You will get to meet SKs from throughout Michigan and the state to the south of us. A good turnout at this first meeting will ensure future provincial meetings will continue.

There will be Honor Guard practice prior to the October assembly meeting.

Fraternally,
Bill Currie Commander

Visit the Master's Website at www.michigandistrict2.org.

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

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
Fr. Louis Hennepin Province
Annual Provincial Meeting
October 23-25, 2026

Worthy District Master, Faithful Navigator, Comptroller and Commander,

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your Assembly members to attend this year's Annual Provincial Meeting scheduled for **October 23-25, 2026,** at the Knights of Columbus Monroe Council #1266 located in Monroe, Michigan. Having completed my first year as your Vice Supreme Master at the time of this meeting, it is my intention to make the training more relevant to you and your Assembly membership. This will be the first official Provincial Meeting with the Assemblies since 2019 prior to COVID.

District Masters are requested to arrive on Friday morning for a Provincial Masters Meeting being held at the Towneplace Suites Marriott at 11:00AM.

The Provincial Meeting will officially start with a **Social Dinner on** Friday evening. All are invited to attend, relax, and fraternalize with members from across the Province.

Training will begin on Saturday morning for **Assembly leadership and Color Corps.** We want the training to be relevant and meaningful to you and your Assemblies.

The **Open Session Meeting** on Saturday afternoon will include a guest speaker, which is still being confirmed, questions from the floor, comments from our District Masters and myself and will include the award ceremony for the districts.

Our day will continue with Mass and the installation of the new and current Masters for the next term. We encourage everyone to attend this Mass in support of your District Master. Following Mass we will all gather for dinner and continued fraternalization.

There are no activities scheduled for Sunday which will allow everyone to travel safely back home.

There are three hotels in the area with blocks of rooms being held for our attendees. Please refer to the attached hotel information sheet for information, contact numbers and discount codes required to obtain the special Knights of Columbus pricing.

Attached is the registration form for the entire weekend's events. For recordkeeping purposes, please consider having your Assembly issue one check for those members (and wives) attending.

It would be appreciated if your Assembly took out an ad and/or solicit ads from local businesses for the banquet souvenir book to help offset the Provincial expenses that are incurred throughout the year.

Traditionally, the ladies of the Province hold a basket raffle. This tradition will continue. Please consider donating a basket or item(s). Donations can be dropped off at the Knights of Columbus Council #1266 Hall located at 202 W. Front Street in Monroe on Saturday morning near registration at the hall.

Brothers, contact Faithful Navigator Chris Hanson or Faithful Comptroller Dan Reinecke if you have any questions or need additional Information about the Provincial Meeting.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

250 YEARS AND COUNTING!



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Comptroller Comments

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

As of October 1, 2026, we have 23 members, with 55 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary, and 2 Exempt.

Please welcome new member SK Phillip A. LaVoy, who just transferred in.

I would also like to congratulate SK Jay Briggs and SK Paul Gadola for attaining Honorary Life membership (age 70 and 25 years of continuous 4th Degree membership).

As some of you may know, the Assembly is in the process of changing its name to the Bishop Carl Mengaling Assembly. At this point the paperwork has been provided to the Supreme Assembly, but there is no update as to the approval of the name change request at this time. We will certainly keep you posted of any updates. Thanks for your patience.

Please consider joining us at our next Assembly meeting.

Fraternally yours,

SK Daniel K. Reinecke, Sr. - Faithful Comptroller

Assembly Members' Wedding Anniversaries for the Month of October 2026

SK William M. & Lady Cindi Currie
SK Peter J. & Lady Linda Droste
SK Jason W. & Ann Johnson
SK Gene S. & Anne Hentkowski





Assembly Members' Birthdays for the Month of October 2026

SK Gregory D. Garrison
SK Robert Ianni
SK Ernest Delgado
SK John T. Day
SK Larry L. Meyer
Rev. SK Corey J. Biladeau
SK Tony D. Fuller
SK Matthew P. Walsh
SK Leo C. Christel
SK Daniel L. Frank
SK Anthony J. Heidt
SK Peter M. Bertsch
SK James E. Harken



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

Lady Carolyn Pielack
Lady Mary Ann Duffy
Lady Krystal Malatinsky

PRAYER LIST

DEATHS

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

Lady Linda Droste
SK David L. Luedtke
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

Pope Leo XIV
SK David Lennaman
Family of SK Peter Droste
Family of SK David L Luedtke
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
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 mily of SK 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 Marcia Pate
SK Paul Wakeman **SK William Walsh**
Carol Hanson **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, October 20, 2026 – Assembly Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Friday/Saturday, October 23 & 24, 2026 – Hennepin Province Provincial Meeting - Monroe, MI (see Page 3 for details)
Sunday, November 1, 2026 – IHM Council Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – IHM Parish
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Veterans Day – Thanks a veteran for their service!
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – Assembly Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Saturday, February 13, 2027 – Admiral's Ball – More information to come. Save the date!

We support our Veterans!

Please consider joining us at our next meeting – We'd love to see you!



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