



## 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 Immaculate Heart of Mary during the month of August, we pray:  
"Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us."

I look forward to working with all of you as your New Faithful Navigator this Fraternal Year, and also with our Diocesan, District and State officers. At the same time, I will strive to continue improving my effectiveness as Grand Knight of the St. Mary Cathedral Council, as chair of our parish Pastoral Council, and as a member of our Diocesan Code of Conduct Advisory Council for clergy. I will try to follow the model of a servant leader as we join forces to accomplish the noble mission of our Patriotic Order.



Some of the upcoming events during the first half of this new Fraternal Year that will involve our Assembly, District, Color Corps or associated Councils will include: The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Night for Vocations on Friday evening, August 1, at Jackson Field with a Lansing Lugnuts game; the Installation Ceremony for officers from our Assembly as well as officers from the Lansing Assembly #3334, Owosso Assembly #511 and Charlotte Assembly #2815 after the regular 6 p.m. Mass at St. Gerard's on Wednesday, August 20, with a dinner in their parish hall afterward (wives are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate, and the Faithful Friars from each Assembly are invited to concelebrate the Mass); a Living Rosary at the State Capitol on September 13 from 2-3 p.m.; the Mandy Borsenik Golf Outing fundraiser on Saturday, September 27, in Bridgeport; the 91<sup>st</sup> Fourth Degree Exemplification using the new ceremony at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center on October 4, 2025 (official flier to be published soon); the March for Life at the State Capitol on Thursday, November 6 (time to be determined); an Admiral's Banquet at St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday evening, November 7 or Annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner at the K of C Hall on Saturday, November 8; the Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) program during Advent; and the annual Doc Egan Christmas Party at the K of C Hall or perhaps at St. Gerard's, either Saturday, December 6 or December 13.

Honor Guard/Color Corps members from our Assembly and Assemblies around the Lansing Diocese performed services above and beyond the normal call of duty on the hot and humid days of July 8-10 during the exequies for SK Bishop Emeritus Carl F. Mengeling at St. Gerard's and at St. Mary Cathedral. Bishop Earl Boyea, the Diocesan staff, and Bishop Mengeling's family all expressed their profound admiration and appreciation for the honors and *dignitas* that the Color Corps contributed. May Bishop Mengeling rest in peace.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

*Vivat Jesus!*

FN Phil Schertzing



### Honoring Our Veterans: Being on the Right Side of History

Since its inception in 1900, the Patriotic Fourth Degree has been committed to supporting and honoring our military veterans and those actively serving in the Armed Forces. Military service is considered among the most significant and tangible acts of Patriotism.

More than 16 million American men and women served in the military during World War II. About 4 million of them identified as Catholics. During World War I, out of 4.7 million military personnel, 1 million identified themselves as Catholics. Without doubt, a number of these men were also members of the Knights of Columbus.

According to the Archdiocese of the Military Services of the USA in Washington, D.C., approximately 25% of active-duty military personnel around the world today identify as Catholics. Counting their families or dependents as well as civilian personnel supporting the Armed Forces, the Archdiocese serves about 1.8 million Catholics worldwide.

Headstones, markers, and other memorials in American military cemeteries overseas, or in National Cemeteries, county or municipal cemeteries, and private, family or faith-based cemeteries here in the United States, honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while in military service, or who may have lived for some time after their service with the distinguished status of "Veteran." There are no precise statistics, but certainly a significant proportion were Catholics.

This would seem to confirm that the leadership of the Knights of Columbus who instituted the Patriotic Fourth Degree 125 years ago to demonstrate that adherence to our Catholic Faith and loyalty to our country were not mutually exclusive, were on the right side of what would become, American history.

*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



713 The Messiah's characteristics are revealed above all in the "Servant songs."<sup>82</sup> These songs proclaim the meaning of Jesus' Passion and show how he will pour out the Holy Spirit to give life to the many: not as an outsider, but by embracing our "form as slave."<sup>83</sup> Taking our death upon himself, he can communicate to us his own Spirit of life.

714 This is why Christ inaugurates the proclamation of the Good News by making his own the following passage from Isaiah:<sup>84</sup>

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor.

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

# 2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



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Ronald Graber  
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Michael Jones  
Joseph Jong  
Daniel Klodt  
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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 Month**  
**SK James Martellini**



"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 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  
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Lady Sandy Watterson  
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Soul of Bishop Mengeling  
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:



SK Rev Bishop Carl Mengeling  
SK John Ujlaky

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



## 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.



# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Benjamin	King	08 01
Harold	Beaton	08 02
Joseph	Papranec	08 05
Alessandro	Bozzo	08 06
Michael	Du Mont	08 06
Robert	Fedewa	08 06
George	Hanley	08 06
Anthony	Cherniawski	08 09
Philip	Mondro	08 10
James	Gonzalez	08 11
Kenneth	Mc Donald	08 15
John	Rojeski	08 16
Brent	Torgeson	08 19
Chris	Dancisak	08 20
Manuel	Delgado	08 23
Clyde	Smith	08 26
William	Lawson	08 28

## Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Leona	Brunette	08 01
Joan	Alspaugh	08 03
J. Carol	Thelen	08 04
Leigh	Miller	08 09
Joann	Potoczny	08 14
Karen	Shepard	08 19
Mary	Benson	08 22
Suzanne	Cherniawski	08 27
Cherie	Leece	08 28
Dolores	Diaz	08 30

## Anniversaries

Spouse First	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Marie	David	Williams	08 02
Margaret	Christopher	Costigan	08 04
Janette	Fred	Hamilton	08 06
Kristen	Michael J.	McCue	08 07
Mirla	James	Moses	08 08
Colleen	Robert	Spehar	08 10
Teresa	Michael	Hull	08 11
Tricia	Eric	Smith	08 14
Charlene	Benjamin	King	08 16
Cassady	Andrew	Brege	08 16
J. Carol	Daniel	Thelen	08 18
Jean	Aubrey	Merrill	08 22
Alison	Joseph	Walczak	08 22
Colleen	Emil	Dehnke	08 22
Jacquelyn	Robert	Andretz	08 22
Dolores	Mario	Diaz	08 23
Deborah	David	Simon	08 24
Amy	Dan	Korte	08 26
Suzanne	Anthony	Cherniawski	08 26
Colleen	Randall	LaLonde	08 28
Noelle	Christopher	Wegener	08 30



**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**





## 25<sup>TH</sup> KNIGHTS FAMILY NIGHT TO CELEBRATE VOCATIONS!



### Lugnuts vs. Cedar Rapids Kernels — Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:05pm

- Come early (5:00 PM) before the gates and enjoy free inflatables until 6:00 PM! Must be under 16 to participate.
- Watch several Catholics throw out a ceremonial first pitch!
- Check out the Catholic Information Fair on the concourse!
- Postgame LAFCU Fireworks!
- Box tickets are just \$14.00 each! By purchasing a ticket you will be helping some 200 children, seminarians, sisters, postulantes and novices attend the game as well!



## 91<sup>st</sup> Exemplification

Please join us in celebrating our Jubilee Year of the Patriotic Degree at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center to complete your journey into the Fourth Degree this fall. As part of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Fourth Degree founded on Feb. 22, 1900, we will be performing the newly revised ceremonial from Supreme that was introduced on Feb. 22, 2025. Our Class Honoree will be **Former Master Joseph Yekulis**, who completes his five-year term of service to MI District 2 on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

A day you will remember forever.



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Exemplification  
held at:

Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
913 Napoleon Rd.  
Michigan Center, MI 49254

- See backside for Registration Info -  
Note: There will be no Ladies Program  
or luncheon served before the Exemplification

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

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Honoring SK Joseph Yekulis  
Former Master MI District 2  
2020-2025

2025

## Living Rosary

*Faith In Action - Jubilee Year of Hope*



**SATURDAY**  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**State Capitol**  
**Lansing, Michigan**



Michigan State Council



**Knights of  
Columbus**

Hosted by: St. Mary Cathedral, Council 11694

More information: [www.mikofclivingrosary.org](http://www.mikofclivingrosary.org)

## MANRESA

My Brother Knights:

There is a very serene place nestled in the northern Detroit suburbs known as the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House. It sits on several wooded acres on the Rouge River in Bloomfield Hills. The main building where retreatants stay contains the chapel, where Mass is said daily. In the rear of the chapel, in a niche behind glass, is an object that is very old and very significant to the story of the Jesuits in America.

The Society of Jesus was founded centuries ago by St. Ignatius of Loyola, to serve the Pope as soldiers for Christ. His conversion occurred at a place called Manresa, while recovering from the wounds of battle.

The Jesuits' military bearing and encouragement of education and intellectual thought, along with the Spiritual Exercises, drew men to their particular charism. Among them were Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and other black robes who faced martyrdom in their missionary travels among the native tribes of North America.

Perhaps the best-known Jesuit in Michigan is Fr. Jacques Marquette, missionary and explorer. He founded the first European settlement in what is now Michigan at Sault Ste. Marie. He also founded the City of St. Ignace, and served on Mackinac Island. His travels brought him into contact with members of a Western tribe who described a great river used for trade.

Pere Marquette, accompanied by Louis Joliet and a few others, made the trek across Wisconsin by water and over land to come upon the Mississippi River. After exploring the river as far south as the mouth of the Arkansas River, they returned to Michigan.

A couple years later, in 1674, Fr. Marquette and his party of explorers went back to the Illinois Territory, being the first Europeans to stay the winter in what is now Chicago. In the spring of 1675, they traveled westward, and Fr. Marquette celebrated a public Mass at the Grand Village of the Illinois. On his way back to St. Ignace, the 37-year old Fr. Marquette became ill and died on the Lake Michigan shoreline, at a spot just south of Ludington, near the mouth of the Pere Marquette River, in what's now Pere Marquette Township. Fr. Marquette was later buried in St. Ignace. The Queen City of the Upper Peninsula, Marquette, is named for him, as well as the University in Milwaukee.

In 1912, Fr. Patrick Dunigan was sent to the Copper Country in northern Michigan. After watching him say Mass for several days, two elderly Native Americans asked if he was the same kind of priest as the black robe who came to them from across the seas. Hearing that he was, they led him to a secret place in the woods, and uncovered a cypress box, containing a chalice.

Many years before, they explained, the black-robed father, Jacques Marquette, about to set out on a dangerous mission, entrusted the care of this chalice to the tribal elders. He never returned, and they had guarded the chalice throughout the generations. Now they were returning it. Fr. Dunigan had the chalice cleaned and restored, and at his death in 1934, bequeathed it to Manresa, believing it belonged in a Jesuit community.

We Knights of Columbus may be likened to a military company in the manner of the Society of Jesus. That makes us soldiers for Christ. We need to express the zeal and courage of men like Pere Jacques Marquette and the other black robes, many of whom were martyred, and whose service led to the canonization of a young Mohawk maiden, St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

The motto of the Jesuits is *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, "to the greater glory of God." Let that be our goal as Knights, in the spirit of Manresa, in all we do, in our work of the Order, and in our daily lives.

Thank you, my Brother Knights.

PGK Tim Perrone



**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 August 19th —**



**Social / Dinner begins at: 6:00 pm**

**Rosary begins at: 6:45 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 —  
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