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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. In keeping with our devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus during the month of July, we pray: "May the Precious Blood of Jesus become for us the blood of life, of unity and of peace."

I am humbled and honored to begin my term as your new Faithful Navigator. I will appreciate your patience and tolerance as I struggle to adapt to this new leadership role, even as I also continue to try and learn how to fulfill my role more effectively as Grand Knight of the St. Mary Cathedral Council.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our outgoing Faithful Navigator, SK James Martellini, for his exemplary leadership during his tenure in office. He will continue to serve our Assembly as Faithful Admiral. We also welcome SK Bill Ray to his new role, replacing me as your Faithful Captain. I look forward to working with all our Assembly officers and members during the new Fraternal Year. I also anticipate continued support from our Worthy District 2 Master, our Diocesan SDRR, and from the State Council.

Now, a special shout-out for the Honor Guard. During the past Fraternal Year, I derived great pride as a Sir Knight to observe the Fourth Degree Honor Guard and Color Corps, including members of our own Assembly and Assemblies throughout District 2, in action at a number of special Masses or other ceremonies and events. These included: opening ceremonies for the annual Family Night for Vocations at a Lugnuts game at Jackson Field; the Veterans Day Mass and banquet at IHM; a Blue Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas; the funeral Mass for SK Pat Donlon at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt; the Diaconal Ordination Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas; the Michigan K of C State Convention and Living Rosary at Mackinac Island; the annual Memorial Day Mass and ceremony at the Catholic War Veterans Memorial at St. Joseph Cemetery; the Mass and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day at St. Gerard's; and most recently, the Lansing Diocese Corpus Christi Mass at Jackson Field and Eucharistic Procession to the State Capitol, followed by Benediction at the Capitol steps. The Honor Guard was also called out for our quarterly Corporate Communion Masses at St. Mary Cathedral throughout the Fraternal Year, and at Exemplifications or Priest Ordinations that I may have missed. The *dignities* and reverence that these dedicated Sir Knights contribute to all these events through their ceremonial functions as the visible, uniformed arm of our Order merits our most profound admiration, respect and appreciation.

Now, looking forward to a blessed, productive and even enjoyable new Fraternal Year!

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

*Vivat Jesus!*

FN Phil Schertzing



## Some things that happened at the State Convention this year..

State Deputy Barry Borsnick asked that we bring back pertinent items to our Counsels and Assemblies. These were handed over to our Worthy Navigator.

He also thanked us for our prayers for his wife Mandy, recovering from a stroke and still in a nursing home close to their home.

One event that took place:

Adoration: I was standing guard with another Honor Guard member at about 9 am on Thursday. A fire alarm went off and a lady stepped in to tell us we must evacuate the Grand Hotel. The priest in the back of chapel praying, opened the door of the little tabernacle and there were three ciboria holding the host for the next mass. He looked at me and asked, should we take these with us? I pleaded ignorance, but I remembered a story I read about the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec saving the most blessed sacrament from a burning building by protecting it from the flames by lying over it. This cost him his life in 1961, his name was Paul Comtois and his act was a testament for those who doubt the presents of Jesus in the sacrament. The look on my face must have answered his question. As we filed out into the hall of the hotel with Father carrying the host, the same lady let us know it was a false alarm and we all returned to our posts.

Many other things happened too numerous to recall, but I appreciated the opportunity to be there.

Bill Ray, Captain



*Captain's Corner*

### ♣ 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



712 The characteristics of the awaited Messiah begin to appear in the "Book of Emanuel" ("Isaiah said this when he saw his glory," speaking of Christ), especially in the first two verses of Isaiah 11

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
and the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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

# 2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr  
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Wayne Carpenter  
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Hilary Goerge  
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Daniel Klodt  
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Bernard Pollack  
Michael Schaefer  
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Phillip Schertzing  
Lawrence Schrauben  
Michael Shepard  
Eric Smith  
John Suckow  
Paul Teszlewicz  
Ken Watterson  
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## 2024/2025 Officers and Appointees

Fr. Michael Skrocki - Faithful Friar  
Phil Schertzing – Navigator -- 517. 214.8794  
James Martellini - Admiral - 517.256.5007  
Bill Ray - Captain - 517 896 2456  
Tony Kolp - Scribe - 517.706.9242  
Tim Perrone - Comptroller - 517.886.0627  
Walter Ozanich - Purser - 517.321.2422  
Tony Cherniawski - Pilot - 517.331.5200  
Dan Klodt - Inside Sentinel  
Ben King - Outside Sentinel  
1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe  
2 Year Trustee: Dave Myers  
3 Year Trustee: Ken Watterson



## 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 Year**  
**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 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.



# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Paul	Stevens	07 01
Emil	Dehnke	07 05
Jeffrey	Florian	07 05
John	Duffy	07 07
Richard	Stanford	07 09
Michael	Buzanowski	07 10
Lawrence	Leece	07 12
Fr. Paul	Erickson	07 12
Arnold	Rios	07 12
Thomas	Pillar	07 13
Rene	Gonzalez	07 14
Nathan	Johnson	07 16
James	Moses	07 16
Robert	Spehar	07 20
Dan	Korte	07 21
Mario	Diaz	07 22
Gary	Coscarelli	07 22
Michael	Carroll	07 23
Michael	Sherrell	07 26
Aubrey	Merrill	07 28
Thomas	Shaver	07 29
Eric	Clark	07 29
Clifford	Farr	07 31

## Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Connie	Michael	Jones	07 05
Teresa	David	Brandell	07 05
Mary	Charles	Pratt	07 09
Kathie	Philip	Guyeskey	07 12
Mary	Chris	Dancisak	07 14
Cynthia	David	Zerbe	07 17
Leann	Frederick	Kirrmann	07 19
Lynette	John	Suckow	07 24
Linda	Raymond	Nemecek	07 31

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Maxine	Henderson	07 02
Linda	Kobus	07 03
Lynette	Suckow	07 07
Cynthia	Zerbe	07 16
Rebecca	Kintz	07 17
Sandra	Watterson	07 18
Maria	Gonzalez	07 22
Tricia	Smith	07 24
Mary Kay	Ozanich	07 25
Julia	Bruner	07 26
Jane	Goerge	07 28
Leann	Kirrmann	07 30
Frances	Jong	07 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**



## Joint Awards Banquet night at the Hall



Walt and Mary Kay Ozanich / Knight and Lady of the Year #0496



Bill and Cindi Currie / Knight and Lady of the Year #3334



## Flag Retirement ceremony at St Gerard's





## Bishop Boyea's Mass and Eucharistic March to the Capitol, June 21st



### Newly Elected Officers for 2025—2026

Navigator: SK Phil Schertzing  
 Captain: SK Bill Rey  
 Admiral: SK James Martellini  
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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 at  
Columbus Hall**

**— Tuesday July 15th —  
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm**



**Social and Rosary begin at 6:00 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.