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From Our Navigator



Festive Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Knights and our Devoted Ladies,
As always, let us begin and continue in gratitude to Almighty God during this festive time of Christmas Blessings as we come to an end of a calendar year and begin a new calendar year. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. O Lord, You were born through a sinless Virgin saying "Yes" mostly unnoticed by the world. May we say "Yes" in continual surrender and may Your Saving Love grow in us as we become more and more attentive and responsive to Your promptings, often hidden in the moments of our daily lives. Amen.

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 Tony Cherniawski, presenting him with a "Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement" as our "Sir Knight of the Month for December with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order."

The Annual Doc Egan Christmas Party was held at the Columbus Hall on Saturday, December 7 cosponsored by Lansing Assembly #3334, Bishop Albers Assembly #0496, and Richard Council #788. Eleven year olds and younger participated. There were games, treats, goodies, and a Santa visit. A Christmas story, and a Christmas blessing by Fr. Bob Bacik. Each child was asked to bring a canned food item which was donated to a local charity to teach that Christmas is also about others. They completed a simple craft project which was donated to a local nursing home, and signed a Christmas card which was forwarded to a Veterans Home. It was a great opportunity to meet, and mingle with fellow Knights, Ladies, and family members.

FN Paul Lacroix from Lansing Assembly #3334 and I representing, Bishop Albers Assembly #0496, were privileged to present a \$1000.00 donation to Mike Wilson, the Director of VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. The \$1000.00 amount included 100% of the proceeds of our recent Veterans Dinner cosponsored by both our Assemblies along with our additional contributions. We together donated the same amount last fraternal year, and as last year, there will be two large monument bricks in the name of our two Assemblies paying tribute to our Veterans. The Bricks will be incorporated in the soon to be constructed Centennial Garden commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the VFW National Home in 1925!

For the second year in a row, I was privileged to join our Faithful District Master, Joe Yekulis, in presenting a check in the amount of \$1000.00 on behalf of our District 2 to the Director of New Hope Center, Nancy Oliver. The center is close to us on Larch Street in downtown Lansing, and offers more than shelter but programs to help our local homeless vets get back on their feet. This donation was part of the proceeds from Operation Patriotism. We also had a tour of the second floor Veteran's Program, and the beautiful screened-in rooftop pavilion that the vets enjoy daily, and that was funded by our \$1000.00 donation from last year.

A number of our Sir Knights are registered and are looking forward to our Men's 2025 Weekend Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26, 2025. This is an opportunity for us to come together in fraternity and in prayer, and in hopes of making more room for Him in our lives, growing deeper in our Faith. If you are unable to attend the full weekend, consider attending at least one day of this weekend retreat. I encourage our members to prioritize the need to make room for our Lord, unlike the Innkeeper in Bethlehem. Say "yes" to a retreat from the all-consuming world for a time and rest in His all-consuming Word. Say "yes" and make room for Him. Hear His ever so faint voice as He speaks to us in humble Silence.

Our two Lansing Assemblies 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.

♣ 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



696 Fire. While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. the prayer of the prophet Elijah, who "arose like fire" and whose "word burned like a torch," brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel.³⁷ This event was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."³⁸ Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"³⁹ In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself⁴⁰ The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions.⁴¹ "Do not quench the Spirit."⁴²

697 Cloud and light. These two images occur together in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. In the theophanies of the Old Testament, the cloud, now obscure, now luminous, reveals the living and saving God, while veiling the transcendence of his glory - with Moses on Mount Sinai,⁴³ at the tent of meeting,⁴⁴ and during the wandering in the desert,⁴⁵ and with Solomon at the dedication of the Temple.⁴⁶ In the Holy Spirit, Christ fulfills these figures. the Spirit comes upon the Virgin Mary and "overshadows" her, so that she might conceive and give birth to Jesus.⁴⁷ On the mountain of Transfiguration, the Spirit in the "cloud came and overshadowed" Jesus, Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John, and "a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"⁴⁸ Finally, the cloud took Jesus out of the sight of the disciples on the day of his ascension and will reveal him as Son of man in glory on the day of his final coming.⁴⁹

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From our Navigator

The Mass will be concelebrated by both our Faithful Friars Fr. Gordon Reigle and Fr. Michael Skrocki and possibly our Faithful District Friar, Fr. Bob Irish, and will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 4:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. This is a Vigil Mass and is the 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. Following the Mass, there will be a Honoring our First Responders Reception. This event date might look familiar. At the same time in New York City at St. Patrick Cathedral, our Fraternal Order will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of our Patriotic Fourth Degree. This milestone will be recognized prior to the Mass and celebrated, in a special way, by Sir Knights who are able to remain after the reception.

Our 90th Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek. Our Class Honoree will be the Most Reverend Bishop Edward M. Lohse. Our Supreme Master is asking every District to bring in 125 new members in honor of our 125th Anniversary. Our District Master expects "an all out effort" on the part of all of our 22 assemblies. Forms are available on the District website at michigandistrict2.org.

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Men's IGNITE Conference to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti at George Gervin GameAbove Center. This is the same venue as last year's event. As Honor Guard we were present and were privileged to participate in the large arena Mass early in this all day event. The majority of event attendees were Knights of Columbus. Let's exceed our numbers this year, and let's "ignite" our Order! Take a leadership role within your parish to make it your responsibility to invite and encourage men to attend. Maybe help coordinate transportation, etc... to ensure that men, young and old, are able to be present!

Please keep in prayer and consider an evening retreat during Holy Week. He was born to die for us. Our Annual area Assemblies Evening of Reflection with Mass and Dinner at St. Francis Retreat Center was well attended last year on the Tuesday of Holy Week 2024, and it is once again being prayerfully considered for the Tuesday of Holy Week 2025. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Hope you and yours have a Truly Blessed Christmas Octave and Christmastide! May the New Year 2025 bring His abundance to you and those you love.

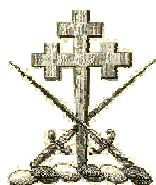
Vivat Jesus! FN James Martellini



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 Historian - vacant -
 Membership SK Dave Luedtke

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Wellness: - vacant -
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 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 Tony Cherniawski



"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
 SK Tony Cherniawski
 SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
 SK Richard Maurer
 SK Tony Kolp
 SK John Duffy
 SK Dan Bazela
 SK Ed Stoffer & Lady Kathy Stoffer
 SK Michael Buzanowaki



Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



Our fallen Brothers in Christ

See: <https://assembly0496.org/deceased/>

Lady Mandy Borsenik (wife of SD Barry Borsenik)
 Family of SK Dave Luedtke
 Lady Colleen LaLonde
 Alfred Goulet (father of Donna Goulet)
 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..



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.



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Members Birthdays

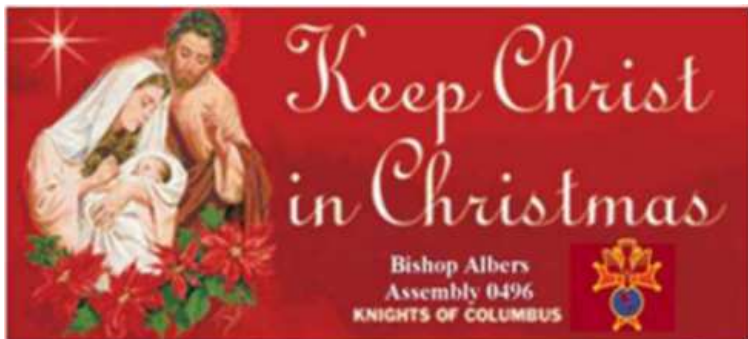
SK First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Michele	Kanakuze	01 01
Mark	Wawiernia	01 02
Nicholas	Wyte	01 03
Allen	Jensen	01 09
Dane	Jurkovic	01 09
Christopher	Wegener	01 10
Eric	Wegener	01 11
Dan	La Fave	01 15
Geoffrey	Madden	01 17
Joseph	Tardif	01 18
Raymond	Kremsreiter	01 20
Edmund	McQuillan	01 21
Donald	Schmitz	01 23
Joseph	Kobus	01 25
David E.	Barker	01 25
Patrick	Jacobs	01 25
Gabriel	Ishimwe	01 28
Dale	Bassett	01 31
John	Perry	01 31

Anniversaries

Spouse First	SK First	Last Name	Ann Date
Carol A.	Gerald	Holmes	01 04
Cindy L.	Brian	Killian	01 17

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Berthilde	Kanakuze	01 01
Mary	Tardif	01 01
Colleen	LaLonde	01 03
Nancy	Kremsreiter	01 08
Janette	Cherniawski	01 10
Cassady	Brege	01 12
Amada	Perry	01 16
Linda	Nemecek	01 19
Marybeth	Chasse	01 22
Janice	Bollman	01 28
Thelma (Terri)	Becht	01 29
Gayla	Schertzing	01 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..



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20th Annual Wild Game Dinner



Saturday January 18, 2025

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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



WREATHS *Across* AMERICA

Inspired by the memories of a boyhood visit to Arlington National Cemetery, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had a surplus of wreaths left near the end of the holiday season in 1992. Seizing an opportunity to honor our Nation's veterans, he worked with Maine Senator Olympia Snowe to place the wreaths at graves in older sections of Arlington Cemetery. The concept grew, and by 2007, the Worcester family, supported by sponsorships or in-kind contributions by a wide variety of veterans organizations, corporations, and other groups and individuals, had formed WREATHS *Across* AMERICA as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The most recent National Wreaths Across America Day was Saturday, December 14, 2024. Thousands of volunteers laid over 3 million balsam wreaths at the headstones or columbarium niches of veterans interred in over 4600 locations across the United States, including local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and other cemeteries overseas. The next observance of this event will be Saturday, December 13, 2025.

The mission of WREATHS *Across* AMERICA is: REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

SK Phil Schertzing.

Captain's Corner



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 January 21st —

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 —
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