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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings, Congratulations and Happy 125th to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies,

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Lord, we are so grateful for all Your rich abundance as we celebrate 125 years as a Patriotic Degree of our Order and as we prepare for the changes, challenges and opportunities of the next 125 years! You continually offer Your grace for the journey, give us the courage to make space for your grace. Help us to trust You more and surrender to Your will, to strive and persevere, to embrace our particular challenges, crosses... pain, sufferings and trials ... our particular pathway, our call. Open our hearts to Your heart, heart to heart (Cor), to hear and respond to Your voice in the Present moment, to encounter You in a more profound way...to go deeper... and to draw closer to You and Your Glory in Heaven. We ask all this in your Holy name. Amen.

A number of our Sir Knights and Knights participated in our Men's 2025 Weekend Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center from Friday, January 24 to Sunday, January 26. This was an opportunity for us to come together in fraternity and in prayer, and in making more room for Him in our lives, growing deeper in our Faith.



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 Tuesday, February 18 meeting to honor SK Walt Ozanich, presenting him with a "Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement" as our "Sir Knight of the Month for February with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order."

Our two Lansing Assemblies jointly sponsored our First Annual Blue Mass on Saturday, February 22 to recognize and honor all our local First Responders. A thank you from our Worthy Faithful Captain Phil Schertzing follows:

"Thanks to all the members of the Honor Guard who helped organize and/or participated in the Blue Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas--you were impressive, and much appreciated. We had a smaller turnout of public safety personnel than hoped for, but at least a visible contingent. It was a pleasure to meet the chief of the East Lansing Fire Department, and three young East Lansing PD officers. We also had SK Dakota Sawyer, a young 4th degree member of our assembly who recently graduated from U.S. Army basic and advanced training, and is now a member of Michigan's Army National Guard, who wore his Class A uniform. I was the only retiree who sat with the group, but there were several other retired cops or firefighters out in the congregation who stood up when asked to by Fr. Riegle. One is a retired ELPD officer, another is a retired Lt. Colonel from the MSP--he was an instructor in my recruit school, and I worked with him at the old Flat Rock Post in Downriver Detroit in 1977, and again at the Training Academy in the late 1980s. Again, kudos to all of you!"

Our next District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Jackson. An appointment process will take place as opposed to an election. Our Master has recommended for approval the appointment of SK Benedict R. Dandrow as his replacement as Master of MI D2. Ben currently serves as the Faithful Navigator of Jackson Assembly #2186, District Deputy #513 for the five Jackson Area Councils, President of the Board of Directors at St. Francis Summer Camp on the Lake for Persons with IDD, and the Executive Assistant of MI District 2 of the Fourth Degree. He also has professional experience as an Industrial Plant Manager. His terms as FN and DD will be complete on July 1.

Please 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 Game Above Center. As Honor Guard we are privileged to be present and participate in the large arena Mass again this year. For many years previously, most event attendees have been Knights of Columbus.

Special Points of Interest:

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



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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

In creation

703 The Word of God and his Breath are at the origin of the being and life of every creature:⁶³ It belongs to the Holy Spirit to rule, sanctify, and animate creation, for he is God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son.... Power over life pertains to the Spirit, for being God he preserves creation in the Father through the Son.⁶⁴

704 "God fashioned man with his own hands [that is, the Son and the Holy Spirit] and impressed his own form on the flesh he had fashioned, in such a way that even what was visible might bear the divine form."⁶⁵

The Spirit of the promise

705 Disfigured by sin and death, man remains "in the image of God," in the image of the Son, but is deprived "of the glory of God,"⁶⁶ of his "likeness." the promise made to Abraham inaugurates the economy of salvation, at the culmination of which the Son himself will assume that "image"⁶⁷ and restore it in the Father's "likeness" by giving it again its Glory, the Spirit who is "the giver of life."

706 Against all human hope, God promises descendants to Abraham, as the fruit of faith and of the power of the Holy Spirit.⁶⁸ In Abraham's progeny all the nations of the earth will be blessed. This progeny will be Christ himself,⁶⁹ in whom the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will "gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad."⁷⁰ God commits himself by his own solemn oath to giving his beloved Son and "the promised Holy Spirit . . . [who is] the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it."⁷¹



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Let's continue to 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, SK Michael McCusker, is asking every District to bring in 125 new members in honor of our 125th Anniversary. Our District Master, SK Joe Yekulis, expects "an all out effort" on the part of all of our 22 assemblies. The Priest Exemplification will be held prior on Wednesday, April 9 at the Portland K of C Hall. All Exemplifications moving forward are now open to the families of our members and our candidates. This will have an impact on this Exemplification. Our Executive Team has made the following adjustments to comply with the Supreme Master's directive. Registration Process will begin at 11:30 am. There will be no lunches. Ladies will enjoy a "Welcome Tea" upon arrival until 12:45 pm, when they will be escorted into the Degree Chamber by the Honor Guard to an observation area. The 90th Exemplification will begin at 1:00 pm and run to 3:00 pm. The Wreath Laying Ceremony, Mass, Reception and Master's Banquet will follow as planned. Candidate fee is \$70. Banquet tickets for members and spouses are \$35 per person. Any Sir Knights and Ladies who plan to attend please notify SK Tim Perrone, FC before Tuesday, April 1. Late registrations carry a \$10 fee. The new schedule is available on the District website at www.michigandistrict2.org. This will be the last Exemplification ceremony under the current format, and it will be replaced by the new 4th Degree Exemplification ceremony for the 91st Exemplification. Please remember the Souvenir Ad Book is a primary biannual fundraiser to support our District and an opportunity to secondarily to support our Assembly. Proceeds above \$500, the District returns 40% and above \$1000, the District returns 50%!

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.

The Lenten season, our preparation for His Resurrection, begins early in March. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 5. March is dedicated to St. Joseph, "Terror of Demons!" The Solemnity of St. Joseph is on Wednesday, March 19. We are in a Jubilee Holy Year, which marks the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Jesus. Tuesday, March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation. Pope John Paul II established this day as the International Day of the Unborn Child.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for March 2025 is for families in crisis. The intention is to pray that families may find healing through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts. Let us keep in prayer our Holy Father, our members and their families who are ill and in distress.

St. Joseph, Pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us.

Vivat Jesus, James Martellini FN



From our Navigator

2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr
 Ronald Bruner
 Wayne Carpenter
 Anthony Cherniawski
 Francis Cherniawski
 Jay Corey
 Christopher Costigan
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2024/2025 Officers and Appointees

James Martellini - Navigator - 517.256.5007
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 1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe
 2 Year Trustee: Pat Donlon
 3 Year Trustee: Dave Myers



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 Walt Ozanich



"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
 SK Tony Cherniawski
 SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
 SK Richard Maurer
 SK Tony Kolp
 SK John Duffy
 SK Dan Bazela
 SK Michael Buzanowaki
 SK Charles McCune
 The Family of SK Dave Luedtke



Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



SK Edward Stoffer

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

Lady Cindy Zerbe
 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..



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.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Gerald	Holmes	03 01
Richard Sr	McCloy	03 03
Luis	Velasquez	03 04
Michael	Schueller	03 04
Thomas	Munley	03 08
John	Rademacher	03 08
Joseph	Walczak	03 11
Lyle	Adams	03 11
William	Wissner	03 12
Philip	Guyeskey	03 12
Edward	Stoffer	03 13
James	Bleicher	03 13
Gregory	Brunette	03 16
Brian	Peacock	03 17
Corey	Livingston	03 18
David	Schertzing	03 24
Mike	Hecksel	03 25
Steven	La Macchia	03 29
Msgr. George	Michalek	03 29

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Linda	Billy	Faust	03 03
Valerie	Christopher	Ostrowski	03 15
Betty, Monique	Michael	Sherrell	03 15
Jennifer	Robert	Spehar	03 24

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Elizabeth	Myers	03 03
Deborah	Simon	03 03
Lori	Beaton	03 04
Vinn	Ruthruff	03 07
Betty, Monique	Sherrell	03 08
Stephanie	Florian	03 09
Michelle	Barker	03 10
Jacquelyn	Andretz	03 15
Beverly	Pillar	03 15
Gail	Maurer	03 16
Kathie	Guyeskey	03 16
Erica	Pillar	03 18
Christina	Scaccia	03 18
Constance	Garlitz	03 20
Carol A.	Holmes	03 20
Amber	Cusack	03 26
Tonia	Du Mont	03 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..

Fat Tuesday Dinner

March 4, 2025 4 pm to 7 pm

Knights of Columbus
5300 N. Grand River
Lansing, MI 48906

MENU

Polish Sausage and sauerkraut
(Kielbasa and Kapusta)
Cabbage Rolls
(Golabki)
Meat Balls and gravy
(klopsiki i sos)
Pączki

\$15 per person
Carry Out Available



Items of Interest..

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Made To Order Dine In or Take Out

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Cheers!



MONDAY, MARCH 17TH
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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, March 9th
Sunday, April 13th

90th Exemplification

Please join us for a celebration of the *Jubilee Year of the Patriotic Degree* at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek, MI to complete your journey into the 4th Degree this spring. This year, we are celebrating the *125th Anniversary* of the 4th Degree which began on Feb. 22, 1900, and honoring his Excellency, *Bishop Edward M. Lohse* as our Class Honoree. Our host Assembly is Fr. Sadler Assembly #505.



St. Philip Catholic Church and High School

Saturday, Apr 26th, 2025

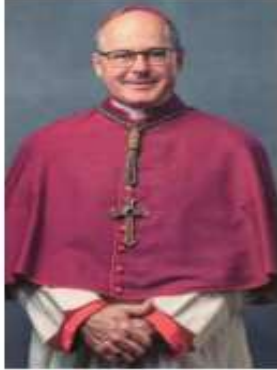
Exemplification Held at:
St. Philip Central High School
112 Capital Ave NE,
Battle Creek, MI 49017

See Backside for Registration and Ladies Program details

For more Information Contact:
Your local Assembly Navigator -or-

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A day you will remember forever.



Class Honoree, His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Edward Lohse



Congratulations to the two Newest members of our Assembly Honor Guard; SK Bill Ray and SK Tim Perrone. SK Bill currently holds the Office of Inside Sentinel and SK Tim is our Comptroller. We look forward to working with both as we provide Honor and Distinction in our support of Church, Civic & and Funeral functions..



The Fourth Degree Exemplification is coming up on Sat. April 26, 2025 in Battle Creek. For the first time, Ladies will be allowed to observe the ceremony. Any Sir Knights and Ladies desiring to attend the Exemp should notify Faithful Comptroller Tim Perrone by April 1, 2025 with names and payment of \$35 per person for the Banquet.

Warriors For Lourdes

February 11 was the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, recalling a series of 18 appearances that the Blessed Virgin Mary made to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, Saint Bernadette Soubirous, between February 11-July 16, 1858. Coming soon after the 1854 dogmatic definition of her Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Mary's appearances at Lourdes turned the town into a popular travel destination. Thousands of people say their medical conditions have been cured through pilgrimage, prayer and the water flowing from a spring to which Bernadette was directed by the Blessed Virgin. In 1862, the local bishop declared the apparitions worthy of belief. Experts have verified 69 cases of miraculous healing at Lourdes since 1862.

Since 2013, the **Knights of Columbus** and Archdiocese for the Military Services in Washington, DC, have coordinated an annual Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage for wounded, ill or injured U.S. veterans and service-members to the Sanctuary and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The next will be this spring, May 13-19, 2025. This will coincide with the International Military Pilgrimage (PMI in French), including veterans from 40 countries, which has been ongoing since 1958—the 100th anniversary of the original Marian apparitions at Lourdes.

SK Phil Schertzing Captain



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 March 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.