



**Knights of Columbus**  
 FOURTH DEGREE  
 BISHOP GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY # 0201  
 Post Office Box 8831

Springfield, Illinois 62791-8831

**Dec 12, 2023**  
**6:30 PM** – Christmas Dinner  
**Chesapeake Seafood House**  
 3045 E Clear Lake Ave  
 Springfield, IL 62702

**Merry Christmas!**

**December 2023**

**From the Faithful Navigator**

**Sir Knights,**

May you count many blessings at Thanksgiving this year!

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year” or so the song goes. Your specific experience will be influenced by whether you approach Christmas as our culture does or whether you observe the celebrations of the Church liturgical year.

Our world is anxious to bring on the “holiday season” as soon as is possible to do so. Noting the first “holiday” display or the first “holiday” ad is not unlike acknowledging the sound of the starter’s gun. And we’re off...spending and buying, planning and parties, seeing Santa and lots of lists. By the time Christmas actually arrives, we are worn out. Many of the expectations we had, are not fulfilled. And we are glad to get “back to normal.” We promptly put the decorations away, hush the holiday music, and get settled in for winter.

Our Catholic tradition gives us the liturgical calendar to traverse our entire salvation history in the course of a year. We begin our new year with the Season of Advent; four weeks of waiting in anticipation. We are supposed to be making room for Jesus to come into our lives again. The Season of Advent slides into the Season of Christmas through the Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Season of Christmas lasts more than a day; according to the Church, the Season of Christmas is the Twelve Days after Christmas Day. Those days include important observances including the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, and the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Season of Christmas ends with the Baptism of Jesus. Then we move into the Season of Ordinary Time which focuses on the teachings of our Lord.

Let us try to allow ourselves to experience the wonder and awe of waiting during the Season of Advent. Let us try to avoid the overwhelming “Race to “Christmas (Holiday).” Let us celebrate with the Church throughout the Season of Christmas. And when the Season of Ordinary Time begins, we can go forward knowing we have just been through “the most wonderful time of the year.”

**Hope to see you at the Chesapeake Seafood House on December 12 at 6:30.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

***SK Anthony Schmillen, Faithful Navigator***

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**Sir Knights Ladies Auxiliary**

**Ladies,**

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and I hope to see many of you at Chesapeake on December 12. May you enjoy all the blessings of the next few weeks with family and friends. Merry Christmas to all!

***Barb Schmidt, President, Ladies Auxiliary***

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**Honor Guard for 2023**

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 pm, arrive at 4:45 pm Closing Mass of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield**

**Dec 25, 11:30 pm Midnight Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield**

***SK Rob Bentel, Color Corps Commander***

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**Happy Birthday / Anniversary**

**Member/Spouse Birthdays:**

Fr Vincent Callahan 12/1; Joseph M. Killday 12/2; **Jean Kennedy 12/3**; Karl P Sodan 12/4; Leo E Stewart 12/9; **Clementine Sodan 12-11**; Frederick T Wilson 12/11; **Barbara De Luka 12/12**; Charles R. Muller 12/12; **Mary Story 12/13**; David J Sarnecki 12/17; Mark S Welch 12/17; **Earlene Keen 12/20**; Donald P Rayhill 12/21; Dale J Smith 12/23; David W Miller 12/28; Jack W. Rigney 12/30; Kevin L Keen 12/31.

**Anniversaries:**

**Paul & Rochelle Coughlin 12/2; Susan & Tony Schmillen 12/17; Darrell & Polly Roll 12/21; James & JoAnn Corredato 12/27.**

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***Deaths:*** SK Clarence J. Schmitz, Council 14061, 10-31-2023

***Honorary Life:*** SK Ronald M Clark

***Sir Knight of the Month:*** SK Charles Muller

***2023 Dues Notices will be emailed out o/a 15 Dec 2022, make sure your contact info is up to date – for changes contact FC or Council FS. Check your spam folders for KofC email. Those without emails will get hard copy.***

***Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Reports are due by mid-January 2024 to capture activity for 2023.***

**FY 2023-2024 Officers**

Faithful Friar Fr. Brian C. Alford \* Faithful Navigator Anthony W Schmillen \* Faithful Comptroller Darrell L. Roll \*  
 Faithful Captain and Color Corps Commander Robert A. Bentel \* Faithful Admiral Lambert P. Fleck IV \* Faithful Purser Dale J. Smith \*  
 Faithful Pilot David M. Haley \* Faithful Scribe Timothy P. Kennedy \* Faithful Inner Sentinel Charles W. Fagan \* Faithful Outer Sentinel Andrew S. Adams \*  
 Faithful One Year Trustee Charles R. Muller \* Faithful Two Year Trustee John R. Bockrath \* Faithful Three Year Trustee Brian T Huber \*



Springfield Diocesan Eucharistic Congress BOS Center October 27, 2023



Honor Guard at the Eucharistic Congress BOS Center October 27, 2023



Springfield Diocesan Chapter Hall of Fame, Effingham, November 4, 2023 - Seven men were honored including Assembly's SK Richard L Pottier Sr, Posthumously, award accepted by SK Mike Ray, Riverton Council



**Faithful Navigator Tony Schmillen honors Bishop Griffin Assembly's Knight of the Month:**  
Dale Smith – September 2023      Chuck Fagan – October 2023      Chuck Muller – November 2023