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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ST. JOSEPH GENERAL ASSEMBLY #569 FOURTH DEGREE – Chartered 1908

Assembly 569 Officers

Faithful Navigator – SK Len Archer (Council 15126)
Faithful Captain – SK Richard Curran (Council 571)
Faithful Pilot – SK Dennis Conz (Council 12463)
Faithful Scribe – SK Larry Tatro (Council 5067)
Faithful Purser – SK John Miles (Council 571)
Inner Sentinel – SK Dan Deatherage (Council 15126)
Outer Sentinel – SK Charles Stumpf (Council 12463)
Faithful Admiral – SK John Joe (Council 571)
3-Year Trustee – SK Mike Violett (Council 15126)
2-Year Trustee – SK Richard Lafollette (Council 5067)
1-Year Trustee – SK Larry Rittenhouse (Council 1110)
Faithful Comptroller - SK Gordon Carmichael (Council 15126)
Faithful Friar - Rev. Steven Hansen (Council 571)
Color Corp Commander - SK Leonard Amos (Council 571)

NEXT ASSEMBLY 569 MEETING - MONDAY, April 22nd - Assembly Springfest Meeting at St James Council 12463, St James Church Hall (lower level), 5814 King Hill Ave. St Joseph, MO at 7 PM. Food and drinks following the meeting.

Navigator News – The **Monday, April 22nd Assembly 569 meeting is our Springfest Business meeting** and will be hosted by St James Council 12463, St James Church Hall (lower level), 5814 King Hill Ave. St Joseph, MO at 7 PM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Items included in this meeting agenda include the report from the nominating committee recommending a slate of new Assembly Officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year, report on the recent 4th Degree Exemption, plans for upcoming events, other reports from standing committees of the Assembly, and the District Deputy's report.

The minutes from our March meeting can be found on our Assembly webpage ([active link address above](#)) under the "Members Only" tab and contain the latest completed Assembly business.

While on the Assembly website please check out the new feature also found on the "Members Only Tab," where you can now [Post and Record your Assembly Volunteer Hours and Visits.](#)

Please be sure to "Post Your Volunteer Hours and Visits" or "Record Volunteer Hours" from your smartphone at our Assembly website, as soon as you complete them so that we can more easily accumulate the cumulative volunteer hours from everyone throughout the year. The more we can show the impact Knights have on our communities by accurately tracking and reporting our hours, the more powerful our example will be.

[Please plan to attend the upcoming Assembly 569 meeting by joining us at the St James Council 12463, 5814 King Hill Ave. St Joseph, MO on Apr 22nd at 7 PM.](#)

Request for Honor Guards: Important information to keep!

Request for Honor Guards must go through the Color Corps Commander, **Sir Knight Leonard Amos**. His telephone number is **816-752-8386**. Please consider joining the Honor Guard!



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Vivat Jesus!

Len Archer

Faithful Navigator

4th Degree Exemplification Event Conducted

New candidates for membership in Assembly 569 along with current members, Spouses and Guests attended the Annual 4th degree Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on Apr 6th at the St Theresa Parish Church and School in Parkville, MO. Representatives from all Assemblies in this region of the state participated in the day-long event. **Thank You** to the Sir Knights from St Benedict Assembly #3287 located in Maryville who served as the host Assembly. A photo gallery of pictures has been posted to the Assembly 569 webpage at the following link: <https://uknight.org/Assembly.asp?A=569> . This Exemplification elevated 38 individuals to the level of Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree including two new members of Assembly 569. **SK James Beesley (St Francis Xavier Council)** and **SK Jacob Ridens (St Joseph Council)** received their membership pins and certificates in the **Fourth Degree**. James is the current Deputy Grand Knight of Council 15126 and Jacob (who is the Grandson of SK Steve Ridens) is a current student at Missouri Western State University. Congratulations go to both of these individuals for taking the steps to continue their service in the Knights of Columbus. **Thank You** also to the Color Corps members from Assembly 569 who supported this event. They are Color Corps Commander SK Leonard Amos, Deputy Color Corps Commander SK Steve Ridens, Flag Bearers SK Dan Deatherage, and SK Dennis Bell. District Deputy, SK Mike Violett and Faithful Navigator, SK Len Archer also attended. Pictures below:



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Upcoming 90-Day Assembly 569 Meeting Calendar for the Year 2023-2024

May 4 - BEHOLD, Kansas City. A collaborative event between the KC/SJ Diocese and the Archdiocese of Kansas City Kansas, 4 PM—9:30 PM at the National WW I Museum and Memorial.

May 20 - Election of Officers Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, at a location to be determined.

June 21st - (Friday night) Assembly 569 sponsors a “**Knight At The Mustangs**” baseball game. All local Council members and their families are invited to join us for this family social event. Gordon Carmichael - event chair.

June 24th - Assembly New Officer Annual Planning Meeting at Location TBD - 7 pm.

July 22nd – Assembly Installation of Officers with (Members & Spouses) – Hosted by St Joseph Council 571 in Columbus Hall at 4520 Mitchell Ave., St Joseph, MO. Cake and punch reception to follow the installation.

Related Miscellaneous Information For This Month:



Michael McCusker,
Supreme Master of
The 4th Degree



Matthew Maly, Past State Deputy,
Former Vice Supreme Master
Director of Communications of
The 4th Degree



The Following Information Is Reprinted From Last Month's Supreme Master Newsletter:

Communications is the key to success. Sometimes information can become distorted when it is delivered multiple times. Below are some clarifications made directly from the Supreme Master on subjects that need to be clearly communicated:

- 1. A Revised Patriotic Degree** is in the final stages of development and testing. It is anticipated to go into use on or about February 22, 2025, in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree.
- 2. Effective July 1, 2024, social baldrics will no longer be given out at exemplifications.** Wear of the social baldric is grandfathered in for members without the new uniform for wear with their tuxedo at social gatherings. New members may purchase one, if so desired, for wear in settings requiring a tuxedo.
- 3. Effective July 1, 2024, the official Fourth Degree uniform is the preferred attire for exemplifications.** Candidates may also wear dark suits. Tuxedos may not be worn by candidates.
- 4. In SOCIAL SETTINGS ONLY** members may wear their Fourth Degree name badges on the **RIGHT** breast aligned with top left pocket. Badges must have magnet or pin backing.

Meet Your Two Newest Brother Sir Knights In Assembly 569



Sir Knight James Beesley (Council 15126)



Sir Knight Jacob Ridens (Council 571)

The following active links to our available member Council websites and our Assembly website are just a click away!!!!!!

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=571>

<https://saintjamescatholic.church/serve#tab--3>

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=15126>

<http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=5067>

<http://uknight.org/Assembly.asp?A=569>

