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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to the Holy Eucharist during the month of April, we recall the first verse of the hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas, Adoro te devote: "Hidden God, devoutly I adore Thee, truly present underneath these veils; all my heart subdues itself before Thee, since it all before Thee faints and fails."

The State Deputy's Membership Tribute Banquet was held in Saginaw on Saturday, Feb. 28. I attended to represent our Assembly and St. Mary Cathedral Council, along with Sir Knights Mark Stenske, Dave Zerbe and Dave Myers as District Deputies, as well as our Faithful Friar, Fr. Michael Skrocki.



We were able to hold our regular monthly Assembly meeting for March 17 in the main banquet room at 788 Columbus Hall immediately after their St. Patrick's Day corned-beef sandwich dinner, which a number of our members were able to enjoy before our meeting. We welcomed back our Faithful Scribe, SK Tony Kolp who continues to recover from a recent injury, and we were also happy to see SK Bernie Pollack, a 65-year member of the K of C and active member of the Honor Guard for over 50 years.

Our Faithful Comptroller Tim Perrone, Faithful Captain Bill Ray and I attended the Biennial District 2 meeting as delegates on Saturday, March 21, at Queen of the Miraculous Medal in Jackson. Our current Master, Ben Dandrow, was unanimously elected to continue in this office. This will provide continuity of leadership for our District. Our Assembly was presented with the Civic Award for outstanding patriotic programming during this Fraternal Year, also received rebate checks totaling nearly \$1600 from the District 2 Comptroller and Former District Master Dave Buick for our ads in souvenir booklets from previous exemplifications. Using proceeds from the annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner co-hosted by our Assembly and Lansing Assembly #3334 this past November 8, we have arranged for the presentation of a check for \$1,000 to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Our Worthy District Master Ben Dandrow, Faithful Admiral James Martellini and I will present the check and tour the facility on Friday afternoon, March 27.

The 92nd 4th 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 there for clergy on Wednesday, April 8. Candidates who can't attend on the 18th 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. As of today, we have ten confirmed candidates for our Assembly, with the possibility of a few additional prospects being added during the next few days. We look forward to welcoming these men to complete their journey to full Knighthood by joining the Patriotic 4th Degree during this year when we celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary of Independence. All our current Sir Knights are encouraged to attend and observe the new ceremony.

**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"
- V. The Spirit and the Church In the Last Days



### The Holy Spirit - God's gift

733 "God is Love" 124 and love is his first gift, containing all others. "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."125

734 Because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins. the communion of the Holy Spirit 126 in the Church restores to the baptized the divine likeness lost through sin.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_\\_\\_P24.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___P24.HTM)

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Attendance at the Master's Banquet is extra, and must be reserved in advance at a cost of \$40 per person. Some may be participating as members of the Honor Guard. I will be reaching out to all our members soon to solicit help with parking management, set-up, serving and clean-up for the ceremony, reception and banquet in the St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. We will also need help from the Lansing Assembly, St. Mary Cathedral Council, and our Ladies Auxiliary.

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 District Deputies, or as members of the Honor Guard.

The Lansing Columbian Association (LCA) has decided that the Columbus Hall will no longer be open on weekends in general. However, I have talked with Jay Corey from the LCA, and also Lindsey Riley, the new manager here at the Hall. They will still be open for rentals on weekends, and will also open for our special events such as the annual Flag Retirement ceremony on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2026. Our annual Awards Banquet will be held here at Columbus Hall as usual on the evening normally scheduled for our regular Assembly meeting on Tuesday, June 16.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

FN Phil Schertzing



### Captains Corner

#### ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

St. Ignatius was born into a noble family in Spain. The year was 1491, he died in 1556. His early life was spent in relative luxury. He then joined the army and at the age of 30 he was wounded when a cannonball struck his leg and broke it. The wound was so gruesome it took years for him to recover.

While healing he read extensively and one of his favorite subjects was Jesus Christ. During this time, he found a sense of peace and serenity. He had two mystical encounters with the holy spirit when God told him he would one day be in the company of Christ. He joined the priesthood and formed a fellowship with several friends. This led him to start the Society of Jesus.

They traveled wherever they were needed and taught people about the Gospel. They also formed hundreds of Catholic schools and Colleges including Loyola of Maryland the first and Loyola of Chicago. The Jesuits are still a group of men who go where they are needed and help the people they find who can't help themselves.

He was beatified in 1609 and canonized on March 12, 1622. **Patron saint of Catholic Soldiers** and his Feast Day is July 31.

SK Bill Ray Captain



# 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  
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 Dennis Henderson4  
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 Jerry Johnson  
 Joseph Jong  
 Michel Kanakuze  
 Loyd Kintz  
 Randall LaLonde  
 David Luedtke  
 James Martellini  
 Richard McCloy  
 Edmund McQuillan  
 Msgr. Michael Murphy  
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 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 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

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  
SK Joseph Kobus  
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..

## Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



### Our fallen Brothers

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](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.



# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Margaret	Costigan	04 02
Angie	Diaz	04 07
Colleen	Hermes	04 19
Teresa	Hull	04 28
Michelle	Jurkovic	04 24
Jalia	Rocheleau	04 09
Kristin	Smith	04 09
Alison	Walczak	04 04
Karen	Wegener	04 18

## Anniversaries

Her Name	His Name	Surname	Ann Date
Jennifer	Robert	Nelson	04 09
Rosemary	Frank	De Rose	04 15
Berthilde	Michele	Kanakuze	04 16
Karen	Eric	Wegener	04 25



Remembering  
SK Patrick Donlon



## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Richard	Maurer	04 01
Ronald	Cook	04 01
Hilary	Goerge	04 02
Jay	Corey	04 03
William	Richardson	04 03
Msgr Michael	Murphy	04 04
Ronald	Knapp	04 05
Michael	Shepard	04 05
Raymond	Nemecek	04 07
Kenneth	Morrison	04 10
Fr. John	Klein	04 11
Eric	Hafner	04 13
Kenneth	Watterson	04 16
John	Maurer	04 17
Stephen	Crippen	04 18
Adam	Pavlik	04 19
Bernard	Pollack	04 25
Patrick	Garlitz	04 29



**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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**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.



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



**— Tuesday April 21st —**

**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 —  
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