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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. Lord, help us surrender our will and follow Your Will for our lives as we embrace the challenges and changes a new year may bring within our own lives, our families, our Church, our country and our Order. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.*



This month we remember Rev. Martin Luther King who was guided first by his Faith. Let his example challenge us to personal conversion. He wrote: "Unjust structures exist because personal sin persists."

For the Good of the Order at our January meeting I was able to recognize and thank one of our fellow Brother Sir Knights for stepping up as our new Faithful Scribe much sooner than anyone expected despite significant challenges recovering from injuries caused by an accident shortly after being elected. It was my pleasure and great privilege to present a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement to SK Tony Kolp as our Sir Knight of the Month for January with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order. I also had the honor to recognize and present SK William Ray his Certificate as Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Congratulations Bill, and welcome!

We are in an important year of elections within our country and within our Order. This year is a Presidential election year. Along with key elections on the federal level, there will be state, county and local elections. I echo our Faithful District Master Joe Yekulis' directive: "As patriotic members of the Knights of Columbus, it will be incumbent upon all of us to take an active part in our country's elections."

This is our Faithful District Master's final year of a four-year term ending September 1 and it's time for another pivotal election with a transition in leadership in our Michigan District 2. Our next District meeting will be considered a biennial meeting and is scheduled for Saturday March 9 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson. We will be selecting delegates from our Assembly at our February Assembly meeting to vote at the biennial District meeting on three candidates for our next District Master. It's not too late if any of our committed members are interested in becoming a delegate. Also I know we have a number of longstanding servant leaders in our Assembly who may be interested in being considered as a prospective candidate for District Master. It would be quite an honor for one of our own to represent our District as its leader.

Another essential election will occur at our State Convention to be held on Wednesday May 22 through Friday May 24 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This is the year of the biennial elections of our State Council Officers including a new State Deputy and there will be a number of candidates vying for another opening on the State Council.

Hopefully we will bring another large class of new Sir Knights into our ranks at our 88th Exemplification of MI District 2 to be held on Saturday April 20 at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton. The Class Honoree will be Former State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Paul Ericks on, who served in the administration of our Supreme Regional Growth Director and PSD William Chassee'. The host hotel will be Homewood Suites by Hilton located at 8060 Challis Rd, Brighton. A Special Exemplification for Clergy, religious and others who may have difficulties will be held on Wednesday April 17 in Portland.

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Special Points of Interest:

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- 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

The Church's ultimate trial

675 Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.⁵⁷³ The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth⁵⁷⁴ will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. the supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.⁵⁷⁵

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

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From the Navigator

Please consider securing ads early for the Souvenir Ad Book which is a primary fundraiser to support our District and, with some intentionality, offers a fine secondary fundraiser to support our very own Assembly as well.

Our Order and our warrior arm are committed to do battle to protect Life and to save the unborn in our country. In addition to our State by State initiatives to bring America back to Life, it takes the guidance of the Holy Spirit with a well orchestrated national initiative starting and ending at our Nation's Capitol. The National March for Life event was held on Wednesday January 17 through Friday January 19 in Washington DC. This year's event themed "FOR EVERY WOMAN WITH EVERY CHILD" offered a Life EXPO throughout the three-day event with workshops for networking, equipping individuals and initiatives for battle. Our Order had a strong presence with a new short film, exhibits and sponsorships as we continue to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to Life. Advocacy workshops offered participants opportunities to learn how to make their voices heard by their elected officials. There were Holy Masses and Holy Rosaries throughout culminating with a Life Gala, a Life Concert followed by a Life Rally then the main event, the National March for Life marking not only the victory in Dobbs but also our need to maintain a presence in Washington. This year's route included the Capitol and Supreme Court. To give witness to the inherent dignity of the human person and not cease advocating for women and children until every life is protected. The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children was commemorated on Monday January 22.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being celebrated from Thursday January 18 through Thursday January 25, the Octave of Sts. Peter and Paul. This week brings together Christian denominations from around the world to pray for His followers to be One (John 17:21-23). This year's event theme: "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD... AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" (Luke 10:27). I, along with our Faithful Comptroller, Tim Perrone, and FN Sean Riley from Assembly 3334 were privileged to attend an Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Therese Church in Lansing on Friday January 19. The service was co-officiated by Bishop Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing and Bishop David Bard of the United Methodist Church of Michigan.

Our Diocesan Men's Conference "ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE: BE THE MAN YOU ARE CALLED TO BE" will be held on Saturday, March 16 in Ypsilanti on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. I encourage our Faithful Leadership, past and present, and all our local Knights and Sir Knights to participate as we have done in previous years. The members of our Order are often the majority of those in attendance.

There will be a Mass to commemorate the one year anniversary of the tragic death of my predecessor, Sir Knight PFN Ron Pioch & Lady Philomena Pioch. The Mass will be held on Sunday May 5 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Cathedral with our Honor Guard present. I would like to especially thank our FDM and PFN Dennis Henderson for taking the initiative by offering a Mass for Ron and Phil at his Parish St. James Catholic Church in Lake Placid, FL.

Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday is on February 14, St. Valentine's Day. The mystery of thorns intersecting with the mystery of roses. May the sacrifices and struggles of our Lenten journey yield the flowering fruits of His Love in our lives.

Vivat Jesus!

FN James Martellini 



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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

January: SK Tony Kolp



"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
 Fr Kusi of St James Parish
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 SK Tony Kolp
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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. **And for all your love's sake. Amen.**



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 .



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.



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.

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..



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Debbie	John	Hurth	02 07
Joann	John	Potoczny	02 08
Mary Kay	Walter	Ozanich	02 15

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
William	Chasse	02 02
Patrick	Donlon	02 03
James	Corder	02 04
Rev. Mark	Martin	02 05
Fredrick	Rocheleau	02 06
Brian	Killian	02 07
Mark	Stenske	02 10
Daniel	Klodt	02 11
Jerry	Wilhm	02 11
Nicholas	Dybas	02 15
Dennis	Becht	02 21
Daniel	Alspaugh	02 22
Robert	Andretz	02 22
Howard	Miller	02 23
Peter	Scaccia	02 24
James	Thomas	02 29

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Ann	Cook	02 07
Connie	Jones	02 09
Linda	Stanford	02 11
Charlene	King	02 14
Debbie	Peacock	02 17
Phyllis	Schmitz	02 18
Branda	Garlitz	02 20
Terri	Hecksel	02 25
Cay-Marie	Warner	02 25
Teresa	Brandell	02 25
Alana	Livingston	02 27



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..

At our meeting on Feb. 20, 2024, Assembly 0496 will elect from our members two delegates and two alternates for the biannual District Meeting to be held on Sat., March 9, 2024 in Jackson. Nominations for delegates and alternates will be accepted at the Assembly meeting. The delegates will cast votes for our new District Master from among the candidates to be presented at the District Meeting.

The Knights of Columbus and the March for Life

With the March for Life just a week ago, let us all remember to always defend and support all life from conception to natural death. I realize I am “speaking to the choir” when it comes to this very controversial topic, but it is also one that most, if not all, of us (myself most certainly) can always do more to promote. Even simple daily prayer is an important and vital step. That said, here is a brief history of the KofC’s involvement with this most important event.

Knights have supported the March for Life, the largest pro-life demonstration in the United States, since the very beginning
By Andrew Fowler (01/11/2021)

Since the very first march in 1974, the March for Life has been a vital part of Knights’ efforts to defend life from conception to natural death. Today, the March for Life is featured as part of the Order’s Faith in Action program, through which councils are encouraged to participate in or sponsor demonstrations in the U.S., Canada, the Philippines and other places around the world.

As March for Life president Jeanne Mancini [said](#) about the Knights of Columbus’ participation, without the K of C “there would be no March for Life.” And no weather, no pandemic, no circumstance has stopped the Knights from taking a stand for life.

From the Living Room to the Capitol

The March for Life had humble origins. Pro-life activists, including Knights, were debating how to mark the one-year anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and decided to contact Nellie Gray, a longtime Department of Labor employee and Catholic attorney. New York members of the Knights of Columbus knew Gray and her interest in pro-life causes following her work at the Nuremberg Trials — which recounted the tragedies of the Holocaust.

Gray and 30 other activists gathered at her home on Capitol Hill, and she was named president of the March for Life. When the first march was held on Jan. 22, 1974, Gray thought that they “were going to march one time and Congress would certainly pay attention to 20,000 people coming in the middle of winter” in order to overturn the Court’s decision.

Since then, pro-life demonstrators have made their voices heard at nearly 50 annual marches. In the early years, thousands of Knights and their families marched carrying “Respect Life” banners. The Knights also co-sponsored rosary rallies held congruent to the March for Life and, in 1978, Bishop Charles Greco, then-supreme chaplain for the Order, delivered an opening prayer at a pro-life rally on the eve of the march, pleading for God to give “courage, the perseverance and the resources” to those standing up for life.

By 1979, the Fourth Degree Knights officially [adopted](#) the March for Life as one of their programs, seeing it as their duty to protect and defend innocent life; meanwhile, the Order passed a resolution at that year’s Supreme Convention to support “all pro-life groups which expose the inherent evil of abortion and seek to change both the laws and social attitudes,” especially the March for Life.

SK Randy LaLonde 

We have all heard the saying, “In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.” It was on October 12 of that year that the Italian explorer, Christopher Columbus, Admiral of the Ocean Sea and patron of our Order, first sighted land on his first transatlantic crossing – a Caribbean island he named San Salvador, Holy Savior.

Sponsored by the Catholic King and Queen of Spain, Columbus’ westward voyage sought a new trade route to the Far East, new sources of wealth, and the spread of the Gospel message. Although there are plenty of modern-day critics of Columbus’ motives and actions, there can’t be any question that there are many, many positives to his legacy.

Columbus never came to what is now the United States, but his adventures paved the way for other Europeans to encounter Florida in 1513, Texas in 1521, and New York in 1524. It was his efforts that led to the founding of America, a nation that carries the poetic epithet of “Columbia.”

The first large scale observance of Columbus Day was in New York City, observing the tricentennial in 1792. In the ensuing century, millions of immigrants from Catholic countries arrived to become new citizens. They faced discrimination and suspicion of whether they could be patriotic Americans. To help allay those suspicions, Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

But anti-immigrant sentiment continued, culminating on March 14, 1891, in the largest mass lynching in our nation’s history, when eleven Italian immigrants were murdered by a mob of thousands in New Orleans. The injustice of it all led President Benjamin Harrison to call for a one-time celebration of Columbus Day for the 400th Anniversary in 1892. This celebration of Columbus Day led directly to the establishment of the Pledge of Allegiance, recited for the first time by thousands of schoolchildren across the country on October 21, 1892.

The apparent need to demonstrate that Catholics can be patriotic Americans prompted the Knights of Columbus to establish the Fourth Degree in 1900. The patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus has continued for nearly 1¼ centuries as the visible arm of our Order.

The patriotism of Catholics in America was highly evident during the First and Second World Wars. In 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and Italian-American leaders, Congress passed a statute requesting the President to issue an annual proclamation designating October 12 as Columbus, Day, calling for the display of the U.S. flag, and inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus Day, with appropriate ceremonies that express the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of the discovery of America.:

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt made the proclamation declaring Columbus Day, October 12, as a national holiday. In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation by which Columbus Day became an officially recognized Federal holiday, beginning in 1971, observed on the second Monday in October.

For the 500th Anniversary of Columbus’ landing, in 1992, Pope John Paul II visited the Dominican Republic to celebrate the quincentennial of Christianity in the Western Hemisphere, brought here by the patron of our Order, Christopher Columbus.

Thank you, my Brother Knights.

PGK Tim Perrone, Lecturer 



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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting
will be at Columbus Hall.
— Tuesday February 20th —**

Social & Rosary begins at 6:00 pm 😊

(Includes Food)

- Bring the Ladies -

Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm



also available virtually

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