



**Bishop Albers Assembly 0496**

**March 2026**  
Volume #75 Issue #9

**4th Degree Newsletter**

**Inside this Issue:**

Navigator Report	1
Catechism	2
Officers, Patrons	3
Prayers for the Sick	4
Honor Guard Info	4
Birthday & Anniversary	5
Items of Interest	6
Items of Interest	7
Next Meeting	8

**Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights** and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to St. Joseph during the month of March, we reflect on a quote from St. Thomas Aquinas: *“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.”*



Our February meeting was held in the smaller downstairs meeting room in Columbus Hall because Richard Council #788 had their annual “Fat Tuesday” dinner with Polish cuisine in the main banquet room. Some of our officers enjoyed the great dinner prior to our meeting. There is no St. Patrick’s Day dinner scheduled in the banquet room, so we will resume our customary set-up for the March 17 meeting, with a light dinner provided.

Using proceeds from the annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner co-hosted by our Assembly and Lansing Assembly #3334 this past November 8, I will arrange the presentation of a check for \$1,000 to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Our Worthy District Master Ben Dandrow, and FN Paul LaCroix from the Lansing Assembly will also be invited to participate.

**Special Points of Interest:**

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



The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree District 2 Biennial meeting will be held Saturday morning, March 21 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal in Jackson. I plan to attend along with several other Assembly officers as delegates to vote on a new District Master for the next two-year term.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification using the new ceremony where family members are welcome to attend will be conducted at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, April 18. There is also a special revised exemplification ceremony at the Cathedral for clergy on Wednesday, April 8. Candidates who can’t attend on the 18<sup>th</sup> may be able to join the special ceremony for clergy with approval of the District Master. The cost for either ceremony is \$70. Our Assembly, the Lansing Assembly, and the St. Mary Cathedral Council will be co-hosts. We want to get as many candidates as possible from our Assembly’s councils to complete their journey to full Knighthood by joining the Patriotic 4<sup>th</sup> Degree during this year when we celebrate our Nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence. Considering the convenient location, we should also aspire to achieve a Star Assembly Award for this Fraternal Year. That means over the next couple of weeks we need to recruit, recruit, and recruit.

The annual State K of C Convention on Mackinac Island will be May 20-22. Some of our Assembly officers or members will attend as delegates from their respective councils, or as members of the Honor Guard.

Due to the fact that the Lansing Columbian Association (LCA) has decided that the Columbus Hall will no longer be open on weekends, we will have to seek another venue for our annual Flag Retirement ceremony on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2026. We may be able to make arrangements once again with St. Gerard’s to use the space outside Fr. Weber Hall. However, our annual Awards Banquet will be held at Columbus Hall as usual on Tuesday, June 16.

Editor: **SK Ken Watterson**  
aarryd@sbcglobal.net



Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. *Vivat Jesus!* 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"



### The Spirit and the Church In the Last Days



#### Pentecost

731 On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.<sup>122</sup>

732 On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.<sup>123</sup>

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P23.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P23.HTM)



### Captains Corner

The first exemplification for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree was held in New York City on February 02, 1900.

There were 1100 members who moved up from 3<sup>rd</sup> degree to 4<sup>th</sup> degree, the patriotic degree. This also marked the beginning of the sword being part of the regalia. The sword is the key to the patriotic principles of 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

The original sword design had a flying eagle pommel or knob on the end of the handle of the sword. This design was changed in the 1930's to the Columbus head facing perpendicular to the front of the sword. This design was again changed to have the Columbus head facing directly forward from the position at the pommel on the end of the handle.

This is the design we still have today with a few additions of the etching on the side of the blade that reads Knights of Columbus. This sword has stood for over 100 years for brotherhood, skill and love for our country. Each sword owned by the members of the Honor Guard links to a deep history of the Knights devotion to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and most of all for Patriotism.

As we process carrying our sword at our side down the aisle at Mass or at a funeral or other activity we do so with dignity, humility and loyalty to our order and to all those who paved the way for us. As well as all those who will follow.

DGK Bill Ray 

# 2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



## 2024/2026 Officers and Appointees

Fr. Michael Skrocki - Faithful Friar  
 Phil Schertzing – Navigator -- 517. 214.8794  
 James Martellini - Admiral - 517.256.5007  
 Bill Ray - Captain - 517 896 2456  
 Tony Kolp - Scribe - 517.706.9242  
 Tim Perrone - Comptroller - 517.886.0627  
 Walter Ozanich - Purser - 517.321.2422  
 Tony Cherniawski - Pilot - 517.331.5200  
 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 -

Allen Barr  
 Dennis Becht  
 Clyde Beckwith  
 James Bollman  
 Michael Buzanowski  
 William Chassé  
 Anthony Cherniawski  
 Francis Cherniawski  
 Eric Clark  
 Jay Corey  
 Christopher Costigan  
 Frank A. DeRose  
 John Duffy  
 Clifford Farr  
 David Freund  
 Hilary Goerge  
 Ronald Graber  
 Dennis Henderson4  
 Gabriel Ishimwe  
 Jerry Johnson  
 Joseph Jong  
 Michel Kanakuze  
 Loyd Kintz  
 Randall LaLonde  
 David Luedtke  
 James Martellini  
 Richard McCloy  
 Edmund McQuillan  
 Msgr. Michael Murphy  
 David Myers  
 Bernard Pollack  
 William Ray  
 Phillip Schertzing  
 Lawrence Schrauben  
 SK Deacon Dr. Richard M. Stanford  
 John Suckow  
 Paul Teszlewicz  
 Ken Watterson  
 Eric Wegener  
 Thomas Wegener  
 David Zerbe



## 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 Randy LaLonde



"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



### 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.

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..



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 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.



# March Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Deborah	Simon	03 03
Elizabeth	Myers	03 03
Lori	Beaton	03 04
Vinn	Ruthruff	03 07
Betty, Monique	Sherrell	03 08
Stephanie	Florian	03 09
Michelle	Barker	03 10
Jacquelyn	Andretz	03 15
Kathie	Guyeskey	03 16
Christina	Scaccia	03 18
Erica	Pillar	03 18
Carol A.	Holmes	03 20
Constance	Garlitz	03 20
Amber	Cusack	03 26
Tonia	Du Mont	03 27

## Anniversaries

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Linda	Billy	Faust	03 03
Betty, Monique	Michael	Sherrell	03 15
Valerie	Christopher	Ostrowski	03 15
Janette	Francis	Cherniawski	03 18
Jennifer	Robert	Spehar	03 24



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

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

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Gerald	Holmes	03 01
Richard Sr	McCloy	03 03
Luis	Velasquez	03 04
Michael	Schueller	03 04
Thomas	Munley	03 08
John	Rademacher	03 08
Joseph	Walczak	03 11
Lyle	Adams	03 11
William	Wissner	03 12
Philip	Guyeskey	03 12
James	Bleicher	03 13
Gregory	Brunette	03 16
Brian	Peacock	03 17
Corey	Livingston	03 18
David	Schertzing	03 24
Mike	Hecksel	03 25
Steven	La Macchia	03 29
Msgr. George	Michalek	03 29



## 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 -**

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

- SK Benedict Dandrow Master MI District II  
517-812-2620 [b.dandrow@mikofc.org](mailto:b.dandrow@mikofc.org)
- SK David Buick FM/Comptroller MI D2  
517-927-8044 [dabuick45@gmail.com](mailto:dabuick45@gmail.com)
- SK Paul Funk Executive Asst. MI D2  
248-765-4655 [paul@paulsfunk.com](mailto:paul@paulsfunk.com)
- SK Dave Zerbe Membership Director  
517-282-4516 [azmaint13@gmail.com](mailto:azmaint13@gmail.com)

**LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSOCIATION**

**FISH FRY**

EVERY FRIDAY  
4:30PM-7:00PM

FEBRUARY 20 - APRIL 3

COLUMBUS HALL  
5300 N GRAND RIVER AVE  
LANSING, MI 48906



EACH DINNER INCLUDES:  
3 PIECES OF FRIED or BAKED COD  
FRIES OR BAKED POTATO  
HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE  
COLESLAW  
ROLL W/ BUTTER

Available for dine-in or take out  
Open to the Public - Credit Cards Accepted

Columbus Hall is the home of Knights of Columbus Council #788  
517-321-2209



**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**

**Knights of Columbus**

COLUMBUS HALL  
5300 N. Grand River Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48906  
517-321-2209



**To Our Members**

Over the past several years and months your LCA Board has made significant improvements to your building. New HVAC heating and air conditioning units, lighting, roof, carpeting, refurbishment to all bathrooms, electrical improvements, refurbished bar and seating area, new refrigeration units and more. All of this was done with careful planning, monitoring our expenses, having events which built up our funds, and donations from members. The final touch to the building is the exterior with new siding, windows, and painting which has just been completed. Our thanks to Dave Schertzing for coordinating all of the improvements you see.

With this good news we also welcome our new Club Manager Lindsay Riley who took over the position February 2, 2026. Lindsay is very experienced in bar management, and she and her family are residents of DeWitt and St. Gerard. The LCA Board has also announced New Club Hours!! Effective immediately our open hours will be from 4pm to 9pm at night. We will be open Monday thru Friday only and closed Saturday and Sunday except for special events, rentals, and sports events as run currently by members only.

We now invite you to come down to your facility and enjoy the new Columbus Hall, meet your new manager, and enjoy our fish fries during lent and all our events, and our great rental facility for any of your needs.



Bishop Albers Assembly # 0496  
Knights of Columbus  
5300 N. Grand River  
Lansing, MI 48906

<http://www.assembly0496.org>

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Grand  
Ledge, MI

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

---

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



**— Tuesday March 17th —**

**Light Meal / Social at: 6: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.