

# **FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

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**MEETINGS: O/D/L 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE  
MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.  
GENERAL MEETING 4TH WEDNESDAY STARTING  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR...



Happy New Year My Brother Sir Knights & Ladies,

I'm hoping everyone has been staying inside where it's warm and leaving the making of Snow Angels for later date.

Well, 2026 is upon us and the Holy Spirit Assembly is ramping up for another exciting year of agenda items that we want to complete.

We just had a Grand Knight & Council Liaison's meeting on January 19, 2026 at Ascension Parish. The meeting was well attended with just a couple of Parishes not in attendance. The 80 minute meeting was full of information our Assembly shared with everyone. Our Faithful Vice Supreme Master was in attendance and provided a few words of encouragement to all in attendance.

One item we spoke about is the upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification being held on Saturday March 21, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish St. Charles, MO. We have already started accepting Form 4's from 3rd Degree Candidates wishing to become 4th Degree Knights in our Assembly for this event. If you know of a 3rd Degree Knight wishing to make his 4th Degree please forward me his name and I would be more than happy to get him signed up. Keep in mind that they are also looking for a great showing of Honor Guard and fellow 4th Degree SK Knights to assist and attend this Exemplification.

Please review the attached flyer and if you plan on attending and staying for lunch let me know. If you have Candidates that may need a little more nudging they are in luck because the Holy Spirit Assembly along with St. Louis Assembly 565 will be Co-Hosting an Exemplification on Saturday October 24, 2026 at St. Clare of Assisi in Ellisville, MO. By joining forces with another Assembly it will make the Exemplification even bigger and better. More information to follow as we get just a little closer to the date. If anyone needs copies of the Form 4's to sign up a Candidate for March 21st Exemplification I have some for you. Just let me know.

I always forward a copy of my Newsletter to my son living in New Hampshire and ask him his thoughts. He asked me, "Dad, I wonder how many people really do read the entire Newsletter or just skim through it". I told him I hope everyone reads it because our Webmaster puts a lot of time into the publishing a quality news letter. (The first SK who calls me and asks me what he won will win a special prize from me). Must be in person at the February Meeting at Holy Infant to claim.

I wanted to personally thank "Council 12986 - Christ Prince of Peace" for hosting our January 2026 Meeting. Brother SK Ron Huelsmann and his fine band of Brothers rolled out the Red Carpet for us. Thank you all again. We will be back.

As we approach Valentine's Day on February 14th, I found this Valentine Prayer to the Holy Spirit. It reads: "A Prayer for Divine Love" "Come, Holy Spirit, and fill my heart with the fire of your love. On this Valentine's Day, I ask that you remove any barriers in my spirit that block the free flow of your love. Help me to feel your comforting presence, to know I am cherished, and to love others with the unconditional, selfless love of Jesus. Amen".

Ron Meier, FN.

## Knights of Columbus Assembly Advisor Holy Spirit Assembly 3588



**Assembly Mission – To support the mission of the Knights of Columbus, acknowledge a belief in God, to promote charitable works, and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, active-duty military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our communities, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, faith and God’s grace.**

**Assembly Vision - To support the vision of the Knights of Columbus while becoming one of the recognized leaders in our community for providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.**

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**The next KofC shift at the USO at Lambert Airport is Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. or after the last bus leaves for Fort Leonard Wood. When there is a 5th Friday, the Assembly will man that shift as well at the USO from 2:00 pm till 6:00 pm**

**Anyone wishing to volunteer at the USO should fill out an application at [www.volunteers.uso.org](http://www.volunteers.uso.org)**

**Once Yvette Summy, Center Operations Specialist, sees your application, she will be in contact with you to complete the registration.**

**So, if you are interested in working at the USO, please contact Gene Fallert with our Assembly at 573-535-9507 or [gene@fallert.net](mailto:gene@fallert.net). Why not give it a Try!!!**

## VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS HELPED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

[USO of Missouri https://missouri.uso.org/KaufmanFund](https://missouri.uso.org/KaufmanFund)

[Heros Care https://heroscare.org/](https://heroscare.org/)

[Joshua Chamberlain Society https://www.chamberlainsociety.org/](https://www.chamberlainsociety.org/)

[Got Your Six Support Dogs https://gotyoursixsupportdogs.org/](https://gotyoursixsupportdogs.org/)

[Gary Sinise Foundation https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/mission/](https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/mission/)

[Archdiocese for Military Service https://milarch.org/](https://milarch.org/)

[Fisher House https://fisherhouseinstl.org/](https://fisherhouseinstl.org/)

[St Louis Dental and Oral Health https://va.gov/st-louis-health-care/](https://va.gov/st-louis-health-care/)

[Tri-County Veterans in Need Team https://tricityveteranssupportnetwork.org](https://tricityveteranssupportnetwork.org)

[Focus Marines Foundation https://focusmarines.org/](https://focusmarines.org/)

[Flag of Honor https://flagofhonor.org/](https://flagofhonor.org/)



## Comics/Humor



## Daily Prayer:

### **“3” Minutes of Daily Prayer”**

**3:00pm for Sir Knights, Spouses  
and Family**



Nearly every Sir Knight, spouse, family member or acquaintance desires prayers for guidance, inspiration, thanksgiving or petitions - minor or major. The Holy Spirit Assembly 3588 website has a readily available

PRAYER REQUEST portal of petition or thanksgiving. As faith-filled Sir Knights, spouses and family members, we can be powerful daily

intercessors for these prayer requests. Jesus expired on the Cross at 3 PM for all sinners. 3 PM has long been considered the hour of mercy and many saints have encouraged 3 PM for reverently offering prayers. In fact, Jesus Himself said to St Faustina, "In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion...immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant." For the intentions in our PRAYER REQUEST portal, we invite you to pray daily at 3 PM **the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, a Glory Be (The Trinity Prayer) and the Fatima Prayer. (Preceded and ended with the Sign of the Cross.)** The prayers will take 3 minutes of our time. Interestingly, if 400 Sir Knights simultaneously pray, the accumulation of 20 hours of prayer are then offered to our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. These prayers are the prelude to the 20 mysteries of the Holy Rosary of our Blessed Mother, Mary and provide the opportunity to recite a decade or an entire rosary, if time

permits. Remember scripture - Matthew, Chapter 18, Verse 20 states "For where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This suggestion - enacted daily - assures a united prayer offered by our Sir Knights and others, together in His name.

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## FATIMA PRAYER

**O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,  
save us from the fires of Hell and  
lead all souls to Heaven, especially  
those who are in most need of  
Thy mercy.**

**HOLY SPIRIT ASSEMBLY #3588**

**Who We Are**

**ASSEMBLY COUNCILS & CHURCHES - NAME (LOCATION)**

1. ASCENSION #11139 (CHESTERFIELD)
2. CARDINAL RITTER #6500 (CREVE COEUR)
3. CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACE #12986 (MANCHESTER)
4. HOLY INFANT #10794 (BALLWIN)
5. INCARNATE WORD #9981 (CHESTERFIELD)
6. OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR #4751 (LADUE)
7. ST ALBAN ROE #12022 (WILDWOOD)
8. ST CLARE OF ASSISI #7119 (ELLISVILLE)
9. ST CLEMENT OF ROME #13604 (DES PERES)
10. ST JOSEPH #9522 (MANCHESTER)
11. STE GENEVIEVE DU BOIS #15775 (WARSON WOODS)



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**ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - NAME (PARISH COUNCIL)**

- FAITHFUL FRIAR—"FR. MATHEW" CHERUPARAMBIL (ST JOSEPH)
- FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR—RON MEIER (ASCENSION)
- FAITHFUL CAPTAIN—DAVE TAYLOR (ST JOSEPH)
- FAITHFUL PILOT—TOM HELLER (ST JOSEPH)
- FAITHFUL ADMIRAL—BILL KLEIN (ASCENSION)
- FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER—DON MUELLER (INCARNATE WORD)
- FAITHFUL PURSER—RON CASEY (ASCENSION)
- FAITHFUL SCRIBE —ED VOKOUN (ST ALBAN ROE)
- INNER SENTINEL—TOM WARDENBURG (ST ALBAN ROE)
- OUTTER SENTINEL—JEFF GROTEGEERS (INCARNATE WORD)
- TRUSTEE 1 YEAR—ANDY DYSZLEWSKI (INCARNATE WORD)
- TRUSTEE 2 YEAR—PAUL WATTERS (ST. CLARE)
- TRUSTEE 3 YEAR—JOHN BRUGGER (ASCENSION)

**LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS—NAME (PARISH COUNCIL)**

- PRESIDENT— CAROL CRADDOCK (OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR)
- VICE PRESIDENT—BRENDA MAST (ASCENSION)
- TREASURER—CAROLYN VOKOUN (ST ALBAN ROE)
- SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP—JUDY BURLESKI (ASCENSION)
- TRUSTEE—NORMA BERG (ASCENSION)
- TRUSTEE—BETTY HARTMAN (ST CLARE OF ASSISI)
- HISTORIAN—MARCIA PRICE (ASCENSION)

## FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

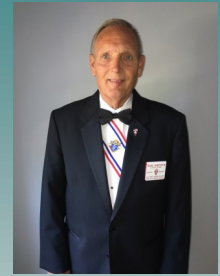
◀ PREVIOUS MONTH		FEBRUARY 2026					NEXT MONTH ▶▶	
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Steven P Bueg</u>	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Thomas J Heller (PP)</u> <u>SK James M Malik</u>	<b>5</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK James M Craddock (MM)</u> <u>SK Gene J Grotegeers</u> <u>SK Fred Ward</u>	<b>6</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK John E Groneck (PP)</u>	<b>7</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Peter K Baxendale</u> <u>SK Joseph L Lafiore</u>		
<b>8</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Colin A Power</u>	<b>9</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Charles R Davidson</u>	<b>10</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Christopher A Caruso</u> <u>SK Richard Oliver</u>	<b>11</b> <u>Officers/Directors/Liaisons Meeting</u> 6:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK James E Reineke</u>	<b>14</b> Saint Valentines Day		
<b>15</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK David J Ebbesmeyer</u> <u>SK Andrew Joseph Neiner</u>	<b>16</b> Presidents Day  Happy Birthday <u>SK Michael Pilla</u>	<b>17</b> Fat Tuesday  Happy Birthday <u>SK James G Reinhardt</u>	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>19</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Deacon Ronald L Reuther</u>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK David John Sisterman</u>	<b>25</b> <u>General Meeting</u> 7:00 pm  Happy Birthday <u>SK Kevin C Stanley</u>	<b>26</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Daniel J Hagenhoff</u> <u>SK Vito S Polizzi</u> <u>SK Paul S Watters (PP)</u>	<b>27</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Stephen C Brunts</u> <u>SK Timothy R Fogerty</u>	<b>28</b> Happy Birthday <u>SK Robert Klimt (PP)</u>		

# FEBRUARY 2026



- 2/11 O/D/L PLANNING MEETING (ST. CLARE AT 6:30)
- 2/14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 2/16 PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/17 FAT TUESDAY
- 2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 2/24 USO AT LAMBERT
- 2/25 GENERAL MEETING AT HOLY INFANT

# WEBMASTER/NEWSLETTER EDITOR



HERE IS THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND IT TO ME (RONKRENTZ1@GMAIL.COM) BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH ( ENTRYS FOR THE MARCH 2026 ISSUE WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY 2/15/26. I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE NEW FORMAT.

## WEBSITE INFORMATION

### **TIP #3 RECORDING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**

1. SELECT MEMBERS ONLY FROM THE HOME PAGE, (WWW.KOFCASSEMBLY3588.ORG) THEN PUT IN YOUR MEMBER # AND D.O.B. AND CLICK LOGIN
2. SELECT RECORD VOLUNTEER HOURS, THEN POST VOLUNTEER HOURS.
3. THIS WILL OPEN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS PAGE.
4. SELECT DATE OF YOUR ENTRIES, THEN SELECT ACTIVITIES (IN BLUE) AND SELECT APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY.
5. EX: MEETINGS, COULD GO UNDER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. SELECT "MISC" & TYPE IN MTG TYPE & HRS/MIN.
6. ONCE DONE, GO DOWN TO BOTTOM & SELECT "SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES"
7. ANOTHER PAGE WILL COME UP, THEN SELECT "CONFIRM ALL ENTRIES".

### **TIP #4 PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. ON HOMEPAGE (WWW.KOFCASSEMBLY3588.ORG), SELECT "PRAYER REQUESTS".
2. CLICK ON "SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST" THEN PUT IN YOUR MEMBER # & PASS CODE (DOB).
3. YOU CAN THEN PUT IN YOUR PRAYER REQUEST & CLICK THE SUBMIT BUTTON AND YOU ARE DONE.

### **TIP #5 WHAT IS MY # AND WHERE CAN I FIND MY MEMBER #?**

YOUR MEMBER # IS FOUND ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR BOTH THE 3RD AND 4TH DEGREE.

\*\*\* I WILL PUT SOME ADDITIONAL TIPS IN EACH NEWSLETTER TO HELP MEMBERS UTILIZE OUR WEBSITE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME (314-277-9976) OR EMAIL ME AT RONKRENTZ1@GMAIL.COM



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## ***St. Patrick's Dinner & Celebration***

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, IN THE ASCENSION MPR**

**\$40 per person**

**Open bar  
(beer, wine, soda, water)**

**Doors Open at 6 p.m.**

**Buffet Dinner Served  
at 6:45 p.m.**

**Delicious corned beef dinner buffet by Russo's Catering.  
Dessert included with coffee or iced tea.**

### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

Make your reservation by: FEBRUARY 20.

Must be 21 or older to attend

GROUP TABLES of 8 (can hold 10) are available. \*Please provide the group contact along with the names of table attendees.

Tables of 8 will be assigned unless you have a specific party or parties you would like to be seated with. \*\*Please provide that information.

### **CONTACT**

LaVerne Thoman for reservations, at 314-578-1500

Email at [Laverne.Thoman@cbgundaker.com](mailto:Laverne.Thoman@cbgundaker.com)

### **LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT!**

Musical entertainment provided by Mitzi MacDonald and Keltic Reign, Clarkson School of Irish Dance, and more!

### **SPECIAL GUEST: ST PATRICK**

#### **REMINDERS:**

- **PAYMENTS** must be received by **FEBRUARY 27** to hold your reservation.
- **Make checks payable to:**

Knights of Columbus #11139 and mail to:  
Steve Price, 208 Woodcliffe Place Drive,  
Chesterfield, MO 63005

**Please, no payments at the door.**

**MESSAGE FROM FAITHFUL CAPTAIN DAVE TAYLOR....**

**TO OUR 4TH DEGREE SIR KNIGHTS!!!**

**WE ARE CONTINUING TO GROW OUR ASSEMBLY 4TH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP.**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE PASS ALONG TO ALL 3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE PATRIOTIC 4TH DEGREE.**

**THERE WILL BE AN UPCOMING 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION THIS MARCH IN ST. CHARLES.**

**\*\*IT WOULD BE GREAT IF ALL GRAND KNIGHTS COULD PUT THIS ITEM ON THEIR FEBRUARY AGENDA AND SAY A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO JOIN THE PATRIOTIC 4TH DEGREE.**

**DIRECT ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS TO FAITHFUL CAPTAIN SIR KNIGHT DAVE TAYLOR.**

**HE CAN BE REACHED AT 636-775-6615**



# **CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE**

## **February 7, 2026**

**Archdiocese of St. Louis Catholic Men for Christ Conference**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Box Lunch Included  
Free Parking**

**Si Commons at St. Louis University High School**

**4970 Oakland Ave**

**St. Louis, MO 63110**

**\*\*\* AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL SIR KNIGHTS WITH A LINK WITH  
INFORMATION REGARDING SIGNING UP AND PAYING FOR THE CONFERENCE\*\*\***



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH  
DEGREE**

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



**One Nation Under God**

**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

HONOREE: SK, PSD, FORMER MASTER, VICE SUPREME MASTER BOB HAWKINS

HOSTED BY: ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE ASSEMBLY #571

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

601 N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST., ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

This exemplification gives you a rich history on how Catholics have and continue to play a significant role in the shaping of our American society, and to implore us to continue to be religious patriots in our community today.

*Wives and Families Invited to attend Ceremony!*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am	Candidates Line-Up
10:00 am	Exemplification
12:00 noon	Lunch

The Exemplification Fee is set at \$90.00 per candidate\* by Supreme

\* The cost for a Priest to go through the Degree is \$47.00 (Deacons and Seminarians must pay \$90.00)

- The Dress Code for a candidate for the Fourth Degree is as follows:
  - A candidate should wear a black or dark (blue or gray) business suit, with black shoes, white dress shirt and dark tie. Candidates should NOT wear a Tuxedo
  - A candidate serving in the Armed Forces of his country, as well as fulltime police and firefighters, may wear a Class A or Dress Uniform.
  - A candidate who is a Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian may wear proper clerical attire.
- The cost of the Lunch *IS INCLUDED* for Candidates. Additional meals may be purchased for \$20.00 each.

Current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members are encouraged to attend to support these new Sir Knights

*Numerous Honor Guard members are needed at the Degree!*



## Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

### This Month's Challenge

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#### February 2026

**"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me." (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)**

In the next verse, Jesus continues, "Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God's truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

#### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

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This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church's teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order's Catholic Information Service ([kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis)) as resources.

#### Questions for Reflection:

Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are being respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?