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## 4th Degree Newsletter

### *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 our Almighty Triune God. O Lord, may Your light and love shine through us in each moment in all we say and do and in who we are in You. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

My deepest thanks to our current officers and our entire leadership team who have faithfully served our Assembly and District during this Fraternal Year 2024-25, and my heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected Officers preparing to serve for the upcoming Fraternal Year 2025-26.

At our May meeting, it was my pleasure to present our Faithful Scribe, SK Tony Kolp, a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement as our Sir Knight of the Month for May with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order.

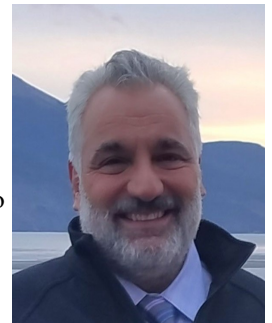
Our 90th Exemplification of the Patriotic Fourth Degree was held on Saturday, April 26 at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek. Congratulations to our new SK Larry Arreguin from St. Mary Cathedral Council. Thank you to all who helped secure contributions to the Souvenir Ad Book which is a primary biannual fundraiser to support our District and to support our Assembly.

A big, beautiful thank you to all our courageous Sir Knights who stand up for Life as Warriors for Life. Michigan Protect Life Dinner was held on Saturday, May 10 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing. It was well attended and included a number of our State leadership, and a number of our Sir Knights, and members from our Assembly. I was joined by SK Tony Kolp, SK Tim Perrone, and SK Mark Stenske, who was one of our table captains. Our Honor Guard recently participated in the Living Rosary at our State Convention on Thursday, May 22, and will participate in the Living Rosary at our State Capitol on Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 pm. This year our Rally & March for Life will be on Thursday, November 6 at our State Capitol. The day will begin with Mass at St. Mary Cathedral with our Honor Guard.

Mass for the Ordination of Deacons was held on Saturday, May 17 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. I was privileged to represent our Assembly as part of our Honor Guard by invitation only. Congratulations to Permanent Deacon, SK Wayne Carpenter from St. Mary Cathedral Council and our Assembly, and to Transitional Deacon Ryan Ferrigan, who received his call while attending St. Mary Cathedral. Our Presbyterate Ordination of Priests will be held on Saturday, June 14 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church with Honor Guard by invitation only. Rev. Mr. Brett Joseph Ivey from St. Mary's in Williamston will be represented by a member of our Lansing Assembly Honor Guard.

Our Fourth Degree Annual Evening of Reflection at St. Francis Retreat Center is scheduled for Thursday, May 29. The evening begins with Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass in the Chapel at 7:00 pm with a presentation and Faith reflection by Faithful Friar Fr. Mike Kuchar of St. Francis Assembly. The event is open to all Knights, spouses and guests! Our State Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremony will be on the same night at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant starting at 7:00 pm. Our Faithful Master and our Faithful Senior Marshal will be present and participate in the ceremony.

There are four special days set aside specifically to honor our veterans and comrades in arms. Opportunities to pay our respect and recognize the sacrifice and service and, in a small way, to express the sentiments of a grateful nation. These four days are Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day,



## From our Navigator

Memorial Day and Flag Day. Beginning during the Civil War, and originally called Decoration Day, one of these special days was set aside to recognize our nation's war dead by decorating their graves. Somewhere near each of us rests a veteran hero who answered the call and paid the ultimate price. Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, is for remembering our fallen military heroes and their families left behind. Our debt to the heroic and valiant in service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. We as Sir Knights honor them by being present and participating with our Honor Guard at the Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, followed by the Catholic War Veterans Ceremony. Another special day set aside also honors another veteran, a faithful comrade, Old Glory, on Flag Day. Our Flag has accompanied every service member, to battlefields and stations in virtually every corner of the globe guiding and comforting countless, and deserves our respect and recognition. As Sir Knights, we have an opportunity to be present and participate with our Honor Guard in a solemn Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14. We have a change of venue this year and an opportunity to reach out to our local community and area parishes with more intentionality. I encourage our members and families to join us at St. Gerard Church near Fr. Weber Hall following a Corporate Communion with Honor Guard in the church at the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass. Hardy refreshments of sustenance and sweets will be served immediately after Mass, and the ceremony will begin shortly after at around 6:00 pm.

Our Joint Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 17. Doors open at 5:45 pm with Dinner at 6:45 pm. Bishop Albers Assembly and Lansing Assembly will be participating, as in previous years, in place of our June meeting. It is an open meeting -- our devoted ladies and guests are invited.

Our Diocesan Corpus Christi Mass with Eucharistic Adoration & Procession will be held on Saturday, June 21 starting with Mass at 10:00 am at Jackson Field, followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Procession to the Capitol, and ending at St. Mary Cathedral. The Honor Guard will be present and participate throughout.

This month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May His heart ("Cor") replace our heart as we are more present and participate in our Faith and prayer life and in all upcoming activities with our Assembly, our parish, our family and all our loved ones... in our ceremonies, in Corpus Christi processions and various celebrations including summer festivals, graduations, weddings and retirements. St. Joseph Blessings to all our Fathers as we celebrate another special day, Fathers Day. Let us be grateful for every moment.

This will be my last newsletter contribution as your Faithful Navigator. It's been an honor and privilege to serve our Assembly and all of you, my fellow Brother Sir Knights, Officers and leaders. I will continue to pray and serve my soon to be successor, SK Phil Schertzing, a very capable and impressive servant leader, and will continue, as directed, in another role. I look forward to continue to contribute in some small ways, in hopes, and according to His will, for the betterment of our Assembly and our fraternal Order. I encourage all of you to commit or recommit and be present and participate when possible. Consider being a servant leader and more fully embracing all four Pillars of our Order, and accepting the challenge as Catholic men living our Faith in these trying times, being Warriors for Life and being Warriors for Christ!

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.  
Farewell and Vivat Jesus!  
FN James Martellini



## ♣ 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 Expectation of the Messiah and his Spirit



711 "Behold, I am doing a new thing."<sup>78</sup> Two prophetic lines were to develop, one leading to the expectation of the Messiah, the other pointing to the announcement of a new Spirit. They converge in the small Remnant, the people of the poor, who await in hope the "consolation of Israel" and "the redemption of Jerusalem."<sup>79</sup>

We have seen earlier how Jesus fulfills the prophecies concerning himself. We limit ourselves here to those in which the relationship of the Messiah and his Spirit appears more clearly.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P22.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P22.HTM)

# 2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr  
Ronald Bruner  
Wayne Carpenter  
William Chassé  
Anthony Cherniawski  
Francis Cherniawski  
Jay Corey  
Christopher Costigan  
Frank A. DeRose  
Clifford Farr  
David Freund  
Hilary Goerge  
Brion Graber  
Ronald Graber  
Dennis Henderson  
Gabriel Ishimwe  
Michael Jones  
Joseph Jong  
Daniel Klodt  
Randall LaLonde  
David Luedtke  
James Martellini  
Richard McCloy  
Msgr. Michael Murphy  
David Myers  
Gerald Ockert  
Bernard Pollack  
Michael Schaefer  
David Schertzing  
Phillip Schertzing  
Lawrence Schrauben  
Michael Shepard  
Eric Smith  
John Suckow  
Paul Teszlewicz  
Ken Watterson  
Michael Wegener  
Thomas Wegener



## 2024/2025 Officers and Appointees

Fr. Michael Skrocki - Faithful Friar  
James Martellini - Navigator - 517.256.5007  
Ken Watterson - Admiral - 517.881.0812  
Phil Schertzing- Captain -- 517. 214.8794  
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Tim Perrone - Comptroller - 517.886.0627  
Walter Ozanich - Purser - 517.321.2422  
Tony Cherniawski - Pilot - 517.331.5200  
Bill Ray - Inside Sentinel  
Ben King - Outside Sentinel  
1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe  
2 Year Trustee: - vacant -  
3 Year Trustee: Dave Myers



## Appointed Positions

Commander SK Ken Watterson  
Historian - vacant -  
Membership SK Dave Luedtke

## Committee Chairs

Wellness: - SK Ben King -  
Admissions: - vacant -

## 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 Kolp**



"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. "





# Prayer List

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Fr Mike Kaiser  
SK Bernie Pollick  
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 David Lennemann  
Lady Rebecca Kintz  
Lady Mandy Borsenik  
Lady Kathy Stoffer  
Lady Colleen LaLonde  
JoAnn Trussell  
Don Carlock



Soul of Lady Sue Pollick  
Soul of SK Patrick Donlon  
Soul of SK Edward Stoffer  
Soul of SK Danial Alspaugh

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:



### Our fallen Brothers

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 \$475.00 and we offer a \$235.00 incentive to assist you with your purchase, reducing your price to \$240.00.

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.



# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Tad	Miller	06 01
Keith	O'Neill	06 02
John	Potoczny	06 03
Walter	Ozanich	06 03
Paul	Kelsey	06 11
Jacob	Chasse	06 14
Joseph	Jong	06 14
Jerry	Johnson	06 14
Marlie	Smith	06 15
Michael	Wils	06 16
David	Brandell	06 20
Robert	Corbett	06 21
James	Warner	06 21
John	Ujlaky	06 23
Robert	Nelson	06 24
Timothy	Hermes	06 25
Lawrence	Schrauben	06 28
Justin	Drouin	06 28
Fred	Hamilton	06 30

## Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Cay-Marie	James	Warner	06 01
Debra	John	Duffy	06 03
Vinn	Donald	Ruthruff	06 04
Kaye	Rene	Gonzalez	06 06
Linda	Richard	Stanford	06 07
Thelma (Terri)	Dennis	Becht	06 07
Rebecca	Loyd	Kintz	06 09
Magdalene	William	Schwannecke	06 13
Jalia	Fredrick	Rocheleau	06 13
Tammy	Geoffrey	Madden	06 14
Terri	Mike	Hecksel	06 17
Michelle	William	Lawson	06 17
Amber	Randy	Cusack	06 20
Rebecca	Edmund	McQuillan	06 23
Vickey	Michael	Wegener	06 23
Catherine	Robert	Fedewa	06 26
Brooke	James	Bleicher	06 29
Mary	Christopher	Benson	06 30

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Amy	Korte	06 01
Julie	Stenske	06 11
Debbie	Hurth	06 20
Rosemary	De Rose	06 28



**A Downloadable copy of the  
Assembly Member Roster**

**is available at:**

**<https://assembly0496.org/members/>  
— the password is: bishopalbers  
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**Richard Council 788**

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all of your Social events.

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**FLAG RETIREMENT  
CEREMONY**  
*On Flag Day*  
*Bring your old retired flags*

**June 14, 2025**  
**St. Gerard Church**  
*Following 4:30pm Vigil Mass*  
*Outside Weber Hall*  
*(Adults and Children Welcome)*  
*Refreshments Served*

### **COMING AND GOING**

My Brother Knights:

Throughout our lives, there are comings and goings – births and deaths in our families, friends coming and going, even Popes come and go.

Although it is said, “Easy come, easy go,” some comings and goings may be more difficult to fathom. That’s when we rely on our faith – with its own comings and goings.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor, and I will give you rest.” But He also said, “Go, and make disciples of all nations.”

So it is with us Knights of Columbus. It is our charge to invite all of our Catholic brethren to “Come” -- join our Order. And then “Go” -- perform the Order’s works of charity, in unity and fraternity with each other.

We do this knowing that there is no time to waste. No matter when we came into the world, we will all be going soon enough.

Thank you, my Brother Knights.  
PGK Tim Perrone, Lecturer



### Flag Day

**Flag Day** is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Federal law leaves it to the discretion of the president to officially proclaim the observance. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter 1, Section 110 is the official statute on Flag Day. The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this date.

Retiring a flag on Flag Day (June 14th) is a common and appropriate practice, as it's a day dedicated to honoring the flag and its significance. Many organizations, like the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Boy Scout Troops, hold flag retirement ceremonies on this day. To properly retire a Flag, the Flag Code states that a flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

SK Phil Schertzing Captain



### Newly Elected Officers for 2025—2026

**Navigator:** SK Phil Schertzing  
**Captain:** SK Bill Rey  
**Admiral:** SK James Martellini  
**Comptroller:** SK Tim Perrone  
**Purser:** SK Walt Ozanich  
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*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.



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**Our next scheduled Meeting will be our  
Annual Awards Banquet at  
Columbus Hall with Assembly 3334**

**— Tuesday June 17th —  
Doors open at 5:45 pm  
Dinner at 6:45 pm**

**Bring Your Wives..**



— If you know a Brother Knight who is NOT getting this Newsletter or does NOT have access to email —  
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