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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies,

As always let us begin and continue in gratitude to Almighty God. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Lord, help us surrender our will and follow Your Will for our lives as we embrace the challenges and changes a new year may bring within our own lives, our families, our Church, our country and our Order. We ask this in Your Name. 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 Ben King, presenting him with a "Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement" as our "Sir Knight of the Month for January with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order."

Our Order and our warrior arm are committed to continue to pray and battle to protect Life and to save the unborn in our country. In addition to our state-by-state initiatives to bring America back to Life, it takes the guidance of the Holy Spirit with a well-orchestrated national initiative starting and ending at our Nation's Capital. The 52nd National March for Life was held on Friday, January 24 in Washington DC. It is the largest annual pro-life event and human rights demonstration in the world, gathering tens to hundreds of thousands of supporters from across the country for a day of prayer and a peaceful witness. This year's theme: "Life: Why We March," was meant to give witness to the inherent dignity of the human person while continuing to support and advocate for women and children until every life is protected. Event speakers included our Vice President JD Vance in person and our President Donald Trump virtually. Speakers praised God's gift of life and stand firm for the unborn! Jeanne Mancini, outgoing president of March for Life, said in a statement that she hopes the theme "can be a source of renewed energy and focus so needed for this moment." "Many in our nation see this issue as a cause that divides," Mancini explained. "May our humble voices and peaceful presence serve as a reminder of the beauty and dignity of every human life, and as an invitation to all Americans to come together in recognition of this truth and to serve the most vulnerable."

Special Points of Interest:

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



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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. The Mass is scheduled to be con-celebrated by both our Faithful Friars Fr. Gordon Reigle and Fr. Michael Skrocki and our Faithful District Friar, Fr. Bob Irish, and will be held on Saturday, February 22 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, recorded and then televised locally multiple

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♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

♣ CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE 8

III. God's Spirit and Word in the Time of the Promises

The proper name of the Holy Spirit

702 From the beginning until "the fullness of time,"⁶⁰ The joint mission of the Father's Word and Spirit remains hidden, but it is at work. God's Spirit prepares for the time of the Messiah. Neither is fully revealed but both are already promised, to be watched for and welcomed at their manifestation. So, for this reason, when the Church reads the Old Testament, she searches there for what the Spirit, "who has spoken through the prophets," wants to tell us about Christ.⁶¹

By "prophets" the faith of the Church here understands all whom the Holy Spirit inspired in the composition of the sacred books, both of the Old and the New Testaments. Jewish tradition distinguishes first the Law (the five first books or Pentateuch), then the Prophets (our historical and prophetic books) and finally the Writings (especially the wisdom literature, in particular the Psalms).⁶²

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P22.HTM



Continued from Page 1 Times on Sunday. The Honor Guard will be present and participating. Following the Mass, there will be "An 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 Order 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.

This is our Faithful District Master's final year ending September 1 and it's time for another pivotal election with a transition in leadership in our Michigan District 2. Our next District meeting will be considered a biennial meeting and is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson. We will be selecting delegates from our Assembly at our February Assembly meeting to vote at the biennial District meeting on the candidate(s) for our next District Master. It's not too late if any of our committed members are interested in becoming a delegate. Also, I know we have several longstanding servant leaders in our Assembly who may be interested in being considered as a prospective candidate for District Master. It would be quite an honor for one of our own to represent our District as its leader.

Mark your calendar for our Michigan Men's Conference IGNITE to be held on Saturday, March 22 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti at George Gervin GameAbove Center. This is the same venue as last year's event but is open to all seven Dioceses within Michigan and even those in neighboring states. As Honor Guard we were present and were privileged to participate in the large arena Mass early in this all-day event. For many years previously, most event attendees have been 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 engage, encourage and invite men to attend. Maybe help coordinate transportation, etc... to ensure that men, young and old, can be present!

Our 90th Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree will be held on Saturday, April 26 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 our 22 assemblies. Forms are available on our District website at michigandistrict2.org. The Priest Exemplification will be held prior on Wednesday, April 9 at the Portland K of C Hall. Please consider securing ads early for the Souvenir Ad Book, which is a primary fundraiser to support our District and, with some intentionality, offers a fine secondary biannual fundraiser to support our very own Assembly as well. Proceeds above \$500, our District returns 40% and above \$1000, our District returns 50%.

This year the entire month of February falls during the liturgical season known as *Tempus per Annum* or Ordinary Time (formerly *Time After Epiphany*), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. On Sunday, February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of our Lord. This feast is a festival of light. The procession, in which the blessed candles are carried by clergy and faithful, recalls by its symbolism the manifestation of Christ, the Light of the world, received in the temple. On Tuesday, February 11 we also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes commemorating the Virgin Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. This offers us a time to reflect on the power of prayer and faith in healing. Our Lady is the patroness of the sick.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of February 2025 is for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Let us pray for those discerning a call to serve Christ's mission. Let us pray for our family members and particularly members of our Assembly recently deceased, SK Ed Stoffer and those members sick and under much distress, especially SK Pat Donlon and all their loved ones.

Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for us. Vivat Jesus, James Martellini FN



From our Navigator

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- 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 Ben King



"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 Patrick Donlon
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The Family of SK Dave Luedtke
 Lady Mandy Borsenik
 Lady Kathy Stoffer
 Lady Colleen LaLonde
 JoAnn Trussell
 Don Carlock
 Alfred Kendzierski (Father of Donna Goulet)



Soul of SK Edward Stoffer
 Soul of SK Danial 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..

Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



SK Edward Stoffer

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.



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
William	Chasse	02 02
Patrick	Donlon	02 03
James	Corder	02 04
Rev. Mark	Martin	02 05
Fredrick	Rocheleau	02 06
Brian	Killian	02 07
Mark	Stenske	02 10
Jerry	Wilhm	02 11
Daniel	Klodt	02 11
Nicholas	Dybas	02 15
Dakota	Sawyer	02 18
Dennis	Becht	02 21
Daniel	Alspaugh	02 22
Robert	Andretz	02 22
Howard	Miller	02 23
Peter	Scaccia	02 24
James	Thomas	02 29

Anniversaries

Spouse	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Debbie	John	Hurth	02 07
Joann	John	Potoczny	02 08
Mary Kay	Walter	Ozanich	02 15

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Ann	Cook	02 07
Connie	Jones	02 09
Linda	Stanford	02 11
Charlene	King	02 14
Debbie	Peacock	02 17
Phyllis	Schmitz	02 18
Branda	Garlitz	02 20
Terri	Hecksel	02 25
Cay-Marie	Warner	02 25
Teresa	Brandell	02 25
Alana	Livingston	02 27



**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..

K of C Patriotic Fourth Degree: Honoring and Serving Veterans for 125 Years

The Patriotic Fourth Degree celebrates its quasiquicentennial (125th anniversary) this month. Since the inception of the order on February 22, 1900, its priorities have included honoring, supporting and serving our military veterans. The world in general, and our country in particular, has changed tremendously since our origins in 1900, but there is some historical continuity of our past in the present day. To provide some perspective & frame of reference, here are some facts:

When our order was founded in February 1900, there was still at least one surviving veteran of the War of 1812 (he died in 1905), along with a handful of veterans of the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848 (the last one died in 1929), thousands of veterans of the American Civil War on both sides (the last Union veteran died in 1956, and the last Confederate in 1951), hundreds of veterans of the Indian Wars of 1775-1924 (the last American veteran died in 1973), the Spanish-American War of 1898 (the last veteran died in 1993), the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1899-1901 (the last veteran died in 1992), and the Philippine-American War of 1899-1902 (the last American Veteran died in 1992).

Since our order was founded in 1900, American military personnel served in the Mexican interventions of 1914-1917, WWI from 1917-1918, and the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia from 1918-1920 (the last American veteran of this WWI era died in 2010), American belligerence in WWII from 1941-1945 (less than 118,000 survive today), the Korean War of 1950-1953 (less than 1 million are still alive), the Vietnam War from 1955-1975 (about 5 million are still living), Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the Persian Gulf War) of 1990-1991 (over a half-million still living), and Post 9/11 veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from 2001-2014, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2011 (several million survive today).

SK Phil Schertzing. Captain



Captain's Corner

Items of Interest..

Join us at Columbus Hall for

BINGO

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 30TH**

DOORS OPEN 4:00PM
EARLY BIRD GAMES 6:00PM
REGULAR GAMES 6:30PM

\$20 ENTRY PACK
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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, February 9th
Sunday, March 9th
Sunday, April 13th

SK EDWARD L. STOFFER
1938-2025

The Knights of Columbus mourns the loss of Sir Knight Edward L. Stoffer, who passed away on January 22, 2025 at age 86, after a yearslong battle with skin cancer. Ed was an Honorary Life Member of Richard Council #788 and Bishop Albers Assembly #0496, having been active as a Knight and Sir Knight for over 40 years. Ed's last office in the Assembly was Inner Sentinel for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year.

Ed was born in Lansing, and grew up on the westside of town. He was a Boy Scout, and after finishing high school joined the U.S. Navy, serving on an aircraft carrier during the Cold War. He recalled going on high alert during the Berlin Wall crisis in 1961. After his military service to our Nation, Ed was a self-employed contractor.

Ed was a convert to the Catholic faith, and was a faithful parishioner at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing for many years, where he coached basketball and baseball for the parish school. Ed served as Scoutmaster of St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 8 for a dozen years, and thereafter as Troop Committee Chairman for another 25 years. Ed is remembered fondly by the many young men he mentored in the Troop, five of whom became Eagle Scouts.

Ed was also active in the Catholic War Veterans, serving as Post Commander for the William R. Jeffreys Post #1654 in Lansing, and as CWV State Commander for the State of Michigan. Each and every Memorial Day for the last several decades, Ed conducted the annual Catholic War Veterans Memorial Service at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, accompanied by the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Guard. The ceremony followed the outdoor Mass, and included prayers, the laying of a wreath and playing of Taps, and the reading of names of the deceased members of the Catholic War Veterans. Ed's name will now be added to the list.



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Blue Mass

Saturday, February 22, 2025

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

955 Alton Road

East Lansing

Assemble at the Back of the Church 4:00 pm

Televised Mass starts 4:30 pm


Dress or Service Uniform Requested

Reception to Follow Mass in Fr. Mac Hall



Contact Paul Lacroix – fn3334@mikofc.org for more Information

From our Faithful Comptroller Annual dues notices for the 2025 calendar year were mailed out at the end of December 2024. Dues remain at \$25 per year, with any unpaid dues carried over. Please pay promptly to avoid a second notice. There is also the opportunity for additional contributions. This year we are emphasizing 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 or Faithful Comptroller.

SK Tim Perrone FC 

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



— Tuesday February 18th —

Social and Rosary begins at: 6:00 pm
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.