



Knights of  
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Assembly  
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Newsletter

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- The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith.
- Sir Knights are distinguished to exemplary deeds for God, for country, the Order, and are united to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.
- The Fourth Degree is dedicated to serving Councils, Districts, State and

Supreme to exemplify the tenets of the Knights of Columbus.

- To accomplish the above will take the ideas and work of all our members.

God Bless and VIVAT JESUS!!

<b>Assembly Officers</b>	
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Faithful Pilot	John Russell, PFN
Faithful Scribe	Eric Pohl
Faithful Admiral	Christopher Scanlan, PFN, FDD
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## From the Desk of the Faithful Navigator

Greeting Sir Knights

Happy February

Please keep in your prayers those that are on our prayer list. Please attend the meeting as soon as you are able.

The 2025 Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2025, at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Rd, Canton, MI 48187. Registration will start at 9:00am.

Registration for the Exemplification must be in the hands of the District **10 DAYS** prior to the event (March 5, 2025). **LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN, NOR WILL WALK-INS ON THE DAY OF EXEMPLIFICATION.** This is a change to past policy, though it is necessary to ensure a successful Exemplification event.

The dress code for this event will be enforced. Anyone not properly dressed will not be allowed to participate. For men, the dress code is the Fourth Degree Uniform, or a tux or dark suit, white shirt, dark long tie, black socks and shoes.

SK Pietro Arciero was called home to his heavenly reward with Rosary, Casket Watch, and Chalice presentation. We will be looking for a Main and Assistant Veterans Coordinator, if interested please let me know. Thank you for submitting your fraternal hours and your dues.

Upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exemplification at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Conduct the revised Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Mass concelebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Archbishop William Lori, our Worthy Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore. Banquet to follow at New York Hilton Midtown.

The poker fundraiser is coming March 6-9. Please signup.

<b>Assembly Anniversaries for February</b>			
<b>Sir Knights - Years of Service</b>			
Stephen Marczewski	Robert Auth	Alfred Tondreau	Raymond Kopja
William Marzion	Vincent Ventura PGK, PDD	Thomas Marano	Gerald Borycz
Vittorio Sancricca	Jamie Olesky	John Galdes	Rory Williams
<b>Sir Knights - Birthdays</b>			
Robert Grayson	Richard Hartmann	Rev Salvino Briffa	James Pryce
Donald Knapp	Roy Mac Donald	Mark Pugliese	Rev Gregory Piatt
Kenneth Pietryga, PGK	Dennis Brunner	Paul Kopper	Michael Riley
Shane Brazeika	Vincent Ventura PGK, PDD	Rev. Michael Loyson	Thomas Rimatzki
Larry Redman			
<b>Lady - Birthday</b>			
Laurie Conlen	Barbara Radomski	Marie Burden	Kelly Zahn
Audrey Brennan (RIP)	Lorraine Morris	Rosalyn Bradley	
<b>Ordination Anniversaries</b>			
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>			

### **3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE COUNCILS SUPPORTED BY ASSEMBLY 1536**

2690 - George F. Monaghan (Michael Maher)

3292 - Fr. Victor J. Renaud (Mike Driscoll)

3959 - Fr. Daniel A. Lord (Chris Greco)

5492 - Dr. Thomas A. Dooley (Tom Jackett)

8284 - Msgr. Clement H. Kern (Michael Pisano)

13645 - St. Edith Council (Raymond Busuttill Sr.)

15204 - Msgr. Russell E. Kohler (Jeff Burden)

16169 - St. John Neumann (Steve Sarlitto)



### **Previous & Upcoming Events:**

- February 4: Officers Meeting
- February 16: Assembly Meeting
- March 6 – 9: Charity Poker
- March 15: Spring Exemplification
- March 16: Officer/Assembly Meeting (May Change)
- April 1 Officers Meeting
- April 27: Assembly Meeting
- May 6: Officers Meeting
- May 18: Assembly Meeting
- June 3: Officers Meeting
- June 29: Assembly Meeting
- June 30: End of Fraternal Year
- July 1: Beginning of Fraternal Year
- July 1: Officers Meeting
- September 5 – 7: Charity Poker



Patriotic Something of Note SK Joe Bradley

# Presidents' Day 2025: What and When is Presidents' Day?

**Presidents' Day is Monday, February 17, 2025!** Did you know that the official federal holiday is called "Washington's Birthday"? So, why do some states call it Presidents' Day? Learn more.

## Is This Holiday Called Presidents' Day or Washington's Birthday?

Although the holiday is most often called "Presidents' Day," the observed federal holiday is officially called "**Washington's Birthday.**"

Neither Congress nor the president has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies when it comes to this holiday's date. [Read more from the National Archives.](#)

## So Why Is Washington's Birthday Commonly Called Presidents' Day?

In a sense, calling the holiday Presidents' Day helps us reflect on not just the first president but also our nation's founding, its values, and what Washington calls in his Farewell Address the "beloved Constitution and union, as received from the Founders." Also, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12, so by calling the holiday "Presidents' Day," we can also include another remarkable president in our celebrations.

Today, many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day, just as many U.S. states do. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales, and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.



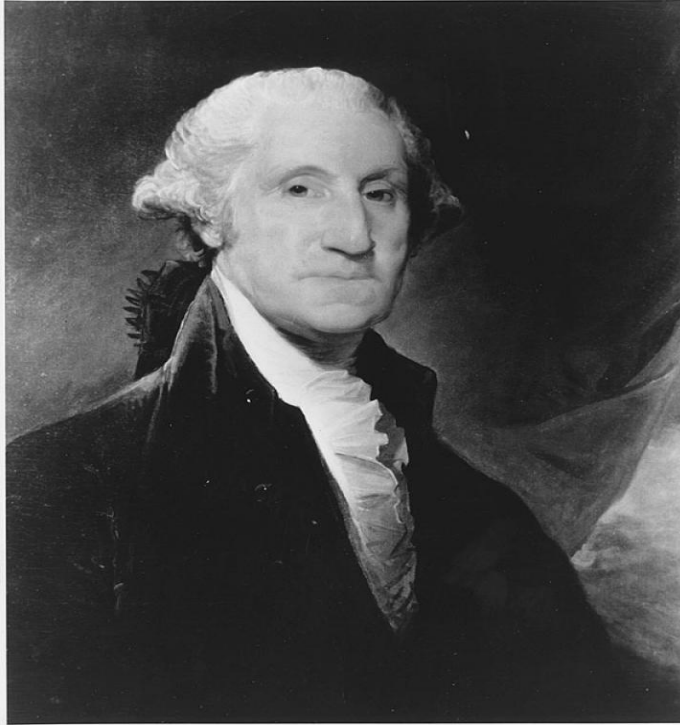
## When Is Presidents' Day?

Presidents' Day is observed annually on the **third Monday in February**. In 2025, Presidents' Day will be celebrated on Monday, February 17.

<i>Presidents' Day Dates</i>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Presidents' Day</b>
<b>2025</b>	Monday, February 17
<b>2026</b>	Monday, February 16
<b>2027</b>	Monday, February 15
<b>2028</b>	Monday, February 21

## Presidents' Day History

Historically, Americans began celebrating George Washington's Birthday just months after his death, long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. It was not until 1879, under President Rutherford B. Hayes, that Washington's Birthday became a legal holiday, to be observed on his birthday, February 22.



George Washington, copy of the painting by Gilbert Stuart, 1931-1932, RG 148, Records of Commissions of the Legislative Branch, George Washington Bicentennial Commission

Washington's birthday was celebrated on February 22 until well into the 20th century. In 1968, Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law to "provide uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays." By creating more 3-day weekends, Congress hoped to "bring substantial benefits to both the spiritual and economic life of the Nation."

### **Is Presidents' Day a Federal Holiday?**

Today, George Washington's Birthday is one of only 11 permanent federal holidays established by Congress observed each year. One of the great traditions followed for decades has been the reading of [George Washington's Farewell Address](#) by a U.S. senator in legislative session, which remains an annual event to this day.

### **When Is George Washington's Real Birthday?**

Although the federal holiday is held on Monday (the third Monday of February), George Washington's birthday is observed on February 22. To complicate matters, Washington was actually born on February 11, 1731! How can that be?

George Washington was born when the Julian calendar was in use. During Washington's lifetime, people in Great Britain and America switched the official calendar system from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar (something that most of Europe had already done in 1582).

As a result of this calendar reform, people born before 1752 were told to add 11 days to their birth dates. Those born between January 1 and March 25, as Washington was, also had to add 1 year to be in sync with the new calendar.

By the time Washington became president in 1789, he celebrated his birthday on February 22 and listed his birth year as 1732.

To summarize, Washington's birthday changed from February 11, 1731 (Old-Style Julian calendar) to February 22, 1732 (New-Style Gregorian calendar).

## **Myths About Washington**

Legend has it that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree when he was 6 years old and, when confronted by his father, said, "I can not tell a lie. I did it with my hatchet."

Well, we can not tell a lie, either. Washington didn't say this; he didn't even chop down the tree! This tale was, in fact, concocted by Parson Mason Weems (1759–1825), one of Washington's biographers, who made up the story hoping to demonstrate Washington's honesty.

This tale is not the only myth about Washington. His wooden dentures? They weren't made of wood; they were made of hippopotamus teeth that had been filed down to fit into Washington's mouth.

## **George Washington Quote**

Upon entering office, Washington was not convinced he was the right man for the job. He wrote, "My movements to the chair of government will be accompanied by feelings not unlike those of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution." Fortunately for the young country, he was wrong.

*Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble.*  
–George Washington (1732–99)

