



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
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Meeting: March 9, 2021
7:00 PM Meeting
St. Joseph Church
1345 N. 6th St.
Springfield, IL. 62702

March 2021

From the Faithful Navigator
Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all healthy and well. Currently, our COVID-19 positivity rate in Illinois is less than 3%. This is good news! Hopefully, we will see it continue to decrease and be freer in our daily lives.

February 17th is Ash Wednesday and thus, the beginning of the 2021 Lenten season. Lent for some, is just the time of year for fish fry's and Easter Sunday. However, there is a much deeper message in Easter. We, as Sir Knights, should be examining ourselves as to how we can spread word of the Paschal Mystery to all we encounter. Pope Francis invites us to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God."

Pope Francis continues to say, "To experience Lent with love, means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic." He invites us to "speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters."

In our current time, I cannot think of more prudent words. These are just a couple of excerpts that struck me from our Holy Father's Lenten Message that I found helpful in my own reflection and examination. I hope that each of you take time this Lenten Season to do the same in your own way. May God do his work through you, may you trust him fully, and May you Love him without question! Not always easy to do if we are honest with ourselves. But by using the sacraments given to us, may we try with our best intentions.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart that I also solicit the request for any Sir Knight that may be interested in stepping up to help our Faithful Comptroller in his duties. If you are interested, please contact me or Sir Knight Dennis Johnson for details.
SK Lambert Fleck IV, Faithful Navigator Honor Guard

No immediate events on the calendar.

SK Dennis Johnson, Commander Sir Knights Ladies Auxiliary

At the February meeting the ladies voted to send our non-perishable food items collected over the past several months to a micro-pantry begun by Kathy Copeland, daughter of our member Barbara Copeland, in 2020. Thanks to all who donated items and who voted for this concept, which is new to us. Keep saving your toiletries which can also be sent to the micro-pantry.

We hope to see many of you at the March meeting. Stay warm and safe.

Barb Schmidt, President Ladies Auxiliary
Happy Birthday and Anniversary wishes for those listed below.

March Birthdays: Timothy Halton 3/8; Charles Beemen 3/11; Pauline Roll & Zackary Krug 3/12; Steven Hembrough & Rev Mark Schulte 3/15; Linda Mitchell, Louis Bringle & Robert Williams 3/16; Toni Bentel & Jennifer Ippolito 3/17; William Lehnert & William Mills 3/18; William Coates 3/19; Thomas Phillips Jr. 3/20; Andrew Adams & Timothy Kennedy 3/23; Darrell Roll 3/24; Maryanna Crow; Ivan Maras & Wallace Strow 3/26; Florian Scherzer 3/27; John Ippolito 3/30.

March Anniversaries: John & Ramona Von Berg 3/5; Jack and Linda Denny 3/18; Bernie and Cherri Mennemeyer 3/29

Officers

Faithful Friar – Fr. Dennis Koopman O.F.M. * Faithful Navigator – Lambert Fleck IV * Faithful Comptroller – Dennis Johnson * Faithful Captain – Anthony Schmillen * Faithful Admiral – Lambert Fleck III * Faithful Purser – Dale Smith * Faithful Pilot – Robert Bentel * Faithful Scribe – Timothy Kennedy * Faithful Inner Sentinel – Charles Fagan * Faithful Outer Sentinel – Andrew Adams * Faithful One Year Trustee – Arthur Heetel * Faithful Two Year Trustee – David Haley * Faithful Three Year Trustee – Andrew Krug * Faithful Color Corps Commander – Dennis Johnson