

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

FR. MAC EAST LANSING COUNCIL 7816

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January 2026

## Fish Fry Is Coming!

Please mark your calendars for the 2026 Lenten Fish Fry Season. Watch your emails in the coming weeks for opportunities to sign up to work a shift or two this season.

### 2026 Fish Fry Dates

February 20

February 27

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27

## What Have We Been Up to Lately?

On Sunday, November 30 we held a Corporate Communion at 9:00 Mass at St. Thomas. Thank you to all of the Knights and their families who attended. Thanks also to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard for their presence to make this a special event, despite the weather.

On Tuesday, December 9, we had our Monthly Rosary led by Brother Knight Rick Bryce, followed by our regular Council Meeting.

Also on Tuesday, December 9, we hosted the Late Knight Pancake Breakfast at St. John Church and Student Center for our Campus Ministry students during Finals Week.

We held our final Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 14 in the school gym at St. Thomas. Many thanks to all who came to work the Pancake breakfasts this year, and all who attended.

## Coming Attractions

Tuesday, January 13 – Council Rosary, 7:00 pm, Cana Chapel, St. Thomas

Tuesday, January 13 – Regular Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Bishop Baraga Room, St. Thomas

Saturday, January 17 - COR meeting, 10:00 am Fr. Mac Hall, St. Thomas

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### **2026 Fish Fry Dates**

Friday, February 20, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Friday, February 27, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Friday, March 6, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Friday, March 13, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Friday, March 20, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Friday, March 27, 4-7 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas School Gym

Saturday, April 18, 11 am – 92<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Degree Exemplification , St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **FR. MAC EAST LANSING COUNCIL 7816 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2026 SUMMER GOLF OUTING**



**Date and Time:** Friday, July 24, starting time 8:30 am

**Format:** Team Scramble (4 persons), 18 holes, Shotgun start

**Where:** Meridian Sun Golf Course, Haslett

### **From the Financial Secretary**

Thank you to everyone who has paid 2026 dues. You will receive your 2026 membership card in the mail soon. We will be sending out Second Notices in the next week. If you would like to pay your dues on-line, please visit <https://fr-mac-east-lansing-knights-of-columbus.square.site/>. Please note that a 4% convenience fee has been added to each item to help cover credit card processing costs.

Paul Lacroix, PGK, FN, FS



## **COR Meetings**

The Heart of Our Mission

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. Cor (Latin for "heart") continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other.

Everything flows from the heart. If you get the heart right, you get the man right — a man of faith who will courageously live out the mission God calls him to.

Christ is the heart of Cor. We invite all men to join us in uniting our hearts with his.

In a world full of distractions, Cor reminds us we were made for relationship with God and one another. Jesus didn't call men to follow him on their own. Instead, he formed a brotherhood of disciples, taught them the Truth and sent them out together to transform the world. At Cor, we continue that mission by walking side by side, supporting one another in our struggles and celebrating our victories in faith.

Cor is designed to help men intentionally and regularly come together to live out authentic brotherhood. It provides structured opportunities for prayer, formation and fraternity. These gatherings are not just about deepening our knowledge of faith — they're about strengthening our bond as brothers and encouraging each other to live the life God has called us to.

Alongside brothers in Christ, men become better husbands, fathers and members of their communities.

Cor is designed for any man who desires to grow in his relationship with Jesus through authentic Christian brotherhood.

We welcome all men regardless of membership status with the Knights of Columbus or faith background.

"Cor is not age bound. It is great for young men, single men, married men, everyone. It is designed so it can help build the person to have a Christ-centered life." - Daniel, Kansas

Our Council, under the leadership of Brother Lucian Leone, hosts a COR meeting on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in Fr. Mac Hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Our next COR meeting will be on Saturday, January 17.



## **From Our District Deputy**

Good Day Brother Knights,

I bring you Greetings from our state Deputy Barry Borsenik. My wife Nancy and I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas Season. May we continue to be Blessed in the upcoming year.

As many of you have seen in e-mails and communications from members of the State Leadership, you have noticed that you will see the word SOAR. This is the mantra that our State Deputy has used for his term as our State Leader. He encourages us to SOAR as a Knight of Columbus. He broke this word down to the 4 parts of his term. The first quarter was the S with stood for Service. We are all called to Service of Charity and to help others as a Knight of Columbus. The second quarter the O stood for Optimism. We are Optimistic that we are making a change in others' lives. The A stood for Aspire. We need to aspire to do better and aspire others to join us. This last 6 months of his term is the R with stands for Responsibility. We are all responsible for the success and growth of our local Councils and our Order.

We should not take this responsibility lightly. It is our responsibility to support our Grand Knight, and the other Officers, that we have chosen to lead us. Grand Knight Andrew is doing a great job but he still needs our help. As he is responsible for the overall wellness and success of this Council, he relies on all of us to share in that responsibility. There are multiple ways in which we can help. There are a few upcoming events that you can participate in, the easiest is attending the monthly meetings. Fish fries are just around the corner. If you are not frying fish, another way to help is be on the organization committee for these activities. Help is always needed.

These are great opportunities to be a KNIGHT FOR A DAY. Again, we all need to take responsibility for the growth and success of Knight of Columbus Council 7816.

God Bless  
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District Deputy  
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## **From Lansing Assembly 3334 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus**

I am proud to announce that the 92nd Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. We have been asked to co-host with Bishop Albers Assembly 0496. There will also be a Priest Exemplification on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm, again at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight who would like more information about the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, or would like to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, please contact Faithful Navigator Paul Lacroix at [fn3334@mikofc.org](mailto:fn3334@mikofc.org), or Faithful Comptroller Dan Reinecke at [reineckedj@hotmail.com](mailto:reineckedj@hotmail.com).

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