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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

Let us begin in prayer as we enter in and reflect on our Lenten journey culminating in this Holiest Week that changed the world. O Lord, change our hearts into Your heart (Cor) as we embrace our daily trials and sufferings with Your Courage in Trust and Hope. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



For the Good of the Order, I was honored to recognize and thank one of our fellow Brother Sir Knight completing his first year as a Fourth Degree member of our Assembly. He has stepped up in ways seen and unseen, and has been such a gift and blessing. It was my pleasure and great privilege to present SK Phil Schertzing a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement as our Sir Knight of the Month for March 2024 with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order.

Special Points of Interest:

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



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Our Diocesan Men's Conference "ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE: BE THE MAN YOU ARE CALLED TO BE" was held on Saturday, March 16 in Ypsilanti on the campus of EMU. We had approximately 750 men in attendance. By a show of hands, around 80% of those in attendance were Knights. Just as in previous years, our Brother Knights lead the way as true servant leaders personifying our Faith in Action. The State Council was a principal Sponsor and Partner of the event, and also was an exhibitor among a number of others. We had sixteen Honor Guard members, including yours truly, representing our Diocese for the Mass celebrated by Bishop Boyea. We were well represented by Officers and members from both our Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly. Conference presenters included Justin Fatica and Doug Barry, along with our very own Fr. Joe Krupp. Justin Fatica was hard hitting and offered a message of Hope. His last name "Fatica" literally means "hard working, pouring oneself out," and he did just that. His ministry and message is that, "You're Amazing," because of who you are in Christ, and his organization "Hard as Nails" reflects it... "Be Courageous, Be Prayerful, Be Humble and Be Encouraging." Doug Barry's message was to be "Battle Ready," and his "Be Ready Coalition" ministry offers training to help wake up the fighting spirit in our souls. Be prepared... mind, body and spirit to engage as a soldier for Christ. The enemy is relentless and will stop at nothing to disrupt and destroy. Demons fear a Catholic man who is prepared and takes his duty seriously. Present and future generations are depending on how well we men fight this fight, and that we do it with zeal and conviction for Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother. Fr. Krupp prepared us to "Adore, Receive and Imitate" our Savior in silent meditation in front of the exposed Eucharist in the monstrance -- while on the Altar, again during Benediction, and then in Procession enveloping us while we were men on our knees.

Our District Biennial Meeting was held on Saturday, March 9 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Jackson. I would like to again thank our delegates SK Tim Perrone and SK Phil Schertzing who both accompanied me to this important meeting.

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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"

II. To Judge the Living and the Dead

678 Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgement of the Last Day in his preaching.⁵⁸¹ Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light.⁵⁸² Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned.⁵⁸³ Our attitude to our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love.⁵⁸⁴ On the Last Day Jesus will say: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."⁵⁸⁵

679 Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgement on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He "acquired" this right by his cross. the Father has given "all judgement to the Son".⁵⁸⁶ Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself.⁵⁸⁷ By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.⁵⁸⁸

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1W.HTM

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Also, I would like to again thank our alternates, SK Dave Zerbe, SK Dave Myers and SK Bill Ray. Our Faithful District 2 Master Joe Yekulis graciously agreed to stay on for a fifth year starting on September 1, 2024, pending final approval from Supreme. SK Ben Dandrow FN of Jackson Area Assembly 2186 in Michigan Center was introduced by our Faithful Master, and has stepped up to be considered as our next District 2 Master in 2025. At the meeting, our Assembly was recognized with the Civic Award, "For outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus," dated on October 6, 2023, and signed by Patrick E Kelly, Supreme Knight and Michael R McCusker, Supreme Master.

Our Fourth Degree Evening of Reflection is scheduled for Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt. The evening begins with a Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by Mass in the chapel at 7:00 PM. After Mass (7:30 PM) Faithful Friar Fr. Mike Kuchar of St. Francis Assembly 2982 will lead us in an inspiring Faith Reflection on the Triduum.

The 88th Exemplification of MI District 2 will take place on Saturday, April 20 at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton. I encourage members to come and support four of our own Sir Knight Candidates: Dakota Sawyer, Bruce Brennan, Tom Warning and Andrew Wegener. Class Honoree will be Former State Chaplain Rev. Paul Erickson, who served in the administration of our Supreme Regional Growth Director and PSD William Chassé. Join in the camaraderie on Friday night and Saturday night at the host hotel, Homewood Suites by Hilton in Brighton. A Special Exemplification for Clergy, religious and others who may have difficulties attending the Saturday event will be held on Wednesday, April 17 in Portland. The event Souvenir Ad Book is a primary fundraiser to support our District 2. We have been asked to sell ads and if we do it with some intentionality it may grow to become an important biannual fundraiser for our Assembly as well. When there are above \$500 in ad buys, the District returns 40% to our Assembly, and for sales above \$1000, the District returns 50%. Our proceeds totaled \$1550 from the Fall initiative, and our forthcoming rebate totaled \$475.00. We could easily match, double or even triple that amount if we start now.

There will be a Mass to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of my predecessor, Sir Knight FN Ron Pioch and Lady Philomena Pioch. The Mass will also be for all deceased members and ladies of our Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly. This First Annual Mass will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Cathedral, with our Honor Guard present.

The Living Rosary will be held on Thursday, May 23 on Mackinac Island during our State Convention, and again at our State Capitol on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 PM. St. Mary Cathedral Council #11694 will host this State event at the Capitol, and will provide refreshments prior and following the event at the Parish Center. For those, including Honor Guard, who want to remain, there will be a 4:00 PM Vigil Mass as part of a Eucharistic Pilgrimage initiative to the Seat of our Diocese. This may expand to an annual event with the Living Rosary at the Capitol combined with Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, along with Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and Procession.

Our busiest time is quickly approaching as we come toward the end of our Fraternal Year 2023-24. We will be finalizing Officer nominations and a slate of Officers at our April meeting on Tuesday, April 16, with elections at our May meeting on Tuesday, May 21. The Memorial Day Mass followed by the Catholic War Veterans Memorial Ceremony is on Monday, May 27 right after our State Convention; our Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day Friday, June 14 is just prior to the Living Rosary at our Capitol, and finally our Awards Banquet with both Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly will be, as in previous years, in place of our June meeting on Tuesday, June 18. I encourage participation in any and all of these activities and events in these remaining months by all committed members and all those who would like to recommit more fully and firmly embracing all four Pillars of our Order, and accepting the challenge as Catholic men living our Faith in these trying times being Warriors for Christ!

I hope you and your family have a Blessed Easter and Eastertide. May His Joy break through in us all.

Vivat Jesus!

FN James Martellini 



2024-2025 Newsletter Patron List



PATRON LIST – 2024

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 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 March: SK Phil Schertzing



"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
 SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
 SK John McCarthy
 SK Richard Maurer
 SK Tony Cherniawski
 SK Tony Kolp
 SK David Garlitz
 SK Ed Wawiernia



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



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..



APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Jennifer	Robert	Nelson	04 09
Rosemary	Frank	De Rose	04 15
Berthilde	Michele	Kanakuze	04 16
Joan	Daniel	Alspaugh	04 18
Karen	Eric	Wegener	04 25

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Richard	Maurer	04 01
Ronald	Cook	04 01
Hilary	Goerge	04 02
Jay	Corey	04 03
William	Richardson	04 03
Msgr Michael	Murphy	04 04
Ronald	Knapp	04 05
Michael	Shepard	04 05
Raymond	Nemecek	04 07
Kenneth	Morrison	04 10
Fr. John	Klein	04 11
Eric	Hafner	04 13
Kenneth	Watterson	04 16
John	Maurer	04 17
Stephen	Crippen	04 18
Adam	Pavlik	04 19
Bernard	Pollack	04 25
Patrick	Garlitz	04 29

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Margaret	Costigan	04 02
Alison	Walczak	04 04
Angie	Diaz	04 07
Kristin	Smith	04 09
Jalia	Rocheleau	04 09
Karen	Wegener	04 18
Colleen	Hermes	04 19
Michelle	Jurkovic	04 24
Teresa	Hull	04 28



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..



The Revolutionary War began: **April 19, 1775**

The events of that day have been popularized by succeeding generations as the "shot heard round the world." Often referred to as the "Battles of Lexington, and Concord," the fighting on **April 19, 1775** raged over 16 miles along the Bay Road from Boston to Concord, and included some 1,700 British regulars and over 4000 Militiamen.



The Revolutionary War (1775 - 1783), also known as the American Revolution, arose from growing tensions between residents of Great Britain's 13 North American colonies and the colonial government, which represented the British crown.

Skirmishes between British troops and colonial militiamen in April 1775 kicked off the armed conflict, and by the following summer, the rebels were waging a full-scale war for their independence.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord took a toll on both sides. For the colonists, 49 were killed, 39 were wounded, and five were missing. For the British, 73 were killed, 174 were wounded, and 26 were missing. While the colonists lost many minutemen, the Battles of Lexington and Concord were considered a major military victory and displayed to the British and King George III that unjust behavior would not be tolerated in America.

In 1778, France entered the American Revolution on the side of the colonists, turning what had essentially been a civil war into an international conflict. French assistance helped the Continental Army force the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781. America had won her independence.

FROM THE FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER:

The 88th Exemplification for Michigan District II of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton. Our Assembly will be welcoming four new members who will be inducted at the ceremony. Current members are welcome to attend. Ladies program (\$15) begins at 11:00 a.m. Member lunch (\$5) is at 11:30 a.m. The exemplification ceremony starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by a military wreath laying ceremony. There will be a Mass and reception, followed by the Master's Banquet at 6:30 p.m. (\$35 per person). Any member who wants to go must register and pay through the Faithful Comptroller, SK Tim Perrone, 517-290-1054, tperrone77@att.net before the April 12, 2024 deadline.



88th Exemplification

You are cordially invited to join us at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton, MI this spring to complete your journey into the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in MI District 2 of the Fr. Hennepin Province.

This one day event will be hosted by FN Don Powell of Msgr. Herman J. Fedewa Assembly #2050. The Master's Banquet will follow the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

A day you will remember forever.



Honoring Rev. Paul Erickson, Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish - Brighton, and former State Chaplain of MI for PSD William Chasse' from 2018-2020



St. Mary Magdalen Parish

2201 S. Old US-23 Hwy
Brighton, MI 48114

**Saturday
April 20th, 2024**

Exemplification Banquet to be held in the Parish Center

See Backside for Registration and Ladies Program details

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

- SK Joseph J. Yekulis Master District II 734-368-8469 joeyekulis@gmail.com
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Items of Interest..



**Sunday
April 14th**



**Pancake
Breakfast**



**Council 788 / St Gerards
Pancake Breakfast**

Join us the 2nd Sunday of each month for a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall, following all 3 morning Masses!

Interested in helping prepare and/or serve the breakfast?

Contact Randy at PD788@mikofc.org for more details or to sign up for a shift

-or-
Watch your email inbox for a SignUpGenius link later this month.



Knights of Columbus

Prime Rib



Dinner

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\$ 22.00 Per Person – Prime Rib Dinner

5 – 7 PM

PRIME RIB

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Fun – Food – Pull Tabs

End of Lent Celebration

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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting
will be at Columbus Hall.
— Tuesday April 16th —**

Social & Rosary 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 —
Contact: Ken Watterson @ 517.881.0812 or Dave Myers @ 517.281.1092.