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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to The Passion of the Lord during the month of February, we reflect on a quote from St. Mother Teresa: *“Suffering is nothing by itself. But suffering shared with the passion of Christ is a wonderful gift, the most beautiful gift, a token of love.”*



The K of C winter meeting for the Lansing Diocese was held on Tuesday evening, January 20, at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Over 120 Knights attended, including Bishop Boyea, State Deputy Barry Borsenik, and many other State Officers. Many of our Assembly officers and members attended in their roles as District Deputies or officers in their respective Councils, or as members of the host Council to help serve dinner catered by the St. Francis Retreat Center and clean up afterward. This would have made it impossible to convene a quorum and conduct Assembly business that night, so our regular January meeting was cancelled.

During that Diocesan meeting, Worthy District Master, Ben Dandrow confirmed that the 92nd Fourth Degree Exemplification will be conducted at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing on Saturday, April 18, co-hosted by our Assembly, Lansing Assembly #3334, and St. Mary Cathedral Council #11694. A draft of the flyer and schedule can be found on the Fourth Degree Michigan District 2 website. This will be a great opportunity for us and 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 as we celebrate the semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) of our Nation’s independence this year. It is also essential for ensuring the future of the Fourth Degree in the Greater Lansing Area.

We must express our sincere appreciation to Tina Eckels for her hospitality and for accommodating the needs of our Assembly for meetings and special events during her tenure as manager of the Columbus Hall, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors. Julie Lehman has been doing yeoman’s work filling in as interim manager, and a new manager should be in place by February.

Our next two Assembly meetings in February and March will require us to move to the downstairs meeting room due to scheduled events in the main banquet room. This kind of room change has occasionally been necessary in the past. Our next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 17, coincides with Mardi Gras—the annual Fat Tuesday Dinner with Polish cuisine in the banquet room at Columbus Hall. Rather than our usual practice of bringing in a separate dinner at 6:00 before our meeting that evening, those who plan to attend our meeting are encouraged to arrive early and partake in the Fat Tuesday Dinner upstairs, available before our meeting from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for \$15 per person. We will encounter the same situation March 17 when the Hall is booked for a St. Patrick’s Day Party. Finally, the Biennial Fourth Degree District 2 meeting will be held at the Queen of the Miraculous Medal Vincentian Hall in Jackson on Saturday, March 21: 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

FN Phil Schertzing 

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"



Christ Jesus

727 The entire mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of time, is contained in this: that the Son is the one anointed by the Father's Spirit since his Incarnation - Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Everything in the second chapter of the Creed is to be read in this light. Christ's whole work is in fact a joint mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Here, we shall mention only what has to do with Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit and the gift of him by the glorified Lord.

728 Jesus does not reveal the Holy Spirit fully, until he himself has been glorified through his Death and Resurrection. Nevertheless, little by little he alludes to him even in his teaching of the multitudes, as when he reveals that his own flesh will be food for the life of the world.¹¹⁰ He also alludes to the Spirit in speaking to Nicodemus,¹¹¹ to the Samaritan woman,¹¹² and to those who take part in the feast of Tabernacles.¹¹³ To his disciples he speaks openly of the Spirit in connection with prayer¹¹⁴ and the witness they will have to bear.¹¹⁵

729 Only when the hour has arrived for his glorification does Jesus promise the coming of the Holy Spirit, since his Death and Resurrection will fulfill the promise made to the fathers.¹¹⁶ The Spirit of truth, the other Paraclete, will be given by the Father in answer to Jesus' prayer; he will be sent by the Father in Jesus' name; and Jesus will send him from the Father's side, since he comes from the Father. the Holy Spirit will come and we shall know him; he will be with us for ever; he will remain with us. the Spirit will teach us everything, remind us of all that Christ said to us and bear witness to him. the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and will glorify Christ. He will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment.

730 At last Jesus' hour arrives:¹¹⁷ he commends his spirit into the Father's hands¹¹⁸ at the very moment when by his death he conquers death, so that, "raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,"¹¹⁹ he might immediately give the Holy Spirit by "breathing" on his disciples.¹²⁰ From this hour onward, the mission of Christ and the Spirit becomes the mission of the Church: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."¹²¹

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

Pope Gregory the Great Saint

We had an essay contest at our council last fall and it led me to know more about Pope Gregory the Great our 64th Pope. He was born in the year 540. He was pope for 14 years from the year 590 until his death in 604. Pope Gregory made some important changes to the mass. He put the Lords prayer in the position where it remains to this day exemplifying the influence he has had.

During his time as pope he kept a diligent faith that made him very popular with the people of Rome. He maintained special care for the poor, feeding the hungry who could not afford food. He often had as many as 20 guests at his dinner, all of them very poor. He insisted that all the priests go into the streets and help the poor and hungry. Sometimes the priest refused and he was removed them from his position

Gregory became famous by these actions and the people of Rome came to depend on the Church to help them much more than the actual government of the Roman Empire. Pope Gregory also led a procession of several city churches to the Hadrians Mausoleum. The reason was to call on God to rid the city of a deadly plague. It was reported that the Arc Angel Michael appeared and wielded his sword as a sign that the plague would soon be over. In gratitude they changed the name to the Castel Sant' Angel and erected a bronze statue of Saint Michael.

Pope Gregory the first was proclaimed a saint soon after his death and was also given the name of Pope Gegory the Great . His feast day is September 03.



2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



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Committee Chairs

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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 Fr. Michael Skrocki



"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 Beth Ray, wife of Faithful Captain; SK Bill Ray
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 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.



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Ann	Cook	02 07
Connie	Jones	02 09
Linda	Stanford	02 11
Charlene	King	02 14
Debbie	Peacock	02 17
Phyllis	Schmitz	02 18
Branda	Garlitz	02 20
Terri	Hecksel	02 25
Cay-Marie	Warner	02 25
Teresa	Brandell	02 25
Alana	Livingston	02 27

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
William	Chasse	02 02
James	Corder	02 04
Rev. Mark	Martin	02 05
Fredrick	Rocheleau	02 06
Brian	Killian	02 07
Mark	Stenske	02 10
Jerry	Wilhm	02 11
Daniel	Klodt	02 11
Nicholas	Dybas	02 15
Dakota	Sawyer	02 18
Dennis	Becht	02 21
Robert	Andretz	02 22
Howard	Miller	02 23
Peter	Scaccia	02 24
James	Thomas	02 29

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Debbie	John	Hurth	02 07
Joann	John	Potoczny	02 08
Mary Kay	Walter	Ozanich	02 15



**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**



92nd Exemplification

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States

The time is now to join the Patriotic 4th Degree to celebrate the Semi quincentennial of our country. Our new 4th Degree Exemplification will take place at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing this spring, allowing you the opportunity to complete your journey into full Knighthood.

This one day event will be hosted by FN Phillip Schertzing of Bishop Albers Assembly #0496 and FN Paul LaCroix of Assembly #3334; both in Lansing. The Master's banquet will follow the 4:00 pm Mass.

**A day you will
remember forever.**



Saturday April 18, 2026



St. Mary Cathedral



92nd Exemplification Class Honoree

SK David Lennemann
District 2 Degree Team
Captain



**Exemplification held at:
St Mary Cathedral
219 Seymour Ave.
Lansing, Mi 48933**

- See backside for Registration Info -

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PINEWOOD OPEN

SATURDAY | February 7, 2026
COLUMBUS HALL | 5300 N. GRAND RIVER AVE | LANSING



REGISTER HERE OR VISIT
KOFc788.ORG/PINEWOOD-OPEN

REGISTRATION IS FROM 12PM - 12:45PM
RACING STARTS AT 1PM

ENTRY FEES

SOLO RACER: \$10 FOR 1 CAR
FAMILY PASS: \$24 FOR 3 CARS
PARTY PACK: \$40 FOR 5 CARS

PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE
REHMANN AWARD (CROWD FAVE)
BEST SAINT-THEMED CAR

QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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



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Beer & CHOCOLATE TASTING

Friday the 13th of February
6:30 PM at Columbus Hall
5300 N. Grand River Ave

Sample 7 different craft beers, paired with specially-selected chocolates
Proceeds to benefit various Knights-supported local charities

\$30 per ticket

Purchase them behind the bar or reserve your spot by emailing Chris at MD788@mikofc.org

Charity & Fraternity



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



— Tuesday February 17th —

We will meet downstairs due to the "Fat Tuesday" dinner in the main banquet room that night. Members are encouraged to partake in Council 788's Fat Tuesday Dinner held upstairs in the Hall. Dinner is served from 4 pm to 7 pm. and is only \$15 per person.

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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