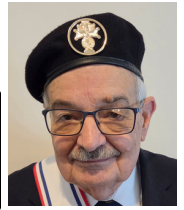




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Family of the Year-Greg PFN&Yvonne Ellsworth, Knight of the Year-Mark Corcoran PGK, Sir Knight of the Year-Greg Ellsworth PFN

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Thank you for honoring me as your new Grand Knight! I am convinced that Council #4090 is one of the greatest councils in Michigan and it is all because of the hard work and dedication of you, and all the members who came before us. With this said, I hope we can soon become the greatest Council in Michigan. We acquire all the wisdom, skills, programs, etc. but we must continue welcoming great new members to help support and energize all the amazing activities we do. It is also critical that we continually invite and encourage all members (new and old) to join in the meetings, activities, functions, programs, etc. There are so many exciting events that are coming up, so there will be many opportunities to invite brothers to join in!

I am always so honored and proud of everything our council does within our parishes and community. Our activities are not only noticed locally but also across the state. Our Seminarian Dinner was praised yet again at the KofC State Convention this year! We also accomplished our membership goal which qualifies our council for the Star Council Award for a second year in a row! This is a tremendous accomplishment that each and every member should be extremely proud of. A very special thank you to both, Mike Lalonde PGK and Mark Corcoran PGK for their hard work and spectacular leadership to drive our council to achieve this award!

July 19th will be the K of C family picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided, but please bring a dish-to-pass. The picnic will begin with Mass at noon followed by food, games, and a bounce house for the kids. Our own George Winters will also be providing music and entertainment as well! I challenge all members attending to please reach out to new and/or distant members and personally invite them to bring their families to attend. The entire family is welcome to come and enjoy! This is a wonderful event for us to fraternalize, revitalize, and learn more about each other!

Vivat Jesus,
 Dominick Kreiner



Exciting Assembly News



On Wednesday August 19, 2026, Ardon F Dubie Assembly is hosting an Exemplification at St. Johns Church in Davison. This is an additional local Exemplification; there is still one in September at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. This is an awesome opportunity to become a member of the Fourth Degree of the Order without having to travel to Kalamazoo, and it's during the week leaving the weekend available. Talk to any Fourth-Degree member, or call the new Navigator Richard DuCharme at 810.399.5433, or Comptroller Brad Soule at 810.287.6210 for more information. Complete your journey by joining the Patriotic Degree.

Chaplain's Word's of wisdom

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him must come before everything else. He says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. Instead, He is asking us to love Him first so that we can love everyone else better.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to put Christ at the center of our lives. Our faith should guide our words, our decisions, and our service to others. When we put Jesus first, we become better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and friends.

Jesus also tells us that even giving a cup of cold water to someone in need will not go unrewarded. This reminds us that no act of kindness is too small. Every visit to the sick, every helping hand, every prayer, every charitable work, and every act of compassion is precious in God's eyes.

This week, let us renew our commitment to live our faith with courage and generosity. May we continue to serve our families, our parish, and our community with joyful hearts, always remembering that when we serve others with love, we are serving Christ Himself.

Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutimana

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

Knights of Columbus fraternal years run from July 1 to June 30. We are approaching the end of this fraternal year. We have had another successful year. We have recruited 18 new members, and it appears that we will be a Star council again. Our new Grand Knight covers this in his report. July 1 at the start of fraternal year we will have new officers in the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Warden and Inside Guard positions. The names of the officers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Finally, at the request of a number of brothers the councils will accept payment using Venmo starting before December. We will notify the members if this happens sooner.

That is the good news that I can report. Now we need to talk about money. At this year's State Convention an increase in the state per capita was approved. The state per capita increased from \$12 to \$20 a year. This will make the total required to meet our State and Supreme obligations more than the amount we collect in dues. This is true even if every member pays his dues. Unfortunately, not everyone meets that obligation. This makes the deficit even greater. The rough numbers are as follows:

	Old	New
State Per Capita	\$12.00	\$20.00
Supreme Per Capita	\$6.00	\$6.00
FS Fee	\$3.00	\$3.00 Mandated by Supreme.
Mailing Cost	\$2.50	\$2.50 Cost of stamps; (would be \$ 2 if paid before Second Notice)
Unpaid Cost	\$1.80	\$2.60 Cost of State and Supreme Per Capita for nonpaying members.
Total	\$25.30	\$34.10

Because of these numbers the council will be raising the dues this year. The amount is being discussed by the council officers. Any change in dues requires a modification of the council bylaws so the new amount will take some time to be reported. A vote of the membership at a business meeting is required to change the bylaws. It should be noted that the last time the dues were increased was seventeen years ago.

Fraternally,

Richard DuCharme

Financial Secretary

Faithful Navigator Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

The end of May and the start of June was a very busy time for the Assembly. The ceremonial team participated in five events in the space of two weeks. They were at St. John's Memorial Day mass, a corporate communal service at the end of May, the annual flag retirement service and two funeral services for recently deceased Sir Knights. I would particularly like to thank the eight men who attended the flag retirement with FN Dave Lane and myself on a brutally hot day. In addition to these ceremonial services the Assembly participated in Davison's annual flag day parade, giving away a Lot of Tootsie Rolls, always a crowd favorite. Our new Commander, Joel Fournier, did a great job leading the Color Corp events. I am sure he will live up to the high standards set by our outgoing Commander, Jerry Rouleau. Jerry's training and persistence made our Color Corp one of the best in the District. Thank you Jerry for your outstanding service to the Assembly.

The Assembly will have four new officers in the fraternal year starting July 1. In addition to Joel, we will have a new Faithful Navigator, Captain, and Warden. The fact that the Captain and Warden are much younger than me bodes well for the continuing health of the Assembly. Some of the most active members of the Assembly are approaching use by dates, me included. I will be encouraging our younger members to consider making their willingness to lead known to me and the Captain.

In the next meeting we will be discussing this year's Veterans' Dinner and the possibility of hosting an Exemplification at St. John's. We will need volunteers for both events and I hope to get some younger members involved in both. Finally, it has been brought to my attention that a traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial is coming to our area. It will be at Bluebell Beach from July 30 to August 2, 2026. Now is our chance to experience the power of that memorial.

Richard DuCharme

Faithful Navigator

Comptroller Report

Sir Knights,

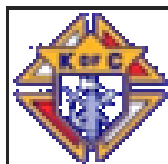
Welcome to a new fraternal year, the time seems to be flying by. I want to thank PFN Dave Lane for the past two years and look forward to working with our new Faithful Navigator Dick DuChamre. As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our great nation, the Patriotic Arm of the Knights (4th Degree) is holding a summer membership drive. We will also have at least one extra exemplification this summer, at St. John in Davison. Our fall exemplification will be in September in Kalamazoo. If you know a Brother Knight who is not in the 4th Degree please ask them, if you need a form 4 let me know I have them at home and there are some in the Council Chambers. Just a reminder we have active funds if you wish to donate outside of the normal dues notice donations. We are always accepting donations for the chalice fund, every brother in good standing who passes away a chalice is engraved with his name and primarily given to the Military Chaplains for use at military installations. The second fund is the Gary Ellsworth Fund which provides money to cover the cost of induction to our assembly. If you wish to donate to either of these funds, please be sure to let me know what the donation is for so we can get it into the correct account. One final note if you could not attend our last meeting, one of the funds that we collect with our dues, Holy Cross Services has dissolved. We did not cut the check to them for this year; at our meeting we voted to direct the funds to Saginaw VA as part of our Hero's Closet to purchase \$500 worth of gift cards. We will decide on whether we want to continue to collect with our dues for a charity, a special fund we have or create, or if we will reduce it to just the chalice fund. If you need to phone me 810-287-6210 if I do not answer, please leave a message. I can always be reached by email as well bradleysoule@gmail.com. As always thank you to my wife Lady Cami for all she does to support me and my activities with the Knights. Our prayers are with you, and please pray for our great nation as we celebrate 250 years of freedom and for those who have and continue to make it possible by serving in our Armed Forces.

SK Brad Soule, PGK, PFN, FDD

Assembly 0523 Faithful Comptroller

Family and Friends in need of prayers

Sister Mary-Holy Rosary	Romano D'Angelo	Tim Hernandez	Tom Novak	Fr. Denis Spitzley
Mike Ambroziak	Ken Delecki	Roger Howard	Michelle Novak	Fr. Andrew
Henry Bargeil	Tom DuCharme	Luke Knieper	Joe Page	Marvin Spitzley
Lilly Belen	Bill Erickson	Mary Knieper	Gladys Page	Tom St. Martin
Mandy Borsenik	Tom Erickson	Ben Latzy	Andy Pastue	Veronica Ur
Lincoln Brooks	Fr. Tom Firestone	Nick Logan	Larry Prevo	Maude Wendling
Mark Campbell	Joel Fournier	Jim Lorenz	Carol Rouleau	James Whitson
Wayne Campbell	James Fraley	Connie Manzardo	John Rozenburg	Sue Wieczorek
Richard Clark	Marilyn Fournier	Larry Maurer	Ericka Schlaud	Repose the Soul:
Geri Daly	Ron Hahn	Cathy Millais	Dan Schlund	Jim Baier
Sandra Dandrow	Bob Hellebuyck	James Nelley	Jenny Simon	Tom Sheroski



WELCOME TO OUR NEW 4090 MEMBERS:

Art Magolan, Michael Hasso, Joseph Molina (not pictured)

Council, Assembly, & Kasey Building Co Officers

Council 4090 Officers

Chaplain.....Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutima
 Grand Knight.....Dominick R Kreiner
 Deputy Grand KnightPFN Gregory Ellsworth
 Chancellor.....PGK, PFN Carl Knieper
 Recording Secretary.....Anthony Manzardo
 Financial Secretary.....FN Richard Ducharme
 Treasurer.....PGK Pete Erickson
 Advocate.....PFN PGK FDD Greg McCarty
 Warden.....Richard Molina
 Membership ChairmanPGK Mark Corcoran
 Inside Guard.....Gregory Wieczorek
 Outside Guard.....Leo Kandal
 Trustees:
 PGK Ted Miles.....1Year
 Dave Verellen.....2 Year
 PGK Mike Lalonde.....3 Year
 Program Director.....GK Ted Miles
 Membership Chairman....PGK Mark Corcoran

Assembly 0523 Officers

Faithful FriarFr. Denis Spitzley
 Faithful Navigator.....Richard DuCharme
 Faithful Captain.....Dave Verellen
 Faithful Admiral.....PFN Dave Lane
 Faithful Pilot.....Mitchell Neeley
 Faithful Comp.....PFN,PGK,FDD Brad Soule
 Faithful Purser.....PGK Pete Erickson
 Faithful Scribe.....Richard Roberts
 Faithful Inner Sentinel.....Karl Dekoski
 Faithful Outer Sentinel.....Donald Ingraham

Faithful Trustees:

PFN, PGK Gary Lehr.....1 Year
 PGK Ted Miles.....2 Year
 PFN Greg Ellsworth.....3 Year
 Faithful Commander...Joel Fournier PFN

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 Mitch Neeley.....Vice President
 Ted Knight PGK.....Secretary
 Greg Ellsworth PFN.....Treasurer

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 Tom St. Martin
 Greg McCarty, PGK, PFN, FDD
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 FS Richard DuCharme
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 FN Dave Lane
 Hall Rental Agent
 Richard Roberts...810-820-7908

Message from Our New Pilot

Greetings fellow Sir Knights.

First and foremost, I wish to thank you for your support as I assume my role as Faithful Pilot for the Ardon F Dubie Assembly. I am humbled and honored to accept your nomination for this post.

Having only joined the Patriotic Degree last September, I feel a great sense of pride as I take up a leadership role in the assembly. Especially since our Assembly bears the name of a member of my wife's family who served this Assembly and District faithfully for many years in various roles.

As a proud son of a United States Army veteran, my goal is to better serve those men and women who wore the uniform in service to this country. That is the main inspiration for starting the "Hero's Closet" clothing drive this past June. My hope is that this even grows to a county wide effort in coordination with our fellow Sir Knights in Genesee County.

I look forward to serving with you in the spirit of Christian brotherhood during this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus!

Mitchell Neeley

Faithful Pilot

Ardon F Dubie Assembly 0523



In Service to one, In service to All



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Congratulations.

Knight of the Month March.....PGK Mark Corcoran
Family of the Month March...PFN Greg & Yvonne Ellsworth
Knight of the Month April.....Tom St. Martin
Family of the Month April.....Donald & Rosemary Ingraham
Knight of the Month May.....Mitch Neeley
Family of the Month May.....Anthony & Connie Manzardo
Sir Knight of the Quarter.....Jerry Rouleau Commander

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Calendar of Events

July 2026

4. Happy 250th Birthday USA

14. 7:00 pm 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.

19. 12:00 Mass at Blessed Sacrament-Picnic to follow with games and entertainment. Bring a dish to pass.

21. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Mtg 450 Bldg.

27. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting-Rosary 450 Bldg.

August 2026

4. 6:00 pm. Kasey Building Association mtg 450 Bldg.

11. 7:00 pm. 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.

18. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Mtg 450 Bldg.

19. 4th Degree Exemplification at St. John Church-Detail to follow.

25. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting-Rosary 450 Bldg.

30. 10:00 am Mass at St. John-Corporate Communion

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