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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies,


In gratitude to our Almighty Triune God, in the name of The Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit. O Lord, help us follow Your will for our lives in all we say and do moment by moment. May we be more generous with our time, talent and treasure as we serve and lead most especially within our families, within our parishes and within our Order. Amen.



**Fraternal Welcome to our new Faithful Friar Fr. Michael Skrocki**, Pastor of Saint Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Lansing. He along with our leadership attended a hot dog social and prayed the Holy Rosary on the Hall patio prior to our August meeting. For the Good of the Order, Fr. Michael presented on the Eastern Catholic Church.

**Special Points of Interest:**

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



**Assembly Officer Installation and Dinner** was a joint event with our four area assemblies from Lansing, Charlotte and Owosso. It was held on Wednesday, August 21 at St. Gerard Church in Lansing. The evening began with Holy Mass 6:00 PM Mass and was con-celebrated by Fr. Mark Martin and our Faithful Friar, Fr. Michael Skrocki with our Honor Guard participation. The Installation ceremony followed and was presided over by our Worthy District Master, Joe Yekulis assisted by our Senior Marshall, Bill Currie. A dinner followed.

**24th Annual Knights of Columbus Family Night to Celebrate Vocations** was held on Friday, August 2 at Jackson Field in Lansing. Our Lansing Lugnuts faced the Dayton Dragons. Clergy, seminarians, nuns and novices, our Bro Knights and Sir Knights, families and friends all came to the game for fun, food and drink and to support our Catholic Vocations! Our Honor Guard with Color Guard was well represented on the field for the National Anthem. Guard members were honored with a pep talk by our State Deputy prior to stepping onto the field. Our Master and Immediate Former Master with our Honor Guard in formation, presented Bishop Boyea a Master's Gold Sword engraved with his name Bishop of Lansing and mounting plaque. Congratulations to our very own, SK Clifford Farr, Knight and Sir Knight of the month for August and the founder of this amazing and enduring event. Thank you Cliff for all you do and for who you are as servant leader.

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**Warriors to Lourdes Program.** This initiative is close to the heart of our Supreme Master, and he would like our support. Our District-wide Operation Patriotism Program in which all our assemblies contribute will direct a portion of the contributions to support "Warriors to Lourdes Program" for our vets. Our Master encourages individual assembly contributions as well. <https://mikofc.org/news/warriors-to-lourdes>

## ♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

♣ CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE 8 I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



687 "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."<sup>7</sup> Now God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, his Word, his living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of himself. the Spirit who "has spoken through the prophets" makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith. the Spirit of truth who "unveils" Christ to us "will not speak on his own."<sup>8</sup> Such properly divine self-effacement explains why "the world cannot receive (him), because it neither sees him nor knows him," while those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells with them.<sup>9</sup>

688 The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit:

- in the Scriptures he inspired;
- in the Tradition, to which the Church Fathers are always timely witnesses;
- in the Church's Magisterium, which he assists;
- in the sacramental liturgy, through its words and symbols, in which the Holy Spirit puts us into communion with Christ;
- in prayer, wherein he intercedes for us;
- in the charisms and ministries by which the Church is built up;
- in the signs of apostolic and missionary life;
- in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P1Z.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1Z.HTM)

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**MI District 2 Meeting.** Our first evening District meeting will be on Wednesday, August 28 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Jackson. Open to all interested in attending. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Navigators, Comptrollers, and Captains should attend. This meeting is in preparation for the upcoming Exemplification. Lady Denise would like to invite our Ladies to attend to help prepare for the Ladies Program at the Exemplification.


**89th Exemplification of MI District 2** is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 at St. Mary Parish in Charlotte. Class Honoree is Pastor Rev Dwight Ezop who is also the Executive Editor of Faith Magazine published throughout our MI District 2. A Special Exemplification for Clergy and Religious and those unable to attend the Exemplification in Charlotte will on Wednesday, September 25 in Portland. I encourage our leadership to reach out to your circle of influence and invite your friends, family and fellow Bro Knights. This will be the last Exemplification Ceremony of its kind. The new ceremony will be introduced at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City, on Saturday, February 22, 2025, on the 125th Anniversary of our Patriotic Degree. Consider reaching out to secure ads now for the **Exemplification Souvenir Ad Book**, biannual fundraiser for our District and Assembly!

September is devoted to Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us unite our sufferings to our Lady and Her Son, our Lord, as we reflect particularly on Her Seven Sorrows throughout the month. Her Solemnity is on the 15th.

September is also dedicated to St. Vincent de Paul. His Feast day is on the 27th.

As we step into September...the 2nd is Labor Day. The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City in 1882, the same year our Order was founded. Hope you find a way to celebrate both with family and friends.

Blessed Michael J McGivney and St Vincent de Paul, Pray for us.

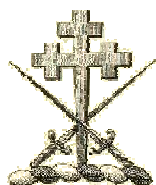
Vivat Jesus,  
FN James Martellini 

**From the Navigator**

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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**  
**SK Cliff Farr**



"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 Mike Kaiser  
 Fr Kusi of St James Parish  
 SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King  
 SK John McCarthy  
 SK Richard Maurer  
 SK Tony Kolp  
 SK David Garlitz  
 Patrick Garlitz  
 SK Ed Wawiernia  
 SK John Duffy  
 SK Dan Bazela  
 Charles McCune  
 SK Ed Stoffer & Lady Kathy Stoffer



Family of SK Dave Luedtke  
 Lisa Luedtke  
 Kevin Speicher, Brother of Fr Speicher  
 Mary Ann Thelen

Respectively,  
 All Seminarians  
 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](http://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.



# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Randy	Cusack	09 01
Richard	Bierwagen	09 02
Gerald	Ockert	09 09
Paul	Rojeski	09 10
Loyd	Kintz	09 12
William	Schwannecke	09 12
David	Kreager	09 13
James	Martellini	09 13
Patrick	Williams	09 16
Fred	Findley	09 16
Skrocki	Rev. Michael	09 18
Mark	Leyko	09 19
Thomas	Wegener	09 21
Ernest	Van Alstine	09 26
Frederick	Kirrmann	09 26
Dennis	Henderson	09 27
Billy	Faust	09 27

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Mary	Dancisak	09 07
Jody	Martellini	09 08
Susan	Fiero	09 08
Jamie	Adams	09 09
Colleen	Angst	09 11
Jean	Merrill	09 15
Vickey	Wegener	09 16
Deb	Maurer	09 16
Nancy	Luedtke	09 17
Suzanne	Bassett	09 18
Kristen	McCue	09 23
Sue	Jensen	09 23
Karen	Freund	09 25
Renee	Moore	09 27
Pattie	Schaefer	09 27
Jeanine	Thomas	09 30

## Anniversaries

Spouse	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Alana	Corey	Livingston	09 01
Linda	Joseph	Kobus	09 01
Angie	Justiniano	Diaz	09 05
Janice	James	Bollman	09 07
Christina	Peter	Scaccia	09 09
Nancy	David	Luedtke	09 10
Ann	John	Mc Carthy	09 11
Rita	Eugene	Murawski	09 14
Rosemary	Daniel	Klodt	09 14
Tonia	Michael	Du Mont	09 16
Jane	Hilary	Goerge	09 18
Michelle	Dane	Jurkovic	09 21
Pattie	Michael	Schaefer	09 25
Cherie	Lawrence	Leece	09 29



## 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..

**Captain's Corner****Catholic Chaplains Who Were Medal of Honor Recipients**

The Medal of Honor (often referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor because it is awarded by the President in the name of the Congress of the United States) is our Nation's highest military decoration for valor in combat. Out of 3538 Medals of Honor awarded to American military personnel since it was first instituted during the Civil War, nine recipients were Army or Navy chaplains—even though they were unarmed. The first four were Protestant ministers during the Civil War. Since then, the remaining five were all Catholic priests, including Lt. Commander Joseph T. O'Callahan (Navy--World War II); Capt. Emil J. Kapaun (Army--Korean War --posthumous); Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno (Navy--Vietnam War--posthumous); Capt. Charles J. Liteky (Army--Vietnam War); and Maj. Charles J. Watters (Army--Vietnam War--posthumous). Kapaun and Capodanno have also been declared "Servants of God" by the Vatican, the first step on the path toward canonization. Four Army chaplains—one a Catholic priest—gave their lives in the line of duty during World War II when the troop transport SS Dorchester was torpedoed and sunk by a German U-Boat while carrying over 900 American soldiers to England on February 3, 1943. Several lifeboats were damaged in the explosion, so Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist), Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Rev. Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church in America) and Fr. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic) rushed to organize the frightened soldiers and distribute life vests. When those ran out, the chaplains gave up their own life vests to other soldiers. They were last seen on deck, arms linked in prayer, as the ship slipped beneath the waves. All four chaplains were posthumously awarded Distinguished Service Crosses and Purple Hearts by the military in 1944. Requests by the American Legion to award these men posthumous Medals of Honor did not meet the criteria of their being engaged in actual combat with an enemy. Instead, an Act of Congress created a unique, posthumous award for them in 1960, never to be awarded again—the Four Chaplains' Medal, also known as the Chaplains' Medal of Honor or Chaplains' Medal for Heroism, because it was intended to carry the same significance as a Medal of Honor.

SK Phil Schertzing Captain



Our Installation of Officers was held at St Gerard Parish on Wednesday Aug 21st. Master Joe Yekulis performed the ceremony aided by Marshal Bill Currie. Fr. Michael Skrocki from St. Joseph Greek Melkite Church was sworn in to be the Faithful Friar of Bishop Albers Assembly 0496.



**CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS**  
**WESTPHALIA STYLE**  
**Tournament Dates**  
**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
 5300 N. Grand River Ave.  
 Lansing, MI 48906  
 Ph. 517-321-2209

Tournament Director:  
 SK Tony Kolp  
 Ph. 517-706-9242  
 Email: TonyKMK@ameritech.net



Timing: Doors Open 5:30pm, Play starts 6:30pm  
 Each Tournament Group A,B,C, D Play contains: 12 Players  
 Plan is to limit this Tournament to 48 players at 12\* players in each Tournament  
 \*A minimum of 12 players required to play this Tournament  
 \* Each tournament will require 12 Players, 24 Players, 2 tournaments,  
 36 players, 3 tournaments, 48 Players, 4 Tournaments

Each Tournament will play 11 Games  
 Players will have a new partner for each game

**Players will receive:**

A group Number, i.e., A, B, C, D  
 A **starting** table number, 1, 2, 3,  
 A schedule indicating: **Starting** Player No. \_\_\_ & Partner No. \_\_\_  
 Scoring is according to attached schedule  
 \*19' Hands will donate .50 into a cup on each Table  
 High hand for the Tournament will be awarded the , '19' cup monies

**Cost of entry is \$25:**

\$10 Rent to LCA Banquet Room  
 \$5 for a Hamburger and Fries, 'Cooked to Order'  
 \$10 Prize Monies

**Other:**

Doors open at 5:30pm  
 Play will start at 6:30pm  
 Bar will be open, Bar rates will apply  
 Registration will be , "First Come/First Served"  
 Awards and Scoring per attached: Pay Sheet

**Registration:** Please Call or Text or email Tony Kolp, 517-706-9242,  
 TonyKMK@ameritech.net to get your entry No. \_\_\_\_, limit is 48 entries,



# 89th Exemplification



St. Mary's Church  
807 St Mary's Blvd  
Charlotte, MI 48813

You are cordially invited to join us at St. Mary Parish in Charlotte, MI this fall 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 Admiral George Wygant and FN Stephen Godin of Bishop Kenneth J. Povish Assembly #2815. The Master's Banquet will follow the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

A day you will remember forever. 

**Saturday**  
**October 5th, 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-

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Honoring Rev. Dwight Ezop, Pastor of St. Mary Charlotte and Managing Editor of Faith Magazine published throughout MI District 2.



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## LCA CORPORATION



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Registration from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM



**\$15.00 Registration Fee**

**Registrants receive a Burger Basket and Gift Bag**

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**Our next scheduled Meeting will be at  
Columbus Hall**

**— Sept 17th —**

**Social and Rosary begins at: 6:00 pm**



**Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm**

also available virtually

**Contact Dave Zerbe for assistance: [azmaint13@gmail.com](mailto: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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