



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
BISHOP GRIFFIN ASSEMBLY # 0201
Post Office Box 8831

Springfield, Illinois 62791-8831

July 8, 2025
6:00 PM – Mass/Installation
Sherman Council 14024
St John Vianney Church/Activity Ctr
902 St John Dr,
Sherman, IL. 62684

July 2025

From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights and Ladies,

This past fraternal year can be considered nothing more than a success. I want to congratulate all of you on helping OUR Assembly achieve the honor of becoming a Star Assembly. I am not sure how many Assemblies in the Springfield Diocese (or the state) can boast that achievement. With that being said, I expect us to repeat that goal. We will become a back-to-back Star Assembly!

I want to express my gratitude to all the new members that joined us this past year. I am hoping that we can continue to grow. Last check, Assembly 201 had 201 members!!! Please continue to ask Brother Knights to join us.

Our Honor Guard/Color Guard continues to grow. We are 17 members strong, we have grown drastically in the past couple of years, realistically we need more. Do not forget, we are the Honor Guard for the Cathedral and the Bishop. We need to show our support to the Bishop and be present. Maybe the more people that see us, the more enticed they will be to join the Knights or want to join the Patriotic Degree.

Finally, I want to thank all those members who served with me this past year, especially Father House. While all of you have been elected to serve another year, Father House has been assigned a new position outside of our diocese. We wish him the best and will keep him in our prayers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 08 @ 6:00p at St. John Vianney in Sherman. We will have Mass, followed by the Installation of Officers for both the Assembly and Ladies' Auxiliary and then finish up with dessert. Please consider asking your council to host one or two meetings next year, we will be setting a calendar at the August meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Robert A. Bentel,
Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights Ladies Auxiliary

I'm Susan Schmillen-newly elected President of the Women's Auxiliary. For those who don't know me, let me offer a brief introduction.

I taught 2nd grade at Blessed Sacrament in Springfield for a couple of years before teaching 7th grade there. I moved onto Sacred Heart Griffin, and for 11 years, I taught theology. I then became the Religious Education Coordinator at St. John Vianney in Sherman for 8 years, as well as teaching Confirmation.

I have directed many retreats, mostly KAIROS and KOINONIA. I also created and led Confirmation retreats and day long renewal retreats. I have given numerous presentations for the RCIA program at St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham. I also gave talks and facilitated Lenten Reflections for St. James in Riverton.

I am excited to lead this organization of women and have some ideas on how to move our group forward. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions and encourage you to join us at our next meeting on July 8.

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. Percy 7-9; Deacon Andrew Krug PFN 7-11; Gene M. Webel 7-12; William T Geiger 7-13; Charles W. Fagan 7-14; James R Hausman 7-14; Thomas A Brown 7-15; Michael J Sturgis 7-17; Clayton H Bellot 7-18; Robert Sgambelluri 7-20; Robert F Heisler 7-21; Charles E Fritz 7-22; Michael E Beyers 7-28; Linda Denny 7-28; Katherine Smith 7-29; Charles F De Haan 7-30; Jesse W Schmillen 7-30; Quinn M Broverman 7-31; Philip F. Carl 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.

FY 2025-2026 Officers/Honor Guard: See 2nd page.

FY 2025-2026 Officers

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

Officers for Fraternal Year 2025 - 2026

Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar*
 Faithful Navigator
 Faithful Captain
 Faithful Pilot
 Faithful Purser
 Faithful Comptroller*
 Faithful Scribe
 Faithful Admiral
 Faithful Inner Sentinel
 Faithful Outer Sentinel
 Faithful Trustee 1st Year
 Faithful Trustee 2nd Year
 Faithful Trustee 3rd Year
 Color Guard Commander*

Officers

Fr "Freddie" Fredrick Mbiere
 Robert A Bentel
 David M Haley
 Joseph H Meister Sr
 Dale J Smith
 Darrell L Roll
 Timothy P Kennedy
 Anthony W Schmillen PFN
 Chuck W Fagan
 Lambert P Fleck III PFN
 Brian T Huber
 Lambert P Fleck IV PFN
 James F Spohrer
 David M Haley

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President Susan Schmillen
 Vice President Carol Muller
 Secretary Laurie Mann
 Treasurer Linda Denny
 Trustee 3 yr. Barb Schmidt
 Trustee 2 yr. Pat Heetel
 Trustee 1 yr. Cherri Mennemeyer

* Appointed Positions by Assembly or Supreme

Patriotic Honor Guard Opening
 Ceremony for the Special
 Olympics in Chatham.



Expanded Honor Guard for the Ordination of Priests
 with Honor Guard members from the Springfield
 Diocesan Assemblies, Vice Supreme Master &
 Masters at the Cathedral serving Bishop Paprocki.



Upcoming Honor Guard 2025:

June 21, 2025 – Women of Distinction Mass with Bishop Paprocki, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. Mass at 10 am - arrive by 9:30 am.
June 22, 2025 – Corpus Christi Procession with Bishop Paprocki, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield. Immediately after 10 am Mass.
June 22, 2025 – Corpus Christi Procession, Holy Family Church, Athens. Immediately after 10 am Mass.