



Michigan District 2

Knights of Columbus

February 2026

Next District II Meeting

March 21st Queen
of the Miraculous
Medal, Jackson
9:00 am



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Let me start off by wishing everyone a Very Happy and Healthy 2026.

Lady Sandy joins me in this wish to all of you and your Lady Knights. Unfortunately, Lady Sandy will not have an article in this newsletter but will in the future when she recovers from her injury and illnesses.



We who have been fortunate enough to live a reasonably long life know that life has many unanticipated twists and turns as we navigate through life discerning God's plan for us. Every day is a gift from God. I assumed the Master position on September 1, 2025. Lady Sandy and I were looking forward to our first Exemplification in October and the year ahead. We attended the Former Master's picnic on September 6 with Former Master Joe Yekulis and Lady Denise and had a wonderful time with many of the Former Masters who served in Michigan. The very next day Lady Sandy suffered a catastrophic fall resulting in a fractured femur. Besides being in shock from the fracture, it was discovered she had sepsis from an infection which caused all her major systems to shut down. The prognosis was grim. Her doctors did not believe she would survive. She was in ICU for 19 days.

Lady Sandy and I send a heartfelt thanks to everyone for your prayers, Masses, Rosaries, cards, and expressions of support and concern. Those prayers I believe are the reason Lady Sandy is alive today. She is at home learning to walk and balance herself again and looks forward to joining me and her Lady Knights in the wonderful activities in Michigan District 2.

For those who doubt the healing power of prayer or want an excellent inspirational read, I recommend Dr Marc Siegel's book entitled ***The Miracles Among Us: How God's Grace Plays a Role in Healing***. Dr Siegel is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at NYU Langone Health and a devout practitioner of the Jewish religion. The book is on the ***New York Times*** Best Seller list. Ironically it came out when Lady Sandy was battling for her life. The timing was incredible as I lived the Miracles that Dr Siegel wrote about so eloquently.

Michigan District 2 2026 Biennial Meeting March 21, 2026

The 2026 Spring Biennial Meeting for Michigan 2 will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church Vincentian Hall, 1111 Carleton Blvd. Jackson MI 49203. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Meeting will start at 9 am and conclude at 1 pm. Lunch will be provided. Free Will donations are encouraged to cover the cost. This meeting is mandatory for all Navigators and should include your Comptrollers and CC Commanders along with your delegates and alternates chosen at your February or early March meetings. Other leadership members you would like to bring along are welcome. FN Tim Hill and the Jackson Assembly #2186 will be the host Assembly.

The Laws and Rules of the Fourth Degree require that three candidates for the Master position must be submitted to the State Deputy, Vice Supreme Master and Supreme Master for consideration at this meeting. The candidates will be selected by your Assembly's delegates. The term of office is two years and limited to two terms.

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Masters Update As all of you know, my tenure is unique in that I assumed the Master position midterm as my predecessor Former Master Joe Yekulis served a fifth year. I do hope to continue as Master. However, despite the unique circumstances with me assuming the position last September the rules have to be followed. As required three candidates for submission will be selected by the delegates at the March 21st meeting.

Delegate Selection

Delegates are to be selected at your Assembly's February or early March meeting. Please send me you delegates and alternates names to me at: b.dandrow@mikofc.org

Each Assembly is entitled to one delegate for the Faithful Navigator plus an additional delegate for every 100 or major fraction of 100 Sir Knights. For example, an Assembly with 150 members is entitled to have three delegates.

Assemblies may select alternates for the Navigator and delegates.

Detailed information on this meeting will be forthcoming in emails and will be posted on the Michigan District 2 website.

The 92nd District 2 Exemplification April 18, 2026

It is my great privilege to announce that Michigan District 2 will hold its 92nd Exemplification on April 18, 2026, at St Mary Cathedral in Lansing. Bishop Albers Assembly #496 under the direction of FN Phillip D. Schertzing, and Lansing Assembly #3334 under the direction of FN Paul LaCroix will be the host Assemblies.

This is a one-day event. There will be a Master's Banquet after the 4:00 pm Mass. The Class Honoree is SK David Lennemann long time District 2 Degree Team Captain. David is certainly deserving of this honor for his dedicated service to Michigan District 2 serving as Degree Team Captain for over 20 years. David is battling Stage 3 colon cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

I add my voice to Membership Director Dave Zerbe's appeal to all Faithful Navigators and members of your Assemblies to recruit 3rd Degree members into the 4th Degree so they can achieve full Knighthood at the new wonderful 4th Degree Exemplification ceremonial on April 18th.

I ask all of you to reach out to your District Deputies and Grand Knights in your Assembly councils to ensure they have the 4th Degree on their meeting agendas. Please make a visit to your councils to keep the members apprised as to what is going on in your assemblies. Please make a personal appeal to non-4th degree members to join. Please make sure you have a liaison in every council. Lastly, reach out to Dave Zerbe or me if you need help in your recruiting efforts.

The goal set for new membership by the Supreme for our District is 197 new members. As of January 30, 2026, we are at 38 new members, which is 19% of our goal. I know that by working together we can make our goal.

Membership recruiting is important to the survival of our organization. In our District last year, from January 2025 to January 2026, 95% of the Assemblies lost members. My home Jackson Assembly lost three Sir Knights who were called home by God, two in the last four months.

New Vice Supreme Master Walter Winkle

SK and Former State Deputy Walter Winkle was installed by State Deputy Barry Borsenik as the new Vice Supreme Master for the Fr. Louis Hennepin Province, 4th Degree Knights Of Columbus on October 10, 2025, at Saint Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg, OH following Mass celebrated by former State Chaplin Fr Aiden Logan. SK Walter replaces Past VSM Ed Ponder who stepped down after his term of office was completed.

It was my privilege to be installed as Master along with fellow Master Michigan District 3 William Perkis by our State Deputy at the same ceremony with VSM Walter Winkle.

The Fr. Louis Hennepin Province includes all four Districts in Michigan and the three districts in Ohio.

2026 and Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States

What a wonderful time to be a 4th Degree Knight during our 250th Anniversary of nationhood. Every day I feel I won the lottery by being born in the United States. During my working career in the Steel Industry, I traveled the world to many continents and countries, and I always came back knowing what a gift I had by being born in the United States.

I want to encourage all Faithful Navigators to plan Patriotic events and celebrations in your Assemblies and communities around this celebration. Our mission is Patriotism and we need to show it in this special year in our history. Use this as a recruiting tool. There is no better time to be a 4th Degree member or to join the 4th Degree.

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Fraternal Year Activities Year to Date

Worthy Former Master Joe Yekulis and I traveled the district in July and August conducting officer installations. It was a great experience meeting and installing members of the Leadership teams throughout the District.

On October 4th at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Michigan Center, the District held its 91st Exemplification. This was my first Exemplification as Master and what a great privilege to Knight 34 new members to the Order including two priests: our Friar Rev. Randy J Koenigsknecht, and Rev. Simon Manjooran. Deacon Rick P Freedberg from Queen of the Miraculous Medal Jackson also joined our ranks.

Class honoree was Former Master Joseph Yekulis. Joe was certainly a deserving recipient for his years of outstanding service to the District, to the Order, to his Church and Community. Joe was an outstanding mentor and friend this past year.

October 21st Former District Master Joseph Yekulis and I presented a sword to recently Exemplified member Mitchell G Neeley at the Davison Assembly meeting. Mitchell was the recipient of the sword for purchasing his Color Corp uniform during the summer way ahead of the October 4th Exemplification.

December 9th Executive Assistant Paul S. Funk presented a check to Livingston County Catholic Charities

December 11th Former District Master Joseph Yekulis, Executive Assistant Paul Funk, and I were joined by Lady Denise and Lady Francine to present a check to Blue Star Service Dogs in Pickney.

December 16th Former District Master Joseph Yekulis, VAVS Director – Lansing John Yanok, and I were joined by Lady Ruth to present a check to the Fisher House in Ann Arbor.

January 11th Former District Master Joseph Yekulis, and VAVS Director – Battle Creek Brian Wemple presented a check to the Battle Creek VA.

Personal Note

I would like to conclude with a personal thanks to Former Masters Joe Yekulis and Dave Buick for your help and guidance and for picking up what I could not due to Lady Sandy's medical condition. As both of you said "this is what Knights do". Your terms in office have set a very high bar.

Fraternally in Christ, **Benedict R Dandrow Master of the Fourth Degree**

**Dear fellow Sir Knights and Ladies of the Fourth Degree,**

Vivat Jesus! For those who have not met me yet, my name is Fr. Randy Koenigsknecht, and I am honored to serve you as the Faithful Friar for Michigan District 2. 2025 was a big year for me as I was only ordained a priest in June and then about month later, Bishop Boyea asked me to take on the responsibility of the Faithful Friar. I had been a 3rd degree Knight since high school, so it was exciting for me to take the next step into the patriotic 4th degree and experience the new exemplification firsthand. Brothers, I am so proud of all the work that you are doing to build up our Dioceses and Parishes and on behalf of all the pastors and people of our District, I thank you for your generous service and many prayers. I believe the word that God wants to say to all of us as we enter into this new year is Courage. Be courageous in your current roles and in looking ahead to the new ways that God is inviting us to serve. Be courageous in encouraging and calling the men of our parishes to a higher standard of faithfulness to the Church and their particular vocations. Most importantly, be courageous in your prayers, asking boldly for the gifts that you want God to give you and courageously accepting the challenges that come your way as coming from God's hands. Seek to draw close to Jesus and he will draw close to you. I am praying for all of you.

God Bless,

Rev. Randy Koenigsknecht



Dear Sir Knights and Ladies, Vivat Jesus!

As we concluded the Holy Year 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope, so our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has announced a year in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. Now, on the 8th century of his death, the Church looks upon the extraordinary life of this holy man. I have been to Assisi many times. I have prayed at his tomb, offered Mass in the pilgrims' chapel and enjoyed the sites associated with St. Francis. He is not the only saint buried in Assisi. St. Clare is buried there. Her convent has the San Damiano cross, from which our Lord spoke to St. Francis. One of our newest Saints is buried nearby. St. Carlos Acutis (1991-2006) was canonized by Pope Leo XIV in September of 2025. His love for the Eucharist is evident in his promotion of Eucharistic miracles. He is a special patron for the Internet.



In the midst of all these holy adventures, our Nation is preparing for its Semiquincentennial (250) anniversary. Each year, we celebrate our Nation's birth on July 4. I remember our Bicentennial in 1976; fifty years ago! Being the patriotic order of the Knights of Columbus, I hope that there are many opportunities to honor our country in 2026. We can help the Fourth Degree grow by inviting 3rd Degree Knights to join us. I am looking forward to attending the new Exemplification. It is always a moving tribute and reminder of Nation's Catholic foundations.

God Bless the United States of America.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Robert F. Creagan
Kalamazoo Diocesan Friar



Faith In Action

Hello to my Brother Knights and families of K of C Michigan District II. I am Deacon Tom Arehart, assigned to St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Concord, Michigan. My wife Cathy and I are members of Cardinal O'Hara Assembly, and are honored and pleased to be part of the District II leadership team. Following in the path of Worthy Deacon Wayne and Carol Slomany, Cathy and I are learning the ins and outs of our current role. So bear with us as we begin to journey with you in this new year of faithful service.



Recently, I have been reflecting on how fortunate we are to have the support and spiritual guidance of our Bishops within the District and throughout the entire State. During the Third Degree Diocesan Meeting held in Lansing, Bishop Boyea addressed the Knights to say Thank You! Bishop Boyea and I believe all the Bishops of Michigan have a full appreciation for all we do to strengthen our Church and our Domestic Churches. Patriotic Degree members are often granted greater visibility in our communities, providing us the opportunity to be ambassadors of our Catholic Faith.

State Chaplain, Fr. Andrew S. LaFramboise, provided a message on the topic of Responsibility. A word we use often in conversation, sometimes without considering the full scope of its meaning. Response and Ability are the foundation of the meaning of Responsibility. Each of us is called to live our Faith and share our Faith with those we encounter daily.

How is this possible? First, we must find in our hearts a response to God's love in our lives. Second, we must work to incorporate His love into all we do and share that love with all we encounter. Fr. LaFramboise pointed to St. Joseph as a perfect model of Responsibility in action. St. Joseph, in his work, was the daily response to the Love of God in his life. Daily, he carried out that work in love, to the best of his ability, trusting in God's love.

Brothers, Faith that calls each of us to accept the responsibility to live in God's Love, and to share God's Love with those we encounter. May you and your families be blessed in the months ahead.

Deacon Tom Arehart Church Director



Greetings to all Sir Knights and Ladies of Michigan District 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and Lady Francine.

We are active members in our home Parish – St John the Baptist, in Howell where we serve in various ways and have made many friends. Our family is so very special to us as we have six wonderful children and ten grandchildren with “number eleven” due this June!

After a long career in industry and public service, I am mostly retired but still manage to stay busy as the Chairman of my County Road Commission and serve on a few Boards, including Livingston County Catholic Charities. Lady Francine has a long career as a Registered Nurse at UM Hospital and as a HS Career and Technical Education Teacher. My Knights journey includes serving as a Council MD, Founding Member of our Life Defender's Program, Lansing Diocesan MD, Faithful Navigator for the Msgr. Herman P. Fedewa Assembly 2050 and now as MI District 2 Executive Assistant. While performing these various roles, it has been great to meet so many of you across the Kalamazoo and Lansing Diocese and to learn of your various projects and ideas. Our Michigan District 2 is well-served by so many committed Knights and Ladies. Speaking of Assembly 2050, it has been my distinct privilege to serve as the Faithful Navigator for the current term and through our 40th Anniversary. We are a very strong Assembly with our 300 SKs coming from across Livingston County through one of our eight great Councils. We are home to PFN, VAVS Director and Lansing SDRR John Yanok, three current SK/DD's, Rodger Epp, Ed Nickel and Steve Schafer, and numerous Past GK's, DD's and Faithful Navigators. I have been blessed to work with these and so many other dedicated Sir Knights.

Our Ladies are quite supportive of the Assembly's various projects and were recognized as the Best Provincial Ladies Program by Former VSM Ed Ponder. Their efforts to support our Gala and dinners, our various Veteran's projects, cleaning cemeteries, making blankets and shawls, helping at Bingo, etc. speaks well to their Patriotic beliefs. We are so very lucky to have our Ladies join in these projects.

Our Honor Guard is a strength of our Assembly with twenty plus members from across our Councils. We routinely handle callouts within our own area and often join in on District callouts. Our Commander, Mike Babiuk, does an exceptional job at facilitating the planning and execution of our HG activities.

A few of the recent and upcoming Assembly projects include our on-going support to Blue Star Service Dogs, the non-profit that helps place rescued shelter dogs with Veterans with special needs. We have been doing this for years and were recognized last year as the International Patriot Award Winner. If you ever get a chance to attend a graduation ceremony and see the success of these Veterans and their wonderful dogs, you would be amazed.

In 2025, we started a “Sox for Veterans” Program that began as a collection at one Parish and then became a movement across several Councils and other local groups. To date, we have delivered over 3000 items (socks, under garments, T shirts, toiletries, etc.) to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. This project has really demonstrated how an Assembly can coordinate and partner with it's Councils for the greater good.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to promote our upcoming 92nd Exemplification on April 18 at the St Mary's Cathedral. Let us all reach out and invite our Brother 3rd Degree Knights to complete their Knights journey and join the 4th Degree, especially with this being the 250th Anniversary of our great Country! Please also consider donating a raffle basket and solicit a few sponsors!

Thank you! Please reach out if I might be of any assistance to you, your Assembly or Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul S. Funk

FN Assembly 2050 and

Executive Assistant to Master Ben Dandrow



Bill Currie Sr. Marshal

Let me begin, on behalf of Lady Cindi and myself, by hoping your Christmas was peaceful and blessed and that 2026 will be the same. The year seems to be starting out slowly. There are the diocesan meetings and the council district meetings in January and February. Michigan District 2 gets going with the district meeting on March 21 and a lot happens from then leading up to the 4th degree exemplification on April 18 at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. The Color Corps will be called upon to look and perform their best at this time.

The Color Corps is receiving some guidance from the Supreme Master Michael McCusker on how it might improve. The faithful navigators received from Master Ben Dandrow a copy of the appearance guidelines for the Color Corps. I hope the assembly commander has received this and has looked it over. For the most part these guidelines have been in place for many years. There are a few additions in keeping up with the times and some clarifications. Please accept these in the spirit they are intended to present the Color Corps as a dignified unit worthy of representing the Order and our Church.

Another piece of guidance received by the Color Corps comes by way of Michigan District 1 where Archbishop Weisenburger directed the Color Corps not to place swords on the casket and say prayers for a deceased Sir Knight after the funeral Mass before the casket is placed in the hearse. The timing of this is different than what we do in Michigan District 2 but until Master Ben meets with the bishops of Lansing and Kalamazoo to introduce himself and learn their wishes of the 4th degree we will discontinue placing swords on the casket. We will try to get clarification on this as soon as possible and let the assemblies know.

Let me bring you up to date on the District Marshals. In the Kalamazoo Diocese Marshal Dave Censke is temporarily on injured reserve following surgery. Your prayers will be helpful in speeding his return. Dave Van Hoof is the other marshal, an experienced assembly commander. In the Lansing Diocese the district marshals are Don Pollard, also an experienced commander, and Paul Funk. Paul is eager to receive more training for the job; however, he may also be on injured reserve for a period of time. I'm sure he would welcome prayers also. Continue the training of your assembly Honor Guard. The District Marshals and I are available to conduct training for your assemblies. All you have to do is ask.

Fraternally,
Bill Currie
Sr. Marshal



Hello and Vivat Jesus,

I would like to introduce myself to you newer Sir Knights. My name is Dave Zerbe. My years as a Knight of Columbus includes most offices at the council level including Grand Knight. I became a Sir Knight about 15 years ago and went through most of the offices including Faithful Navigator at Bishop Albers Assembly 0496 in Lansing. Currently I serve as a District Deputy and as the 4th Degree Membership Director for Michigan District 2.

I served under our Former Master Joe Yekulis and was fortunate enough to be asked to serve under the direction of our Current Master Ben Dandrow.

I am here to serve all of Michigan District 2. If you have any questions, please feel free to call/text me at 517.282.4516 or email me at azmaint13@gmail.com. I will answer your questions and concerns as soon as possible. If I do not know the answer to your question, I will get it for you.

We in Michigan District 2 have a great leadership team both past and present that I am proud to be a part of. As you are all aware, we have our 92nd Exemplification scheduled for April 18th at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. Let us all put in a strong effort to make this a great class to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of our great country. After all, we are the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Again, please feel free to call me anytime and I will do my best to get your questions answered.

Vivat Jesus, SK Dave Zerbe Membership Director
DD508, PGK, PFN



During our life, if we are blessed and lucky, we are allowed to wear many different “hats”, participate in many different functions, learn many important lessons (some from extraordinary persons and brother Knights) and then have the privilege of passing on those experiences, blessings and truths to our friends, neighbors, and fellow Catholics. As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Country, please allow me to share some of my experiences and lessons I have learned during the past few years in which I have been a Knight of Columbus and member of the Patriotic Fourth Degree.



A few experiences we can tell our friends regarding the Knights of Columbus and specifically of Sir Knights of the Patriotic Fourth Degree are these. Nationally and around the world, Knights of Columbus play a role in strengthening Eucharistic faith in their parishes by regularly participating in Mass, organizing Holy Hours, leading Eucharistic Processions, and adding reverence to special liturgies as part of Fourth Degree honor guards.

I remember one such experience where I had the honor of participating in, as a “rookie” member of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard, that occurred on September 22, 2018 during the ‘Made for Happiness’ Eucharistic gathering in Lansing, Michigan. During that perfect Saturday afternoon, a four mile Eucharistic procession from St. Mary Cathedral to the MSU Breslin Center was led by 40 plus of my fellow Honor Guard members in a four mile walk in which we lead 4,000 faithful in a public adoration of the Eucharist. I also stood guard for a few hours inside the section of the Breslin Center where 14,000 faithful had the opportunity to witness and pray in front of sacred relics before Mass began. I think that was the first day I glimpsed an understanding of the importance of being an Honor Guard member and what our presence meant to our fellow Catholics.

I have been back to St. Mary’s in Lansing often since that Saturday afternoon in 2018 as an Honor Guard member. And I plan on returning once again on April 18th for our 92nd Fourth Degree Exemplification Knighting Ceremony in which I can’t help but recall these words by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, “On the day I was installed, I spoke of our calling to be **Knights of the Eucharist** ... The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharist, the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight - to live a life of service and sacrifice for others and to live a life of true unity, centered on the 'source and summit' of the Christian life.”

And perhaps I may again have the honor during this Exemplification Ceremony, to teach these **New Knights of the Eucharist**, these valuable lessons and insights as the Expositor of the Faith and speak these words designed to help them prepare and take a more active part in the life of our Nation and to encourage my brother Sir Knights to pray the Luminous Mysteries (such as the mystery of the Eucharist) which illuminate the public life of Christ.

The Expositor of the Faith will remind them and all present “...that the Knights of Columbus will always stand sure and unyielding in our place of the walls of our nation’s freedom, that we will do so in the best tradition of Catholic knighthood, always guided by the sure beacon of what is just and by the timeless principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.”

And he will speak this line. “We judge that in the life of every Nation not every time is as good as another. But for us there is one time which is more important than any other. And that is the time that has been allotted to us.” As for myself, I can think of no better use of the time left for me than to be ... **A Knight of the Eucharist**.

Vivat Jesus.

SK Michael J. Babiuk. Pride Chairman



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.

Brother Knights of MI. District 2,
Happy New Year!

2025 was a very good year for the Knights in the Kalamazoo Diocese in our service to the Battle Creek VA Hospital. I owe special thanks to my fellow VAVS Rep. Jim Pitsch, for all his help with organizing the car show this past summer, the collection of donations for veterans, and his diligent work at getting the treat cart program going again. The treat cart program had been cancelled in 2020 at the onset of Covid, after many years of service.



This endeavor took approximately two years to get reinstated due to lack of storage space at the VA for the treat cart itself. Brother Pitsch and myself kept at it and they were finally able to find a storage space for the cart. Special thanks to Brothers Tom Kerr FN of Assembly 2135 in Otsego and FN David Censke of Assembly 505 who attended the Winter Carnival at the VA in December and were able to get the ball across the finish line through encouraging dialogue with the management. A storage spot was created for the treat cart program in Buildings 83 and 84.

I would also like to thank the five councils of Assembly 505 and the parishioners of St. Phillip Church in Battle Creek who donated a total of \$3,100 in donations of goods for our men and women veterans and their children. These donations were obtained through our fall collection drives. I would also like to thank Assembly 505 for putting a donation of \$430 together the weekend before Christmas for a veteran who is a mother of four children in need of help obtaining Christmas presents for her children.

To cap off a great year for our veterans at the VA, PWDM Joe Yekulis came to town on December 30, and he and I took a check for \$1,500 to the Battle Creek VA Hospital as a donation from the Michigan District 2 Operation Patriotism Program.

In closing, I would like to thank all 4th Degree members, their families and friends who gave such generous support to our veterans this past year.
God Bless and best of luck to all in the coming new year.

Brian Wemple
VAVS Rep. Kalamazoo Diocese



VAVS Report January 2026

John Yanok and Kelly Donnellon, Knights of Columbus Voluntary Representatives to Veterans Administration Voluntary Services Administration

The Fourth Degree Cardinal O'Hara and Msgr. Fedewa Assembly have been active in support of veterans served by the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Cardinal O'Hara Assembly donated 16 Empowerment Coats for homeless veterans (\$2,400 value). These winter coats can provide protection during the day, and can be unfolded to become sleeping bags at night. The coat/sleeping bags are created by The Empowerment Plan, a non-profit organization. The coats are manufactured by individuals experiencing homelessness, providing them with employment, training, and a path to independence while also giving warmth and shelter to others in need.

I encourage assemblies and councils to follow the lead of the Cardinal O'Hara Assembly and consider providing additional coats to our veterans in need. Information can be found on The Empowerment Plan's website (empowermentplan.org) or contact Faithful Navigator Jeffrey Kerner of the Cardinal O'Hara Assembly.

In addition to Empowerment Coats, the Cardinal O'Hara Assembly provided 2 carts of in-kind donations to the Voluntary Services department of the Ann Arbor VA Hospital and conducted bi-monthly bingos for the veterans confined to the Community Living Center Ward.



Empowerment Coat

l-r Jeffrey Kerner FN, SK Ed Strach Matt
Matthew Brandon VAVS Staff (center)



In-Kind Donations

l-r Hobey Bates Captain, Jeffrey Kerner FN

Msgr. Fedewa Assembly has also been active in providing in-kind donations to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Faithful Navigator Paul Funk encouraged councils to conduct parish-wide collections for veterans. Initially, the collections were focused upon "Sox Drives" (athletic and dress sox). However, the collections quickly expanded to other clothing items (underwear) and personal hygiene items. The result was over-whelming. Four Councils (St Joseph #-2659, St John #8169, St Agnes #8605, and Fr Leo McCann #7304) organized "Sox Drives" collecting more than 1,400 pairs of athletic and dress sox with additional items. *(it required three vehicles to deliver them).*

Another Fedewa Assembly in-kind donation initiative is provision of incontinence clothing for homeless and outpatient veterans. The Assembly through the St Mary Magdalen Council #12295 continued to work with a local Senior Center to provide these items at no cost. The Fedewa Assembly has also encouraged its councils to reach out to their parishes' Prayer Shawl Committee and knitting circles to provide hand-made blankets, shawls and caps too.

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for the veterans. The result was likewise overwhelming. Ladies from the St Mary Magdalen Parish (Council #12295) and St Agnes Parish (Council #8605) crocheted magnificent blankets. 72 blankets were delivered in person to VA hospital patients in celebration of Veterans Day. An additional 42 blankets were included within the Christmas gift packages distributed during the Assembly's regularly scheduled Christmas bingo event.



Veteran's Day Knitted Blankets

John Yanok PFN, Don Powell PF, Justo Hernandez – Chief Voluntary Services



Christmas at the Ann Arbor VA (l-r) Community Living Center

SKs John Yanok PFN, Paul Funk FN, Doug Moran Tom Erger, Chuck Erger, Don Powell PFN, Kirk Powell, Paul Kickastri, Mike Babiuk PFN, Steve Schafer DD, Art Smith, Ed Nickel

The Msgr. Fedewa Assembly continues to support the VA Compassionate Care Program, with Sir Knight member involvement. The Compassionate Care Program entails calling a home-bound veteran about one a week for about 10 minutes, just to let them know someone remembers and cares about them. The program is intended to fight the feelings of isolation and depression among veterans.

As I look forward to the remaining fraternal year with your continued support for our veterans, and encourage all Assemblies to enlist support their councils to support at least one assembly activity, especially in support of our veterans.

Lady Ruth and I offer you the following toast for 2026 and beyond,

“[Salud, Dinero y Amor, y Tiempo para Gozarlo!”

(“Health, Wealth, and Love, and time to enjoy them!”)

Vivat Jesus!

SK John Yanok



**Submitted by:
Cardinal O'Hara Assembly 0489**



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**Article Submitted by:
Bishop Albers Assembly 0496
Lansing MI**

Back on November 8, 2025, the Bishop Albers Assembly #0496 and Lansing Assembly #3334 co-hosted an Honoring Veterans Day Dinner and Evening of Reflection at Columbus Hall in Lansing. Over 50 Sir Knights and Lady Knights attended, including several who were veterans. With the proceeds from that event, supplemented by funds voted by our Assembly at our last meeting, we will schedule a date in February to present the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids a check for \$1,000.

The K of C winter meeting for the Lansing Diocese was held on Tuesday evening, January 20, at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Over 120 Knights attended, including Bishop Boyea, State Deputy Barry Borsenik, and many other State Officers. Many of our Assembly officers and members attended in their roles as District Deputies or officers in their respective Councils, or as members of the host Council to help serve dinner catered by the St. Francis Retreat Center.

Our next two Assembly meetings in February and March will require us to move to the downstairs meeting room due to scheduled events in the main banquet room of the Columbus Hall. Our next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 17, coincides with Mardi Gras—the annual Fat Tuesday Dinner with Polish cuisine in the banquet room, and the following meeting falls on March 17, so there will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in the banquet room.

The 92nd Fourth Degree Exemplification using the new ceremony will be conducted at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing on Saturday, April 18, co-hosted by our Assembly, Lansing Assembly #3334, and St. Mary Cathedral Council #11694. A draft of the flyer and schedule can be found on the Fourth Degree Michigan District 2 website. This will be a great opportunity for us and all our local Assemblies and Councils to shine in terms of recruiting an abundant slate of candidates for Exemplification to the Patriotic Order as new Sir Knights as we celebrate the semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) of our Nation's independence this year. It is also essential for ensuring the future of the Fourth Degree in the Greater Lansing Area.

The Faithful Navigator and one or two other officers from our Assembly plan to attend the Biennial Fourth Degree District 2 meeting at the Queen of the Miraculous Medal Vincentian Hall in Jackson on Saturday morning, March 21.

Finally, our Assembly and Lansing Assembly #3334 will co-host a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Columbus Hall on Flag Day, June 14.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

FN Phil Schertzing



Article Submitted by: Assembly 2125

As part of MI KOC District 2 efforts celebrating America's 250th anniversary, at its January 2026 monthly meeting, the Knights of Assembly #2135 – Bishop Greco (Otsego), voted to donate \$1,000 to the PBS documentary "Frontier to Freedom: Wilderness, Revolution and Michigan's Path to Statehood." Assembly #2135's Worthy Captain, SK David Van Hoof, in partnership with Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution (MISSAR) and Manitou Films of Grand Rapids, is working to produce a one-hour documentary highlighting Michigan's colonial past and pivotal roles during the American Revolution and the War of 1812. This level of donation will allow the assembly to be listed as a valued donor in the opening credits. To view the 8-minute trailer please go to www.frontiertofreedom.com.

David W. Van Hoof



Article submitted by:

**Bishop Charles P. Greco
Assembly 2135
Otsego, MI**



Vivat Jesus!

Blessed be the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of GOD!

Happy 2026 New Year!

I am deeply sorry to report the passing of Lady Jan Cowels, widow of SK Robert Cowels who passed July 2025. May eternal rest be granted unto her O Lord. May Perpetual Light Shine upon her and may her Soul and all those of the Faithfully Departed rest in Peace.

Important Dates:

Mid-December --- 2026 membership dues were mailed Dues will remain at \$25.00 and Special Assessments will be provided for both Veterans and Seminarian support

January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of GOD

January 15th – Business Meeting in Otsego ... dinner at Casa Real prior @ 5:15

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 18th – Ash Wednesday & Veterans Support Drive Kick-Off

February 19th – Social Meeting --- Location TBD

March 19th – Business Meeting in Otsego ... Elections nominations

April 2nd – Holy Thursday

April 3rd – Good Friday

April 5th – Easter Sunday

Veteran's Support Drive Gifts-in-Kind ends

April 16th – Social Meeting – Location TBD

April TBD – Exemplification – Location TBD

May 10th – Mother's Day

May 21st – Business Meeting Otsego – Dinner prior at Casa Real

Officers Nominations finalized and Officers Elections for FY 2026-2027

June 18th – Social Meeting -- Location TBD

These Sir Knights have January Birthdays:

SK Joseph Martinez

SK Anthony French

SK John Napoli

SK Timothy Tolson

SK Joseph Einig

SK Steven Motter

SK James Kaiser

SK Christopher Estkowski

SK David Takace

SK Thomas Reiss

SK Christopher Hodge

SK Richard Vogt

SK Joseph Finch

SK Terrence Willyard

Assembly 2135 priorities for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

Assembly

Continue placemats fundraiser (now underway for 2026) – finalizing advertisements.

Advertising payments are due by January 15, 2026. Placemats distribution will be prior to Lent 2026

Growth of Assembly ... goal of seven (7 achieved to date this fiscal year)

Longer succession plan ... now in place for 5 years

Social engagement ...

Recognition ... for services ... active and in place

Deceased members support ... chalice, color for funerals.

**Bishop Charles P. Greco
Assembly 2135
Otsego, MI**

Gifts-in-kind for Veterans ... Lent 2026 drive planned (Feb./Mar.) Appreciate a Volunteer Lead Coordinator for 2026

Two SK participated in a Battle Creek Veterans Christmas activity and escorted Veterans in wheelchairs to and throughout the activity event during December.

Continued gifting to military bound Seminarians ... Paul Keenan - \$500 sent in November 2025

Veterans support guns shoot ... SK David Farris 09/2026 next planned.

Flags retirement ... Flag Day 2026 planned.

VA Battle Creek car show ... J. Pitsch completed July 2025

Snack Cart @ BCVA ... J. Pitsch ... authorized snacks purchase. Cart approved and BCVA to provide storage

Support for Veterans Homes ... T. Kehr has information for Jan. mtg

Cook out for Veterans at BCVA ... T. Kehr wrote letter to BCVA

PTSD Awareness possible mobile unit ... T. Kehr has info for Jan. mtg

Approved application and purchase of a State of MI raffle license for Veterans Support funds raisers ... Jan mtg update from F Comptroller

Fiscal year 2025 – 2026 Membership Drive: Goal of seven. **Challenge for each Council to encourage and enlist two new members for this fiscal year! Let us continue the great growth of Assembly 2135!** Form 4s are available through Faithful Navigator Tom Kehr @ kehrtj@gmail.com or C: 269.209.5145

June 18th

If you have the new 4th Degree uniform and are interested in serving in the Color Corp, please contact SK Frank Hanchak, Color Corp Commander at frank.hanchak@gmail.com and Tom Kehr, Faithful Navigator, at kehrtj@gmail.com to adjust Assembly 2135 records.

If you have a change of address, phone number and or email address, please notify SK Tom Pantelleria, Faithful Comptroller @ tpantell@icloud.com or Tom Kehr, Faithful Navigator at kehrtj@gmail.com to-adjust Assembly 2135 K of C member management records as per the Assembly 2135 By-Laws.

If you are interested in ordering embroidered Dry Fit Port Authority Assembly shirts, please contact Sir Knight David Touchette by C: 925.698.1020 or email: touchette@earthlink.net Members are encouraged to proudly wear shirts with the 4th Degree emblem at Masses and social events.

SK Jim Pitsch reports the snack cart is again making rounds on Sundays at the BC VA from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. We are looking for SK and Lady Knight volunteers to sign up by contacting SK Jim Pitsch. The snack cart will require about 2 hours of time on a Sunday and SK Jim Pitsch will be coordinating.

Please reference and bookmark www.michigandistrict2.org for the latest news and information from our Worthy District Master Ben Dandrow. This webpage contains the Michigan District 2 directory (Kalamazoo and Lansing Dioceses), Exemplifications information and dates, **Exemplification Forms**, & important dates

Please keep the following Sir Knights in your prayers:

SK Fr Klinger

SK Jerry Higgs

SK Gene and Lady Adamczyk

DK Deacon Tony Nethercott

SK John and Lady Huyge Jr.

SK Charlie Pratcher

SK Gordon Van Gelder

SK William Alwin

SK Larry Billadeau (Lady)

Br. John and Mrs. Derda

Jan Cowels

SK Mike Jamrog

All other Sir and Lady Knights who need prayers for healing.

If you know of other SK or Lady Knights who need our prayers, please pass their names along to SK Tom Kehr

God Bless You and Your Family for a Safe and Happy 2026 New Year,

Tom Kehr, Faithful Navigator





Calendar

- March 21st District 2 Biennial Leadership meeting @ Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Vincentian Hall 1111 Carlton Blvd, Jackson
- March 25th Exempt92 Rehearsal, Wednesday at 6:30 pm @ the Cathedral, Lansing
- April 1st Exempt92 Rehearsal, Wednesday at 6:30 pm @ the Cathedral, Lansing
- April 8th Priest Exempt92, Wednesday at 6:00 pm @ St Mary Cathedral, Lansing
- April 18th 92nd Michigan District 2 Exemplification, Saturday at St Mary Cathedral, Lansing
- July 4th State Officer Installation, Most Holy Trinity Parish, 1050 Porter Street Detroit, Banquet Westin Book Cadillacm, 1114 Washington Blvd, Detroit
- August 7th Lansing Lugnuts Family and Vocation night, Jackson Field, Lansing





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 -

*For more Information Contact :
Your local Assembly Navigator -or-*

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248-765-4655 paul@paulsfunk.com
- SK Dave Zerbe Membership Director
517-282-4516 azmaint13@gmail.com



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE
MICHIGAN DISTRICT II
92nd EXEMPLIFICATION
St. Mary Cathedral
Saturday, April 18, 2026**



HOST ASSEMBLIES: Bishop Albers Assembly #0496/Lansing Assembly #3334
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: Sir Knight Phillip Schertzing & Sir Knight Paul Lacroix
CLASS HONOREE: SK David Lennemann
 Location & Title
EXEMPLIFICATION LOCATION: St. Mary Cathedral
 219 Seymour Ave.
 Lansing, MI 48933
Host Hotel: TBD

SATURDAY EVENTS - April 18, 2026

ARRIVAL		11:00 AM
CANDIDATE REGISTRATION:	St. Mary Parish Hall	11:00 - 12:00 PM
NO LUNCHEON OR LADIES PROGRAM		
MASTER's ADDRESS TO FAMILIES	St. Mary Parish Hall	11:40 - 12:00 PM
CANDIDATE CLASS PICTURE:	St. Mary Cathedral Altar	12:00 - 12:15 PM
FAMILIES ESCORTED TO CHURCH	St. Mary Cathedral	12:15 - 12:30 PM
ANTE CHAMBER	St. Mary Cathedral - Sacred Heart Crypt Chapel	12:15 - 12:30 PM
92nd EXEMPLIFICATION	St. Mary Cathedral	12:30 - 2:30 PM
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY	State Capital Veteran's Monument	2:30 - 3:30 PM
LINE-UP FOR MASS	St. Mary Cathedral	3:30 PM
PARISH MASS	St. Mary Cathedral	4:00 - 5:00 PM
RECEPTION	St. Mary Parish Hall	5:00 PM- 5:30 PM
MASTER's BANQUET	St. Mary Parish Hall	6:00 PM

EXEMPLIFICATION: Now open to families, however tickets are required for Master's Banquet
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 ROGRAM, AND BANQUET	
Candidate: Exemplification, 4th Degree Pin, 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 APRIL 10, 2026	
Clergy Member Banquet Ticket	\$40.00
Member, Spouse, Guest, Widow, Extra Banquet Tickets	\$40.00

For Additional Questions Contact:

Sir Knight David A. Buick, FM/District Comptroller at 517-927-8044
 Sir Knight David Zerbe, District Membership Director at 517-282-4516
 Sir Knight Paul Funk, Executive Assistant at 248-765-4655
 Sir Knight David Censke, Kalamazoo Marshal at 269-209-3529
 Sir Knight Joseph Yekulis, Former Master at 734-368-8469
 Sir Knight Ben Dandrow, Master of MI Disrict II at 517-812-2620

PLEASE MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS THROUGH YOUR LOCAL ASSEMBLY COMPTROLLER

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



Michigan District II

Fourth Degree
Knights of Columbus



Patriots for God and Country
Serving the Kalamazoo
and Lansing Dioceses

United States Semiquincentennial

AMERICA



250th birthday celebration
of the United States



District 2 Master Benedict Dandrow and Fr. Randy Koenigsknecht invite our 3rd Degree Brother Priests and Deacons to complete their journey and become a "Sir Knight of the Patriotic Degree" at a Special Exemplification to be held in honor of those who serve our Church.

Special 'Revised' Exemplification for Clergy and Religious



Candidate Registration 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 8th 2026

St. Mary Cathedral

219 Seymour Ave.

Lansing, MI 48933

Registration at 6:00 p.m.

Exemplification will begin precisely at 7:00 p.m.

Following the Exemplification there will be
light food and refreshments

Registration before **April 1, 2026** to: Former Master/Comptroller David A. Buick

13565 Hunter's Crossing
Bath, MI 48808

Cell 517-927-8044

dabuick45@gmail.com

Third Degree Brother Knights who have a hardship and cannot make the April 18th Exemplification may attend this Special Exemplification, upon approval of the Master.
Requests should be forwarded through the local Faithful Navigator.
The cost for this Special Exemplification is \$70.00.

Worthy Fourth Degree members.

You alone have the opportunity to join an elite group of Knights;
the Honor Guard of the Fourth Degree.

In that capacity you will:



- Visibly represent the Knights of Columbus in public functions.
- Provide Ceremonial distinction within official Church activities.
- Stand Guard in Honor of fallen Priests, Bishops and Fourth Degree Brother Knights.
- Stand for something far greater than yourself, and help lift the Order and the Church.

If you have ever considered joining the Honor Guard this information is for You..

Here are the 2 websites for ordering the Honor Guard Uniform and Sword package:

- 1/ the Fourth Degree Uniform
- 2/ the Sword and Baldric

1/ <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>

2/ <https://knightsgear.com/collections/4th-degree-ceremonial>



Ken Watterson
Commander 0496
aarrdy@sbcglobal.net
517.881.0812



Package includes the following:

- Sword w/black OR white handle...(see below)
- Sword Case (case engraved plate...see below)
- Service Baldric...(see below for size choice)
- White Gloves

Knights of Columbus Traditional Fit Uniform Package

UPC: 72234248 0108

SKU: KOC-PKG-01

Uniform Package™: \$449.00 USD



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.

Appendix C. Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly event appearance guidelines.

As the most visible arm of the Order, those in Fourth Degree Regalia should strive for excellence in appearance in every detail. In accordance with Supreme Master's Policy governing Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly designated events:

Hair Regulations

- Hair should not extend below the collar when standing at attention.
- Hair should not exceed a bulk of 2 inches.
- Hair should not obstruct the proper fit of the Beret.
- Hair should not be styled in a ponytail, mohawk or mullet*.
- Hair styled as a ponytail, mohawk or mullet must be properly concealed without obstructing the proper fit of the beret.
- Hair should not include extreme sideburns.
- Hair should not be unnatural or exaggerated colors.
- Hair should not be greasy or unwashed in appearance.

Beard regulations

- Beards must be kept neatly trimmed
- Beards must be under 3 inches in length
- Beards must be trimmed at the cheekbones and neck
- Beards cannot be patchy or uneven
- Beards cannot be unnatural exaggerated colors

Regalia Fit Regulations

- The coat should fit easily over the chest and shoulders
- Only the top button of the coat should be buttoned.
- The coat collar should fit close around the neck without gapping or overlapping, with the shirt collar showing at least 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the coat collar at the center back of the coat.
- Coat front and back should be smooth and even at the bottom edges with no protruding or spreading
- The back hem of the trousers should fall approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back.
- The bottom of the front crease of the trousers should reach the top of the instep. The trousers may have a slight break in the front.
- The trousers should be full enough around the hips to prevent the side pockets from spreading. The seat must be an easy fit with no wrinkles below the back waist.

Other Regulations:

- No earrings
- No facial piercings
- Hand and Facial Tattoos are strictly prohibited

These standards are applicable to designated Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly events requiring Color Corps participation. Local assemblies are expected to adhere to these standards but may make exceptions to the guidelines where a member's cultural heritage may impact his ability to comply with these standards. Where no cultural exception is applicable, an individual refusing to adhere to these standards may be barred from participating in color corps events by the District Master. When this occurs, the District Master must pass the request for an exemption through the chain of command for review by the Supreme Master's Office. While the review is pending, the member may continue participating in color corps activities.

In summary, the Color Corps is designed to lend dignity, pomp, and circumstance to religious and patriotic events. Members are to present themselves so as not to detract from the gravity of the occasion. Personal styling preferences should never trump the honor shown to Holy Mother Church.

NOTE: *Cultural sensitivity should be given to members who wear a particular style of hair or beard, e.g. indigenous peoples with a specific, traditional style of hair





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92nd Exemplification



ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

Date: _____, 2026

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 MI Center, Michigan on April 18, 2026.

Ad size: (Please check one)

Red, White & Blue Event Poster & Full Page Ad	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, Wht. & 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.

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

If hard copy, 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, April 4, 2026.

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

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Assembly Name & Number # (Print) _____

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Contact Phone # _____

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Advertiser for the Souvenir book for the 92nd Patriotic Degree Exemplification.

Signature of Seller _____

Date Signed _____



Michigan District II
10572 Keane Dr.
Grass Lake, Mi 49240

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Knights of Columbus 4th Degree



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Master Sir Knight Benedict Dandrow 517-812-2620 b.dandrow@mikofc.org

(Please remember the "Chain of Command" and check with Assembly contacts first.)

Our NEXT District Meeting: Mar 21, 2026 Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson 9:00 am