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Fraternal greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and our Devoted Ladies. In keeping with our devotion to The Holy Souls in Purgatory during the month of November, we recall the quote from St. John Vianney: *"If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us."*

The 94th Exemplification for the Fourth Degree was conducted at St. Augustine's Cathedral in Kalamazoo on Saturday, Sept. 26. We welcome new SK Bob Nicholson to our Assembly. A member of Richard Council #788, he was sponsored by our Faithful Scribe, SK Tony Kolp. We await decisions by District 2 regarding dates and locations for Exemplifications in 2027.

Our Faithful Admiral, SK James Martellini, our Faithful Captain, SK Bill Ray, and I attended the Fourth Degree Provincial meeting led by our Vice-Supreme Master, SK Walter Winkle, in Monroe, MI, on Saturday, October 24. This was the first Provincial meeting for our Fr. Hennepin Province, which includes all seven Fourth Degree Districts in Michigan and Ohio, since 2019, after which the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted many traditional events. VSM Winkle hopes to resume the Provincial meetings on an annual basis.

Following informative training sessions for key Assembly officers and Color Corps/Honor Guard members at the expansive Monroe Knights of Columbus Council #1266 Hall, there was a general or plenary session. Then, we attended the Vigil Mass and installation ceremony for new District Masters at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Monroe. There was impressive participation by at least 75 members of the Honor Guard for this Mass and installation ceremony. Then, we returned to the Columbus Hall for a banquet and program. It was also a great opportunity for fellowship among Assemblies, Sir Knights and their Ladies from both Michigan and Ohio. The keynote speaker was Rev. Aidan Logan, Former State Chaplain of Michigan, who recounted his twenty years of experience as a military chaplain serving with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, and ten years serving with the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA.

We have scheduled the annual Honoring Veterans and Evening of Reflection banquet and program here at our Council #788 Columbus Hall on Saturday evening, November 14, 2026. This will be co-hosted by the St. Francis Assembly #2982 in DeWitt, the Lansing Assembly #3334, and our own Bishop Albers Assembly #0496. Our keynote speaker will be the Very Reverend Mark J. Rutherford, JCD, who was recently assigned as the new Rector at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing, and also serves as Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lansing. He will discuss his recent experience 'on loan' for six years from the Lansing Diocese as Judicial Vicar for the Military Archdiocese of the USA in Washington, DC. Our own Faithful Comptroller, SK Tim Perrone, will also offer an inspiring presentation. As usual, we will invite all veterans to join us as our guests. Net proceeds will be donated to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. A flyer with more details will be disseminated to members of all three Assemblies and K of C Councils and Parishes in the Lansing area this week.

Due to competing obligations and scheduling conflicts, we were unable to organize a Blue Mass this fall to honor Emergency First Responders on either September 29--the feast of St. Michael the Archangel (the patron saint of the military and emergency responders, and the traditional date of the first-ever Blue Mass in the U.S.), or on October 28—National First Responders Day. However, as a Brother Sir Knight, Fr. Rutherford, who also has a couple of relatives in law enforcement, is enthusiastic about the prospect of planning a Blue Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in 2027. This will allow sufficient lead time to publicize the event, resolve parking issues, and reach out to area sheriffs, police and fire chiefs, Federal law enforcement agencies, State and local corrections agencies, as well as National Guard personnel and EMS and 9-1-1 dispatch directors for participation. This Blue Mass will be co-hosted by the St. Francis, Lansing, and Bishop Albers Assemblies. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. FN Phil Schertzing

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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 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

755 "The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.[147]

756 "Often, too, the Church is called the building of God. the Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the comer-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. It is this holy city that is seen by John as it comes down out of heaven from God when the world is made anew, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.[148]

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

Captains Corner

Thoughts on President John F. Kennedy

In 1963 I turned 10 years old. I thought little of politics or presidents only that they seemed to very important for some reason and should be respected. We made little ceramic busts of both Washington and Lincoln. As the seasons turned to winter. I remember one day vividly. An announcement came over the intercom of my 5th grade class that President Kennedy had been shot. Our teacher was quite upset and asked us to pray. We prayed for a few minutes and the intercom then reported that he was dead. Having learned all too well that death was a permanent thing having lost my father only two years earlier to a car accident. I felt a sickness in my stomach that reminded me of the funeral of my father. He was a world war II veteran and as we stood at the cemetery they were about to lower the casket. The sharp report from the military honor guard firing their rifles startled me so that I jumped and looked around to see them fire again and then again.

All these years later that anniversary of November 22, 1963 still causes a moment of anxious anxiety that our veterans may have been fathers, husbands and even presidents but it is our bound duty to remember them this year and every year in our own special way.

My way of honoring President John F. Kennedy is by acknowledging him for giving me the guidance to try to live my life with Gods help. To live with courage, use good judgment, always with integrity and dedication. And to ask not what my country can do for me, but what can I do for my country.

SK Bill Ray
Captain




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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 Ken Watterson

"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
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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 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.



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Spouse Birthdays

Spouse First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Linda	Faust	11 06
Michelle	Mondro	11 11
Sonia	Maurer	11 11
Rosemary	Klodt	11 19
Marie	Williams	11 20
Marlene	Schrauben	11 23
Helen	Farr	11 24
Liz	Schaner	11 26

Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Beth	Richard Jr	McCloy	11 02
Amada	John	Perry	11 06
Stephanie	Jeffrey	Florian	11 06
Karen	Michael	Shepard	11 07
Sandra	Kenneth	Watterson	11 19
Erica	Brian	Pillar	11 29

Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Timothy	Powell	11 01
Bruce	Brennan	11 01
Wayne	Etue	11 02
Jeffrey	Lorencen	11 05
Bishop Steven	Raica	11 08
David	Williams	11 08
David	Zerbe	11 13
Richard Jr	McCloy	11 13
Justiniano	Diaz	11 13
Michael	Wegener	11 15
James	Bollman	11 20
Thomas	Warning	11 20
Michael	Jones	11 21
Felix	Umeana	11 23
Andrew	Brege	11 23
Daniel	Thelen	11 23
Adam	Droste	11 27
Michael	Guyeskey	11 27
Andrew	Wegener	11 28

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**

Thanksgiving Proclamation, 3 October 1789



Thanksgiving Proclamation

[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions —to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington





Dinner and Reflections

The public is invited to a catered Dinner on Saturday, November 14th, 2026 at Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River, Lansing, Mi. Social time begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:45 pm. The keynote speaker is the Very Rev. Mark J. Rutherford, JCD, who will talk about his six years of experience as Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Military Services, U.S.A. and his work with Military Chaplains. Fr. Rutherford currently serves as Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lansing, and is pastor of St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing MI.

All Veterans and Spouses are encouraged to attend and eat Free. A suggested donation of $15 per person for non-veterans/spouses, with proceeds to be donated to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids MI.



This event is sponsored by Lansing's Bishop Albers Assembly #0496, the Lansing Assembly #3334 and Dewitt's St Francis Assembly #2982, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus - Richard Council 788
Presents Their

Annual Dinner & Christmas Auction

Friday – November 27, 2026



Dinner 6:00 pm
Live Auction – 7:00 pm

Dinner will be provided – Please bring an item to Auction

Items to auction may be a craft – bake goods – adult spirits
store bought items – gift baskets - etc



Columbus Hall - 5300 N. Grand River, Lansing, Michigan 48906

Doc Egan Children's Christmas Party



Age appropriate up to 10 yrs old.

Fr. MAC Hall, St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Saturday, Dec 12th, 2-4 pm

955 Alton Road, East Lansing





Enjoy the reading of a Christian Christmas story, games, snacks, gifts (giving & receiving), a visit with Santa, Nativity Scene, & a Christmas tree.









- Children are asked to bring a nonperishable food item which will be donated to a local charity.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to sign Christmas cards for veterans in a VA facility.
- Each child will complete a craft project that can be donated to a local nursing home.



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Our next scheduled Meeting night:

Columbus Hall

— Tuesday November 17th —
7:00 pm

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

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