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*From Our Navigator*

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies.

*In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Almighty God, thank You for all the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us each and every day. May we respond in Faith and follow your will for our lives. Amen.*

I would like to thank our officers, past and present, particularly, SK Dave Zerbe for having stepped up after the tragic loss of my predecessor. He also recently represented our Assembly presenting the Colors on the Fourth at the Lugnuts baseball game with our Worthy Faithful Master Joe Yekulis, Senior Marshal Bill Currie and Immediate Former Master Dave Buick. At our July meeting, I had the privilege of presenting to SK Dave Zerbe a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement as our Sir Knight of the Month for the Month of July with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order.



We started our new fraternal year with a delicious dinner of roast beef subs and Italian subs from Jersey Giant just prior to our July meeting. I would like to continue to offer dinner prior to our monthly meeting every third Tuesday to encourage more member attendance and honor our servant leadership. At the end of our July meeting, we completed our semiannual Assembly audit due on August 1. Our next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19. We'll start with dinner at 6:00 pm. I will be proposing a budget for the new FY and would like to bring it to a vote at the September meeting.

Recently, I travelled to Michigan Center and was joined by a number of new Navigators from across the District for orientation, training and a roundtable discussion. I was gratified to see how advanced and compliant we are as compared to other Assemblies and where we need to improve. Our new Navigator class included a Navigator Priest, Fr. James Batcha from St. Joseph Assembly #2211 in Flushing.

In place of our August meeting, we will have our Installation of Officers on Tuesday, August 15, the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Assembly will be hosting a joint event with Lansing Assembly #3334 and Bishop Povish Assembly #2815 at St. Gerard Church. We will begin with Holy Mass at 6:00pm celebrated by our Diocesan Chaplain, Fr. Bob Bacik, immediately followed by the installation ceremony in the church and dinner in the hall. I encourage all our officers and all fellow Sir Knights to participate in this important and defining event.

**Special Points of Interest:**

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

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## ♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

♣ CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD



### Article 6

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus.<sup>537</sup> "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man."<sup>538</sup> Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness.<sup>539</sup> Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.<sup>540</sup>

662 "and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."<sup>541</sup> The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."<sup>542</sup> There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him".<sup>543</sup> As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the centre and the principal actor of the liturgy that honours the Father in heaven.<sup>544</sup>

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P1T.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1T.HTM)

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Family Night Celebrating Vocations will be held on Friday, August 18. Gates will open for us at 5:00 pm. We were well represented by our Color Corps last year and look forward to an even larger number this year as we embrace our initiative to *Restore the Corps*. Fr. Gordon Reigle, Faithful Friar for Lansing Assembly, has recently assembled a musical group, "The Meaculpas." They will perform *America the Beautiful* and *Salve Regina* at the end of the game.

Looking ahead, our next District II Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 9 beginning at 9:00 am at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson. I encourage leadership to attend. Further ahead, our 87th Exemplification will be on Saturday, October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral and Fr. Crowley Center in Kalamazoo. We will be honoring Msgr. Thomas Martin, Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish, Vicksburg & St. Edward Parish. He is the Founder of K of C Councils in Vicksburg, St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo. Arrival is at 9:00 am. Ladies Program will begin at 10:30 am. I encourage all our servant leaders to attend and sponsor at least one new member. Reach out to new Council members. Get involved with Third Degree Exemplifications and encourage these new Knights to complete our final and Fourth Degree, experiencing the fullness of our fraternal Order as Sir Knights for God and Country!

*As we complete the month of July dedicated to His Precious Blood and enter the Month of August dedicated to Her Immaculate Heart, May His Blood continue to protect us and Her Heart make us more docile to His will for our lives.*

Enjoy these fleeting days of summer with those you love.



Vivat Jesus, FN James Martellini



# 2023-2024 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr  
Dennis Becht  
James Bollman  
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William Chassé  
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## 2023/2024 Officers and Appointees

James Martellini - Navigator - 517.256.5007  
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Dan Bazela - Outside Sentinel  
1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe  
2 Year Trustee: Pat Donlon  
3 Year Trustee: Dave Myers



## Appointed Positions

Commander SK Ken Watterson  
Historian - vacant -  
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



SK Dave Zerbe



"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. "





Fr Bill Lugger  
SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King  
SK John McCarthy  
SK Richard Maurer  
SK Tony Cherniawski  
SK Tony Kolp



## Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:

- Fr Kenneth C. McDonald -



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.

Lady Mary Corey (wife of Jay Corey)  
Lady Kathy Stoffer  
Lady Branda Garlitz  
Lady Karen Freund  
Lady Maxine Henderson



Doug Donlon  
Family of SK Dave Luedtke  
Lisa Luedtke  
Missy King



Soul of Fr Kenneth C. McDonald  
Soul of Lady Terry McCloy  
Soul of SK Ronald and Philomena Pioch

All Seminarians  
Respectively, All Mothers and their unborn children  
All service members and their families  
All Government leaders of our Country.  
All souls in the deceased family of Assm 0496  
All War Victims..  
All Victims of Violence..



**The new Honor Guard Uniform** can be ordered at [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) .

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

Bring your receipt in to a Meeting after you have received your uniform. You will be reimbursed before you go home. If you order a Sword there is an additional \$125.00 incentive available to you 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.



# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Anniversaries

Spouse First	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Marie	David	Williams	08 02
Margaret	Christopher	Costigan	08 04
Janette	Fred	Hamilton	08 06
Kristen	Michael J.	McCue	08 07
Mirla	James	Moses	08 08
Colleen	Robert	Spehar	08 10
Tricia	Eric	Smith	08 14
Charlene	Benjamin	King	08 16
Cassady	Andrew	Brege	08 16
Carolyn	Stephen	Graszler	08 17
J. Carol	Daniel	Thelen	08 18
Jean	Aubrey	Merrill	08 22
Alison	Joseph	Walczak	08 22
Colleen	Emil	Dehnke	08 22
Jacquelyn	Robert	Andretz	08 22
Dolores	Mario	Diaz	08 23
Deborah	David	Simon	08 24
Amy	Dan	Korte	08 26
Suzanne	Anthony	Cherniawski	08 26
Colleen	Randall	LaLonde	08 28
Noelle	Christopher	Wegener	08 30

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Benjamin	King	08 01
Harold	Beaton	08 02
Thomas	Weston	08 04
Joseph	Papranec	08 05
Alessandro	Bozzo	08 06
Michael	Du Mont	08 06
Robert	Fedewa	08 06
George	Hanley	08 06
Anthony	Cherniawski	08 09
Philip	Mondro	08 10
James	Gonzalez	08 11
Kenneth	Mc Donald	08 15
John	Rojeski	08 16
Brent	Torgeson	08 19
Chris	Dancisak	08 20
Manuel	Delgado	08 23
Clyde	Smith	08 26
William	Lawson	08 28

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Leona	Brunette	08 01
Joan	Alspaugh	08 03
J. Carol	Thelen	08 04
Leigh	Miller	08 09
Joann	Potoczny	08 14
Karen	Shepard	08 19
Mary	Benson	08 22
Suzanne	Cherniawski	08 27
Cherie	Leece	08 28
Dolores	Diaz	08 30



## Richard Council 788

Would like to remind all that their Hall is available to rent at competitive rates for all of your Social events. Contact them at **517-321-2209** for availability and prices..

## The Virtue of Patriotism

## Captain's Corner

If we drill deeper into justice and then into piety, we see two main branches:

- 1) our extended family and local community and
- 2) our fellow countrymen and friends of our country.

Of course, these cannot be separated. They are inexorably linked.

However, if we focus on the second of these two, we finally arrive at the virtue of patriotism. The power of the State is granted by God, but this power does not allow the State to make or enforce laws and orders that violate the natural rights of its subjects. If the State is not infringing upon these natural freedoms, then the citizenry is obliged to act in obedience to the legitimate authority.

It is impossible to be a patriot without freedom. Civil allegiance, generally speaking, is the virtue of patriotism combined with the virtue of obedience. Allegiance requires that the citizen be free to give his service to the State. Otherwise, he is no patriot at all, but is living under oppression.

Patriotism means having a reasonable love and esteem for one's own country. This is externalized by showing honor and respect to the rulers of the State, whoever they may be. To be sure, it is possible and even healthy to honor and respect a leader while also disagreeing on key policies and ideas.

Patriotism means to observe which laws of the State are in accord with Catholic social teaching and the doctrines of faith and morals and which are opposed to the truth and to the Catholic Faith. Citizens are not compelled by patriotism to fully unjust laws. Rather, it is the patriotic thing to correct error and bring the laws into accord with the fullness of the truth in Jesus Christ.

Patriotism means a willingness to lay down one's life for their country. Of course, this literally takes flesh when we understand that the virtue of piety, and therefore justice, refers to our entire family, our friends, and our fellow countrymen and allies. Some pay the greatest price by dying in the service of their country in the military. Others lay down their lives for their country day by day in the normal service of their duty to their family, their work, their community, and the poor and marginalized.

Patriotism has a just consciousness of the past and a balanced pride in national identity. However, we must not conflate the virtue of patriotism with a blind, senseless, and unreasonable form of nationalism. There are those who see their country as having no past sins. This view is unreasonable because the only perfect society is the Church Triumphant in Heaven. However, we must also not go to the other extreme of historical revisionism which seeks to emphasize the injustice of the past while forgetting the good.

SK Randy LaLonde Captain



### Fr Kenneth Charles McDonald

August 15, 1929 - July 20, 2023

We mourn the loss of a longstanding member of our Assembly, Fr. Ken McDonald. We thank God for his many years of Priestly Service and ask that he receive the reward of his labors. He was a servant leader within our Diocese and as Pastor at St. James Parish in Mason for 14 years where he built a new church and founded a new Knights of Columbus Council before attaining senior status 22 years ago. He requested that his funeral Mass be at St. James and it's fitting that his Mass will be celebrated during the week we celebrate the Apostle James.

It is a virtuous act when we are able to fulfill our duty to raise the intention of a deceased Priest's salvation before God in the same way he is likely to have raised the intentions of a multitude of others, those he served throughout his life and ministry. The following two prayers are taken from the Roman Missal. They are composed for the funeral Mass of Priests, but are also powerful intercessory prayers to be said at any time for our deceased friends and servants of God, Priests who have gone before us and sleep in the peace of Christ.

**Collect:** Hear with favor our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Fr. Ken McDonald, your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** We implore your kindness, O God, for Fr. Ken McDonald, your servant and Priest, that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth, so you may bring him to be nourished by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/mason-mi/kenneth-mcdonald-11379647>





# 87th Exemplification

**You are cordially invited** to join us at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo, MI this fall to complete your journey into the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in MI District 2.

This one day event will be hosted by FN Dale Boone of Bishop Paul V. Donovan Assembly #513. The Master's Banquet will follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**A day you will  
remember forever.**



**Honoring Msgr. Thomas Martin**  
Pastor St. Martin of Tours Parish,  
Vicksburg & St. Edward Parish,  
Mendon. Founder of K of C  
Councils in Vicksburg,  
St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo.



## St. Augustine Cathedral

542 W. Michigan Ave. Kalamazoo, MI

**Saturday**

**October 28th, 2023**

**Exemplification/Banquet Held at:**  
**Fr. Crowley Cathedral Center**  
542 W. Michigan Ave Kalamazoo, MI

**See Backside for Registration and  
Ladies Program details**

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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting  
will be at Columbus Hall.  
Social time begins at 6:00 pm  
Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm  
— Tuesday September 19th —**



also available virtually

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