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COUNCIL MEETING 2ND TUESDAY

FOURTH DEGREE 1ST THURSDAY

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We Must Remain Optimistic

Greetings Brother Knights,

The world is full of negativity, conflict, oppression, and war. We need to pray and look for the positive perspective we each can bring to the situation. It will take effort. And some of that effort is to not be pulled into the fray but rather take the higher path of resistance.

There is rampant abundant ambiguity throughout the world making it hard to witness the good and loving people steadily maintaining an even keel in their lives and in those of their neighbors. That leads me to the good works that the Knight's "Leave No Neighbor Behind" Program does in Flint and the surrounding communities, accepting household goods that are in good shape and fully functional to be distributed to families in need. There are hundreds of people on the list waiting for beds, tables, chairs, appliances, all kitchen items, etc.

Several area K of C Councils have partnered in support of our seminarians with the 41st Annual Seminarians dinner to be held on February 13th at St John the Evangelist in Davison. We have tickets for the dinner (\$15) and are accepting donations for the seminarian support. All the money received goes directly to each of the 28 Lansing Diocese seminarians, four (4) are from the Flint area. We all know how critically we need priests for our churches. Please promote this endeavor.

Each of our churches has a Men's' group discussing our faith and various aspects, The Greater Flint Catholic Men meet at St Matthews on Wednesday evening and St Mary's Men's Group also meet on

Wednesdays. Check the bulletin and attend the one nearest you. We all need to refresh our understanding of our Catholic faith.

The Sacred Heart Veteran Village transitional housing program for veteran's fundraiser is also this month, see below. All proceeds go to the project. The Knights are committed and honored to serve veterans who have served our country.

Invite a Catholic man to join for Easter! We have invitation cards if you know who would benefit from one. Please visit website kofc.org/join and then enter the Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join online for free. Please list Council 695 as the Council that you or they have interest in joining and we will work out the entry process.

Please see the calendar to the right for upcoming Council and Church happenings in February. All proceeds from the 4th Degree Admirals Ball go to the Sacred Heart Veterans Village project.

The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification. Council 695 wishes you all to stay Safe, as well as praying for all the best for you in 2025! Please keep all in your prayers: the victims of the Los Angeles Fires, Washington DC and Philadelphia plane crashes as well as pray for World Peace. Vivat Jesu!

Joe Goergen
Grand Knight
810-922-0539



February 2025

Calendar of Events

- 2 The Presentation of the Lord
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 6 Assembly 510 Meeting, Holy Redeemer Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Vianney Nights Fundraiser (SJV School Gym)
- 11 Msgr. Dunigan Council 695 Meeting, St John Vianney Parish Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner, St. John Davison, 5:30 pm
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
- 22 Admiral's Ball at Holy Redeemer hosted by 4th degree

Membership Cards are on the way to those who have renewed dues.

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Council News from January Meeting

Council met on Tuesday January 14, 2025 with ten members attending. GK Joe Goergen called the meeting to order, beginning with opening prayer and pledge of allegiance. GK Goergen thanked members for their participation in many recent events including Christmas wreath fundraiser, St. Luke NEW Life Gift Distribution, Angel's Outreach, Ring the Bell at Sam's, and placing wreaths at Great Lakes National Cemetery. He reported meeting with Fr. Anthony who is interested in having events at St. Matthew. Council received donations of \$285 in memory of Clifton Hudson, member of Assembly 510. The money will be distributed per the families wishes to seminarian support and the intellectually disabled support organizations. Council members will be participating in the KofC bowling tournament at Richfield Bowl. There was an inquiry about making use of Columbus Building Company funds. This was referred to the Building Company for review.

In business, council renewed the waiver of annual dues for deacons and seminarians. Renewal of the bulletin ad was approved. Members approved support for the Admiral's Ball by purchasing a table for eight for \$300. All votes were 10-0.

GK Goergen has been coordinating with Davison Council #4090 to have 695 support the annual Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner. 695 will sell tickets and take donations at our Flint parishes. Members are encouraged to attend the February 13th event.

In other discussion, there was agreement to renew the non-profit postal permit which provides discounted rates for mailing the Columbus Crusader . The Catholic Men's Conference for Lansing Diocese is March 22. K of C is a sponsor and volunteers are needed. The Pregnancy Help Clinic mobile unit is now in service and plans will be made to bring it to the parish for display and awareness.

Fourth degree is hosting the 90th Exemplification on April 26. Cost will be covered by Assembly 510. Contact a 4th degree member to register.

Upcoming meetings include the Diocesan meeting on January 22, the Quad district meeting on January 29, and council planning meeting on January 21. The meeting closed with a reading by Lecturer Bob Ragnone and Prayer for Vocations.

4th Degree - 125th Anniversary

Admiral's Ball

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Mass, Social Hour, Dinner, Dancing
Holy Redeemer Family Life Center

All 3rd and 4th Degree members
 are invited to attend.

Tickets: \$40/person

Attire: Semi-Formal

**Proceeds to benefit Sacred Heart
 Veterans Village**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm, Cocktail Hour
 after 4:00 pm Mass**

Table of 8 available for \$300.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.
 Contact Jack Tylus or Council Officers

February Birthdays

- 1 Oliver J La Fontaine
- 6 Dr Robert Ddamulira
- 6 Terry M Naderhoff
- 7 Thomas J Ploucha
- 8 Gary R Deitering
- 9 Jonathan M Gildner
- 16 Joseph K Sullivan
- 20 Thomas J Brooks
- 20 Christopher J Kerperien
- 20 Daniel P Kerperien
- 21 Welton Wright
- 23 Richard N Kelley
- 24 Joseph Wilberding
- 27 Gregory A Frixen
- 28 Rev Thomas Firestone

Anniversaries

- 4 David & Joene McAuliffe
- 10 David & Diane Wolbert
- 14 Walter & Janet Ducharme
- 14 John & Sandra McNicol

Please remember
in your daily prayers

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
Bishop Joseph H. Albers Council 4090
41st Annual
Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner



Join us in support of our seminarians

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Social Hour -5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm

Program: Meet our seminarians at 7:45pm

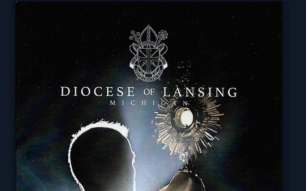
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Dinner Tickets \$15.00

Donation Support for Seminarrians

Fishes & Loaves Level:	\$ 50.00
St. Paul Level:	\$100.00
St. Peter Level:	\$200.00
Blessed Michael McGivney Level:	\$500.00



Tickets to the dinner are available through 695. Contact GK Joe Goergen at 810-922-0539 or FS Mike McCarthy at 810-620-5117 by February 9th.

Singing Knights Seek Director

Rest in Peace

The Michigan Singing Knights is looking for a new director starting this fall. They are seeking someone that will be able to continue to improve members vocal production and skills. The group is dedicated and hard-working but maintains a fun atmosphere. These talented singers perform at a variety of events including Knights functions, Masses, and public venues. If you know of someone that might be interested, please ask them to call Tom Smela at 810-869-6065. Several Council 695 members are in the Singing Knights.

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Died: December 27, 2025
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Doug McManus
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