



Knights of Columbus
 FOURTH DEGREE
 BISHOP GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY # 0201
 Post Office Box 8831
 Springfield, Illinois 62791-8831

6:00 PM Mass & Installation
 Sherman Council 14024
 St John Vianney Church / Activity Ctr
 902 St John Dr,
 Sherman, IL. 62684

July 2026

From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

This is my final column for the Assembly newsletter as Faithful Navigator. I am deeply grateful to everyone in the Assembly for all you have done over the past two years. Because of your support and dedication, our Assembly has become one of the most active in the Diocese and perhaps even the State. I am especially proud of the strong attendance at our Patriotic Rosaries and the growing participation in the Honor Guard. We would not have earned Star Assembly without members who believe in honoring and preserving the legacy of the Sir Knights who came before us.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for all they do. Not only do they provide the wonderful desserts each month, but they also stand beside us in every program we present. Their support has meant a great deal to me, and I know it helped me become a better leader.

I am also grateful to the local councils that hosted our meetings over the past two years. We have gathered in Athens, New Berlin, Petersburg, Riverton, Sherman, and Springfield, and I encourage the councils not yet on that list to consider hosting a meeting next Fraternal Year. It would be a great opportunity to involve new members in the Assembly. We will begin looking for hosts at the July meeting as we set the calendar for the coming Fraternal Year.

The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, in Sherman. Father Freddie will celebrate Mass, followed by the Installation of Officers. Please join us at 6:00 p.m.

Finally, please join me in congratulating the new officers of the Bishop Griffin Assembly. I encourage everyone to continue supporting them as they step into their roles in the coming weeks. I am confident that our Assembly will remain active and strong.

Vivat Jesus!

**SK Robert A. Bentel,
 Faithful Navigator**

From the Ladies Auxiliary,

Dear Ladies,

The Ladies Auxiliary had a very busy meeting. We secured the slate of officers for 2026-2027. We addressed some bylaw issues as we raised our dues to \$25/year and reduced the number of Trustees from three to two. All this is done to reflect the needs of our organization at this time. We are planning for another year of supporting the Sir Knights and doing service to the women Veterans in Springfield.

Susan Schmillen

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Birthday / Anniversary

Member/Spouse Birthdays:

Keith R Spaniol 7-1; Joseph B. Wise 7-3; John S Cernich 7-4; Donald L Wanless 7-4; Barry W Baatz 7-8; Rev Kevin M Laughery 7-8; Anthony W Schmillen PFN 7-8; Anthony J. Pearcy 7-9; Deacon Andrew Krug PFN 7-11; Gene M. Webel 7-12; William T Geiger 7-13; Bryon Paul Taylor 7-13; Charles W. Fagan 7-14; James R Hausman 7-14; Thomas A Brown 7-15; J. David Sullivan 7-15; Michael J Sturgis 7-17; Clayton H Bellot 7-18; Corgan Sodan 7-18; Robert Sgambelluri 7-20; Charles E Fritz 7-22; Ethan Brebner 7-26; Joseph Ryan Wetmore 7-27; Michael E Beyers 7-28; **Linda Denny 7-28; Katherine Smith 7-29;** Jesse W Schmillen 7-30; Quinn M Broverman 7-31; Michael J Stillwell 7-31.

Anniversaries:

Robert and Mary Story 7-2; Dennis and Christina Kirchgesner 7-5; Barry and Susan Baatz 7-10; Bradley and Brittan Bolin 7-16.

Honor Guard (HG):

June 27, 2025 – Women of Distinction Mass with Bishop Paprocki, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. Mass at 10 am - arrive by 9:30 am.

See Newly Elected Appointed Officers - next page.

FY 2026-2027 Officers

- * Faithful Friar Fr. Fredrick Mbiere * Faithful Navigator David M. Haley * Faithful Comptroller Darrell L. Roll * Faithful Purser Dale J. Smith *
- * Faithful Captain & Color Corps Commander Joseph H. Meister Sr * Faithful Admiral Robert A. Bentel PFN * Faithful Pilot Justin Reeves Sr *
- * Faithful Scribe Timothy P. Kennedy * Faithful Inner Sentinel Charles W. Fagan * Faithful Outer Sentinel Lambert P. Fleck III PFN *
- * Faithful's One Year Trustee Lambert P. Fleck IV PFN * Two Year Trustee John M Lucchesi * Three Year Trustee Anthony W. Schmillen PFN *

Officers for Fraternal Year 2026 – 2027

Assembly 0201 Officers

Faithful Friar* Fr. Freddie Chima Mbiere
Faithful Navigator David M Haley
Faithful Captain Joseph H Meister, Sr
Faithful Pilot Justin Reeves, Sr
Faithful Admiral Robert A Bentel PFN
Faithful Comptroller* Darrell L Roll
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Faithful Scribe Tim P Kennedy
Faithful Inner Sentinel Chuck W Fagan
Faithful Outer Sentinel Lambert P Fleck III PFN
Faithful Trustee 1 yr Lambert P Fleck IV PFN
Faithful Trustee 2 yr John M Lucchesi
Faithful Trustee 3 yr Tony W Schmillen PFN
Color Guard Commander* Joseph H Meister, Sr

* Appointed Positions by Assembly or Supreme

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President Susan Schmillen
Vice President Carol Muller
Secretary Laurie Mann
Treasurer** Pat Heetel
Trustee Barb Schmidt
Trustee** Linda Denny
** New Position