



# The Knightly News

January 2026

The Cardinal O'Hara Assembly 0489 Monthly Fourth Degree Newsletter



Sir Knights and Ladies,

I pray that everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas season! Enjoy gifts of family, friends, and most importantly Our Lord and Savior! Feast of Epiphany falls on January 4<sup>th</sup>, Three Kings Day.

I would like to thank St Andrew Council 6674, GK Dave Fiske and State Life Director Ed Strach for arranging and hosting our 2025 Christmas Party. Thank you Fr Josh Luttig for our dinner Blessing and Mass. Special thank you to Lady Mary Ann for the poinsettia's that evening which set the festive mood.

I am humbled that Cardinal O'Hara Assembly continues to be generous towards our Veterans. With the help of our Councils, two trips were made of donations to the VA. Faithful Captain Hobey Bates and myself dropped off two cart loads of sweat pants, sweat shirts, gift cards, Christmas cards, toiletries, and a number of other items. Our second trip, PFN Ed Strach and myself dropped off 16 Empowerment Coats; [www.empowermentplan.org](http://www.empowermentplan.org) We were given a short tour of the donation rooms. It then became evident that this is not just a Winter or cold weather need, but needs during the *entire* year.

Our next two meetings are scheduled for Ralph Winkler Hall in Whittaker, January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>. If your council would like to host February, please get with me ASAP.

Save the Date! Our **92<sup>nd</sup> Exemplification** will take place **April 18, 2026** at **St Mary Cathedral in Lansing**. Specific time of events are to be determined, but Candidates usually report around noon and the day concludes with the Masters Banquet. Our country is celebrating 250 years this July. How special would it be to be a Sir Knight while our country is celebrating our Semi Quincentennial, Sester Centennial, Bi Sesqui Centennial or simply America250 anniversary?!?

May God Bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus,

Jeffrey Kerner, Faithful Navigator

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## JUST A REMINDER

We will be holding  
our January  
meeting on  
January 14th at  
Ralph Winkler  
Hall in Whittaker  
Social starts at 6:30  
Meal starts at 7:00  
Meeting follows  
Meal

## Principals of the Knights of Columbus

- Charity
- Unity
- Fraternity
- Patriotism





## Friar's Feature

By Fr. Franklin Michael

### Friar's Notes

By Fr. Franklin Michael, SdC

#### **"Behold Your Mother" (Jn. 19:27)**

2025 is almost gone, and 2026 will be in our hands within a few days. There are more plans for the new year; there are some New Year's resolutions and other things.

Whatever it is, as Catholics, we start our New Year celebrating "Mary Mother of God." Our blessed Mother plays an important role in our lives.

Under the cross, Mary became the mother of the Church and our mother. As she was standing by the cross, Jesus looked down and (Jn. 19:26) he saw his mother and the disciple whom He loved, and He said: "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple: "Behold your mother". From that moment, the disciple took her into his home. Mary will never forget those words of Jesus to her: "Behold your son." we are now her sons and daughters, and she surrounds us with the same care, love, and gentleness that she had for Jesus; she wants to help us become like Jesus.

We too should never forget Jesus' words on the cross to us: "Behold your mother!" and like the disciple in the Gospel "took her into his home," we too should take her into our home and make her part of our family, we too should take her in our hearts and make her part of our life. But how can we "behold" the face of our mother if we don't even have a picture of our blessed mother to remind us of her presence?

Once upon a time, a priest shared the following incident: As he was going into a town, he saw a garage sale sign. He stopped by a garage sale looking for bargains, and as he was going around, he saw an old picture of the Blessed Mother with the price of fifty cents. He asked the young lady in charge about the picture, and she said that the old picture came from Ireland, her great-grandmother brought it, and it has been in the family ever since, but now she was moving into the new house, and it didn't fit, it didn't look good with the rest of the furniture. He told her: "You know how many prayers were said in front of that picture, how many sufferings were comforted, how many tears were wiped away, how many problems were solved in prayer... the history of your family hangs with that picture, how can you sell it for fifty cents?" Then the priest left. But the next day, the priest was passing by, and out of curiosity, he stopped and looked for the picture, and it was gone. The priest asked the young lady: "It looks like you sold the picture". She answered: "No, father. I thought about what you said; I think you are right, so I kept it. I will find a good place for her in the new house."

Sometimes, we feel the same way: "She doesn't fit." We have all kinds of different pictures in our homes, but not the picture of our Blessed Mother, or if we have one, maybe it is not in a prominent place. Isn't it true: "Out of sight, out of mind?" Let us invite our Blessed Mother back into our homes; without her, we are orphans.

Let us listen to Jesus' words on the cross to us: "Behold your mother!"



## Comptroller's Corner

*By Ron Roznowski*

I hope all is well with you and your family and that you had a great Christmas and I wish all a Happy New Year.

During the month of December 2025, we lost SK Russell Payeur. May he rest in peace. Kindly keep his family in your prayers.

Our next assembly will be on January 14, 2026 at Council 8113 on Whittaker Rd in Ypsilanti, MI. You will be able to pay your 2026 dues then.

2026 Dues statement were mailed out at the end of December and first week of January. They will be emailed to all who have email addresses and a statement will be mailed to all members. We will also be collecting money for our District 2 Operation Patriot fund which is given to local charities.

## Happy Birthday

Happy January birthday to the following SK's: Alan Maciag, Rev Joseph Ngidjoi, Eugene McKay, David Miley, Robert A Johnson, David Ringe, Jim Skochelak, Ricardo Villa, Leon Demerath, Stephen Wiles, James Coleman, Ronald Fuller, Ray Anthony Schrock, Martins Okye, Hobart Bates, Vincent Elie, Adam Prucka, Edward Fadden, John Greiner, Joseph Huetterman, Bernard Zacharias, Mark Silva, John Klovski and Rev Bosco Padamattummal.

SK Ron Roznowski  
Comptroller



## Captain's Corner

*By SK Hobe Bates*

Brother Knights and Ladies,  
I hope you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas season. (I know the octave of the season has a few days left.) I would like to add my thanks to everyone who contributed items for the patients at the VA hospital and helped get the funds for the empowerment coats for homeless vets. All of the recipients of our gifts were very grateful. Again, we showed our works of charity.

With all of the changes in weather that we've experienced recently from warm to cold, snow to rain along with some freezing rain and lots of wind I'm not sure whether the Good Lord is testing our sense of humor or trying to keep us from getting complacent with one thing. But we need to be thankful we're able to get through all this with mostly minor issues. If you know of any brothers that are having problems and need some help getting by right now try and help them out or let one of your officers know and we'll get them the help they need.

As we go into the new year we have a change in liturgical seasons fairly soon. Ash Wednesday is only seven weeks away, on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of us are already working on issues to get ready for Lenten fish fries. Time goes by way too fast lately.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Whittaker on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Praying for a blessed and prosperous New Year for everyone.

Vivat Jesus,  
Hobe Bates, Faithful Captain





## PFN's Corner

*By SK Kelly Donnellon*

Gentlemen & Ladies,

Happy New Year! What will the new year begin to all of us? I am excited with a new beginning and making this new year wonderful and special. We had a great gathering as knights on Wednesday December 10th at St Andrew's in Saline. I love starting our gathering with Mass. The party was warm & comfortable with so many friends. We filled out Christmas cards and collect clothing / gift cards for our vet's. I hope to see you at our next meeting **Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>** at St Joseph Hall on Whittaker rd. We always have laughs and good cheer.

Knights, we are always striving to be better, for our family, parish & the world. We are looked upon as leaders. We have a responsibility to guide, show & represent what our faith is all about. Heaven is our ultimate goal. I found this quote and want to share it with you.

"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven." St. Camillus de Lellis

How do we grow in virtue and how do we fall into sin? By our thoughts, words and actions. These either lead us to a deeper relationship with God or become the paths to distance from God. Jesus implied that what comes from the heart of a person is that which determines his life. So, if we guard our thoughts, speak in love, and act in a way that reflects the will of God, then we are on the way to heaven. Easy? No. The only way? Yes.

We look at Knights for real men that love God, to step up and show the world how to love, support, guide and lead our families, friends, council and our parish.

We had a great turnout for our last Bingo. Our next Bingo will be **Sunday, January 11th**. I will be at the emergency entrance at 6:30pm. We always have fun and the vets enjoy spending an hour with fellowship. If you are interested in helping at our next VA bingo call me. (734-546-2740)  
Happy New Year!

Keep the Course & have Faith,  
SK Kelly Donnellon  
Past Faithful Navigator

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**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Russell Payeur and Fr Josphe Rinaldo**



1936 - 2025



1940 - 2025



## Let Us Pray for all our Brothers and Sisters who are ill, in distress or in harms way



Lady Ann Marie Rusiniak	Deacon Frank Papp
Barbara Papp	SK Fred Baker
Lady Carla Pariseau	SK George Pariseau
Lady Carol Keeler	SK Glenn Broski
Lady Elizabeth Walch	SK Jack Ghastin
Lady Julie Humphrey	SK Jerome Blaszak
Lady June Metty	SK Joe Humphrey
Lady Linda Wiseman	SK John Carter
Lady Margaret Durkee Lady	SK John Finke
Marie Immekus	SK Robert Hinderer
Lady Mary Ellis	SK John LaRock Sr
Lady Rosemary Niedziela	SK Joseph Rinaldo SDC
Lady Stella Sobecki	SK Larry Keeler
Lady Vicky Castel	SK Mike Laird
Deacon Stan Kukla	SK Noel Fleck
SK Al Zangara	SK Paul Malocha
SK PFN Andy Toma	SK Rodney Hopkins
SK Brian Coleman	SK Thomas Publiski
SK Dean Combs	SK Tom Lienert
SK Ed Fadden	SK Vince Brighton
SK Felix Sobecki	

Prayers for all the sick; blessings and thanksgiving for the caretakers of the sick.

**Pray, with me, the Rosary each day, for those that are sick, and those that have died.**

Please contact your council Rep or me directly for any additions, corrections or changes to our list.  
Blessings to you and your families  
SK Ron Roznowski  
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## Upcoming Monthly Meetings

### January 14th, 2026

**St. Joseph Council #8113**

**Ralph Winkler Hall -**

**10700 Whittaker Rd**

**Whittaker, Mi. 48190**

**Gather at 6:30 pm**

Menu: tbd

**Please bring a dish to pass**

Last Name beginning with A - L bring a side dish

Last Name beginning with M - Z bring a dessert

### February 11th, 2026

**Ralph Winkler Hall -**

**10700 Whittaker Rd**

**Whittaker, Mi. 48190**

**Gather at 6:30 pm**

Menu: tbd

**Please bring a dish to pass**

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# Regional Eucharistic Outreach

## To Washtenaw County Care and Correctional Facilities

Volunteers from parishes all over Washtenaw County participate in a regional outreach to the sick and isolated in care and correctional facilities around Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. They bring Holy Communion, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to Catholics who cannot attend Mass; they also bring Jesus through prayer, through sharing the Word of God, and through their own attentive and compassionate presence. In doing so, they enable our brothers and sisters to maintain their connection to the local Catholic community.

Our volunteers lead or assist with Communion services and visit individuals in their rooms. Catholic Charities Washtenaw County supports the Ann Arbor Deanery in this apostolate by providing ministry coordination and training.

Interested? There will be a workshop on 1/17 Contact Michelle Kazanjian at [\(734\) 971-9781 ext. 338](tel:7349719781) or [mkazanjian@ccwcwashtenaw.org](mailto:mkazanjian@ccwcwashtenaw.org) for more information.

### Pope Leo's Intention for January

For prayer with the word of God

**Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.**

### Future Events

#### January Events

- 1/09 Beads and Brew at OSP
- 1/11 VA Bingo
- 1/14 4th degree meeting in Whittaker
- 1/16 Bingo at St Mary Chelsea
- 1/17 Eucharistic Workshop for Correctional Facilities and Area Hospitals
- 1/30 Council 3230 Euchre Party
- 1/30 - 2/1 St Joseph Dexter Rummage Sale
- 1/31 K of C Red Wings Game

- 2/11 4th degree meeting in Whittaker
- 2/13 Beads and Brew at OSP
- 4/18 4th degree exemplification at St Mary's Cathedral in Lansing
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Taking Assembly Donations to the VA





## Knights of Columbus Council 3230 Euchre Party Friday, January 30, 2026

**WHAT:** Euchre tournament to raise funds for Knights of Columbus charities. Five (5) prizes will be awarded (\$200, \$150, \$100, \$50, and last place).

**WHEN:** Friday, January 30. Check In begins 6:15 p.m. Begin play at 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **Angel Food Catering**

44850 North I-94 Service Drive

Belleville, MI 48111

**HOW:** Purchase tickets: \$25 per person. Tickets are limited, so buy early.

- **DO NOT** Bring a snack to share.
- Dessert, chips & water will be provided.
- BYO Beverages (no coffee will be provided)
- You will need to bring quarters in case you get euchred
- 50/50 Raffle & Basket Auction



*For tickets or additional information contact*

*Mike Krell (734) 635-1052 or [mkrell2023@gmail.com](mailto:mkrell2023@gmail.com)*





## IT'S ALMOST TIME!

***Start 2026 with Clean Nooks and Crannies.***

***The Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Rummage Sale on January 30 – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at Columbus Hall & Banquet Center  
8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI.***

Grab some bags and boxes and start purging! Search through your kitchen cabinets, junk drawers, linen closets, toy chests, bookshelves, craft supplies, wall decorations, knick-knacks, clothes closet, basement/attic and any other place where unused treasures are stashed!

**\*\*\*Not accepting: Furniture, Large exercise equipment, Child car seats/cribs, Luggage, Christmas trees, Encyclopedias/textbooks, VHS/cassettes, TVs, Computers/printers, and Shoes.**

### **Donation Dates**

January 19/20	Mon/Tues	12:00-4:00 pm (CLA & K/C)
January 21-23	Wed/Thurs/Fri	12:00-6:00 pm

**Please sign up to help at the Rummage Sale, which benefits St Louis Center in Chelsea and Sparrow's Place in Dexter.**





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