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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies,

As always and in gratitude let us begin with prayer during this Grace-filled Eastertide. May the Glory of our Risen Savior remind us that nothing is impossible or without Hope. Help us surrender all to Your Will for our lives in the Present moment and be transformed with Your Life in us. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



At our April meeting for the Good of the Order, it was my pleasure and great privilege to present SK Bill Ray a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement as our Sir Knight of the Month for April with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order.

Fourth Degree Evening of Reflection was held during Holy Week, Tuesday, March 26 at St. Francis Retreat Center. The evening began with a buffet dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a faith reflection on the Triduum by Faithful Friar Fr. Mike Kuchar of St. Francis Assembly culminating, with the Holy Mass to end the evening. Thank you for all those who participated.

Special Points of Interest:

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



A fraternal welcome to Fr. Michael Skrocki, Past Faithful Friar and new Pastor of Saint Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Lansing. He is an Eastern Rite Catholic Priest. We are Western or Roman Rite Catholics. East and West are like the two lungs of the one body, the Catholic Church. Fr. Michael arrived from Augusta Georgia only a few weeks ago and is still getting settled. He has been accepted as a transfer into our Assembly and is planning on attending our next Assembly meeting. He may be interested in becoming our Faithful Friar. He and I are prayerfully discerning the decision and I encourage our leadership past and present along with our entire membership to be prayerful as well and consider attending our May meeting and meet Fr. Michael.

We as Knights are called to be Warriors for Life! The 46th Annual K of C Respect Life Dinner proudly presented by the Michigan Knights of Columbus and Right to Life (RTL) of Michigan Educational Fund was held on Tuesday, April 9 at the San Marino Club in Troy. I was privileged to attend along with SK Bill Ray and SK Mark Stenske among other Brother Knights in Christ. Our Worthy State Deputy Chris Kolomjec presented RTL a check for \$10,000! The Keynote was delivered by Dan Compton whose life story was a testament to the value of every human life, having been born through the hands of one of the notorious abortionists in American history, George Tiller. I encourage our Warriors for life to attend an upcoming local event to further demonstrate our commitment to life as Knights especially during these critical weeks before the November election. The 9th Annual Protect Life Michigan 'Dinner to Protect Life' will be held on Thursday, April 25 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. Dinner and Program will begin at 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5:30 PM for Social Hour and Cash Bar. The event including parking has been paid for by Protect Life Michigan. To register go to www.protectlifemi.org/dinner.

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The 88th Exemplification of MI District 2 took place at two different locations on two different days and we had our leaders at both to participate and be present to support our Sir Knight candidates as they became our newest Sir Knight members of our Bishop Albers Assembly. SK Dakota Sawyer from St. Mary Cathedral Council was one of seven who was able to go through a special Exemplification held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Portland just prior to his military deployment. Welcome and congratulations to SK Dakota Sawyer, and thank you for your service! Our principal 88th Exemplification took place on Saturday, April 20 at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton.

♣ 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

680 Christ the Lord already reigns through the Church, but all the things of this world are not yet subjected to him. the triumph of Christ's kingdom will not come about without one last assault by the powers of evil.

681 On Judgement Day at the end of the world, Christ will come in glory to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil which, like the wheat and the tares, have grown up together in the course of history.

682 When he comes at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, the glorious Christ will reveal the secret disposition of hearts and will render to each man according to his works, and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace.

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

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Welcome and congratulations to SK Bruce Brennan from St. Mary Cathedral Council, and to SK Tom Warning and SK Andrew Wegener from Richard Council. The class of over one hundred honored Former State Chaplain Rev. Paul Erickson, who served in the administration of our Supreme Regional Growth Director and PSD William Chassé. The Exemplification Souvenir Ad Book is an ongoing and primary fundraiser to support our District 2. We have had some increased success selling ads and with some intentionality this initiative may grow to become an important biannual fundraiser for our Assembly as well. Above \$500 in ad buys, the District returns 40%, and above \$1000, the District returns 50%. Our proceeds totaled \$1550 from the fall initiative and our forthcoming rebate totaled \$475. We have nearly matched that amount this spring and should reach a similar amount to be rebated from the District. Thank you to all our servant leaders who stepped up!

There will be a Mass to commemorate the one year anniversary of the tragic death of my predecessor, Sir Knight PFN Ron Pioch, and Lady Philomena Pioch and for the intention of 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. Our St. Mary Cathedral Council will be hosting this State event 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 a more formal annual event in the years to come 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 upon us as we approach the end of the Fraternal Year. Please take note of the upcoming events and consider becoming involved. Our officer nominations and finalizing our slate of officers followed by our election will occur at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 21. This is a Biennial year and there will be State Officer nominations and a slate of State Officers elected at our State Convention to be held on Wednesday, May 22-24. Memorial Day Mass & Catholic War Veterans Ceremony will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery on Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m., with a luncheon to follow at the Hall. Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Flag Day Friday, June 14 at the hall with refreshments served. Our Joint Awards Banquet will be on Tuesday, June 18 with both Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly participating, as in previous years, in place of our June meeting.

The great gift of Easter and Eastertide is Hope. May we all radiate His Light and Joy with our heart becoming His enlivened heart in us. The month of May is dedicated to our Lady, His Blessed Mother and ours. Let us pray for Her influential intercession through all our encounters and throughout this season of Hope!

Vivat Jesus! FN James Martellini 

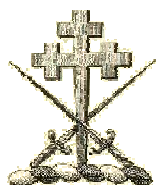


2024-2025 Newsletter Patron List



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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

April: SK Bill Ray



"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 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
 SK John Duffy
 SK Dan Bazela



Lady Kathy Stoffer
 Family of SK Dave Luedtke
 Lisa Luedtke



Soul of Fr Bill Lugger
 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..



Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



Our fallen Brothers in Christ

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. **And for all your love's sake. Amen.**



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.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Rebecca	Wissner	05 12
Mary	Corbett	05 12
SamiJo	Chasse	05 21
Colleen	Dehnke	05 23
Rebecca Becky""	McQuillan	05 28
Kathleen Ann	Ockert	05 30

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
David	Freund	05 01
David	Fons	05 03
Anthony	Kolp	05 04
William	Schaner	05 04
Christopher	Benson	05 04
Zachary	Chasse	05 06
Cody	Chasse	05 06
Douglas	Angst	05 08
Jeffrey	Corder	05 11
John	McCarthy	05 12
Christopher	Ostrowski	05 14
Randall	LaLonde	05 16
Charles	Pratt	05 19
David	Simon	05 20
Donald	Ruthruff	05 24
Ronald	Bruner	05 26
Thomas	Kalchik	05 28
Christopher	Costigan	05 29
Brian	Klopp	05 30
Adrian	Ahern	05 31

Anniversaries

Spouse	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Liz	William	Schaner	05 01
Lori	Harold	Beaton	05 02
Jeanine	James	Thomas	05 02
Maria	James	Gonzalez	05 04
Joyce	Thomas	Wegener	05 05
Michelle	David E.	Barker	05 06
Constance	Patrick	Garlitz	05 06
Mary	Robert	Corbett	05 07
Maxine	Dennis	Henderson	05 07
Denise	Paul	Kelsey	05 08
Leona	Gregory	Brunette	05 09
Ann	Ronald	Cook	05 12
Colleen	Douglas	Angst	05 14
Frances	Joseph	Jong	05 17
Helen	Clifford	Farr	05 18
Colleen	Timothy	Hermes	05 18
Renee	Justin	Moore	05 21
Susan	John	Fiero	05 22
Elizabeth	David	Myers	05 22
Rebecca	William	Wissner	05 26
Kristin	Clyde	Smith	05 28
Nancy	Raymond	Kremsreiter	05 30
Sue	Allen	Jensen	05 30



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..



What is the true meaning of Memorial Day?

While Veteran's Day is considered a celebration of all American military veterans, living and dead, Memorial Day is designated to honor those who died in service to our country. "This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home." "It is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom." It is a day to pause and reflect upon the many service members who risked and ultimately lost their lives fighting on behalf of the United States, no matter when, where, or which military conflict was involved.

What is the proper way to celebrate Memorial Day?

There are many ways you can commemorate Memorial Day. Because it is considered a day of national mourning, if you fly an American flag, it should be flown at half-staff until noon and then raised up for the remainder of the day. There is also a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time, where you are asked to pause for one minute of silence to remember our fallen. Look for Community events like parades.

St Joseph Cemetery in Lansing will Celebrate Mass. Chk for time..

What do you say to a veteran on Memorial Day?

The most appropriate message on Memorial Day is saying "thanks" in any way you can to an armed services veteran. "Thank you for your service" is the most common phrase to use on Memorial Day or frankly at any time during the year. Try to avoid wishing anyone "Happy Memorial Day," though, as it is a somber occasion, not a joyous one.

Welcome to the 4th Degree Bishop Albers Assembly 0496

SK Bruce Brennan
SK Dakota Sawyer
SK Thomas Warning
SK Andrew Wegener
April 20th, 2025



Item of Interest..

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. Hemepin Province.

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

A day you will remember forever.




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 Schedule for Registration and Luncheon Program details.

For more information contact:
Your local Assembly "Newspaper" or:

- SK Joseph J. Vekalis *Master District #2*
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Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus

**2024
Living Rosary**



Faith In Action



**SATURDAY
June 15th, 2024
2:00 pm**

**State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan**



More information : mikofclivingrosary.org Hosted by: St. Mary Cathedral, Council 11694

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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting
will be at Columbus Hall.
— Tuesday May 21st —**

Social & Rosary begins at 6:00 pm

(Includes Food)

- Bring the Ladies -

Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm



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