



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 Holy Souls in Purgatory during the month of November, we recall the quote from St. John Vianney: *"If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us."*

The 91st 4th Degree Exemplification for our District using the new ceremony approved by Supreme was conducted at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center on October 4. The Class Honoree was our Former District 2 Master, SK Joe Yekulis. There were somewhat mixed reviews about the new ceremony from those who participated, with the most common descriptor being that it was "different."



Officers from the Michigan State Council, members of Assemblies and Councils and other Catholics from around the state will visit the State Capitol in Lansing for a March for Life on Thursday morning, November 6. There will be a Mass in St. Mary Cathedral beginning at 9:30 a.m., a pre-rally concert on the Capitol steps beginning at 10:00, a March for Life rally with remarks from a variety of dignitaries beginning at 11:00, followed by the Michigan March for Life from the east lawn of the Capitol to the east side of the Michigan Hall of Justice, and back to the Capitol. The route will mostly use sidewalks and pedestrian overpasses to reduce street crossings or traffic disruptions. We encourage as many members as possible to attend. Praying for better weather than the last march in November 2023!

Our Bishop Albers Assembly #0496 will partner with Lansing Assembly #3334 to host our annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner at the K of C Hall on Grand River Avenue on Saturday evening, November 8. The event will be catered by Cap's Kitchen in Lansing. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Veterans or active military and their spouses will be free—all others are asked for a \$15 donation per person. Our Faithful Comptroller, Tim Perrone, will offer a presentation about the experiences of his uncle who served on the crew of a B-24 Bomber over Europe during WWII.

A committee led by SK Ken Watterson has engaged in research and discussions to develop recommendations for updating 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 in recent years, and there is concern that chalices presented in the past have not always been used as intended at the celebration of Masses. We have decided to purchase a sample of a much less expensive model to determine its suitability in hopes that we can continue this tradition in a practical, affordable, and respectful manner.

Special Points of Interest:

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



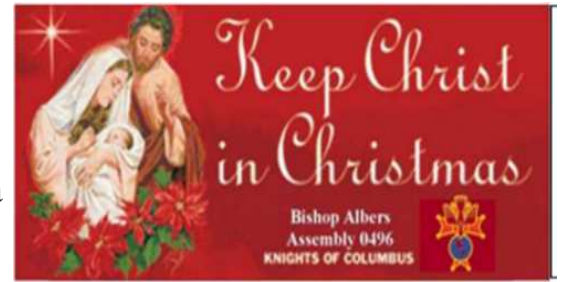
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Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.
Vivat Jesus! FN Phil Schertzing



Christmas is a Very special time of year; for Children, Family, Friends, and ***Most Importantly*** Jesus.. It's also a time for Christians to stand united in Faith and remind Everyone that Christmas is a **Holy Season**. This is a truth that needs to be spoken: "Christmas is a Holy Day, not just a Holiday.. Assembly 0496 has assisted Michigan Councils in developing their own **Keep Christ in Christmas** program since 2014. You can visit our website by going here:



<https://kciemichigan.org>

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"



IV. The Spirit of Christ in the Fullness of Time

John, precursor, prophet, and Baptist

719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet."⁹⁴ In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah.⁹⁵ He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming.⁹⁶ As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light."⁹⁷ In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels.⁹⁸ "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. and I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.... Behold, the Lamb of God."⁹⁹

720 Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to man of "the divine likeness," prefiguring what he would achieve with and in Christ. John's baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth.¹⁰⁰

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P23.HTM



President John F. Kennedy issued Proclamation 3560 on November 5, 1963 stating, "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together and for the faith which united them with their God."

2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



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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 Dave Zerbe



"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 Ben King & Lady Charlene King
SK Richard Maurer
SK Tony Kolp
SK Dan Bazela
SK Michael Buzanowaki
SK David Lennemann
SK Bruce Brennen



Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



Our fallen Brothers

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

Lady Rebecca Kintz
Lady Mandy Borsenik
Lady Kathy Stoffer
Lady Colleen LaLonde
Lady Sandy Watterson
Lady Liz Myers
Lady Sandy Dandrow
JoAnn Trussell
Don Carlock



Soul of Bishop Mengeling
Soul of Lady Sue Pollack
Soul of SK Patrick Donlon
Soul of SK Danial Alspaugh

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..

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.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Spouse First	Member First	Last Name	Ann Date
Beth	Richard Jr	McCloy	11 02
Amada	John	Perry	11 06
Stephanie	Jeffrey	Florian	11 06
Karen	Michael	Shepard	11 07
Sandra	Kenneth	Watterson	11 19
Erica	Brian	Pillar	11 29

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Ann	McCarthy	11 02
Linda	Faust	11 06
Michelle	Mondro	11 11
Sonia	Maurer	11 11
Rosemary	Klodt	11 19
Marie	Williams	11 20
Marlene	Schrauben	11 23
Helen	Farr	11 24
Liz	Schaner	11 26



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

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

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Timothy	Powell	11 01
Bruce	Brennan	11 01
Wayne	Etue	11 02
Jeffrey	Lorencen	11 05
Bishop Steven	Raica	11 08
David	Williams	11 08
David	Zerbe	11 13
Justiniano	Diaz	11 13
Richard Jr	McCloy	11 13
Michael	Wegener	11 15
James	Bollman	11 20
Thomas	Warning	11 20
Michael	Jones	11 21
Felix	Umeana	11 23
Daniel	Thelen	11 23
Andrew	Brege	11 23
Michael	Guyeskey	11 27
Wegener	Andrew	11 28



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**

Honoring Veterans Day



Columbus Hall
5300 N. Grand River Ave
Lansing



Saturday, November 8th @ 6:00 pm (program at 7:00)

Dinner and Reflections..

Join Us at
Columbus Hall
as we celebrate
Veterans Day
and Honor
our Veterans
with a Catered
meal by Cap's Kitchen.
We will have a
presentation from



SK Tim Perrone sharing his Uncle's experience as a B-24 crew member during World War II.

A Patriotic reminder of the sacrifices made for us All..

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Assembly 0496 & 3334.

This event is **FREE** to Veterans, & their Spouses with a suggested donation of \$15.00 for the public. Proceeds are for the benefit of the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids.





Doc Egan Children's Christmas Party



St Gerard Parish Hall

Age appropriate to 8 yrs.

Saturday, Dec 13th, 1-3 pm

4437 W Willow Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

Enjoy the reading of a Christian Christmas story, games, snacks, gifts (giving & receiving), a visit with Santa, Nativity Scene, & a Christmas tree.



- Children are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to a local charity.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to sign Christmas cards for veterans in a VA facility.
- Each child will complete a craft project that will be donated to a local nursing home.



Co - Hosted by: Knights of Columbus

Bishop Albers 0496 & Lansing 3334 (4th Degree Assemblies)
and Richard Council 788 • Lansing, Michigan



LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION

Burger Nights
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
Starting September 8th

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

ONLY \$9.00 !!!!!



"Open to the Public"



PRICE INCLUDES:

Choice of a 1/3 lb. Hamburger – Cheeseburger – Olive Burger
French Fries

Made To Order Dine In or Take Out

Your Choice Condiments Include:

Ketchup, Mustard, Pickle, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Onion

Columbus Hall

5300 N. Grand River Ave. - Lansing, MI. 48906



PRAYER FORMATION FRATERNITY



Cor, Latin for *Heart*, is designed to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ. Join men of the parish for prayer, breakfast, a short video (10-15 minutes), and discussion.

St Gerard Parish

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH | 6:45-8 AM | PARISH HALL

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This Newsletter is published to our Website at www.assembly0496.org by the 1st week of the Month. Please contact SK Ken Watterson at aarryd@sbcglobal.net if you have any problems.

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

— Tuesday November 18th —



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 —
Contact: Ken Watterson @ 517.881.0812 or Dave Myers @ 517.281.1092.