



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 Our Lady of Sorrows during the month of September, we pray: *"May the Virgin of Sorrows obtain for us from Her Son the grace to make us penetrate ever more deeply into this mystery and to inebriate us with the sufferings of Jesus. May the Blessed Virgin obtain for us the grace to love the cross, suffering and sorrow! Amen."* (St. Padre Pio)

This has been, and will continue to be, a very busy time for our Assembly.

The 25th Annual Family Night for Vocations event was held on Friday evening, August 1, at Jackson Field with a Lansing Lugnuts game. The Honor Guard/Color Corps provided admirable dignity and decorum to the event. It was a perfect night for baseball, and the Lugnuts even won!



Our Worthy District 2 Master, SK Joe Yekulis, and District Executive Assistant SK Ben Dandrow, presided over the installation ceremony for officers from our Assembly, as well as for officers from the Lansing Assembly #3334, Robert L. Flynn Assembly #511 in Owosso, and the Bishop Kenneth J. Povish Assembly #2815 in Charlotte, after the regular 6 p.m. Mass at St. Gerard's in Lansing on Wednesday evening, August 20. Fr. Jon Bokuniewicz of St. Gerard's was the main celebrant of the Mass, with our own Faithful Friar, Fr. Michael Skrocki, concelebrating. Members of the Honor Guard also participated in the Mass. There was a dinner in the parish hall afterward with about forty Sir Knights and Devoted Ladies in attendance.

By the time this newsletter has been published, the 4th Degree District 2 meeting will have been held at St. John the Evangelist in Jackson on Saturday morning, Aug. 23. Pending official approval from the K of C Supreme Master, Master Joe Yekulis will pass the gavel to our new District 2 Master, Ben Dandrow, on September 1. We will also have a new Vice-Supreme Master for the Fr. Hennepin Province, SK Walter Winkle.

Other upcoming events during this Fraternal Year that will involve our assembly, Honor Guard/Color Corps and associated councils in some fashion will include:

- Living Rosary at the State Capitol on September 13 from 2-3 p.m.
- Mandy Borsenik Golf Outing, Saturday, September 27 in Bridgeport.
- 91st 4th degree Exempt using the new ceremony at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center Oct 4.
- March for Life at the State Capitol on Thursday morning, November 6.
- Annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner will be here at the hall on Sat, November 8.
- Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) program during Advent.
- Doc Egan Christmas Party here at the hall—possibly Saturday, December 6.

The winter Diocesan meeting with Bishop Boyea attending will be at the St Mary Cathedral Parish Hall in Lansing on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20.

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Special Points of Interest:

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



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That would normally be the night of our regular assembly meeting, but many of our officers and members will be obligated to attend the Diocesan meeting instead, so we may waive our January meeting or conduct it in some informal fashion.

We will partner with the Lansing Assembly to plan another Blue Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas at some time in February to honor public safety/emergency responders.

The State K of C Convention on Mackinac Island will be May 21-22.

The Flag Retirement ceremony is scheduled here at the Columbus Hall on the eve of June 14, 2026, which is Flag Day.

There will inevitably be additional district and diocesan meetings, and possibly another 4th Degree exemplification, in the spring.

A committee has been formed to research and propose options for our tradition of presenting an individual chalice to the families of deceased Sir Knights. The cost of buying and engraving proper chalices has risen significantly. The committee will also explore possible fundraising opportunities to improve our financial posture for meeting necessary expenses and for charitable support for various programs or organizations that align with the mission of the Patriotic Fourth Degree.

And let's not forget the urgent need to recruit new members for the long-term sustainability of our Assembly!

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

FN Phil Schertzing



From our Navigator

♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

- ♣ PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
- ♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS
- ♣ CHAPTER THREE I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
- ♣ ARTICLE 8 "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

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



In creation; Expectation of the Messiah and his Spirit

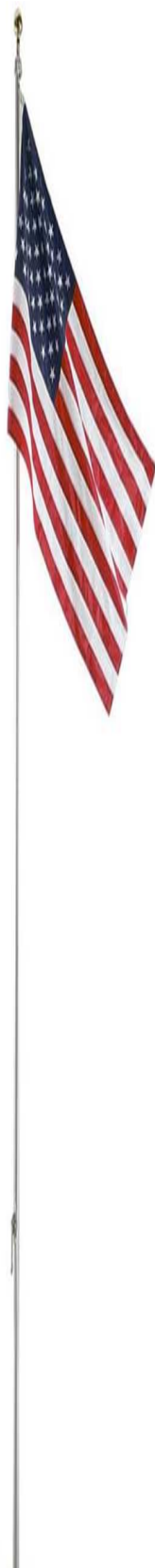
715 The prophetic texts that directly concern the sending of the Holy Spirit are oracles by which God speaks to the heart of his people in the language of the promise, with the accents of "love and fidelity."⁸⁵ St. Peter will proclaim their fulfillment on the morning of Pentecost.⁸⁶ According to these promises, at the "end time" the Lord's Spirit will renew the hearts of men, engraving a new law in them. He will gather and reconcile the scattered and divided peoples; he will transform the first creation, and God will dwell there with men in peace.

716 The People of the "poor"⁸⁷ - those who, humble and meek, rely solely on their God's mysterious plans, who await the justice, not of men but of the Messiah - are in the end the great achievement of the Holy Spirit's hidden mission during the time of the promises that prepare for Christ's coming. It is this quality of heart, purified and enlightened by the Spirit, which is expressed in the Psalms. In these poor, the Spirit is making ready "a people prepared for the Lord."⁸⁸

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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 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. "



Prayer List

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Fr Mike Kaiser
SK Tony Cherniawski
SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
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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 Robert N. Spehar

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 \$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.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Alana	Corey	Livingston	09 01
Linda	Joseph	Kobus	09 01
Angie	Justiniano	Diaz	09 05
Janice	James	Bollman	09 07
Christina	Peter	Scaccia	09 09
Nancy	David	Luedtke	09 10
Ann	John	McCarthy	09 11
Rita	Eugene	Murawski	09 14
Rosemary	Daniel	Klodt	09 14
Tonia	Michael	Du Mont	09 16
Jane	Hilary	Goerge	09 18
Michelle	Dane	Jurkovic	09 21
Pattie	Michael	Schaefer	09 25
Cherie	Lawrence	Leece	09 29

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Mary	Dancisak	09 07
Jody	Martellini	09 08
Susan	Fiero	09 08
Jamie	Adams	09 09
Colleen	Angst	09 11
Jean	Merrill	09 15
Vickey	Wegener	09 16
Deb	Maurer	09 16
Nancy	Luedtke	09 17
Suzanne	Bassett	09 18
Kristen	McCue	09 23
Sue	Jensen	09 23
Karen	Freund	09 25
Renee	Moore	09 27
Pattie	Schaefer	09 27
Jeanine	Thomas	09 30

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Randy	Cusack	09 01
Richard	Bierwagen	09 02
Gerald	Ockert	09 09
Paul	Rojeski	09 10
Loyd	Kintz	09 12
William	Schwannecke	09 12
David	Kreager	09 13
James	Martellini	09 13
Patrick	Williams	09 16
Fred	Findley	09 16
Skrocki	Rev. Michael	09 18
Mark	Leyko	09 19
Thomas	Wegener	09 21
Ernest	Van Alstine	09 26
Frederick	Kirrmann	09 26
Dennis	Henderson	09 27
Billy	Faust	09 27



**A Downloadable copy of the
Assembly Member Roster
is available at:**

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



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**



Columbus Hall Car Show

5300 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48906

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Car Show from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Registration from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM



\$15.00 Registration Fee

Registrants receive a Burger Basket

Gift Goodie Bag To First 50 Entries

Trophies for People's Choice Award & Top 10 "Best of Show" Trophies

Food & Beverages Available for Purchase

50/50 Raffle and Other Door/Raffle Prizes



91st 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 125th 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 1st.

A day you will remember forever.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Saturday, October 4th, 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

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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 13th
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

THE LIGHT

My Brother Knights:

It has been said that, on a dark night, a single candle flame is visible for up to a mile away.

Would that that be true for us as well – that the light of Christ that burns within each of us may be observed from an impossibly long distance.

How can that happen?

For us Knights of Columbus, Catholic gentlemen in communion with the Holy See, it is in our very nature. With the first principle of our Order, charity, written large on our hearts, how can others not notice?

Not that we seek credit or approbation. Knowledge of a successfully accomplished work of charity satisfies us. An expression of gratitude from the objects of our charity is only icing on the cake.

Encouragement from our Brother Knights keeps us grounded, and steadfast in continuing in service to others. And as we strive to comport ourselves to the work of the Order, the love of Christ grows ever larger within us.

And that's what becomes the light of Christ, visible from far off, farther than a mile on a dark night, farther than we may ever imagine.

Thank you, my Brother Knights.

PGK Tim Perrone



My Brother Knights,

Every May there is a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France for the Military Service Members and Veterans. They go to Lourdes hoping for healing of physical problems and spiritual needs.

In 1858 Saint Burnadette experienced 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. The apparitions appeared over a several month period, known as the Holy Fortnight. Saint Burnadette was told by the Virgin Mother to drink the water and wash yourself with it.

That Holy Water continues to flow from the Grotto. There have been 200 million visitors to the site over the last 165 years, including 180 US Military Members and Veterans that visited in May of 2025. There have been 70 miracles confirmed by the Catholic Church.

Lourdes, France is the 5th most visited pilgrimage site in the world. Rome, the Holy Land, Our Lady of Guatemala, and Our Lady of Fatima are the most visited. There is also a place in Wisconsin called Our Lady of Champion near Green Bay where Adele Brice saw an apparition of the Virgin Mother who spoke to her about teaching the children the catechism. My wife and I visited there and enjoyed a special afternoon.

Many of the Military Members who visited Lourdes mentioned that regardless of any physical healing, they came away with a special encounter with Our Mother Mary.

I strongly suggest if you have the chance to visit any of these sites, it is worth the effort.

Thank You,

DGK Bill Ray



All Sir Knights and Ladies planning to attend the upcoming Exemplification on Oct. 4, 2025 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center must register through the Faithful Comptroller of our Assembly. Tickets for the banquet are \$35 per person. Please provide payment and names of Sir Knight and Lady to SK Tim Perrone by our next Assembly meeting on Sept 16th.

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

— Tuesday September 16th —



Social / Light Dinner at: 6:00 pm

Rosary at: 6:45 pm

Meeting 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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