



Knights of
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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!!

Assembly Officers	
Faithful Friar	Rev. Richard Leliart
Faithful Navigator	Edward Hurst Jr., PGK
Faithful Captain	Richard Fullmerhouser
Faithful Pilot	John Russell, PFN
Faithful Scribe	Eric Pohl
Faithful Admiral	Christopher Scanlan, PFN, FDD
Faithful Comptroller	Greg Rapelje
Faithful Purser	Joseph Bradley
Faithful Commander	Dennis Lipski, PFN,
Inner Sentinel 1	John Jouppe
Inner Sentinel 2	Robert Rugenski
Outer Sentinel 1	Juan Maldonado
Outer Sentinel 2	James Crowley
Trustee 3 Year	Edmund Shaheen
Trustee 2 Year	Dave Andreolli
Trustee 1 Year	Dennis Oszust



From the Desk of the Faithful Navigator

Greeting Sir Knights

Happy Lent

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 was completed on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Rd, Canton, MI 48187. We had 16 new Sir Knights and 11 Ladies that joined our humble Assembly.

Sir Knight	Lady
George Peters	Janice Peters
George McPartlin	Sylvia McPartlin
James Janicki	
Michael Robb	Linda Robb
Charles Lang	Nancy Lang
Christopher Kotcher	
Vince Kotcher	Jahna Kotcher
Charles Wilson	Jaya Wilson

Sir Knight	Lady
Daniel Hankins	Kelsey Hankins
James Michael Tallman	Sarah Tallman
Andrew Slonina	
Michael Ladach	Suzanne Ladach
Robert Modes	Joan Modes
Todd Forfinski	Joanie Forfinski
Fr. Joseph Romano	
Fr. John Leo Phalan	

The 125th Anniversary Exemplification at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City which the revised Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Mass was concelebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Archbishop William Lori, our Worthy Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore. Banquet followed at New York Hilton Midtown. We had 1 Sir Knight Michael Goodhart who was knighted at this Exemplification.

The poker fundraiser went very well on March 6-9, and we had our best to date. Great Job!

Assembly Anniversaries for March

Sir Knights - Years of Service

William Hoffman - 45	Andrew Peer – 43	Louis Blank – 41	Robert Hyde Jr. – 41
Father Terrence Treppa – 41	Stephen Gierak - 34	James Stager – 33	Kenneth Wilkins – 33
Alexander Kosidlo – 32	James Inch, PGK, PFN – 31	Dennis Lipski - 29	Timothy Casey, FDD, PGK - 28
David Kwiecinski – 28	Joseph Reardon – 27	Fr Henry Roodbeen – 27	George Roumaya – 27
Kenneth Pietryga, PGK – 26	George Smedley Jr - 26	Richard Terzuoli – 26	Lawrence Vendal, PGK, PDD – 26
Jamie Bernacik, PGK – 24	Father Maurice Sands – 24	Kevin Hale – 23	Richard St. Peter, PGK - 23
John Galdes – 22	Othmar J Lenze II, PFN – 22	Joseph Parisi – 22	Father Richard Hartman – 21
Timothy Mirabatur – 20	John Tomei – 20	Louis Brotchner – 18	John Casey – 18
Timothy Higgins – 18	Michael Riley – 18	Christopher Scanlan, PFN, FDD – 18	Daniel Vaseau – 18
David Lengel, PGK – 17	John Maclean – 17	Gary Radomski – 16	Anthony Rysztak – 16
Norman Stevens – 16	William Gronowicz – 15	Alan Brandemihl Jr – 14	Michael Cummins – 14
Kwame Ireland – 14	Erin Maclean – 14	Dennis O Beirne – 14	Edmund Shaheen – 14
Hans Hansen, FDD, PGK – 13	Dr. Steven Monaghan – 13	Phillip O'Shaughnessy – 13	Douglas Cyr – 12
Richard Fullmerhouser – 12	Father Richard Leliart – 12	Keith Kuras – 11	Thomas Brisbois – 10
Anthony Cerroni – 10	Lawrence Guastella, PGK – 9	Longinus Iwuoha – 9	Dennis Keller – 9
Benjamin Keyserling	Father Michael Loyson – 9	Obioma Opara – 9	James Pryce, PGK – 9
John Russell, PFN – 9	Gerald Sulak – 9	Daniel Timmerman, PGK – 9	Daniel Vecchioni - 9
Jorge Villanueva – 9	Brian Zahn, FDD, PGK – 9	Raymond De Perro – 8	Joshua Earles – 8
John Filipiak - 8	Jason Janicki – 8	Michael Jewett – 8	Patrick Maher – 8
Franklin Njubigbo – 8	Father Derik Peterman – 8	Peter Pierzecki – 8	Gregory Rapelje – 8
Walter Stang – 8	John Jouppi – 7	Michael Maher – 7	Kevin Malinowski – 7
Gerald Molnar – 7	John Morris – 7	Juan Maldonado – 6	J Lee Nuttall – 6
Fred Salmu – 6	Robert Seaser – 6	John Guth – 5	Dennis Oszust – 5
Eric Pohl – 5	Mark Pugliese – 5	Michael Robinson – 5	Giovanni Viola – 5
Dennis Brunner – 4	Joseph Carrier – 4	Charles Fay – 4	Andrew Anyanwu – 2
Ronald Budzisz - 2	Jeffrey Domsic – 2	Christopher Greco - 2	

Sir Knights - Birthdays			
Francis Dziuban	Ronald Rathbun	George Roumaya	Richard Mesner
Michael Shesterkin	John Morris	William Gronowicz	Fred Schneider
Gregory Rapelje	Patrick Barry	Richard Gora	Obioma Opara
Daniel Vecchioni	Robert Palmer	Dennis McCann, PFN	Dennis Oszust
Giovanni Viola	Richard Sosin	Gerald Sulak	Richard Fullmerhouser
Father Kevin Thomas	Jeffrey Domsic	Timothy Higgins	Dennis Lipski, PFN
Lady - Birthday			
Cathy Redman	Maria Rathbun	Laura Scanlan	
Ordination Anniversaries			
Father Salvino Briffa			
Wedding Anniversaries			

3RD 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)



Upcoming Events:

- March 6 – 9: Charity Poker
- March 15: Spring Exemplification
- March 16: Assembly Meeting
- 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

51 years have gone by, these hero's endured POW confinement - but survived to make it home.

May God Bless our Veterans, yesterday, today, and always.



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Newly freed prisoners of war celebrate as their C-141A aircraft lifts off from Hanoi, North Vietnam, on Feb. 12, 1973, during Operation Homecoming.

FEBRUARY 12, 1973

Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming began. The operation returned 591 American Prisoners of War (POWs) held by North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. From February 12 to April 4, 1973, there were 54 C-141 missions flying out of Hanoi, bringing former POWs home. Of the POWs repatriated to the United States, a total of 325 served in the U.S. Air Force, a majority of whom were bomber pilots shot down over North Vietnam or Viet Cong controlled territory. The remaining 266 consisted of 138 U.S. Navy personnel, 77 soldiers serving in the U.S. Army, 26 U.S. Marine Corps members and 25 civilian employees of American government agencies.

