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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings Faithful Sir Knights and our devoted 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. O Lord, as we prepare in waiting for Your Birth, enliven our Faith, increase our Hope, and grow our Love in You our source. Amen.

Congratulations and welcome to our new members; **SK John Claybaugh, Jr.** from St. Mary Cathedral Council, **SK Adam Droste** from St. Therese Council, and **SK Duane Horst** from Richard Council.



At our general meeting each month, for the Good of the Order, we take time to recognize and thank one of our fellow Brother Sir Knights for stepping up time and again in ways seen and unseen. True servant leaders who have been such a gift and blessing to us directly and to our Assembly and Order. It was my pleasure and great privilege at our last meeting to honor SK Ken Watterson, presenting him with a "Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement" as our "Sir Knight of the Month for November 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 Joint Bishop Albers and Lansing Assemblies Annual Honoring Veterans Day Dinner and Reflections was held Saturday, November 9 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center. This recurring event gives us another opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude in a special way... honoring our Veterans who have served our country to protect and defend our freedom. 100% of our proceeds plus additional contributions go to benefit our Veterans and their families. This year's total of \$1000.00 equaled last year's total, and will again be presented formally to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. This national home is a well-kept secret, a national treasure, in our own backyard doing amazing work helping our most vulnerable veterans and their families to transition from military life to civilian life... helping and honoring veterans for literally 100 years! They will be celebrating their centennial year throughout 2025!

The evening began with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Rolph, Pastor of IHM and our event host. Following an opening prayer and grace by Fr. Jim, we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared for us by St. Francis Retreat Center. I would like to recognize and specifically thank Barb Geahan and her staff at St. Francis for coming through for us despite having to handle two weekend retreats at the same time! I would like to thank all those that made this celebration possible, firstly, Fr. Jim Rolph, along with our gracious Ladies and Sir Knights who helped with setup and who helped to serve and stayed late to tear down and clean up. In particular, I would like to thank SK Dan Reinecke from Lansing Assembly for co-hosting, and especially Donna Goulet for all the effort to ensure a successful event. Our speakers included **SK Ken Balcer**, Capt. USA (ret) with 20-1/2 years of service. Naval Aviator, USMC, Senior Aviator US Army; **SK Jim Sigmon**, who served in the US Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserves for over 32 years from February 1967 to June 2005. **Bro Knight Ken Klee**, State Commander for the Catholic War Veterans, drafted into the US Army February 1971 and sent to Vietnam July 5, 1971, with the 94th Engineer Detachment, 20th Engineering Brigade. Our **Worthy District Master Joe Yekulis** finished the evening discussing Operation Patriotism and the various Veteran causes supported by our MI District 2. Our event was capped off by the singing of "God Bless America " and our National Anthem, "the Star-Spangled Banner," led by SK Tim Perrone.

The Doc Egan Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at our Columbus Hall from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This event is jointly sponsored by our Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly and Richard Council. Come and see... and enjoy this Season of giving and receiving with our children.

♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

♣ CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE 8



II. The Name, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

The proper name of the Holy Spirit Symbols of the Holy Spirit

694 Water. the symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth: just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. As "by one Spirit we were all baptized," so we are also "made to drink of one Spirit."²⁷ Thus the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified²⁸ as its source and welling up in us to eternal life.²⁹

695 Anointing. the symbolism of anointing with oil also signifies the Holy Spirit,³⁰ to the point of becoming a synonym for the Holy Spirit. In Christian initiation, anointing is the sacramental sign of Confirmation, called "chrismation" in the Churches of the East. Its full force can be grasped only in relation to the primary anointing accomplished by the Holy Spirit, that of Jesus. Christ (in Hebrew "messiah") means the one "anointed" by God's Spirit. There were several anointed ones of the Lord in the Old Covenant, pre-eminently King David.³¹ But Jesus is God's Anointed in a unique way: the humanity the Son assumed was entirely anointed by the Holy Spirit. the Holy Spirit established him as "Christ."³² The Virgin Mary conceived Christ by the Holy Spirit who, through the angel, proclaimed him the Christ at his birth, and prompted Simeon to come to the temple to see the Christ of the Lord.³³ The Spirit filled Christ and the power of the Spirit went out from him in his acts of healing and of saving.³⁴ Finally, it was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.³⁵ Now, fully established as "Christ" in his humanity victorious over death, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit abundantly until "the saints" constitute - in their union with the humanity of the Son of God - that perfect man "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ":³⁶ "the whole Christ," in St. Augustine's expression.

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From our Navigator

Looking further ahead, a number of our Sir Knights and Brother Knights will be participating in a men's weekend retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26, 2025. This is an opportunity for us and other men to come together in fraternity and prayer, to go deeper and grow in our Faith as Catholic men. If you are unable to attend the entire weekend, consider at least one day of the weekend. If you're unable to attend this retreat, consider another. I encourage our members to participate and to take a leadership role by inviting other men to one of the various men's retreats being offered throughout this liturgical or fraternal year. Sign up online at www.stfrancis.ws.

Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly will jointly sponsor Our First Annual Blue Mass. The Blue Mass is to recognize and honor all our local First Responders: our firefighters, our law enforcement officers, and our EMS personnel. This Blue Mass is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. This is a Vigil Mass and our local Outreach Mass, which will be live streamed and recorded, and then televised locally multiple times on the following day, Sunday, February 23, 2025. The Honor Guard will be present and participating. Our Faithful Master will be joining us along with other dignitaries. There will be a reception to follow. This date might look familiar. At the same time in New York City at St. Patrick's Cathedral, our Fraternal Order will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of our Patriotic Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Looking even further ahead, our 90th Exemplification of MI District 2 will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek, MI. Our Class Honoree will be the Most Reverend Bishop Edward M. Lohse, Bishop of Kalamazoo. Since we will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary, our Supreme Master is asking every District to bring in 125 new members in honor of this important milestone. Our District Master "expects an all-out effort" on our part.

A special closing note to continue your generous support of our Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program with all the various KCIC initiatives, including Christmas cards, ornaments, banners and yard signs, and a special thank you for the generous, longstanding leadership of SK Ken Watterson, SK Walt Ozanich and Lady Mary Kay.

Hope you and your family have a Blessed Advent in preparation for a Joyous Christmas.

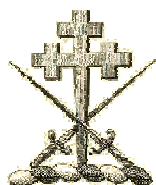
Vivat Jesus! FN James Martellini



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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 SK Ken Watterson



"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

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 SK Tony Kolp
 SK John Duffy
 SK Dan Bazela
 SK Ed Stoffer & Lady Kathy Stoffer
 SK Dave Zerbe
 SK Michael Buzanowaki



Family of SK Dave Luedtke
 Colleen LaLonde
 JoAnn Trussell
 Charles McCune
 Don Carlock

Soul of SK Daniel Alspaugh
 Soul of Douglas Donlon

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 .

Go to the link to order the Uniform, the price is still \$475.00 and we offer a \$200.00 incentive to assist you with your purchase, reducing your price to \$275.00.

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.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Members Birthdays

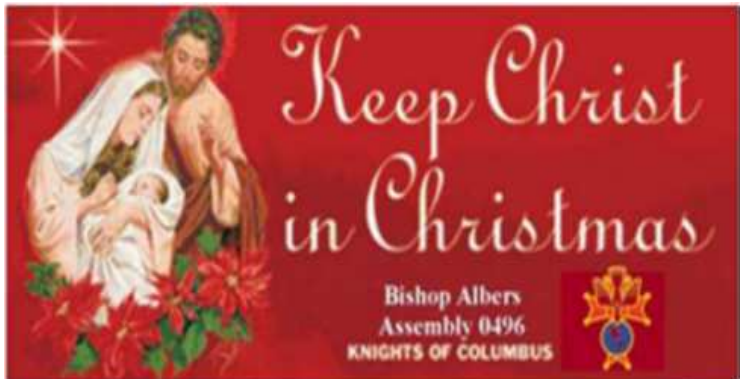
First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Daniel Jr	Bazela	12 11
Thomas	Murawski	12 15
Michael J.	McCue	12 19
Fr Michael	O Brien	12 21
Phillip D.	Schertzing	12 23
Robert	Spehar	12 23
Dave	Trakul	12 25
Michael	Hull	12 25
John	Hurth	12 29
Ronald	Graber	12 30
David	Garlitz	12 30
Timothy	Perrone	12 31

Anniversaries

Spouse	First Name	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

Spouse Birthdays

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
Noelle	Wegener	12 27
Mirla	Moses	12 31



**A Downloadable copy of the
Assembly Member Roster
is available at:**

**<https://assembly0496.org/members/>
— the password is: **bishopalbers****

— click 'Enter'



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..

Honoring our Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans



On Veterans Day, November 11, our nation honored our American veterans who served in any branch of the Armed Forces, whether during peacetime or wartime. All the veterans from the Revolutionary War to World War I have long since passed away, but the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that there are still about 66,000 surviving veterans of World War II (1941-1945), with a median age of 98. When they returned home after the war, like veterans of many earlier conflicts where the U.S. emerged victorious, they were feted with parades and other tributes.

However, for those who served during the Korean War (1950-1953) or Vietnam War (1964-1975), not so much. All too often, their service and sacrifices were ignored, criticized, disparaged, or even reviled by some segments of the American public. Many veterans naturally felt bitter and resentful about this shameful treatment and lack of a proper homecoming welcome. Korean War veterans in particular were dismayed to hear that they had served in a mere "police action," or in the "Forgotten War." A total of 1,789,000 U.S. Servicemembers served "In Theater" (i.e., in combat or military operations on the Korean Peninsula, including land, air and sea operations) during the Korean War, while 3,403,000 were deployed "In Theater" in Southeast Asia (i.e., Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia or Thailand, including contiguous waters or airspace) during the Vietnam War. It is difficult to determine precisely how many veterans who actually served "In Theater" in these conflicts survive today out of an estimated seven million living veterans who served around the world during the Korean and Vietnam War eras, including in "Non-Theater" areas, but their ranks are certainly declining at a rapid rate with the relentless toll of years. These veterans should be sought out and their service recognized and documented for posterity. To describe this as a "belated gesture" is gross understatement. Knights of Columbus councils and Patriotic Fourth Degree assemblies are actively involved in settling this long overdue debt through the Korean and Vietnam War Census Program for members of our Order who served in either of those conflicts. As the American poet Nixon Waterman wrote in 1919, "A rose to the living is more Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."

SK Phil Schertzing Captain



Captain's Corner



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EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

Starting - Sept. 9th

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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Columbus Hall

5300 N. Grand River Ave. - Lansing, MI. 48906



Items of Interest..

Pancake Breakfast



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

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

Sunday, December 8th
Sunday, January 12th
Sunday, February 9th
Sunday, March 9th
Sunday, April 13th



Doc Egan Children's Christmas Party



Columbus Hall

Age appropriate to 11 yrs.

Saturday, Dec 7th, 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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From our Faithful Comptroller

A reminder to all our Brother Sir Knights that annual dues notices for the 2025 calendar year will be mailed out at the end of December 2024. Dues remain at \$25 per year, with any unpaid dues carried over. There is also the opportunity for additional contributions. This year we will emphasize contributions to the Chalice Fund. We will also accept contributions for Holy Cross Children's Services, and \$10 Patron ads to have your name listed in our monthly newsletters. Anyone having difficulty with paying dues should contact the Faithful Navigator.



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

— Tuesday December 17th —

Social and Meal begins at: 6:00 pm

Rosary and Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm



— 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.