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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies. Let's begin and continue in gratitude.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for all your gifts and blessings each and every day. May we be ever attentive and responsive to Your Will in the present moment with docility, Faith and courage. Amen.



I continue to be humbled and grateful for the privilege of working together with such seasoned and committed Brother Sir Knights. They continue to step up time and again in so many ways seen and unseen. True servant leaders who have been such a gift and blessing to me directly and to our Assembly and Order. Our Installation of Assembly Officers took the place of our August meeting, so at our September meeting for the Good of the Order, it was my pleasure and great privilege to present two of our Brother Sir Knights Certificates of Achievement as our Sir Knights of the Month: to our Faithful Admiral Ken Watterson for August and to our Faithful Purser Walt Ozanich for September, with gratitude in recognition of their outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order. These two Sir Knights along with Lady Mary Kay Ozanich are currently in the midst of this year's Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Christmas card initiative and behind the many years of sustained success for our KCIC Program.

Special Points of Interest:

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



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Our District 2 Meeting was held on Saturday, September 9 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson. We were well represented by yours truly, our Faithful Comptroller Tim Perrone, and our Faithful Admiral Ken Watterson. The highlight and focus was our upcoming 87th Exemplification which will be held on Saturday, October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral and Fr. Crowley Center in Kalamazoo. We will be honoring Msgr. Thomas Martin. Arrival is at 9:00 a.m. Ladies Program will begin at 10:30 a.m. Our Assembly has approved one application for membership so far. Please keep Sir Knight candidate Bill Ray in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares to participate in our upcoming Exemplification. He is an officer at St. Mary Cathedral Council #11694 and a parishioner of St. Mary Cathedral. I encourage our committed Sir Knights to attend the Exemplification and to welcome a new Sir Knight to our Assembly. Our Worthy Master Joe Yekulis has secured the Fairfield Inn on Sprinkle Road at \$99 per night for those wanting to stay on Friday night and/or Saturday night. There will be a Hospitality Room for both nights, with plenty to eat and drink. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and fraternity. The Priest Exempt will be held on Thursday evening, October 19, in Portland.

A primary fundraiser to support our District 2 is the **Souvenir Ad Book**. We have been asked to help secure ads and if we embrace this opportunity with some intentionality, it becomes a fundraiser for our Assembly as well.

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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 7 "FROM THENCE HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD"

I. He Will Come Again in Glory

668 "Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living."⁵⁴⁸ Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion", for the Father "has put all things under his feet."⁵⁴⁹ Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendently fulfilled.⁵⁵⁰

669 As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body.⁵⁵¹ Taken up to heaven and glorified after he had thus fully accomplished his mission, Christ dwells on earth in his Church. the redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ (is) already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom".⁵⁵²

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1V.HTM

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. For ad buys above \$500 (\$501-\$1000), the District returns 40%. Above \$1000 (\$1001-\$2000+), the District returns 50%! I encourage each of our Councils to commit to a full page at \$100. As my predecessor and our Assembly did last year, and in remembrance of our Past Faithful Navigator Ron Pioch and Lady Philomena, we again committed to the Red, White and Blue Event Poster and a Full Page ad for \$250. My Neurogenx business committed to the same. SK Cliff Farr and his Kona Ice business will commit to a Full Page ad and he will secure a Full Page from the Lugnuts as well. Our Faithful Trustee Dave Zerbe committed to a full page for his District as District Deputy. Our Faithful Admiral committed to an ad and will reach out to Palmer Bush Jansen Funeral Home and another Sir Knight owned Business. A recent Sir Knight Eric Clark and his bicycle business also committed to a full page. Our Assembly could easily be over \$1000 to nearly \$2000 with a 40% and 50% return. And with the weeks remaining, we could perhaps even double or triple this amount, not just for this Ad book and exemplification but those that follow, and maybe find some prospective Sir Knights along the way!

Our membership goal for this Fraternal Year is 13 new members. This could lead to Star Assembly recognition for our Assembly. Please reach out to new Council members. Get involved with Council Exemplifications and encourage these new Knights and other not-so-new Knights to complete our Fourth and final Degree, and experience the fullness of our fraternal Order as Sir Knights for God and Country.

Please mark your calendar for some upcoming events you don't want to miss. We are in the planning stages of a joint Lansing area assembly event for Tuesday, November 7, which is election day, for our yearly evening of retreat, reflection and prayer with Mass and dinner to be held at St. Francis Retreat Center. I am currently working with the other Lansing area assemblies in search of a Priest as presenter and celebrant. We are also planning a joint Assembly Dinner Event in celebration of Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11 in our Hall.

A Knights Catholic Men's Retreat is on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lansing. The event is entitled, "True Catholic Masculinity: Identity and Authenticity."

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2023/2024 Officers and Appointees

James Martellini - Navigator - 517.256.5007
Ken Watterson - Admiral - 517.881.0812
Randy LaLonde- Captain - 906.370.3759
Tony Kolp - Scribe - 517.706.9242
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Tony Cherniawski - Pilot - 517.331.5200
Edward Stoffer - Inside Sentinel
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

August: SK Ken Watterson
September: SK Walt Ozanich



"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 Luggier
 SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
 SK John McCarthy
 SK Richard Maurer
 SK Tony Cherniawski
 SK Tony Kolp
 Lady Mary Corey (wife of Jay Corey)
 Lady Kathy Stoffer
 Lady Branda Garlitz
 Lady Karen Freund
 Lady Maxine Henderson
 Family of SK Dave Luedtke
 Lisa Luedtke
 Missy King
 Soul of Fr Kenneth C. McDonald
 Soul of Lady Donald Pung
 Soul of SK Ronald and Philomena Pioch
 Soul of SK Tom Getzmeyer
 Soul of SK Tom Weston
 Soul of Virginia Thompson



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..

Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



SK Thomas Getzmeyer, SK Tom Weston,
 and SK Fr. Ken 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.



The new Honor Guard Uniform can be ordered at 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.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

| Spouse First | First Name | Last Name | Ann Date |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Beverly | Thomas | Pillar | 10 01 |
| Rosemarie | Timothy | Perrone | 10 01 |
| Gayla | Phillip D. | Schertzing | 10 01 |
| Marlene | Lawrence | Schrauben | 10 02 |
| Jean | Nicholas | Wyte | 10 02 |
| Jamie | Lyle | Adams | 10 09 |
| Angela | Nicholas | Dybas | 10 10 |
| Phyllis | Donald | Schmitz | 10 15 |
| Julia | Ronald | Bruner | 10 16 |
| Marybeth | William | Chasse | 10 17 |
| Mary | Jay | Corey | 10 18 |
| Mary | Joseph | Tardif | 10 20 |
| Mary Ellen | David | Schertzing | 10 23 |
| Julie | Mark | Stenske | 10 24 |
| Deb | John | Maurer | 10 26 |
| Leigh | Tad | Miller | 10 29 |

Spouse Birthdays

| Spouse First Name | Last Name | Wife B-Day |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Rita | Murawski | 10 01 |
| Jennifer | Nelson | 10 02 |
| Debra | Duffy | 10 02 |
| Catherine | Fedewa | 10 12 |
| Rosemarie | Perrone | 10 15 |
| Brooke Biddy"" | Bleicher | 10 15 |
| Valerie | Ostrowski | 10 16 |
| Denise | Kelsey | 10 17 |
| Sue | Pollack | 10 22 |
| Terrie | McCloy | 10 22 |
| Magdalene | Schwannecke | 10 24 |
| Keri Jo | Papranec | 10 25 |
| Jean | Wyte | 10 29 |
| Mary | Pratt | 10 31 |

Members Birthdays

| First Name | Last Name | Mem B-Day |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Edward | Wawiernia | 10 02 |
| Paul | Connor | 10 02 |
| James | Eisele | 10 03 |
| James | McCloy | 10 06 |
| Timothy | Fedewa | 10 07 |
| Michael | Schaefer | 10 09 |
| John | Suckow | 10 10 |
| Thomas | Getzmeyer | 10 15 |
| Michael | Brandell | 10 16 |
| Eugene | Murawski | 10 19 |
| David | Myers | 10 20 |
| John | Book | 10 21 |
| Hon. Carl | Mengeling | 10 22 |
| Frank | De Rose | 10 23 |
| Francis | Cherniawski | 10 25 |
| Thane | Belen | 10 27 |
| Douglas | Wilcox | 10 27 |
| Justin | Moore | 10 28 |
| David | Luedtke | 10 28 |
| Brian | Pillar | 10 29 |
| John | Fiero | 10 30 |
| Eric | Smith | 10 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..

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This is a day designed to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. It is open to all men. The Retreat Leader is Pete Burak, VP of Renewal Ministries, who is a Member of the USCCB Young Adult Advisory Committee, Co-Director of Pine Hills Boys Camp, and a Dynamic Retreat and Conference Speaker on Discipleship, Evangelization and Men's Spirituality. If you register by October 1, the fee is \$20. After October 1 it is \$25. Young men aged 14-18 are FREE! Also, mark your calendars in December for our Annual Doc Egan Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, held in our Hall.

Our Assembly will continue to donate a pocket booklet gift to all new Sir Knights immediately following the ceremony at our upcoming and future Exemplifications. This booklet, beautifully-bound, contains both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. This month we also donated \$250 to Operation Patriotism. Last year our District 2 raised and donated \$4250 to Veteran causes: \$1000 went to Lansing and New Hope Center. Their third floor specifically houses homeless Vets in our area. \$1500 went to Fisher Home at the Ann Arbor VA Center, and \$1500 to the Battle Creek VA. An additional \$250 went to the Blue Star Service Dogs for Vets suffering from PTSD.

A proposed 2023-2024 Budget was presented at our September meeting, and will be voted on at our October meeting on Tuesday, October 17. I encourage those interested to attend and come early for some delicious Steak Subs at 6:00 p.m. to honor our committed members and servant leaders!

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, October 7. We will be praying the Holy Rosary just prior to our meeting (6:40 p.m.) for our Assembly members, living and deceased. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,
FN James Martellini



Captain's Corner

The Weight of Valor

SK Randy LaLonde 

As a young Navy medic in SEAL training, Edward Byers Jr. covered his barrack room with notes — reminders of his daily goals: *Did you work out today? Did you run? Did you swim?* And set in capital letters: *DID YOU PRAY TODAY?* Byers' Catholic faith strengthened him as he pursued his dream to become one of the Navy's elite special operators. He was assigned to his first SEAL (Sea, Air and Land) team in 2004 and later served with the Naval Special Warfare Development Group. During his 21-year career, he deployed overseas 11 times, including multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. And through those years of war, he continued to make time for prayer, seeking God's protection and peace.

He prayed Dec. 8, 2012, as he and his team hiked in darkness toward a Taliban compound in the mountains of Afghanistan. Their mission was to rescue an American doctor who had been kidnapped. Byers prayed again at the end of mission, over his brother SEAL, Petty Officer 1st Class Nicolas Checque. The doctor was safe, but Checque had been mortally wounded.

For his heroic actions that night, Byers became the first living SEAL since the Vietnam War to receive the U.S. military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor. President Barack Obama bestowed the medal on Byers in a White House ceremony attended by Byers' wife, Madison, and daughter, Hannah, in February 2016.

Byers retired from active duty as a master chief, he is now a board member of the Medal of Honor Foundation, where he travels throughout the nation to promote the virtues embodied by the medal. He likewise serves on the honorary board of the Navy SEAL Foundation and the advisory board of the C4 Foundation, charities that support SEALs and their families. Byers joined the Knights of Columbus in Virginia in 2018 and spoke with *Columbia* on Sept. 29, the feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Go to the following link to see his interview: [The Weight of Valor | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/the-weight-of-valor)

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.



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

For more Information Contact :
Your local Assembly Navigator -or-

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Mendon. Founder of K of C
Councils in Vicksburg,
St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo.



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Burger Nights

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Starting Sept. 11th

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

ONLY \$8.00 !!!!!



PRICE INCLUDES:

Your Choice of a Hamburger – Cheeseburger – Olive Burger
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Made To Order Dine In or Take Out
Your Choice Condiments Include:
Ketchup, Mustard, Pickle, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Onion

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CASH BASH

Friday - October 20, 2023

Doors Open - 4:00 PM

Drawing At 7:00 pm

Tickets \$20.00 Each - Admits **Two** Individuals

Only 300 Tickets Will Be sold
Need Not Be Present To win

"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"

23 Ways To Win From \$50.00

\$1,000 Top Prize

Tickets Available After August 1st at Council 788
Behind the Bar !!!!

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER \$8.00

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting
will be at Columbus Hall.
— Tuesday October 17th —**

Social time begins at 6:00 pm (Includes Food)

- Bring the Ladies -

Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm

also available virtually



Contact Dave Zerbe for assistance: azmaint13@gmail.com

— If you know a Brother Knight who is NOT getting this Newsletter or does NOT have access to email —
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