

The Knight Times



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Family of the Year-Joel PFN & Julie Fournier, Knight of the Year-Richard Molina, Sir Knight of the Year-Don Ingraham

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Thank you to all the brother Knights, Ladies, and family members who came to the Members/Award night. What a fantastic way to honor and celebrate those who dedicate so much to help council 4090 succeed in charity, unity, and fraternity! Thank you DGK Greg Ellsworth for arraigning trivia: what a blast! Also, thank you Frank Hazen for the fantastic deserts!

This fall has been especially busy and there are more events coming up quickly. As always, please do not hesitate to jump in and help: the more the merrier! There are still opportunities to help with upcoming poker room dates. The poker rooms are a very lucrative opportunity for the council, but we need engagement from other members for sustainability. This is such an easy and fun way to spend 4 hours with other brother Knights while helping the council raise funds! The Members Memorial Mass is open to all. Please wear your red council coat or shirt (or 4th degree apparel). Fr. D. will be celebrating mass to remember and pray for our past members. Also, please invite friends, family, co-workers, etc. to the wine tasting event. There are 100 tickets available and we would love to sell out the event to help St. Francis Outreach Pantry in Flint. Contact David Verellen 810-338-5572 for tickets. Corporate Communion will be held at St. Johns in Nov. This is a fantastic way to honor the mass while showing our KofC presence within the parish, please attend! We will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs and magnets after masses in the last weeks of Nov. The Christmas party is open to all. Invite all families to attend. This has been a growing and well-attended event that helps spread the joy of Christmas!

Upcoming events:

Nov. 4th- KofC and DofI Memorial Mass for passed members - 5:30pm St. Johns

Nov. 6rd- KofC wine tasting event - 5pm. Family Center Activity Room

Nov. 14th- KofC Coats for kids distribution – 9am-12pm Catholic Charities Flint

Nov. 29th- KofC Corporate Communion – 10am Mass St. Johns

Dec. 5th- KofC family Christmas party

Thank you to all the members who graciously gave their time to help with the MI Drive (tootsie roll drive). Collectively, between the St. Francis team and Davison we collected $9832.27! This was down from the $11,360.93 collected last year, but given the current economy, we all should be very proud of the amount collected. Thank you so much again Mark Campbell for heading the Otisville team! The State Council allocates twenty percent of this amount toward the Michigan Special Olympics, and the remaining eighty percent is given back to the 4090 council to be distributed to worthy organizations that help those with intellectual disabilities in our region. Great job everyone!

-Grand Knight, Dominick Kreiner

Chaplain's Word's of wisdom

Dear Brother Knights,
October is the month of the Holy Rosary and a special time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. On October 7, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As Knights of Columbus, we are invited to grow in our love for Mary and to follow her example of faith, humility, courage, and service.
Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutimana

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,
I will be sending the 2027 dues notices to the membership in the last week of November. As I reported in the last newsletter the dues will be $40 for the regular members. The bill will include two additional assessments. The first one is the $10 "Take 10" assessment. This assessment goes to the State council to support statewide charities supported by the Knights. The second $6 assessment goes to the Scared Heart Major Seminary for their endowment fund. While both additional assessments are optional, you are encouraged to support these worthy causes.
This notice will include a Venmo QR code in the additional comments box at the bottom of the notice. If you use Venmo to pay this year and you are not paying the combined $56 payment, please send me a text at 810-399-5433 indicating which items you are paying. Include your name in the text. For those folks who have no idea what I just wrote, just send a check or cash along with the top portion of the bill as usual. However, if you pay this bill, please do it before January 15. I will be sending the second notice at that time, and every second notice costs the council one dollar. It adds up.
Vivat Jesus,
Richard DuCharme FN
Financial Secretary

Who Was Bishop Joseph H Albers



Since we are members of a Council named after him, we should know something about him. Joseph H. Albers was an American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church. Albers served as the first bishop of the new Diocese of Lansing in Michigan from 1937 until his death in 1965. He previously served as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in Ohio from 1929 until 1937. Joseph Albers was born on March 18, 1891, in Cincinnati and attended Xavier College and Mount St. Mary College. In June of 1916 he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. After America entered the WW I in 1917, he joined the US Army Chaplain Corp in June 1918 and served in the infantry in Frances seeing combat in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. During 1918, Albers was wounded three times and injured in a mustard gas attack. He received the Silver Star for bravery in action. After the war he returned to Cincinnati and continued to serve the Archdiocese. He also studied in Rome receiving a Doctor of Canon Law degree. On May 26, 1937, Pope Pius XI appointed Albers the first Bishop of the new Diocese in Lansing Michigan and was installed on August 4, 1937. During Albers's episcopacy, the diocese built 38 parishes, 42 elementary schools and two high schools. This earned Albers the appellation "The Builder". Albers enjoyed a special devotion to Saint Joseph; one of the new parishes was named after him. In 1954, the diocesan newsletter Catholic Weekly, Lansing began publication; Albers was instrumental in its startup. In 1962, Albers attended the opening session in Rome of the Second Vatican Council

Faithful Navigator Report

Worth Sir Knights,
Shortly after you receive this newsletter the Assembly with be holding the annual Veterans dinner. If you know of any veterans that would like to come but are hesitating because it is past the RSVP date, please encourage them to come. They will be welcomed. This year we will be having a guest speaker at the dinner. Daniel Vera is a veteran and the manager of the Sacred Heart Veteran Village. He will be making a short presentation explaining the mission of the village. At the urging of our Faithful Friar, Fr Denis, we will be doing what we can to support the mission of the village.
The village is on the grounds of the former Sacred Heart parish. It includes a Veterans Resource Center and bungalows developed by Catholic Charities. The mission of the village is to provide homeless veterans with a safe place to stay and the support they need to stabilize their lives. It will allow the veterans time to save money and to get therapy and other support they need to become independent. Further information can be found at Https://catholiccharitiesflint.org/sacredheartvillage.
Finally, the Sir Knight of the first quarter is David Verellen.
Richard DuCharme
Faithful Navigator

Comptrollers Report

Sir Knights,
As we close out the calendar year in the Faithful Comptroller role it is prep time for dues notices, I hope to have them in the mail by the first week of December. Just a reminder dues are required of all Honorary and "Standard" members, Honorary Life do not pay dues. If you are Honorary Life and wish to donate to any of the auxiliary funds, please note which fund it is for when you send in the donation. If you are not aware we have a couple of special accounts if anyone wishes to donate, please when you send or give me the donation let me know what it is for. The two we do year around are our Chalice fund and the Gary Ellsworth fund. The Gary Ellsworth fund provides money to offset or pay completely the initiation fees of someone wishing to become a 4th Degree Knight. If you are unable to pay your dues due to financial hardship, please let myself or Faithful Navigator Richard DuCharme know we have means of offsetting your dues so you can remain an active 4th Degree member. Also please remember your 3rd Degree Council accounts must be in good standing. 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. She also assists me with the stuffing of envelopes with dues notices and membership card mailing. Our prayers are with you.
SK Brad Soule, PGK, PFN, FDD
Assembly 0523 Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Pilot Report

Brother Knights,
As this calendar year winds down quickly, it is time to start planning for our 2nd Annual Heros' Closet Clothing Drive for the Saginaw VA Hospital.
Our first clothing drive was an overwhelming success. During the lead-up to the 250th Anniversary of US Independence, our assembly was able to provide over $11,500 in merchandise and gift cards to our veterans at the Saginaw VA Hospital. A truly herculean result. Especially since the planning, execution and delivery was done within a 2-month period. Since the drive that past summer spanned over 2 fraternal years, the decision was made to push back our efforts by a week next year. The tentative dates for the 2027 edition of the clothing drive will be Saturday July 10th and Sunday July 11th, 2027, in our parishes. I will be connecting with our brothers from other assemblies from around Genesee / Shiawassee counties to expand this effort to serve our vets. In the future, there will be sign-up sheets for collections and delivery crews to make the 2027 clothing drive a greater success.
Vivat Jesus!
SK Mitch Neeley
Faithful Pilot / Hero's Closet Clothing Drive Chair

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Family and Friends in need of our Prayers

Mike Ambroziak Ivy Belen Ken Boaiton Mandy Borsenik Mary Broomfield Mark Campbell Richard Clark Romano D'Angelo Ken Delecki Drew Edwards Tom Erickson	Bill Erickson Julie Fournier Bob Hellebuyck Roger Howard Kathy Kandal Donna Keroson Ariabella Kinnamon Luke Knieper Mary Knieper Dave Lane Joyce Loren	Jim Lorenz John Maloney Connie Manzardo Larry Maurer Tom Miles Cathy Millais Tom Novak Faye Novak Ken Osentoski Joe Page Gladys Page	Andy Pastue Larry Prevo Larry Reed Tom Rombach Carol Rouleau Ericka Schlaud Tom St. Martin Ken Tankerly Fr. George Varkey James Whitson Eric Wohleben	Repose The Soul: Ben Latzy Dorothy Lafave Bill Clancy

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS

On October 27 an Exemplification was held to welcome 3 new member into our Order. 2 were Exemplified into our Council and 1 for Holy Family Council 4285 in Mt. Morris. Welcome to the Knights.(L to R) George Abuaita (Mt. Morris), Matthew Dzuria and Tim Mullaly for 4090.



Star Council Award for Council 4090

On October 27 our District Deputy, Gene Richards, was in attendance at the Exemplification and present the Star Counicl Award to IPKG Mike Lalonde and GK Dominick Kreiner. This was the second year in a row that we achieved this award. Congratulations to all. Let's go for a Threepeat!



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GK Mike Lalonde
DGK Dominic Kreiner
FN Dave Lane
Hall Rental Agent
Richard Roberts...810-820-7908

Annual Awards and Member Party

On October 3, 2026 the Annual Awards and members party was held. This year the entertainment was a trivia night. Everyone had a great time. If you did not make it this year plan on it next. Congratulations to all. Here are a few pictures of the winners



Knight of the Year Rich Molina



Family of the Year Joel&Julie Fournier



Sir Knight of the Year Don Ingraham



Families of the Month:,Ted&Lauri Miles, Tony&Connie Manzardo,Rich&Sarah Molina,Joel&Julie Fournier, Carl&Mary Knieper,Greg&Joann McCarty.David&Joanna Verellen,Greg&Yvonne Ellsworth.,Don&Rosemary Ingraham,(Not Pictured:Leo&Kathy Kandal,Karl&Kellie Dekoski,Robert&Tracy Myers)



.Knight of the Month: Mark Corcoran,Dave Lane.Tom St.Martin, Frank Hazen,Gary Lehr,Rich DuCharme,Don Simon,Rich Roberts,Rich Molina,Mitch Neeley,(Not Pictured:Ron Crawford,Mike DelDuco)



Sir Knights of the Quarter: Dick DuCharme, Paul Kereson, Mark Corcoran, Don Ingraham.

Congratulations:

Knight of the Month September.....….....Frank Hazen
Family of the Month September .....Mitch & Rhonda Neeley
Knight of the Month October.....Dean Hagler
Family of the Month October.....Frank & Elizabeth Hazen
Sir Knight of the Quarter…….....Dave Verellen

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Calendar of Events

November 2026
4. Kof C & DofI Memorial Mass for Deceased Members 5:30 pm. St. Johns Church
6. Wine Tasting Dinner St. John Family Center.
10. 7:00 pm 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.
14. K of C Coats for Kids Distribution 9am-12 pm Catholic Charities Flint
17. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 450 Bldg.
24. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting 450 Bldg.
29. 10:00 am. Mass Corporate Communion St. Johns Church Davison
December 2026
1. 6:00 pm. Kasey Building Association mtg 450 Bldg.
5. Kof C Family Christmas Party
8. 7:00 pm. 3rd Degree Council Business Meeting 450 Bldg.
15.. 7:00 pm. 4th Degree Assembly Mtg 450 Bldg.
22. 6:45 pm. Social Meeting-Rosary 450 Bldg.
31. New Years Eve Dinner Dance 450 Bldg. Call Dave Lane for tickets 810.922.1877

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