



The Knight Times



**Grand Knight
Dominic Kreiner**

Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090
505 N Dayton, Davison, Michigan 810-653-4090
Web: www.kofc4090.org. Facebook: **Joseph H Albers Council #4090**.
Mailing Address Post Office Box 22, Davison, MI 48423

**Faithful Navigator
Richard DuCharme**

Volume 16 Issue 5 Sept 2026

Proud Home Council of George Dann, PSD, FVSM Proud Home Council of Former State Chaplain, Fr Leroy White, Proud Home Assembly of Former Master David Buick Proud Home Assembly of Former District 2 Marshal PGK PFN Larry Prevo and Former District 2 Senior Marshall PGK PFN Ardon Dubie, Proud Home Council of Former Dist. Deputies, PFN, PGK Eric Wohleben, PGK Mklton Burnash, Wally Kowski, PGK Joseph Serra, PFN, PGK Greg McCarty, PFN, PGK Larry Prevo and PGK Mark Smith. Proud Home of Ardon F. Dubie Assembly 523

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,

It is unbelievable that summer is so rapidly coming to an end and fall is nearly upon us. With this in mind, there are many activities right around the corner that will be here before we know it. All these activities require much help to be successful. Please put these events on your calendar and dedicate a few hours to help: "many hands make light work"! I challenge all new members to pick at least one activity by the end of the year to participate. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our council and meet your brother Knights! Please reach out to me personally (810)-886-4089 if you have questions and I will be happy to guide you. Please see the list of upcoming events:

Sep. 10th- K of C Fr. White golf outing

Oct. 3rd- K of C Members award party

Oct. 9-11th- K of C MI drive (many hours are needed; family members are welcome to volunteer as well)

Nov. 6th- K of C Wine tasting event

Dec. 5th- K of C family Christmas party

Notable mentioned events:

Sep. 12th- St. Francis Prayer Center gala fundraiser

Sep. 19th- Holy Rosary car show

Sep. 26th- St. John's Men's Club Quiz Bowl

A special thank you to all the members who helped with the funeral luncheon for Dr. Angie Thomas Lusty and the 4th degree exemplification. Both were so greatly appreciated and recognized. Amongst all the uncertainty and last-minute changes, these events went exceptionally well. It is moments like these, when us Brothers come together in unity, charity, and fraternity to make what seems impossible look so impressive, which makes me so very proud of our council!

Rich Molina has graciously taken on the GK appointed role as our new EFF (evangelization and faith formation) director for our council. In this new role, Rich will help facilitate faith formation activities to ensure we are meeting the K of C Cor initiatives and providing opportunity for all of us Brother Knights to deepen our Catholic faith and relationship with our Lord. Our goal is to combine and team with the St. Johns Men's Club and parishes to unify activities to be more enriching and fulfilling.

It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is to stay involved in the council activities and share the Knights of Columbus with others. Our council does a tremendous amount, in particular, for our seminarians and food pantries in Genesee County. This is only possible by members being active and new members joining, replacing those whom have passed on. Do not wait! Now is the time to grow in our faith and share the love of Christ through our faith and charity. Get involved and extend an invitation to good Catholic men 18+ years old.

"Be not afraid ... Open wide the doors for Christ ... Engage the world as confident Catholics." (Pope John Paul II)

Vivat Jesus,

Dominick Kreiner

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Word's of wisdom

Dear brother Knights,

As we celebrate Labor Day in a few days, we give thanks to God for the gift of work and for all those who work hard each day to support their families, serve their communities, and make our society better.

Work is more than a way to earn a living. Through our work, we use the talents and abilities that God has given us.

Whether someone works in an office, a factory, a school, a hospital, a farm, a business, or at home caring for a family, every honest work has dignity and value.

As Knights of Columbus, we are also reminded that our faith calls us to respect every worker, to support families, to help those who are struggling, and to serve our communities with generosity and charity.

This Labor Day, let us thank God for the opportunity to work and for the many people whose work blesses our lives. Let us also pray for those who are unemployed, underpaid, or struggling to provide for their families.

May God bless all workers and their families, and may He guide us to build a society where every person can work with dignity, receive a just reward, and live with hope and peace.

Happy Labor Day!

Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutimana

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

As I reported in the last newsletter, the council officers met after the July business meeting and decided to raise the annual dues to \$40. The Honorary dues will remain at \$10. At that time, the bylaws were modified to reflect the changes. While changes in recurring payments can be irritating as anyone with a phone or cable bill knows, in this case the last increase in our council dues was in 2009. Hopefully, we will be able to wait a long time to do this again. The bylaws were approved in the August business meeting and submitted to Supreme. It was approved by Supreme Advocate one week later.

In July we received a letter from the State Council informing us that the new per capita fee would not be applied until the January 2027 billing. Consequently, the per capita bill we received in July was at the old rate. This was in response to the fact that most councils already had all the dues collected for the 2026 calendar year.

On a completely different note, we have had a couple of instances where a member has died, and the family has not asked for the Knights involvement. This was because there was no showing in a funeral home. This can also happen in the case of a Memorial Mass, please let your families know the Council 4090 will work with the church and the clergy to preform a shorter presentation to honor any member. This is also true of Assembly 523 if the man is 4th degree member.

Fraternally,

Richard DuCharme

Financial Secretary



On August 26 Installation of Officers for our Council was held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Pictured L to R: Dominic Kriener GK, Rich Molina, Dick Ducharme FS, Dave Verellen, Greg Ellsworth DGK, and Carl Knieper

On August 25 Installation of Officers for our Assembly was held at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton. Pictured L to R: Dave Verellen and Lady Joanna, FN Dick DuCharme and Lady Maryann, not pictured Mitch Neeley and Brad Soule.



Faithful Navigator Report

Sir Knights,

The first two months of my tenure as the Faithful Navigator turned into the proverbial “drink from a fire hose.” July started with the clothing drive for the veterans at the VA hospital in Saginaw. On July 1, several members of the assembly delivered a trailer load of new clothing and over \$1,000 worth of gift cards, including \$500 of gas cards donated by the assembly. The clothing was purchased and generously donated by the parishioners of the churches associated with the assembly. In a thank you letter sent to the assembly the VA valued the total donation at \$11,500. Once again, the people of our parishes and the assembly showed their appreciation of the men who served this country. Thank you to all who donated anything and the men who collected and delivered those donations.

Later in July several of us attended a 4th degree district meeting. The meeting allowed us to meet the district staff and the officers of various assemblies. One of the main purposes of the meeting was to provide training for new officers like me. The training was pretty thorough, and I have a pile of documents to review. As part of the training, we were introduced to a special program created by the Supreme council to honor the 250th anniversary of the United States named the “Patriot 250 District Master’s Challenge”. The Challenge consists of two parts. Each assembly in the district provides a description of a patriotic project conducted in the months of June, July and August 2026 and the district recruits as many new Sir Knights as possible during those months. The district with the best project and the highest number of new members will be recognized by Supreme. To recruit new members, special exemplification events had to occur during the challenge. Our assembly volunteered to host one of the special exemplification events at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Davison.

The process of holding the exemplification turned into a much more involved effort than I first thought and the Veterans Dinner was temporarily placed on the back burner. We had just over a month to plan, obtain the use of parish facilities and recruit new members. Initially, the district staff expressed doubts about number of men that would attend and how well the event could be conducted. When the exemplification was conducted, there were 25 new Sir Knights, including eleven from our assembly alone and the district staff had high praise for our organization. I received a lot of congratulations both at the event and later communications from district. Those congratulations are the result of a lot of hard work by members of our assembly. I wish to thank all the members of the color corp that came. The crew that set up the church and cleaned it up afterward did mostly without my help or direction. The crew that set up the hall for the reception did so completely on their own. I especially would like to thank Frank Hazen and GK Dominick Kreiner for their work. Finally, I would like to thank my Captain and right-hand man, David Verellen, for his work at the church and his key recruiting efforts. The assembly really showed their quality to the rest of the district.

Thank you again.

Richard DuCharme

Faithful Navigator

Comptrollers Report

Sir Knights,

Wow, what a way to close out the summer, our Assembly hosted a summer exemplification on August 19th where we welcomed 25 new Sir Knights, 11 of them from our Assembly. Welcome to all the new Sir Knights. Our fall exemplification will be September 26th 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. I also have them at meetings and often when I am at Mass, they are in my car. Also, the Assembly covers the exemplification fees for the candidates. If you are interested in Color Corps, we also provide \$300 toward the purchase of the new uniform. This is possible through the many fundraisers we participate in both as an Assembly and with Council 4090. 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. 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.

SK Brad Soule, PGK, PFN, FDD

Assembly 0523 Faithful Comptroller



In Service to one, In service to All



Family and Friends in need of our Prayers

Mike Ambroziak	Tom Erickson	Ariabella Kinnamon	James Neeley	James Whitson
Ken Boaiton	Bill Erickson	Luke Knieper	Tom Novak	
Mandy Borsenik	Tom Ferguson	Mary Knieper	Joe Page	Repose the Soul:
Mark Campbell	Julie Fournier	Nick Logan	Gladys Page	Angela Lutz Thomas
Bill Clancy	Janet Fraley	Joyce Loren	Larry Prevo	George Dann
Richard Clark	Ron Hahn	Jim Lorenz	Larry Reed	Arthur Magolan
Romano D'Angelo	Bob Hellenbuyck	Connie Manzardo	Tom Rombach	
Ken Delecki	Roger Howard	Larry Mauer	Tom St. Martin	
Tom DuCharme	Kathy Kandal	Tom Miles	Ken Tankerly	
Drew Edwards	Donna Kerosin	Cathy Millais	Sunshine Thiry	

The Michigan State Knights of Columbus celebrated Vocations Night with the Lansing Lugnuts on August 7. As usual the event was a lot of fun for our members and their families. Here are a few pictures, to see more click [here](#).
Photos by Mark Corcoran



In June with the help from our area Churches we collect cloths for the VA Hospital in Saginaw, Hero's Closet. Here are few pictures thanks to Mark Corcoran. For more pictures click [here](#).



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 Chairman PGK Mark

Assembly 0523 Officers

Faithful FriarFr. Denis Spitzley
Faithful Navigator.....Richard Ducharme
Faithful Captain.....Dave Verellen
Faithful Admiral.....PFN Dave Lane
Faithful Pilot.....Mitch 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.....Don Ingraham

Faithful Trustees:
PFN, PGK Gary Lehr.....1
Year PGK Ted Miles.....2
Year PFN Greg Ellsworth.....2

Building Company Officers

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

Building Company Directors

Joel Fournier PFN
Tom St. Martin
Greg McCarty, PGK, PFN, FDD
Don Michalik, PFN
Gary Lehr, PGK PFN
FS Richard DuCharme
GK Mike Lalonde
DGK Dominic Kreiner
FN Dave Lane
Hall Rental Agent
Richard Roberts...810-820-7908



WELCOME NEW SIR KNIGHTS

On August 19 Ardon F Dubie Assembly 0523 hosted an Exemplification at St. John Catholic Church in Davison. A total of 25 men join the Patriotic Degree. Eleven men were from out Assembly. Our New members; Joseph Boris, Deacon Dan Fairweather, Jonathan Galvas, Michael Hasso, Julien Trevor, Victor Lake, Leonard Pollum, Jack Stikeleather, Timothy Wandrey, Jeremy Woods, and Leonard Wranosky. Additionally, our own Fr. Denis Spitzley was a member of the presenting team.



Please click [here](#) to view additional photos of the exemplification. All photos are compliments of Sir Knight Mark Corcoran

Click the link to check out our Website: [Council 4090](#)



Please like and follow our Facebook page:
"Bishop Joseph H Albers Council #4090"



Calendar of Events

Congratulations:

Knight of the Month April.....Tom St. Martin
Family of the Month April.....Don & RoseMary Ingraham
Knight of the Month May.....Mitch Neeley
Family of the Month May.....Anthony & Connie Manzardo
Knight of the Month JunePFN David Lane
Family of the Month June ,,.,.,.,.,PGK Ted & Laurie Miles
Sir Knight of the Quarter.....Richard DuCharme

The Knight Times

Official publication of The Knights of Columbus
Bishop Joseph H Albers Council 4090 Davison Michigan
Editor.....Joel Fournier PFN.....810-397-8114
Circulation...Greg McCarty PGK PFN.....810-240-2196
Email Distribution...Karl Dekoski.....reloading@att.net

September 2026

- 8. 7:00 pm 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.
- 10. Fr. White Memorial Golf Outing Rolling Hills Golf Course in Lapeer
- 15.. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 450 Bldg.
- 22. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting-Rosary 450 Bldg.
- 26. 4th Degree 94th Exemplification Kalamazoo. See Faithful Navigator for details.
- 29.6:00 pm. Wok Bee Chair repair 450 Bldg.
- 31. 9:00 am. Mass Blessed Sacrament Corporate Communion

October 2026

- 3. Members Party, Awards Night-Contact GK Dominic Kreiner for tickets 810.886.4089
- 6. 6:00 pm. Kasey Building Association mtg 450 Bldg.
- 9-11. Annual MI Drive-Many Volunteers are needed. Contact GK Dominic Kreiner 810.886.4089
- 13. 7:00 pm. 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.
- 20. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Mtg 450 Bldg.
- 23-25 Hennepin Province Provincial Meetings Monroe Michigan
- 27. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting-Rosary 450 Bldg.

The Knight Times Bishop
Joseph H Albers Council
4090Knights of
Columbus P.O. Box 22
Davison, MI 48423



VETERANS
APPRECIATION
DINNER



11.8.26

ALL VETERANS, ACTIVE MILITARY AND GOLD STAR
WIDOWS ARE INVITED TO A CATERED APPRECIATION
DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOU AND ONE GUEST
AT 2 O'CLOCK ON NOVEMBER 8, 2025.

St. John Parish Hall
450 N Dayton St. Davison

RSVP by 10/27/26 to Dick DuCharme (810) 399-5433 or
Dave Verellen (810) 338-5572

