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## *From Our Navigator*

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies,

As always let's begin and continue in gratitude to Almighty God. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. O Lord and King of the Universe, we ask you to make our hearts more like your Sacred Heart, and increase our capacity to love and to serve you and others more and more according to your will for our life. Amen.



I would like to take this time to recognize and thank one of our fellow Brother Sir Knights for stepping up time and again, a true servant leader who has been such a gift and blessing to me directly and to our Assembly and Order. At our recent meeting, for the Good of the Order, it was my pleasure and great privilege to have presented SK Randall LaLonde, a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement, as our Sir Knight of the Month for November.

Our 87th Exemplification was held on Saturday, October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral and Fr. Crowley Center in Kalamazoo. I would like to honor and recognize our new SK Bill Ray, of Bishop Albers Assembly 0496 and St. Mary Cathedral Council 11694, and his entire 87th Exemplification Class, which included a Lt. Colonel and the new Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, SK Bishop Edward Lohse.

The Michigan March for Life was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, the one year anniversary of the passage of Proposal 3 in Michigan. The K of C was well represented with Knights and Sir Knights participating alongside thousands. The day began with a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral with the entire first floor of the Parish Center as overflow. Ten Honor Guard members participated and came from multiple Districts throughout the State. I was honored to represent our Assembly. There were six Bishops including new Sir Knight Bishop Lohse. Archbishop Vigneron was Principal Celebrant, and Bishop Boyea was the Homilist iterating the enduring battle cry of our grassroots movement for life... to "Fight Like Heaven" as a counter to our Governor's "fight like hell" abortion initiative. The Rally was held at the front of the Capitol. We all weathered the elements. Our Worthy State Deputy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the speakers, including Jeanne Mancini, President of National March For Life, we marched from the front of the Capitol to the rear and followed the Mall to the Hall of Justice and back along a closed off West Allegan Street. Our Faithful Comptroller and I were privileged to carry the State Council Respect Life Banner forward close to the front of the March. We were also led by our State Life Director Ed Strach. Our Former Supreme Director Tom Wegener marched alongside of us with other leadership.

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

#### I. He Will Come Again in Glory

672 Before his Ascension Christ affirmed that the hour had not yet come for the glorious establishment of the messianic kingdom awaited by Israel<sup>561</sup> which, according to the prophets, was to bring all men the definitive order of justice, love and peace.<sup>562</sup> According to the Lord, the present time is the time of the Spirit and of witness, but also a time still marked by "distress" and the trial of evil which does not spare the Church<sup>563</sup> and ushers in the struggles of the last days. It is a time of waiting and watching.<sup>564</sup>

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P1V.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1V.HTM)

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### From the Navigator

Our Honoring Veterans Day Dinner and Reflections was held on Saturday, November 11, and was a big success! We jointly sponsored this annual event with Assembly 3334 as we have for many years to recognize, pay tribute and give thanks to a select group of Americans, the American Veteran. We honor all of our Veterans who have served our country to protect and defend our Freedom. This event gives us another opportunity yearly to demonstrate our gratitude in a special way. Dignitaries in attendance included Reverend Fr. Bob Irish, Reverend Fr. Bob Bacik, Worthy Former Supreme Director and Past State Deputy Tom Wegener and Lady Joyce, Worthy PSD Dick McCloy, Worthy Former District Master and Current District Deputy Dave Buick and Lady Monica.

SK Tim Perrone was our Keynote Speaker. Tim had all nine of his siblings and their families in attendance. Tim offered a deeply heartfelt presentation of a Veteran he knew well. He shared an intimate and revealing portrait of his father, Dominick Perrone, a gunner on a B29 Bomber during WWII. Firsthand accounts, entries read from his father's journal discovered after his father's death, detailed some harrowing life and death experiences. [https://www.icloud.com/photos/#02bkO8C\\_hqLao1m0pQj\\_exymA](https://www.icloud.com/photos/#02bkO8C_hqLao1m0pQj_exymA)



I know how difficult it was for Tim to present his father's experiences from these journal pages. What a privilege for us all present. We were honored and we honored Dominick Perrone for his valor, for his courage under fire. God had something more in store and kept this young gunner alive to have a generational impact represented by two tables filled with Perrone family members in attendance supporting their brother and honoring their father.

I would like to recognize and thank all those that made this Veterans celebration possible, including our gracious Ladies and Sir Knights who helped with setup and who helped serve. 100% of our proceeds and added contributions totaling \$1000.00 will go to benefit the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, and a Centennial Garden monument in the name of our two Assemblies.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our **Annual Doc Egan Christmas Party** to be held at our hall on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Hope you and your families have a Blessed Advent in preparation for a Joyous Christmas and Vivat Jesus!

FN James Martellini 



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## 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

November: SK Randy LaLonde



"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:



**Our fallen Brothers in Christ**

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

Lady Kathy Stoffer  
 Lady Karen Freund  
 Family of SK Dave Luedtke  
 Lisa Luedtke  
 Missy King



## 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.

Soul of Fr Kenneth C. McDonald  
 Soul of Donald Pung  
 Soul of Lady Mary Corey (wife of Jay Corey)



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) .



## 0496 Honor Guard

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..

**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 First	Member First	Last Name	Ann Date
SamiJo	Zachary	Chasse	12 07
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

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Daniel Jr	Bazela	12 11
Allen	Barr	12 12
Robert	Whyte	12 12
Thomas	Murawski	12 15
Michael J.	McCue	12 19
Fr Michael	O Brien	12 21
Robert	Spehar	12 23
Phillip D.	Schertzing	12 23
Stephen	Graszler	12 24
Dave	Trakul	12 25
Michael	Hull	12 25
John	Hurth	12 29
James	McMahon	12 30
Ronald	Graber	12 30
David	Garlitz	12 30
Timothy	Perrone	12 31

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Mary Ellen	Schertzing	12 01
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
Cindy L.	Killian	12 24
Donna	Pohl	12 25
Noelle	Wegener	12 27
Mirla	Moses	12 31



## Richard Council 788

Would like to remind all that the Hall is available to rent at competitive rates for all of your Social events.

Contact them at **517-321-2209** for availability and prices..

## Watch and Wait; During Advent, Christ calls us to be vigilant



With Advent just around the corner we all need to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming. The Holidays can be a very busy and trying time for many people (especially those with young children!); below is a nice reflection and reminder of the importance of Advent. It's from an article on the KofC website from a few years ago By Gerald Korson (*a veteran Catholic journalist, and member of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana*).

As we begin the season of Advent, we notice the days growing shorter. For many, the air is turning chillier too. We likely will start spending more time at home as well to enjoy light and warmth.

To be "cooped up" at home presents certain challenges to our patience and mental health. But staying home also presents certain opportunities, particularly during Advent.

"What if we were able to take advantage of this shuttering of our busy lives to observe Advent as our church has always encouraged us to do: a time of reflection, a time of quieting, a time of stillness, to make room for Christ in our daily lives?" asked Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, Missouri, in a message on the diocesan website.



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In the Gospel of Mark (Mk 13:33-37), Christ also cautions vigilance as we anticipate "the Lord of the house" at his Second Coming. "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come ... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping!"

The reference here is to remaining faithful and prayerful, avoiding even the "near occasion of sin," as one formula for the Act of Contrition states. God is merciful, but to presume on his mercy and thereby become lax in our pursuit of holiness is a sin in itself. We must be prepared for his return — or our own death, at which moment we will face his judgment — at

all times. "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" writes the prophet Isaiah in our first reading (Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7).

Is such vigilance possible? Can we remain so faithful in the face of so many challenges? Yes, says St. Paul in our second reading, if we remember what we have been taught and rely upon God's grace for our strength. "He will keep you firm to the end," Paul writes, "irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 1:3-9).

And the Psalmist summarizes our Advent call: "Lord, make us turn to you" (Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 18-19). We turn to him in prayer, and we turn to him to seek his grace in his sacraments, in penance and the Eucharist.

With the devil lurking about seeking to draw us away from Christ and our path to heaven, the stakes could not be higher: it is a life-or-death struggle on an eternal scale.

We must remain vigilant, lest we be caught asleep.

**Captain's Corner**

**SK Randy LaLonde**





We are fortunate to be able to display our KCIC Banner in front of the Tribunal Building downtown Lansing. What better place to post this message than to Prominently place it directly across the street from the Michigan State Capital Building.



## Knights of Columbus

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Game Dinner



**Saturday January 13, 2024**

**St. Gerard Father Weber Hall**

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## Doc Egan Children's Christmas Party



Age appropriate to 11 yrs.

**Columbus Hall**

**Saturday, Dec 9th, 1-3 pm**

5300 N. Grand River Lansing 48906



Enjoy the reading of a Christmas story, games, snacks, gifts (giving & receiving), a visit with Santa, Nativity Scene, & a Christmas tree.



- Children are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to a local charity.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to sign Christmas cards for veterans in a VA facility.
- Each child will complete a craft project that will be donated to a local nursing home.



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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting  
will be at Columbus Hall.  
— Tuesday December 19th —**



**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](mailto:azmaint13@gmail.com)**

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