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Brothers Knights and Ladies,

It is now December, and as the year ends, we tend to recall all the happy and sad events we experienced in 2021. It is a time to remember those who passed away this year including Knights and Ladies from our assembly. There is much to give reason to despair. Covid is still with us, the economy is undergoing difficulties and for the first time we are experiencing shortages of goods and materials. War and misery continue exist throughout the world. However, Christmas is a time for hope. Christmas commemorates the birth of the son of God, born in humble circumstances. However, without benefit of military might, political office or a massive fortune he became the most influential person ever to live. The Holiday celebrates the coming of Jesus, who brought us hope and the knowledge that no matter what happens that we can look forward to an eternal life. He changed the world by preaching a simple message; Love one another, and more importantly he lived that message. He eschewed accolades and fame while living among the poor and oppressed. He healed the sick, made the lame to walk, the blind to see and fed the hungry. He set an example for us to follow. He still influences the world today as evidenced by the innumerable acts of charity and mercy performed in his name. Most importantly he died so we can have eternal life. That should bring us boundless joy. Unfortunately, secular society will attempt to convince us to find happiness in gifts, parties, and feasts: material things that are of an ephemeral nature and value. We as Catholics can enjoy the earthly aspects of the holiday, especially the joy of celebrating with family and friends if we remember to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. And in the spirit of that true meaning of Christmas I wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Special Points of Interest:

- Prayer List
- Honor Guard
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Much More...



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Vivat Jesus
FN Ronald M. Pioch



Wise Men Still Seek Him..



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POPE FRANCESCO

ANGELUS

St. Peter's Square

Sunday, November 21, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel of the Liturgy, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, culminates in an affirmation of Jesus, who says: "I am a king" (Jn 18:37). He speaks these words before Pilate, while the crowd shouts to condemn him to death. He says: "I am king", and the crowd shouts to condemn him to death: beautiful contrast! The crucial hour has come. Previously, it seems that Jesus did not want people to acclaim him as king: we remember that time after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when he had withdrawn alone to pray (cf. Jn 6 : 14-15).

The fact is that the kingship of Jesus is very different from the worldly one. "My kingdom - he says to Pilate - is not of this world" (Jn 18:36). He does not come to dominate, but to serve. It doesn't come with the signs of power, but with the power of signs. He is not clothed with precious insignia, but is bare on the cross. And it is precisely in the inscription placed on the cross that Jesus is defined as "king" (cf. Jn 19:19). His royalty is truly beyond human parameters! We could say that he is not a king like the others , but he is a king for others. Let's think back to this: Christ, before Pilate, says he is king when the crowd is against him, while when they followed him and acclaimed him he had distanced himself from this acclamation. That is, Jesus shows himself sovereignly free from the desire for fame and earthly glory. And we - let us ask ourselves - do we know how to imitate him in this? Do we know how to govern our tendency to be continually sought and approved, or do we do everything to be esteemed by others? In what we do, especially in our Christian commitment, I ask myself: what matters? Does the applause count or does the serve count?

Jesus not only shuns any search for earthly greatness, but also makes the hearts of those who follow him free and sovereign. He, dear brothers and sisters, frees us from the subjection of evil. His Kingdom is liberating , it has nothing oppressive. He treats every disciple as a friend, not as a subject. Although Christ is above all sovereigns, he does not draw lines of separation between himself and others; Instead brothers want to share his joy (cf. Jn15.11). Following him is not lost, nothing is lost, but dignity is acquired. Because Christ does not want servility around him, but free people. And - let us ask ourselves now - where does Jesus' freedom come from? We find out by returning to his affirmation before Pilate: «I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world: to bear witness to the truth "(Jn 18:37).

The freedom of Jesus comes from the truth. It is the truth that sets us free (cf. Jn8.32). But the truth of Jesus is not an idea, something abstract: the truth of Jesus is a reality, it is he himself who makes the truth within us, frees us from the fictions, from the falsehoods we have inside, from the double language. By being with Jesus, we become true. The life of a Christian is not a play where you can wear the mask that suits you best. Because when Jesus reigns in the heart, he frees it from hypocrisy, frees it from subterfuges, from duplicity. The best proof that Christ is our king is the detachment from what pollutes life, making it ambiguous, opaque, sad. When life is ambiguous, a little here, a little there, it's sad, it's very sad. Of course, we must always deal with limitations and defects: we are all sinners. But, when one lives under the lordship of Jesus, one does not become corrupt, one does not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. There is no double life. Remember well: sinners yes, we are all corrupt, never! Sinners yes, never corrupt. May Our Lady help us to seek every day the truth of Jesus, King of the Universe, who frees us from earthly slavery and teaches us to govern our vices.

2021-2022 Newsletter Patron List



- Allen Barr
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- Eric Clark
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- Clifford Farr
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- Horace Hull
- Allen Jensen
- Joseph Jong
- Thomas Kalchik
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- Joseph Kobus
- Randall LaLonde
- David Luedtke
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- Eric Wegener
- Herbert Wegener
- Michael Wegener
- Thomas Wegener
- David Zerbe



2021/2022 Officers and Appointees

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- Dave Zerbe - Admiral- 517.282.4516
- David Garlitz - Captain - 517.488.3005
- Ken Watterson - Scribe -517-881-0812
- Tim Perrone - Comptroller - 517.886.0627
- Walter Ozanich - Purser - 517.321.2422
- Pat Jacobs - Pilot - 517.927.9349
- Edward Stoffer - Inside Sentinel
- Dan Bazela - Outside Sentinel
- 1 Year Trustee: John Book
- 2 Year Trustee: Pat Donlon
- 3 Year Trustee: Dave Myers



Appointed Positions

- Commander SK Ken Watterson
- Historian SK Glenn Barry
- Membership SK Dave Luedtke

Committee Chairs

- Wellness: vacant
- Admissions: SK Pat Donlon
517-333-8985

The Honor Guard

provides Honor and Distinction at funerals of Clergy and fallen comrades. They also provide distinctive accent at many Catholic Church functions. You will find them serving as "Guardians of the Colors" by displaying and escorting our National Flag on ceremonial occasions at official Church, Civic, and Knights of Columbus functions.



Sir Knight of the Month



"Say the Rosary every day...

Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners..

I Am Our Lady of the Rosary.
Only I will be able to help you.

...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph. "



For the soul of Fr Maurice Hayes
Fr Bill Lugger
SK Charles Zimmerman
Soul of SK Glenn Berry
SK Ben King
Lady Charlene King
Lady Ann McCarthy
SK John McCarthy
Lady Kathy Stoffer
Nancy Donlon Mother of Pat Donlon
SK Richard Maurer
Dcn Andy Tardof
Lady Cindi Zerbe
Laura Cherniawski
Family of Dave Luedtke
All Seminarians
All Mothers and their unborn children
All service members and their families
All of the victims and the families of COVID19
All Health care workers
All First Responders
All government leaders of our Country.



Bishop Albers Assembly



See: <https://assembly0496.org/deceased/>

Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. **And for all your love's sake. Amen.**

All souls in the deceased family of Assm 0496

The Catholic Church



The new Honor Guard Uniform can be ordered at www.kofcuniform.com .

Go to the link to order the Uniform, the price is \$449.00 but we offer a \$200.00 incentive to assist you with your purchase, reducing your price to \$249.00.

Bring in your receipt after you have received it for reimbursement. There is an additional \$125.00 incentive available to NEW Honor Guard members if you are purchasing a NEW Sword as well..



0496 Honor Guard



When one of your brother Knights approaches you to join the Bishop Albers Assembly Honor Guard, please give the idea some prayerful thought. The rewards of being part of the Honor Guard are many and rich.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Jody	James	Martellini	12 08
Suzanne	Dale	Bassett	12 08
Sue	Bernard	Pollack	12 12
Karen	David	Freund	12 28
Kathleen Ann	Gerald	Ockert	12 29
Debbie	Brian	Peacock	12 31
Michelle	Philip	Mondro	12 31

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Mary Ellen	Schertzing	12 01
Theresa J.	Hull	12 02
Joyce	Wegener	12 08
Jennifer	Spehar	12 08
Michelle	Lawson	12 08
Angela	Dybas	12 10
Janette	Hamilton	12 11
Kaye	Gonzalez	12 11
Beth	McCloy	12 19
Colleen	McNamara	12 21
Cindy L.	Killian	12 24
Donna	Pohl	12 25
Noelle	Wegener	12 27
Mirla	Moses	12 31

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Daniel Jr	Bazela	12 11
Robert	Whyte	12 12
Allen	Barr	12 12
Thomas	Murawski	12 15
Fr Michael	O Brien	12 21
Robert	Spehar	12 23
Stephen	Graszler	12 24
Dave	Trakul	12 25
Michael	Hull	12 25
James	McMahon	12 30
Ronald	Graber	12 30
David	Garlitz	12 30
Timothy	Perrone	12 31



**A Downloadable copy of the Assembly
Member Roster is available at:**

**<https://assembly0496.org/members/>
— the password is: bishopalbers**



Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services

From the Admiral



Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord. – Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

This month I am recognizing another Catholic American Hero, Fr. Charles Joseph Watters. Born in 1927, Fr. Watters was ordained in 1953, and served in the Archdiocese of Newark until entering active duty as a U.S. Army chaplain in 1964. During his first tour of Vietnam, he was awarded the Air Medal and a Bronze Star for Valor after administering last rites to a fatally wounded man while under heavy enemy fire. At the end of his first twelve months, in July 1967, he voluntarily extended his tour for an additional six months. On an extension of his tour, during the Battle of Dak To on November 19, 1967, Fr. Watters rescued many wounded men from enemy fire, but was killed by a friendly bomb strike from an American bomber. On November 4, 1969, Chaplain Watters was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Vice President Spiro Agnew. One of only a handful of chaplains to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor - our country's highest military decoration - Major Fr. Watters' citation reads:

Captains Corner



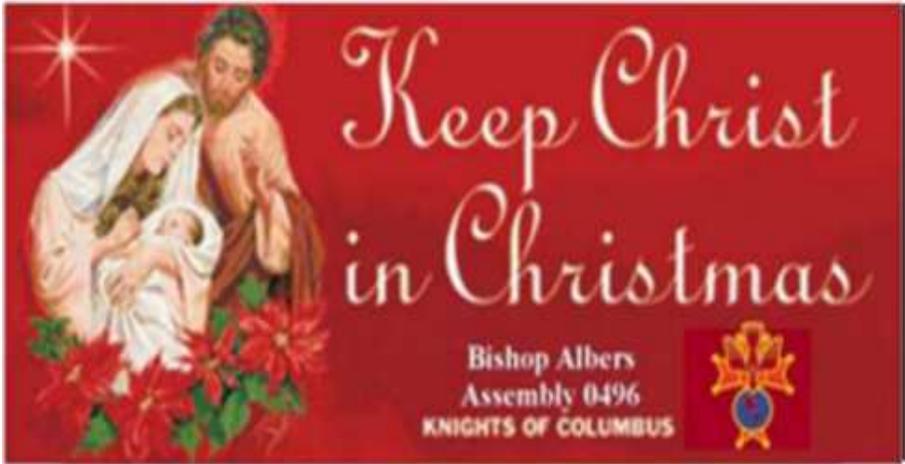
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Chaplain Watters distinguished himself during an assault in the vicinity of Đắk Tô. Chaplain Watters was moving with one of the companies when it engaged a heavily armed enemy battalion. As the battle raged and the casualties mounted, Chaplain Watters, with complete disregard for his safety, rushed forward to the line of contact. Unarmed and completely exposed, he moved among, as well as in front of the advancing troops, giving aid to the wounded, assisting in their evacuation, giving words of encouragement, and administering the last rites to the dying. When a wounded paratrooper was standing in shock in front of the assaulting forces, Chaplain Watters ran forward, picked the man up on his shoulders and carried him to safety. As the troopers battled to the first enemy entrenchment, Chaplain Watters ran through the intense enemy fire to the front of the entrenchment to aid a fallen comrade. A short time later, the paratroopers pulled back in preparation for a second assault. Chaplain Watters exposed himself to both friendly and enemy fire between the two forces in order to recover two wounded soldiers. Later, when the battalion was forced to pull back into a perimeter, Chaplain Watters noticed that several wounded soldiers were lying outside the newly formed perimeter. Without hesitation and ignoring attempts to restrain him, Chaplain Watters left the perimeter three times in the face of small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire to carry and to assist the injured troopers to safety. Satisfied that all of the wounded were inside the perimeter, he began aiding the medics ... applying field bandages to open wounds, obtaining and serving food and water, giving spiritual and mental strength and comfort. During his ministering, he moved out to the perimeter from position to position redistributing food and water, and tending to the needs of his men. Chaplain Watters was giving aid to the wounded when he himself was mortally wounded. Chaplain Watters' unyielding perseverance and selfless devotion to his comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army.



Thanksgiving is a time for counting our many blessings. A year ago, there was so much uncertainty that many of us were unable to gather together in Church or at home with our families to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings. Hopefully all of you get to do so this year. When doing so please remember all those we lost in the past year including those Americans we left behind in Afghanistan. Lady Elizabeth and myself wish all of you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

From the Trustee's

Dave Myers 



Once again Assembly 0496 has led the way in posting Keep Christ in Christmas Billboards around the Community. For this year we helped nearly every Council and Assembly of nearly every Parish in the Greater Lansing Area post a Billboard. We had 19 in total. Thank You to all who helped make this possible.

Keep Christ in Christmas



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Nights**



**EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
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Merry Christmas



**Knights of Columbus
Richard Council #788**

Invites You To A

Dinner and Christmas Auction

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

6:00 PM DINNER

7:00 PM LIVE AUCTION

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

BRING AN ITEM TO AUCTION

Items to auction may be a craft, baked goods, adult spirits, store bought items, gift baskets, etc.



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**Our next Assembly Meeting will be at
Columbus Hall. Tuesday, December 21st**

>> 7:00 pm <<

Also available virtually

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