



**Michigan
District 2**



Next District II Meeting

September 2022
TBA..



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The start of our new fraternal year coincides with the celebration of Independence Day and the many celebrations that honor America around July 4th. But sadly, the celebrations that should bind us together today demonstrate that America as a nation is divided more than ever in 2022. Right vs. left, pro-Life vs. pro Abortion, Border security vs. Open borders, Faith vs. Secularism, etc. As members of the Patriotic Fourth Degree, remember that we must be men and women of courage, and stand up for our country with pride as torch bearers of democracy. It is our job as patriotic Catholics to demonstrate love for our Catholic faith in the public square, and to show our love for America by our daily actions.



In this month's Columbian magazine, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly speaks about the importance of courage in all that we do, and reminds us that, "Courage, or fortitude, is that virtue which allows us to do the right thing even in the face of fear. Without it, men fail to act when there is danger. Or, they jump rashly into serious danger because they fail to fear the right things – another kind of foolishness... Courage, rightly lived, properly assesses danger – but leads us to act anyway."

As we enter our new fraternal year, I would like to reflect on our actions from the past fraternal year and consider the future that awaits us in 2022-23. There were many accomplishments in the 2021-22 fraternal year, with most notably, two successful Exemplifications; last fall in Dewitt at St. Jude parish, and this spring at St. Philip Parish in Battle Creek that together brought in 72 new Sir Knights for the year.

We were also present for the ordination celebrations of one transitional deacon and priest in the Kalamazoo Diocese, and two transitional deacons and two priests in the Diocese of Lansing. This was a great opportunity for the Fourth Degree to honor these fine young men who have given their lives to God, and another way to show our public support for Bishop Bradley and Bishop Boyea, who rely on the Michigan Knights of Columbus for strong, courageous leadership in support of our Church. Many of our members also served us during our Living Rosaries on the lawn of the State Capitol and at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

As we reflect on both the past and the future, I would like to welcome our newly elected Faithful Navigators who are taking over the reins of six assemblies, and thank their seven predecessors who are moving on to new positions or retirement. I thank them all for their service to the Fourth Degree, and hope that we can continue to count on them for leadership in their Assemblies.



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When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, there were only three degrees; charity, unity and fraternity. In 1900, a fourth degree was added: patriotism. There should be no question that members of the Knights of Columbus are loyal to God, Church and State. While most member of the Knights of Columbus do not become Sir Knights (members of the Fourth Degree), this may be a good reflection for each one of us to ask, “Why am I a Fourth Degree member?”



I waited until after my ordination to join the Fourth Degree. I became a Knight in 1979, just before I went to the seminary. Then, I became a Fourth Degree Member in 1992. It gave a personal boost in my affection and love for our country. Over the years, I have tried to join our local assemblies in parades. The honor guard has always been welcomed in my parishes and especially here at the Cathedral. Each time that I have participated in an exemplification, I am moved by the overwhelming contribution of the Catholic Church in the establishment and maintenance of our Nation. The words, “under God” was officially added to our Pledge of Alliegence, thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

Why are you a Fourth Degree Member? As you answer that simple question, consider asking a brother Knight to become a Fourth Degree member. For God. For Church. For Country.

Very Rev. Robert F. Creagan
District Friar from Kalamazoo



In October, 1775, King George III denounced the colonies in front of Parliament. He then began building up his army and navy to crush the colonies rebellion. Thomas Paine, a recent English immigrant, pushed the colonists along on their path to independence. Paine argued that the colonists needed to separate from Britain because the system of the British constitution was hopelessly flawed.



To look forward to our future, we must learn and understand the past. To many of us, our independence is extremely important. Especially our freedom of religion. We rely on the ability to go to mass every day or every week. There are those in other countries who are only able to practice their faith in the shadows for fear of persecution.

This Independence Day we are truly blessed to live in a country where we are able to practice our faith, voice our opinions, travel throughout the country without being stopped and questioned, educate our children to become intelligent, self-supporting, hardworking, and God loving individuals. And we have a lot of people to thank for that independence. Remember to thank the men and women of the armed forces who have given a great deal to ensure our freedoms. We also need to thank and support the men and women in law enforcement for doing their job (in some cases, doing only what they are allowed to do) to keep us safe. It isn't always easy for any of these men and women to put their uniform on everyday not knowing if they will make it home to their families.

The summers are a good time to gather with family and friends. We sometimes take that for granted. My mother came from a large family and we were all very close. We always got together for the 4th of July, Christmas Eve, birthdays, and many other holidays. They are my best memories growing up. This year make memories not only for yourself but those around you. In the end, it's the memories that bring us so much joy.

Another wonderful memory I have is at our last exemplification in Battle Creek. Many Ladies were in attendance, smiling, chatting with each other, and making new friends. Ladies, you have that opportunity again. On October 15, 2022 we will hold another exemplification. It will be held at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center. If you have never seen the church, please take this opportunity. The church was paid for and built by the Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Fatima. The body of the church is so beautiful. The crucifix that is hanging in front is breathtaking. I especially love the stained glass window behind the altar with a white dove in flight on a cobalt blue background. It may take your breath away. I hope to see you there. God Bless,

Lady Denise Yekulis



Take a look at the man standing on the right of this wedding photograph: Morning dress; buttonhole flower; and a gentle smile betokening gratitude and joy. That's Rudy Slomiany.



The photo was taken following the marriage of his son, Wayne, to his bride, Carol, in 1979. Rudy died in 1998 at the age of 80. His dear wife, Annette, died eight years later at the age of 86. May they rest in peace.

Despite the passage of years, Wayne still feels the benign influence of his father in his daily life and prays for his soul every day. Now a deacon serving Saint Mary in Chelsea, here's how Deacon Wayne recalls his late dad as he approaches another Father's Day this Sunday.

Deacon Wayne writes:

My father, Rudy Slomiany, was part of the "Greatest Generation" of immigrants that populated the United States and Canada after the First World War. He then served in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He showed being a husband and father meant that family came first in every decision. Being Polish, it was our time to be put down as a people and my father worked six days a week to build a better life for our family. He always made Sunday God's day, and we attended Mass every Sunday. Dad was always there when an opportunity came up for his boys, my three brothers and me, adding to his list of sacrifices, by adding more driving to his daily schedule.

Although he has been gone from this earth a long time, I still feel his influence on many of my decisions and my approach to life. I miss you, Dad.



Dcn. Wayne Slomiany 

Church Director



The Patriotic Rosary

District Executive Assistant, PFN Charles T. Loader – Assembly #510

As a member of the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus, I am also a participant involved in the weekly reciting of the prayers of the Patriotic Rosary with others in our Catholic Parish at Holy Family in Grand Blanc. It is truly a Holy opportunity to pray to our Lord regarding the very foundational aspects of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution and that of our founding fathers who believed in the very foundation for the Consecration of our Nation through our Lord God. I invite you to initiate being a participant in the Patriotic Rosary.



In a posting in 2022 from St. Lucy Catholic Church in Highland Beach Florida:

The Patriotic Rosary is prayed everywhere from within cloistered convents, to inside the Pentagon; from dangerous military fields around the globe to the quietness of the Bedroom of Apparitions and the Field of Apparitions at Caritas, which is the home of the Patriotic Rosary. The Patriotic Rosary quickly captured the hearts and attention of millions when first heard and prayed. Inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje, the Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer for divine protection and mercy for our Nation and its rebirth.

The history of the writing of the Patriotic Rosary originates back to 1995 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the first promptings of Our Lady was felt and the impulse to form the Patriotic Rosary was given. The Patriotic Rosary, the Prayer to Heal Our Land, and the “Seven Novenas for the Reconciling of Ourselves, our Families and our Nation Back to God,” all for the rebirth of America, have the grounds at Caritas of Birmingham as their home. It is Caritas of Birmingham, whose founder, known as A Friend of Medjugorje, wrote the Patriotic Rosary, and that also operates the Official Medjugorje Site.

In light of all that is going on in the world, but most definitely in the United States, participating in the Patriotic Rosary allows us to focus on the everyday events that have become influential to us as a Nation. According to Thomas Jefferson and noted in the U.S. Constitution, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” This sentence, which lays out the three most fundamental rights that all government is bound to respect, is both well-known and beloved by millions of Americans. Yet, it seems few really notice the meaning of this simple statement: our rights come from God Himself, from the Being who made humanity.

The Patriotic Rosary itself dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional Catholic Rosary to each state of the United States and asks God’s protection of and guidance for the nation and state by state. At the beginning of each rosary mystery are words from founding fathers and people of leadership regarding us as a nation during their insight for us to consider. We pray for the conversation of our country and prayers for all elected offices at the national, state, county, and municipal levels.

A Prayer for the United States of America: *“Dear Jesus, our country is struggling. See our weakness, protect us from any suggestions from the evil one; help us to turn our hearts to You who provides all that we need. Help us trust in You, save us from corruption and guard our freedoms from those who would strip us of them. Help us to remain one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Amen!”*

**FN Charles T. Loader,
Executive Assistant (Lansing)**



Masters Update (concluded from Page 1)

New Assembly Navigators

#476 (Benton Harbor) – Adam Bishop
 #510 (Burton) – Jack Tylus
 #523 (Davison) – Gregory Ellsworth
 #524 (Mt. Morris) – Open
 #1509 (Westphalia) – William Vallier
 #2050 (Howell) – Donald Powell
 #2815 (Charlotte) – George Wygant

Past Faithful Navigators

Thomas Erdmann
 Charles Loader
 Gary Lehr
 Richard Cyrul
 Lawrence Adams
 Michael Babiuk
 James Wyszynski



Navigator Basic Training

Speaking of leadership, I am planning a mandatory training session for our new Navigators on Saturday July 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at St. James Parish in Mason, MI. The location is centrally located and hopefully easy for everyone to get to. I will also welcome any current Navigator who was unable to make the training we provided last year to help make you better going forward.

St. James Parish is located at 1010 St. Lansing St., Mason, MI 48854.

Restore the Corps

I am proud of the efforts we've made in the past year throughout MI District 2, as more and more of you are obtaining the new Fourth Degree Uniform. The uniform change is history now, and it's time to move on. Special recognition goes to Faithful Navigator Don Pollard of Flushing Assembly #2011, who managed to pull off a training program with Sr. Marshal Bill Currie and me for twelve members of his Color Corps back in March. (One member was even a priest!). They are all purchasing the new uniform with subsidies from the Assembly and their councils. In most cases, this appears to be a great way to grow our Color Corps, and the average subsidies are \$200 from the Assembly and \$100 from the Councils. This makes the uniforms more affordable for our members, and there should be swords available from those who have turned them in.

Upcoming Major Events

Two events are being planned that will need a large number of our members, including...

August 5, 2022 – Vocations Night, Lansing Lugnuts, Jackson Field.

September 10, 2022 – State Leadership Installation, Assumption Grotto, Detroit (if invited).

August – September – Assembly Officer Installations

The process has begun to schedule Assembly Officer Installations for this fall, and I will be in touch with all of you in the next month to complete the schedule. It's important for those of us in leadership to spend time with all of you and your Assemblies.

85th Exemplification of MI District 2 - Fr. Brian Lenz, District Friar, Class Honoree

The time to start recruiting is now, and the forms will soon be available on our District website for your use to promote the Exemplification. We will honor Fr. Brian Lenz, our District Friar and the Chaplain of Jackson Lumen Christi High School at our next event. It will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center south of Jackson, where several successful Exemplifications have been held before. I will be at the upcoming Diocesan meetings in Lansing and Kalamazoo to promote our Exemplification to the general membership.

District Leadership and Degree Teams

After recently returning from an Exemplification in Ohio District 3 in Columbus, I became even more grateful for the quality of leadership we have here in the two Dioceses that form MI District 2. Our Former VSM's have told me that our Degree Team is the best in the Province, if not the nation, and the people in our District Leadership Team and our Priests are second to none. Lady Denise and I are thankful to all of you for your service, and we appreciate you even more.

Remember!

— **MI District 2 Sir Knight & Lady of the Year/Assembly Audits are due August 1st**

Vote for Life in the upcoming State Primary on August 2nd and the General Election November 8th.

May God Bless you all, and may God Bless America, Vivat Jesus.

Joseph Yekulis, Master MI 2



Worthy Sir Knights,

District Membership



I hope that you are having a great summer and that you enjoyed the 4th of July. We are now in a new fraternal year with new officers in our Assemblies. Some may be wondering what to do first! The first suggestion would be to pray to the Holy Spirit and ask for his guidance and grace for the new year. Next, work with all your assembly officers and membership to have a successful year. No one can succeed alone; it will take everyone's help. Along with planning your Assembly activities, begin planning on how you can achieve Star Assembly. The next Exemplification will be held October 15th, 2022 at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center, information can be found at: michigandistrict2.org.

Looking back over the previous two years and the uncertainties of Covid we saw that we can succeed with whatever adversity we are faced. Working together with our Assemblies we were able to conduct two live Exemplifications bringing in several new members. Experiencing the live Exempt in Dewitt after two virtual exempts provided us with the hope that we were at the end of the Covid tunnel. At the live exempt in Battle Creek, we brought in 47 new members. So, as we look forward to the new fraternal year, we can use those lessons that we learned to strengthen our Assemblies and Our Order. Together we can look forward to an awesome 2022-2023 fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,
Joel Fournier PFN
District Membership Director



Marshal's Report

I would like to look at the Honor Guard over the last couple of years, and the impact of COVID-19 on it. At the start of the pandemic churches were shut down and many parishes live streamed their Masses and cancelled all parish activities. Visitations and funerals were reduced to immediate family only. Parades and patriotic ceremonies were cancelled. These all affected our Honor Guard as we could not participate where and when we had in the past. There was a gradual relaxing of restrictions. We wore our black masks as some opportunities for the Honor Guard became available. For about the last year what I have experienced locally is a comeback to near normal Honor Guard



opportunities, with a few exceptions. I have noticed a growth in the Honor Guard during this comeback. I think it might be due to the restricted service we experienced and the desire to get back to what we are used to.. I feel the greatest impact was not being able to stand guard at the visitation of a deceased Sir Knight and attend the funeral Mass. Having missed that I see greater numbers of Honor Guard at visitations and funeral Masses.

Taking a wider view of the Honor Guard, over District 2 I see increased numbers. The Living Rosary at the State Capitol last May had the best attendance in years. At the State Convention there was great participation in the Masses and the Living Rosary. Faithfest at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt had good Honor Guard numbers. I am expecting a large Honor Guard turnout for the Knights' Family Night to Celebrate Vocations on August 5 in Lansing at the Lugnuts baseball game. Another good sign for the Honor Guard is interest in training. I have been asked by a number of assemblies to meet with their Honor Guard for training. I am always happy to do this.

Let's keep up the momentum by encouraging your assembly members to join the ranks of the Honor Guard. Look for opportunities for the Honor Guard to get involved, Corporate Communion and civic activities. Keep the Honor Guard looking good and performing well with inspections and training.

Bill Currie Sr. Marshal



Michigan District 2 VAVS, Veteran's Support and Civic Activities

The 2021-2022 was a difficult and disappointing year for our Order. Volunteer opportunities were severely limited by VA Hospital COVID restrictions nationally. At the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, strict lockdowns were imposed prohibiting entry of volunteers to patient wards. Traditional volunteer activities (bingos, luncheons, recreational therapy) were strictly prohibited in the Community Living Center (CLC) recreational therapy ward.



In addition, Charity Gaming, a significant fund-raising activity performed by Assemblies throughout Michigan District 2, was likewise curtailed as a result of COVID related restrictions.

However, despite these setbacks, Knights of Columbus support of the veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital continued. In the time frame of 2/28/2021 to 3/1/2022, \$1,150 of monetary donations were made, and an estimated \$5,970 of non-monetary donations were made to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Non-monetary contributions included large Christmas gift packages, items of clothing, gift cards and knitted items. The above does not include the \$1,500 Michigan District 2 donation to Fisher House.

The Ann Arbor VAVS, (now renamed CDCE, Center for Development and Civic Engagement) remains very appreciative of the Knights of Columbus for our continued support, and very much looking forward to "opening their doors" to resuming our future involvement.

In addition to Ann Arbor CDCE, Knights of Columbus support of veterans continued this past fraternal year, notably with the Blue Star Service Dogs Organization. This organization rescues abandoned and unloved dogs slated for euthanasia, and trains them to be therapy dogs for our at-risk veterans suffering from severe Post Traumatic Stress. With matching funds secured, \$12,000+ was raised to support their work

The future year of 2022-2023 is encouraging. As of 6/29/2022, the Ann Arbor VA Hospital is creating plans to reopen the hospital to volunteers, especially supporting recreational therapy at CLC ward. Absence of COVID from the CLC ward will be the determining factor in resuming volunteer activities.

While near-term opening the Ann Arbor VA Hospital to volunteers is encouraging, financial support from our Assemblies remains a concern. Charity gaming was a significant source of revenue to Assemblies and Councils alike. COVID restrictions/concerns continue to impede the return of charity gaming to pre-COVID activity levels. The rise of in-home virtual poker is competition to charity gaming rooms, further impeding poker room activity to pre-COVID levels.

2022-2023 will be a year to "think-outside-the -box," for providing financial support of activities for in-patient and outpatient veterans alike. New and creative fund-raising efforts are needed to enable us to resume pre-COVID support efforts.

VIVAT JESUS!
John M. Yanok
Michigan District 2
Ann Arbor CDCE Knights of Columbus Representative

Note: I would like to feature your Assembly's activities and successes in future articles. Please send me write-ups of your events with cell phone pictures. – John



Michigan District 2 Knight's Wear

Show your pride and support for our District that is rich in tradition as being one of the most active group of Catholics for God and country in the land.

We have available a selection of fashions designed with the most popular colors for men and women. We now also offer, by popular demand, special orders for men's and ladies jackets as well as our popular polo's.

Watch for our tables at Exemplifications and District events..



Cash and Personal Checks graciously accepted.

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Battle Creek Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS)

Worthy Master, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,

The Battle Creek VAVS covers Battle Creek and Wyoming. We have had a great year in 2021 and the beginning of 2022. Both material (\$12,810.00) and monetary (\$3,405.00) donations have greatly outpaced the donations of years prior, but we can do better as these donations were done by only a few of our Assemblies and Councils. These donations are very important, because as Veteran Facilities are still in semi-lockdown status, we are unable to restart our Sunday Snack Cart visits in Battle Creek. To this, your donations of material or monetary funding is very important in providing the program services such as game books, car magazines, hunting and fishing magazines to take our Veterans minds out of isolation.

The Battle Creek VA, are allowing some of the patients go to sporting events and I know that many of the sporting venues will give us a very nice break in supporting our Veterans, but that will not happen if we don't ask, otherwise a ticket and a few hot dogs and sodas could be covered by \$30.00 each, so if you are in Battle Creek or Kalamazoo, please visit your organizations and ask for a special deal voucher in giving our Veterans a night at the ballpark. While you're there, see about selling 50/50 tickets in raising funds for the next outing. I would like to host a Car Show at the Battle Creek Facility sometime in August, with hot dogs, chips and water for participants and Veterans. We could charge \$10.00 per car and donate the proceeds to the VAVS.

At the VA Outpatient Clinic in Wyoming, there are always opportunities of being an Ambassador or work in the Coffee Shop. Regardless of what you do. Wherever you volunteer, there should be a sign in sheet in showing the Knights of Columbus service to our VA.

Please do not forget about our Homeless Veterans. They are always in need of our help. There is a list that I can send if you need it. I would also like to remind you about Operation Patriotism. If we can collect \$250.00 from every Assembly, we could make a very big difference in the lives of our Veterans.

Lastly, I am asking for two Aides in helping me to provide the service to our Veterans that they deserve. I still work full time, so it is impossible for me to make meetings that are during my working hours (Battle Creek area would be best).

Kathleen and I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer and have thought about the meaning of the Fourth of July. Thank you for all that you do and God bless.

James Pitsch



VAVS Director





Michigan District II

Fourth Degree
Knights of Columbus



Patriots for God and Country

When reading the various essays from the Master's District II staff officers, an obvious theme is discerned. They contain answers to the question, "How has your involvement in the 4th Degree enriched your life in 2021 in 300 words or less!"



When I was employed at Chrysler, we used to call those yearly type of management performance yardsticks, "Stretch Goals" since they were always impossible to achieve but non-the-less, we were obligated to "stretch our abilities" in attempting to achieve them. Much creative BS responses were penned and submitted each year documenting steps we took in response to a impossible stretch goal directive.

Yet, when reading our Staff articles in this newsletter, one also discerns a unified truth – they are not BS opinions or non-meaningful personal accounts. They are honest and profoundly important testimonials of how we have grown by our participation in our 4th Degree Patriotic Order. I am no different when I profess my deep gratitude to all my brother Sir Knights and Ladies of our Fraternal Order that have enriched my life during these past several months.

As our District II Pride Director and a proud member of our District II Color Corps, I have met quite a few outstanding individuals while displaying our Patriotic support at Color Corps callouts or selling our KofC logo shirts at our Exemplifications and in participating with Master Joe Yekulis District II staff in making those special Exemplifications events the success that they have been. When I have been invited into the homes of our Fraternal Brothers and Ladies of our order as an honored guest and to understand that they feel they can depend upon me for certain tasks, well, in all humility, words can't adequately describe an inner joy I feel in those situations nor put into words how much those important personnel relationships have enriched my life – and do so in 300 words or less. Thank you all for the privilege of serving this fraternal order.

SK Michael Babiuk
Knights Pride Director



Knights Pride Director



85th Exemplification

You are cordially invited to join us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center this fall to complete your journey into the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

This one day event will be hosted by FN Don Burnett of Jackson Area Assembly #2186. The Master's Banquet will follow the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

**A day you will
remember forever.**



Honoring MI District 2 Friar
Rev. Brian Lenz,
Chaplain of Jackson Lumen Christi
High School



Our Lady of Fatima Parish

913 Napoleon Rd. Michigan Center, MI

**Saturday
Oct 15th, 2022**

Exemplification Held at:
913 Napoleon Rd.
Michigan Center, MI 49254

**See Backside for Registration and
Ladies Program details**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE
MICHIGAN DISTRICT II
85th EXEMPLIFICATION
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
Saturday, October 15, 2022**



HOST ASSEMBLIES: Jackson Area Assembly #2186
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Sir Knight Don Burnnett
CLASS HONOREE: MI District 2 Friar Rev. Brian Lenz

EXEMPLIFICATION LOCATION: Our Lady of Fatima Parish
913 Napoleon Rd.
Michigan Center, MI 49254

Host Hotel: Comfort Inn and Suites, 2435 Shirley Dr., Jackson, MI 49202

SATURDAY EVENTS - October 15, 2022

ARRIVAL		9:30 AM
CANDIDATE REGISTRATION:	OL Fatima School Entrance	9:45 - 11:00 AM
LADIES PROGRAM:	OL Fatima Fr. Dunne Hall	11:00 AM
CLASS PICTURE:	OL Fatima Church Altar	11:15 - 11:30 AM
CANDIDATE/SIR KNIGHT LUNCH:	OL Fatima Gymnasium	11:30 AM - 12:00
ANTE CHAMBER	OL Fatima Knight's Meeting Room	12:15 - 12:30 PM
85th EXEMPLIFICATION	OL Fatima Gymnasium	12:30 PM
PLACING OF WREATH	OL Fatima Parish Grounds	3:00 PM
LINE-UP FOR MASS	OL Fatima Catholic Church	3:45 PM
OLF PARISH MASS	OL Fatima Catholic Church	4:30 PM
RECEPTION	OL Fatima Fr. Dunne Hall	5:30 PM- 6:30 PM
MASTER'S BANQUET	OL Fatima Fr. Dunne Hall	6:30 PM

DRESS FOR LADIES: Sunday Mass Attire or Semi Formal
MEN'S DRESS for the EXEMPLIFICATION and MASTER'S BANQUET: Dark business suit (black, dark blue, dark grey), plain white shirt, dark tie (no bow ties), black socks and black shoes. Current members may still dress in their tuxedo with social baldric.

DRESS CODE: STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR ALL SIR KNIGHTS AND CANDIDATES PRESENT

FEES TO ATTEND EXEMPLIFICATION, LADIES PROGRAM, AND BANQUET	
Candidate: Exemplification, Social Baldric, 4th Degree Pin, Lunch, Banquet	\$70.00
Clergy Candidate (Paid by sponsoring Assembly)	\$50.00
Class Picture - optional, not included with candidate fee	\$10.00
REGISTRATION CONTROL SHEET DUE TO FM DAVID A. BUICK BY OCTOBER 8, 2022	
Sir Knight Lunch Ticket	\$5.00
Clergy Member Banquet Ticket	\$35.00
Member, Spouse, Guest, Widow, Extra Banquet Tickets	\$35.00
Ladies Program Ticket (All Candidate wives/guests should attend)	\$15.00

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PLEASE MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS THROUGH YOUR LOCAL ASSEMBLY COMPTROLLER

LET'S HONOR OUR CLASS HONOREE WITH A LARGE CLASS & MEMBER SUPPORT!



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 85th Exemplification



ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

Date: _____, 2022

I hereby agree to purchase the following advertisement from the Patriotic Degree Knights of Columbus of Michigan District II, to appear in their souvenir book for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification to be held in Jackson, Michigan on October 15, 2022.

Ad size: (Please check one)

Red, White & Blue Event Poster & <u>Full Page Ad</u>	Price \$250.00 _____
Inside Front/Inside Back Cover (Color)	Price \$175.00 _____
Full Page (7-1/2" x 10")	Price \$100.00 _____
Three-quarter Page (7-1/2" x 7-1/2")	Price \$80.00 _____
One Half Page (7-1/2" x 5")	Price \$60.00 _____
One Fourth Page (3-3/4" x 5")	Price \$40.00 _____

Red, ~~Wh~~ & Blue Sponsors will be displayed on lg. poster during the event with a full page ad in the souvenir booklet.

Inside covers are first payment received basis, other requests will be converted to a full-page ad and refunded \$75.00.

E-MAIL (preferred) your ads in a PDF, jpeg, Word, or Publisher format to SK Kyle Thelen at: thelenkm@yahoo.com.

If hardcopy, paperclip (do not staple) the camera-ready ad or photos to this form and (snail) MAIL to:

Sir Knight Kyle Thelen
 7861 Wright Rd.
 Westphalia, MI 48894
 517-290-6689

All photos will be returned upon request with self-addressed stamped envelope only.

AD DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, October 1, 2022.

Seller may be contacted if there are questions concerning the ad, please complete seller information.

Advertiser _____

 K.C. Seller Name & Phone # (Print)

Address _____

 Assembly Name & Number # (Print)

City/Zip _____

Make all Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus

 Advertiser's Contact Name

 Contact Phone #

Paid Cash (or) Check No. _____

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Patriotic Degree Knights of Columbus, Michigan District II

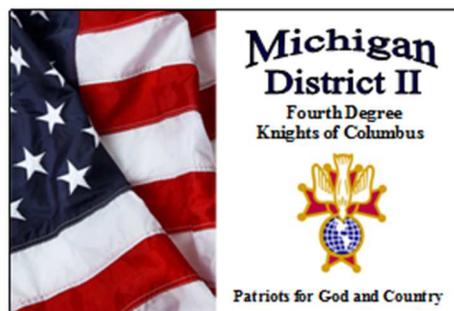
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 Advertiser for the Souvenir book for the 85th Patriotic Degree Exemplification.

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District Activities

- June 30 Due to Supreme:
Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
- July 1- 3 Fraternal Year 2022-23 Begins – State Summer Meetings at Sylvan Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI
- July 4 VIP Honor Guard Detachment at Lansing Lugnut’s Game 7:05 p.m.
- July 6 Lansing Diocesan Meeting – Queen’s Parish, Jackson 6 p.m.
- July 11 Kalamazoo Diocesan Meeting – Location TBA 6 p.m.
- July 16 St. Louis Center Memorial Golf Outing –Pierce Lake, Chelsea 9 a.m.
Contact Master Joe Yekulis for more information
- July 23 Navigator Training Program – St. James Parish, Mason 9 a.m.
- July 31 Assembly #510 Golf Outing for Veterans – Sugarbush Golf Club, 9 a.m. start Davison, MI Contact PFN Lenny Accardo for more information
- August 1 – SK & Lady of the Year Due along with Assembly Audit
- August 2022 – MI District 2 Assembly Officer Installations - TBA
- August 5 Family Night of Vocations – Lansing Lugnuts 7:00 p.m. w/Honor Guard Call-Out
- September 2022 – District 2 Meeting - TBA
- September 10 State Officer Installation – Assumption Grotto, Detroit 4 p.m.
- October 15 85th Exemplification Michigan District 2
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Michigan Center, MI, 9:30 a.m. registration
- December 9 – 11 State Winter Meetings: Grand Rapids, MI



Proper 4th Degree Candidate and Member Dress Attire



- Dark Gray, Navy Blue or Black Business Suit, subtle pin stripes acceptable
- Plain White Full Collar or Button Down Collar Shirt, pin striped shirt **“NOT”** acceptable
- Dark Necktie
- Vest optional with business suit
- Black Belt or Suspenders
- Black Socks and **“Polished”** Black Shoes
- Tuxedo Jacket and Pants
- Pleated Full Collar Tuxedo Shirt when worn with a tuxedo, wing tip tuxedo shirt **“NOT”** acceptable
- Preferably Black Studs and Black Cuff Links with tuxedo shirt only, 4th Degree studs are acceptable
- Social Baldric worn over tie
- Official 4th Degree Lapel Pin PG-113 or Flag Pin

Proper Honor/Color Guard Dress Attire



- Official Navy Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Emblem Blazer Crest
- Official 4th Degree Gray Pants, straight leg, **“NO”** cuffs
- Official 4th Degree Necktie, now available in extra long
- Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Metal Badge with appropriate color patch under badge
- Plain Full Collar White Dress Shirt, Button Cuffs (no French cuffs, no button down collar shirt)
- Black Socks and Plain Black **“Polished”** Shoes
- Official 4th Degree Lapel Pin PG-113
- Incumbent Medal of Office
- Past and Former miniature medals above left pocket
- Service Baldric and Sword
- White Gloves
- Name badge **“ARE NOT”** to be worn at any time, during or after an event
- “The Supply Room” Top Coat
 - Pins, only the PG-113 pin shall be worn on the top coat lapel at the buttonhole.
 - Absolutely no service medals will be worn on the top coat. Medals are reserved for wear only on the uniform jacket.



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(Please remember the “Chain of Command” and check with your Assembly contacts first.)

Our NEXT District II Meeting

September 2022

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