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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to The Holy Name of Jesus during the month of January, we reflect on Philippians (2:9-11): *“Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) program always concludes with the end of Advent, the season of preparation and anticipation for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. We hope our campaign this year will have proved successful—not only as a fundraiser, but more importantly as an affirmation of the true meaning of Christmas.



A tradition spanning a half-dozen decades, the Doc Egan Christmas Party was held at St. Gerard’s Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13. The visit by Santa, and the participation of Kathy Egan, the daughter of the founder of this event, were greatly appreciated. The kids prepared Christmas cards for veterans, and brought donations of non-perishable food items for local food banks. Participation was somewhat lower than previous years, but planning is already underway to expand next year’s event.

As a reminder, our regular January assembly meeting has been cancelled because the winter K of C Diocesan meeting has been scheduled at the St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall on that Tuesday evening, January 20, 2026. Registration will open at 5:00 p.m with dinner at 6:00, catered by the St. Francis Retreat Center, followed by the meeting. Bishop Boyea will attend.

The Supreme Master has determined that future Fourth Degree Exemplifications should be conducted at Diocesan Cathedrals when possible. Thus, planning is already underway to conduct the 92nd Exemplification at St. Mary Cathedral, in Lansing, possibly on Saturday April 18 or 25. The Lansing Assembly has offered St. Thomas Aquinas as a back-up if logistics don’t work out for the Cathedral. MFD Dandrow and FM Yekulis have begun seeking the required approval through the chain of command with the State Council, Province and Supreme. This will be a great opportunity for us and for all our local Assemblies and Councils to shine in terms of recruiting an abundant slate of candidates for Exemplification to the Patriotic Order as new Sir Knights. This will ensure the future of the 4th Degree in the Greater Lansing Area.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas this year, and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2026!

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



Special Points of Interest:

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



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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

"Rejoice, you who are full of grace"

723 In Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the plan of the Father's loving goodness. With and through the Holy Spirit, the Virgin conceives and gives birth to the Son of God. By the Holy Spirit's power and her faith, her virginity became uniquely fruitful.¹⁰⁵

724 In Mary, the Holy Spirit manifests the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known.¹⁰⁶

725 Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring men, the objects of God's merciful love,¹⁰⁷ into communion with Christ. and the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples.

726 At the end of this mission of the Spirit, Mary became the Woman, the new Eve ("mother of the living"), the mother of the "whole Christ."¹⁰⁸ As such, she was present with the Twelve, who "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer,"¹⁰⁹ at the dawn of the "end time" which the Spirit was to inaugurate on the morning of Pentecost with the manifestation of the Church.

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

The Advent Wreath has a long history in Christian churches. Each of the four candles are lit on the four Sundays of advent. They each have a particular meaning.

Week one is the Hope candle. Color purple. It symbolizes the hope that Jesus' birth is near and his salvation is coming soon.

Week two is the peace candle. Color purple. It represents the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem where Jesus will be born and bring peace to the world.

Week three is the joy candle. Color rose. Lit on Gaudete Sunday (Latin for rejoice) symbolizing the joy we experience in the anticipation of Christmas.

Week four is the love candle. Color is purple again. Represents Gods love for the world, Christs love of humanity and our love for each other and ourselves. The fulfillment of the Christmas Season.

That gives us 4 weeks to celebrate and rejoice. May we truly keep Christ in Christmas.





2024/2025 Officers and Appointees

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Phil Schertzing – Navigator -- 517. 214.8794
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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 -



Allen Barr
James Bollman
Ronald Bruner
Wayne Carpenter
William Chassé
Anthony Cherniawski
Francis Cherniawski
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Christopher Costigan
Frank A. DeRose
Clifford Farr
David Freund
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Ronald Graber
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Msgr. Michael Murphy
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Gerald Ockert
Bernard Pollack-
Michael Schaefer-
David Schertzing
Phillip Schertzing
Lawrence Schrauben-
Michael Shepard
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Michael Wegener-
Thomas Wegener



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 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. "



Prayer List

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 Sandy Dandrow
JoAnn Trussell



Charles Kahle (Ben Kings Father in Law)
Mike BaBiuk
Don Carlock

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



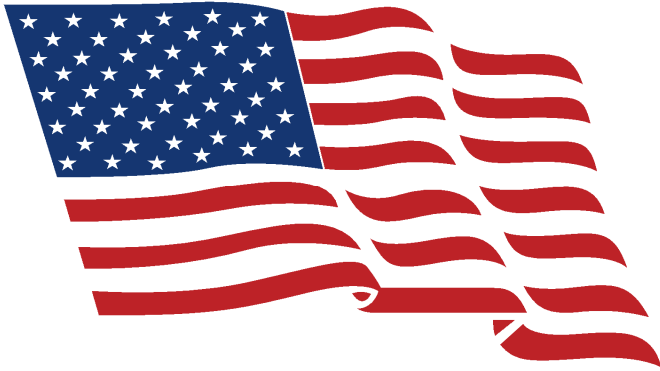
0496 Honor Guard



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.



January Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Carol A.	Gerald	Holmes	01 04
Cindy L.	Brian	Killian	01 17

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Berthilde	Kanakuze	01 01
Mary	Tardif	01 01
Colleen	LaLonde	01 03
Nancy	Kremsreiter	01 08
Janette	Cherniawski	01 10
Cassady	Brege	01 12
Amada	Perry	01 16
Linda	Nemecek	01 19
Marybeth	Chasse	01 22
Janice	Bollman	01 28
Thelma (Terri)	Becht	01 29
Gayla	Schertzing	01 31

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Michele	Kanakuze	01 01
Mark	Wawiernia	01 02
Nicholas	Wyte	01 03
Allen	Jensen	01 09
Dane	Jurkovic	01 09
Christopher	Wegener	01 10
Eric	Wegener	01 11
Dan	La Fave	01 15
Geoffrey	Madden	01 17
Joseph	Tardif	01 18
Raymond	Kremsreiter	01 20
Edmund	McQuillan	01 21
Donald	Schmitz	01 23
Joseph	Kobus	01 25
David E.	Barker	01 25
Patrick	Jacobs	01 25
Gabriel	Ishimwe	01 28
Dale	Bassett	01 31
John	Perry	01 31



**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**

GUADALUPE

In 1492, the patron of our Order, Christopher Columbus, set sail for the great unknown with three ships, the Pinta, Niña, and Santa Maria. The names translate to the painting, of the girl, Holy Mary.

The names presage the events of 39 years later, announcing how the conversion of the Americas would take place. It was in 1531 that Mary, the Mother of Our Savior, appeared to San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, and her image was emblazoned on his cactus fiber cloak.

The miracle of the tilma started the greatest period of evangelization in history -- nine million baptisms of the native population in the first ten years.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is replete with meaningful symbols, many more than I can describe in one setting. But for me, the most intriguing parts of the image are the stars.

Their placement on her garments is not random. The 46 visible stars are in the exact position visible from Mexico City on the last day of the apparitions, at the exact time that Mary appeared to San Juan Diego.

Even the amateur astronomer can easily recognize the constellations: Corona Borealis at her head, Orion at her feet, Ursa Major on her right side, the Southern Cross on her left.

Numerous others are evident: Gemini, Leo, Libra and Virgo, the Pleiades and Sirius. It's a clear case of the heavens coming to Earth.

When Hilary Clinton was U.S. Secretary of State, she visited the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She admired the image, and asked, "Who painted it?" The Archbishop answered, "It was God!" So it was..

SK Tim Perrone





Knights of Columbus

21st Annual Wild Game

Dinner

Saturday January 17, 2026

St. Gerard, Father Weber Hall

4437 W. Willow Highway, Lansing

Over 300 hunters attend. This is a great opportunity for your business to be a sponsor.

At least 30 guns will be given away throughout the night including shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, and pistols.

Tickets \$35 Each
Available now at Council 788

5300 N. Grand River, Lansing

For tickets, more information, sponsorships, or questions
Contact Denise Kelsey (517) 285-3029 or Ken Morrison (517) 719-4047



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

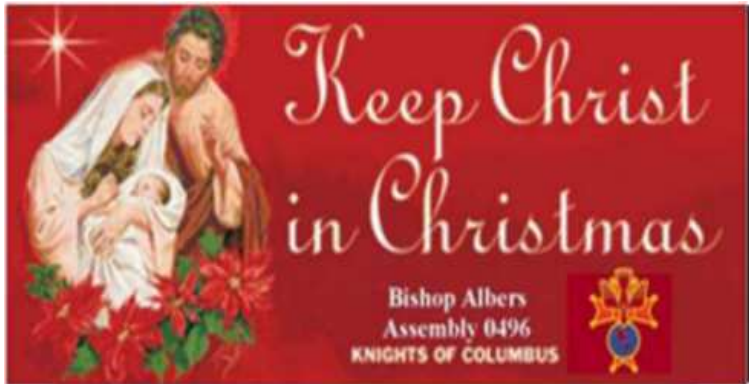
Made To Order Dine In or Take Out

Your Choice Condiments Include:

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

Columbus Hall

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Have a Joyful and Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year



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

— Tuesday February 17th —
(No Meeting in January)



Social / Light Dinner at: 6:00 pm

Rosary at: 6:45 pm

Meeting at: 7:00 pm

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