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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to The Holy Rosary during the month of October, we recall the admonition of St. Padre Pio: *""Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."*

An installation ceremony for officers from our Assembly, along with officers from the DeWitt, Lansing, Owosso, Charlotte, and Westphalia Assemblies was conducted at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt following a Mass and dinner on Tuesday evening, August 18.

We offer our sincere appreciation to our Former District Master, SK Ben Dandrow, for his exemplary service in that role. We look forward to supporting our new District 2 Master, SK Paul Funk.

On Sunday afternoon, September 13, over 100 people participated in a Living Rosary on the East lawn of the State Capitol in Lansing to pray for the protection and respect of life from conception to natural death. At least two priests, several state and district officers, nearly four dozen members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard, and members of the Knights on Bikes, also attended. The Honor Guard has also been busy participating in Masses celebrated by Bishop Boyea at parishes around the Lansing area where he officially installed new pastors following a series of transfers or new assignments.

As a reminder, the 94th 4th degree Exemplification will be conducted at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo on Saturday, September 26. We have at least one candidate from our Assembly who will take the next step to full Knighthood at that ceremony.

The regular September District meeting was cancelled due to the burdens of so many installation Masses, Exemplifications and other events, but there is a Provincial meeting scheduled by Vice Supreme Master Walter Winkle in Monroe for Friday evening Oct. 23-Sunday morning Oct. 25. This will be the first since 2019—before COVID. I plan to attend, and a couple of our other officers may join me.

Our Assembly has begun preliminary planning for a possible Blue Mass in the Lansing area on October 28—National First Responders Day, as well as our annual Honoring Veterans Day and Reflection dinner and program at the K of C Hall on Grand River Avenue in mid-November. We look forward to partnering with the Lansing and DeWitt Assemblies in co-hosting these events.

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 9 "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"

✦ Paragraph 1. THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN





I. NAMES AND IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

Symbols of the Church

753 In Scripture, we find a host of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church. the images taken from the Old Testament are variations on a profound theme: the People of God. In the New Testament, all these images find a new center because Christ has become the head of this people, which henceforth is his Body.[144] Around this center are grouped images taken "from the life of the shepherd or from cultivation of the land, from the art of building or from family life and marriage."[145]

754 "The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.[146]

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/__P27.HTM

Captains Corner

September: I found this excerpt from the information handed out on the Island. I think it would be appropriate for all our councils to join a worldwide day of remembrance: November 22, 2026. Pull our whole area together that Sunday. Captain Bill Ray

From St. Paul on the Lake Council 12121
WHEREAS, John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, faithfully served our nation with distinction and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and a Fourth Degree Sit Knight; and
WHEREAS, President Kennedy's life was tragically cut short on November 22, 1963, a day that remains deeply etched in the memory of our nation and stands as a solemn reminder of the fragility of peace and the importance of unity; and
WHEREAS, His leadership, courage, and dedication to public service continue to inspire citizens and Knights alike, calling us to uphold the virtues of patriotism, charity, and faithful citizenship; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Knights of Columbus formally acknowledge November 22 as a day of remembrance for President John F. Kennedy, honoring his life, legacy, and service as a Catholic gentleman and Fourth Degree Sir Knight; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Order encourages councils and assemblies to commemorate this date through prayer, reflection, and educational observance, ensuring that his sacrifice and contributions to our nation are never forgotten.
Respectively submitted, Andrew Young, PFN Grand Knight Council #12121

Sir Knight Bill Ray, Faithful Captain



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1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe
2 Year Trustee: Dave Myers

Appointed Positions

Commander SK Ken Watterson
Historian - vacant -
Membership - vacant -

Committee Chairs

Wellness: - SK Ben King -
Admissions: - vacant -

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
Fr. Michael Skrocki
SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King
SK Richard Maurer
SK Tony Kolp
SK Dan Bazela
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SK Joseph Kobus
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Lady Colleen LaLonde
Lady Sandy Watterson
Lady Sandy Dandrow
Lady Gayla Schertzing (wife of Phil Schertzing)
JoAnn Trussell
Charles Kahle (Ben Kings Father in Law)
Mike BaBiuk
Don Carlock
Soul of SK David Luedtke
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



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.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Rita	Murawski	10 01
Jennifer	Nelson	10 02
Debra	Duffy	10 02
Catherine	Fedewa	10 12
Rosemarie	Perrone	10 15
Brooke Biddy""	Bleicher	10 15
Valerie	Ostrowski	10 16
Denise	Kelsey	10 17
Keri Jo	Papranec	10 25
Jean	Wyte	10 29

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Gayla	Phillip D.	Schertzing	10 01
Rosemarie	Timothy	Perrone	10 01
Jean	Nicholas	Wyte	10 02
Marlene	Lawrence	Schrauben	10 02
Jamie	Lyle	Adams	10 09
Angela	Nicholas	Dybas	10 10
Phyllis	Donald	Schmitz	10 15
Julia	Ronald	Bruner	10 16
Marybeth	William	Chasse	10 17
Mary	Joseph	Tardif	10 20
Mary Ellen	David	Schertzing	10 23
Julie	Mark	Stenske	10 24
Deb	John	Maurer	10 26
Leigh	Tad	Miller	10 29

A Downloadable copy of the Assembly Member Roster is available at:
https://assembly0496.org/members/
— the password is: bishopalbers

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Paul	Connor	10 02
Edward	Wawiernia	10 02
Fr. James	Eisele	10 03
James	McCloy	10 06
Brion	Graber	10 07
Timothy	Fedewa	10 07
Michael	Schaefer	10 09
Paul	Teszlewicz	10 10
John	Suckow	10 10
Steve	Schultz	10 15
Michael	Brandell	10 16
Eugene	Murawski	10 19
David	Myers	10 20
Frank	De Rose	10 23
Francis	Cherniawski	10 25
Thane	Belen	10 27
Douglas	Wilcox	10 27
Justin	Moore	10 28
Brian	Pillar	10 29
John	Fiero	10 30
Eric	Smith	10 30



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**

Warriors to Lourdes

The 2026 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA and the Knights of Columbus, and is held this year (2027) from May 19-25 in conjunction with the 66th annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) in Lourdes, France. The Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage allows non-wounded, wounded (physical, mental and/or moral injuries), ill or injured U.S. military personnel to travel from the United States and Europe to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. There, they will participate in PMI events, which include an international opening ceremony, special Masses, visits to the famous healing baths at Lourdes, a Unified Sports Challenge and a candlelight vigil that draws tens of thousands every year.

The International Military Pilgrimage was established in 1946 to promote reconciliation and peace after World War II. Ever since, for one weekend in May, Lourdes has become a place of prayer and healing for active-duty military and veterans representing more than 40 nations.

Lourdes is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage destinations in the world. It was the setting for a series of 19th-century apparitions, during which the Virgin Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. During the past 100 years, millions of pilgrims have flocked to the site, with the hope of receiving a special healing and a deepening of faith.

For additional information please visit warriorstolourdes.com.

Since 2013, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, to sponsor the annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Each year, wounded, ill and injured U.S. warriors (as well as non-wounded) are accepted to participate in a five-day retreat in Lourdes culminating with the events of the International Military Pilgrimage. Selected pilgrims spend this time of prayer and reflection taking meaningful steps in their journey toward healing from moral injury and finding inner peace.



Warriors to Lourdes — as the pilgrim delegation from the U.S. is known — is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) and the Knights of Columbus. This year's Warriors to Lourdes delegation included 180 active duty or retired military personnel. It included wounded ill and injured warrior pilgrims, 17 Catholic military chaplains, 10 cadets from the United States Military academy at West Point, and 41 caregivers and companions.

George Washington's army was on the brink of annihilation. During the early morning hours of August 27, 1776, British General William Howe had quietly slipped 10,000 troops through an unguarded pass and into the rear of the American Army, while it was being pinned down by a feint from Hessian forces in its front. When the Patriots realized they were being flanked and surrounded, many began to panic. Seeing that his men were about to be trapped, General William Alexander, a Scotsman who was called Lord Stirling, ordered them to retreat through the narrow gap still available to them, across a creek. But Stirling didn't go with them. He stayed behind with a regiment of Maryland Continentals, about 270 men commanded by Major Mordecai Gist. Those men would perform one of the most sacrificial and heroic feats of the Revolutionary War.

As over 2,000 British regulars advanced on the tiny rear guard, supported by artillery, Stirling ordered his men to attack. Against overwhelming odds, the Marylanders charged. As their comrades hurriedly made their escape, the Marylanders drove headlong into the British lines, stalling their advance. Thrown back, the Maryland men rallied and charged again, fighting desperately to buy time for the rest of the army.



LORD STIRLING'S LAST STRUGGLE AROUND THE OLD CORTELYOU HOUSE.

Eventually they were overwhelmed. Of Stirling's approximately 270 Marylanders, 259 were killed, wounded, or captured. Only about a dozen made it back to the American lines. But Washington's army was saved from destruction, and a few days later would make a seemingly miraculous escape from Long Island under the cover of fog. Had the army been destroyed on Long Island, the Revolution might have been over.

Because at the time it was believed there were 400 of them, these brave Marylanders, the 1st Maryland Regiment, have gone down in history as "the Maryland 400." The inscription on the battlefield monument in their honor reads: "In honor of Maryland's Four Hundred, who on this battle-field August 27, 1776, saved the American army."

"CANS FOR COATS"

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Coats for Kids

Fundraiser

Cans for Coats program at 788 is a convenient way for you to dispose of your returnable cans and bottles while supporting Coats for Kids. Please place the plastic bags, filled with cans and bottles, in the bins behind the Club building. Volunteers will collect the refundable deposits, and the Council will use those funds to buy the coats, which will be distributed to needy kids in the area.



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Our next scheduled Meeting night:

Columbus Hall

— Tuesday October 20th —
7:00 pm

Light Meal 6:00 pm
Rosary 6:45 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

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