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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May, we meditate on the quintessential prayer from the Rosary and the Angelus: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.”



District 2 conducted the 92nd Exemplification to the Patriotic Fourth Degree using the new ceremony with family members welcome to attend at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing on Saturday, April 18. The event was co-hosted by our own Bishop Albers Assembly #0496, Lansing Assembly #3334, and the St. Mary Cathedral Council #11694. Following the exemplification ceremony itself, the 65 new Sir Knights, led by members of the Color Corps, processed to the Veterans Memorial on the East Lawn of the State Capitol for a wreath-laying ceremony with taps played by our Faithful Comptroller, SK Tim Perrone. Then they attended the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass concelebrated by Fr. Karl Pung, Rector at the Cathedral Parish, our District Friar, Fr. Randy Koenigs knecht, and our Assembly Friar, Fr. Michael Skrocki. The day was capped off with a reception and excellent Master’s Banquet in the Parish Hall, including the traditional basket raffle organized by our Lady Knights. Our Worthy State Deputy, SK Barry Borsenik and his wife, Lady Mandy, our Worthy Vice-Supreme Master from Fr. Hennepin Province, SK Walter Winkle, and other dignitaries such as former State Deputies, Vice-Supreme Masters and District Masters attended all day.

There was also a special Exemplification at the Cathedral earlier, on April 8, for Clergy and other candidates who could not participate on April 18. With the 12 candidates who went through this special ceremony and those who participated on April 18 combined, our District welcomed a total of 77 new Sir Knights in April, including 9 for our own Assembly. My heartfelt thanks to all those from the District 2 planning team (District Master Ben Dandrow, his Executive Assistant SK Paul Funk, Former District Masters SK Joe Yekulis and SK Dave Buick, and Senior Marshal Bill Currie), the entire Degree team, District officers, the Color Corps, Lady Knights, FN Paul LaCroix and other Sir Knights from the Lansing Assembly and our Assembly, and Brother Knights from local Councils and our St. Mary Cathedral Ladies Auxiliary for contributing their time, talents, and efforts in so many ways to help make this a great success. Despite dire weather forecasts and logistical challenges with parking and double-booking of meeting space in the Parish Hall, the Knights made it happen and it was a memorable day.

The proceeds from our Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection Banquet back in November were finally delivered to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids on Friday, March 25. Worthy District Master Ben Dandrow, Faithful Admiral James Martellini and I presented a check for \$1,000 to officials at the VFW National Home on behalf of our Assembly and the Lansing Assembly. Their dedicated staff gave us a tour of the campus grounds and facilities, and explained the history and evolution of this one-of-a-kind institution—the only VFW National Home in the United States—which celebrated its centennial last year. We marveled at the incredible benefits of this positive, safe and healthy community environment for the military, veterans, and their families with children.

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735 He, then, gives us the "pledge" or "first fruits" of our inheritance: the very life of the Holy Trinity, which is to love as "God (has) loved us."¹²⁷ This love (the "charity" of 1 Cor 13) is the source of the new life in Christ, made possible because we have received "power" from the Holy Spirit.¹²⁸

736 By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."¹²⁹ "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."¹³⁰ adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.¹³¹

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It is truly worthy of our continued support.

Finally, it's that time again—time for the nomination and election of a slate of Assembly officers for the new Fraternal Year, which begins July 1. We need to complete this process by mid-June, but our scheduled monthly meeting on June 16 will be our Awards banquet rather than a regular business meeting, so in practical terms, the process needs to be completed during our next regular meeting on May 19. At our April meeting, all the current officers from Fraternal Year 2025-2026 indicated their willingness to be nominated to continue in office for the next Fraternal Year, but all other Assembly members interested in seeking nomination to any of the offices are welcome and encouraged to attend the May meeting, or to convey their interest to current officers or other members in some fashion before the May meeting in order to be considered.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

FN Phil Schertzing



Captains Corner The 92nd Exemplification

I was lucky enough to attend the exemplification this past Saturday and impressed with the loyalty of the degree team, the packed Cathedral, the dinner and the camaraderie after. It caused me to think about my own journey to the 4th degree and some things occurred to me. Beginning with our baptism. We as Catholics live our lives in a space where we know there is a higher power.

In our lives we can only strive to reach a level where we consider our neighbors as important as we are to ourselves. The Knights of Columbus allows us a great opportunity to reach a high degree of human endeavor. In our jobs, in our families, in our communities with the faith of our Catholic heritage we stand strong.

Those of us who have the honor of being pinned with the wings of the 4th degree have a special chance to show the world that we as Catholic men are committed to living our lives as an example of what God wanted his people to be. As we approach Memorial Day will you find time to join us in one of the many events? The foundation that our blessed Father McGivney set for us to stand on is complete when we are Knighted at the exemplification. When we see our fathers fight and die protecting our freedom, when we are called upon to do the same and when we are willing to expect our own sons to volunteer. Our country cannot fail. Patriotism for the republic is our promise and our duty.

SK Bill Ray, Faithful Captain



2025-2026 Newsletter Patron List



2024/2026 Officers and Appointees

Fr. Michael Skrocki - Faithful Friar
 Phil Schertzing – Navigator -- 517. 214.8794
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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 -

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
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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 SK Bill Ray



"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 .

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.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Rebecca	Wissner	05 12
Mary	Corbett	05 12
SamiJo	Chasse	05 21
Colleen	Dehnke	05 23
Rebecca	McQuillan	05 28
Kathleen Ann	Ockert	05 30

Anniversaries

First Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Liz	William	Schaner	05 01
Lori	Harold	Beaton	05 02
Jeanine	James	Thomas	05 02
Maria	James	Gonzalez	05 04
Joyce	Thomas	Wegener	05 05
Michelle	David E.	Barker	05 06
Constance	Patrick	Garlitz	05 06
Mary	Robert	Corbett	05 07
Maxine	Dennis	Henderson	05 07
Denise	Paul	Kelsey	05 08
Leona	Gregory	Brunette	05 09
Ann	Ronald	Cook	05 12
Colleen	Douglas	Angst	05 14
Frances	Joseph	Jong	05 17
Helen	Clifford	Farr	05 18
Colleen	Timothy	Hermes	05 18
Renee	Justin	Moore	05 21
Susan	John	Fiero	05 22
Elizabeth	David	Myers	05 22
Rebecca	William	Wissner	05 26
Kristin	Clyde	Smith	05 28
Nancy	Raymond	Kremsreiter	05 30
Sue	Allen	Jensen	05 30

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
David	Freund	05 01
David	Fons	05 03
Anthony	Kolp	05 04
William	Schaner	05 04
Christopher	Benson	05 04
Zachary	Chasse	05 06
Cody	Chasse	05 06
Douglas	Angst	05 08
Jeffrey	Corder	05 11
John	McCarthy	05 12
Christopher	Ostrowski	05 14
Randall	LaLonde	05 16
David	Simon	05 20
Donald	Ruthruff	05 24
Ronald	Bruner	05 26
Thomas	Kalchik	05 28
Christopher	Costigan	05 29
Brian	Klopp	05 30
Adrian	Ahern	05 31



**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**



77 new 4th Degree Members came through Michigan District 2's 92nd Exemplification. Hosted by Lansing Assem 3334 and Bishop Albers Assem 0496 in downtown Lansing on April 18th.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Tyler Brown Joe Franco Richard Jandron Ryan LaBarge Frank Medrano
David Nebbeling William Shurlow Michael Sontag Kyle Urquhart



Class Picture of the 92nd Exemplification.



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 COUNCIL 788

GOLF OUTING

MAY 16, 2026

GRAND LEDGE COUNTRY CLUB



Registration: 8 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 9 a.m.

\$75/PLAYER

\$300/TEAM

\$100/HOLE SPONSOR

PROCEEDS GO TO YOUTH GROUP AND DIOCESE OF LANSING SEMINARIANS

Chancellor John Vatter (517) 214-1397



A \$1000 check is presented to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids by District Master Ben Dandrow, Navigator Phil Schertzing and Admiral James Martellini on behalf of Assembly 0496 and Lansing Assembly 3334. The proceeds are from our Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection Banquet held last November at Columbus Hall.

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



— Tuesday May 19th —

Light Meal / Social 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.