

The Reveal

On Saturday January 12, 2019, while attending lauds and the early morning Mass at the Saint Joseph's Abbey, a Trappist Monastery in Spencer, Massachusetts, Matt Hersch was overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit and charged to form this Roman Catholic Knighthood.

Hersch was in the area to support a friend that he had served with 14 years earlier in Iraq. His friend's wife of 31 years had passed and he wanted to be there to support a friend who had his back on that far away battlefield. After attending the 1 PM funeral service Hersch decided to drive directly home to Erie, Pennsylvania to be with his wife, Kathy, for early morning Sunday Mass.

On the eight hour drive home, he formulated the movement in his head and then committed it to writing shortly thereafter.

After sharing his initial idea with the Father Abbot at Saint Joseph's Abbey and a group of close friends, Hersch then presented his redesigned structure and concept to the Erie Catholic Diocese senior leadership and then his pastors at Saint George and Saint Luke Parishes in Erie, Pennsylvania. After receiving words of encouragement, he started to assemble a group of 12 good, but flawed catholic lay men to help him move this Roman Catholic Knighthood forward.

Enclosed are their ideas entitled "*The Guide.*"

Please join them in their Mission.



Matthew Hersch is a husband/father/grandfather/brother/friend/CDR USN (ret), and war veteran of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Somalia. He has been married to the former Kathleen Fessler for 39 years and has six wonderful children (plus their six outstanding spouses) and 14 grandchildren.

When he isn't on his knees in prayer for everything that our good and gracious Lord has given him, he is showing people how smart he is (he almost aced his second grade IQ test with a 98) and making them laugh.

Out loud.

A lot.