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Pope John XXIII Assembly #1536

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- The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith.
- Sir Knights are distinguished to exemplary deeds for God, for country, the Order, and are united to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.
- The Fourth Degree is dedicated to serve Councils, Districts, State and Supreme to exemplify the tenets of the Knights of Columbus.
- To accomplish the above will take the ideas and work of all our members.

God Bless and VIVAT JESUS!!

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From the Desk of the Faithful Navigator

Welcome to the April edition of our Assembly Newsletter! I pray that all had a safe March. Happy Easter to all. Reminder that if you need name tags (\$10.00), Hats (\$18.00) or shirts (\$27 Short Sleeve/\$32 Long Sleeve/\$4 more per X over XL) please see Admiral Chris Scanlan. 2nd notices have been mailed and please pay your dues as soon as possible.

The 2023 Spring Exemplification for Michigan District 1 was held Saturday, March 25, 2023, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. We welcome three new Sir Knights to our humble Assembly. Please welcome Sir Knight Andrew Anyanwu and Lady Esther, Sir Knight Ron Budzisz and Lady Suzanne, and Sir Knight Jeff Domsic and Lady Cydney.

Sir Knight Walter Grzych was called home on April 10, 2023. Color Corps and Immaculate Conception Council #4513 participated in Rosary, Memorial, and Chalice Presentation.



**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD
MICHAEL McGIVNEY**

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild

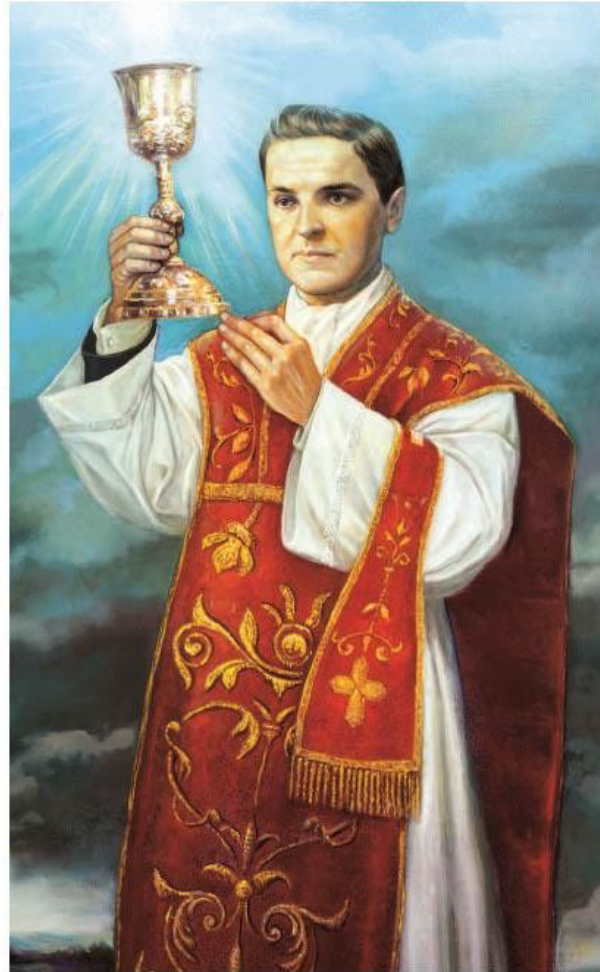
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Assembly Anniversaries for April

Years of Service			
SK Daniel Brennan – 50		SK Donald Hall - 47	
Sir Knights - Birthdays			
SK Alexander Kosidlo	SK Andrew Dimaggio	SK James Crowley	SK Robert Hyde
SK Douglas Cyr	SK Richard St. Peter, PGK	SK John Galdes	SK Deacon Patrick Conlen
SK Donald Hall	SK Alan Brandemihl	SK Anthony Rysztak	SK Jamie Bernacik, PGK
SK William Juodawlakis	SK Andrew Peer	SK Eric Pohl	SK William Hoffman
SK Richard Gilles	SK Kevin Sullivan	SK Joseph Parisi	SK Fr. Derik Peterman
Lady - Birthday			
Lady Pamela Gelinis			
Ordination Anniversaries			
Wedding Anniversaries			
SK Obioma & Lady Eudora Opara - 8	SK Douglas & Lady B.L. Cyr - 60	SK Jim & Lady Denise Pryce - 32	

Adopt-A-Highway



Flag Retirement



Flag Retirement with Troop 473

3RD DEGREE COUNCILS SUPPORTED BY ASSEMBLY 1536

2690 - George F. Monaghan (Michael Maher)

3292 - Fr. Victor J. Renaud (Mike Driscoll)

3959 - Fr. Daniel A. Lord (Lawrence Utter)

4513 - Immaculate Conception (John Galdes)

5492 - Dr. Thomas A. Dooley (Tom Jackett)

8284 - Msgr. Clement H. Kern (Edward Patrick)

13645 - St. Edith Council (Raymond Busuttill Sr.)

15204 - Msgr. Russell E. Kohler (Jeff Burden)

16169 - St. John Neumann (Chuck Lang)



Previous & Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Program, Honor Guard Watch, and Chalice Presentation SK Walter Grzych April 21, 2023
- Adopt-A-Highway April 22, 2023
- St. Aidan Jubilee Mas April 30, 2023
- May Crowning May 2, 2023, St. John Neumann
- Officers Meeting May 2, 2023 @ St. John Neumann After May Crowning
- Blue Mass May 16, 2023
- Charity Poker May 18-21, 2023
- General Assembly Meeting May 21, 2023



Patriotic Something of Note SK Joe Bradley

1-182 FA Battalion

In our own backyard

At the site of the original Olympia Arena in Detroit Michigan stands the Detroit Olympia Armory, home of the 1st Battalion 182nd Field Artillery Regiment.

The Battalions combat lineage dates back to WW2 where the units fought in the European theater with cannon fired artillery. The next section was provided by Larry Hathcock, whose father served with the Battalion during WWII.

WWII History

The 182nd Field Artillery Regiment began forming in early 1922. This new \$2,000,000 National Guard unit was to be fully motorized and armed with 155mm Schneider howitzers. On December 6, 1922, it was accepted into Federal service.

On April 7, 1941, the regiment was inducted into active duty. On April 17, 1941 it departed Detroit for Fort Knox, KY and then moved on to Fort Leonard Wood, MO. On March 1, 1943, the regiment was divided. The first battalion of the regiment was redesignated as the 182nd Field Artillery Battalion. Lt. Colonel Richard H. Moore of Plymouth, MI was the commander of the battalion during World War II.

In August 1943, the battalion traveled by train to the California-Arizona Training Center in the Mojave Desert. After three months of training the battalion was sent to Fort Bragg, NC. before being sent overseas. On April 9, 1944, the battalion boarded the RMS Queen Mary in New York City. The next day the ship departed with almost 12,000 soldiers for a seven-day zig zag voyage to Greenock, Scotland. After training in England, the battalion crossed the English Channel on July 25, 1944, and landed on Utah Beach. The battalion was assigned to the XV Army Corps for the European campaign and served with Patton's 3rd Army and Patch's 7th Army.

The XV Corps moved quickly south and east from Normandy pushing the Germans back toward the French-German border. On September 28 the Corps was transferred to the 7th Army. In December 1944 the battalion spent a week bombarding the Maginot Line and fighting against the German advance into the Vosges Mountains. On March 26 the battalion crossed the Rhine River and moved north and then south into Germany. As the battalion advanced the Luftwaffe strafed them with the ME-262 jet plane using its 20mm cannons. On April 29 near Munich the battalion's "A" Battery helped liberate the Dachau Concentration Camp and were shocked by the sight of starving prisoners and piles of dead bodies. On May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered, and the battalion moved to the airport at Salzburg, Austria.

During the European campaign the 182nd traveled approximately 1,500 miles and fired 58,229 155mm rounds. Since landing on Utah Beach (Normandy) the battalion only had three men killed in action. The battalion had provided artillery support to more divisions than any other in the European Theater of Operations. This was a war record to be proud of and lived up to the motto of the 182nd Field Artillery Battalion "Might If Right"

Thankyou Larry for this excellent summary!

Other Deployments

In 1967 and 1968 the Battalion was deployed on the streets of Detroit during the civil disturbance riots.

The “One Eight Deuce” was housed at the Detroit Artillery Armory from the end of WW2 until moving to the new Olympia Armory in 1993.

Currently the Olympia Armory houses Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Alpha Battery. Bravo Battery is based in Bay City and Charlie Battery is based in Lansing.

The Battalion’s Artillery pieces have evolved from 155mm and 8” (203mm) towed canons, to M110 8” Self - Propelled (tracked) cannons, to the Multiple Launch Rocket System (tracked), to its current weapons - HIMARS, High Mobility Rocket System (wheeled).

The 8” cannon projectile are the most powerful artillery shell in land-based cannon fire. The 8” projectiles included a nuclear round of which the Deuce was trained and was certified to deploy if called upon.

The MLRS and HIMARS rockets are also 8” but are fired from a 2 X 3 pod of 6 rockets. The rockets are extremely accurate using state of the art guiding systems. The rockets first saw combat during Desert Storm and were well covered on TV showing their smoke trails as the rockets were fired. They have been deployed in every military conflict since. The system can also be loaded with a 2 - rocket pod. These rockets contain a much larger payload and have considerably longer range.

The HIMARS system fielded by the 182nd is air deployable, is highly mobile, and extremely effective. Move-shoot-Move is doctrine to quickly deploy, fire, and fall back and reload. Because of its mobility the crew can quickly deploy, conduct its fire mission, move to a support area (to avoid enemy counter-battery fire), swap out it’s rocket pod, and be ready for its next mission.

In the past decade the 1-182 has seen multiple active-duty deployments in the Middle East.

In 2004, 150-unit members were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On March 15, 2005, during a convoy security mission, the battalion came under attack, and Staff Sergeant Ricky Kieffer a mechanic with Bravo Battery was killed.

In 2007, Alpha Battery deployed to Iraq, returning 13 months later. The unit conducted more than 400 combat patrols over hostile supply routes in Iraq.

In September of 2010, more than 330 soldiers from the 182nd Batteries deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn, which saw them in action in Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia during their time in theater. During this deployment over 100 live fire missions were completed.

Currently Alpha Battery is deployed in the middle east, leaving Michigan in March 2023 in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Again, the Battalion is conducting live fire missions in support of the operation.

The 1-182 has the highest retention rate of any unit in the Michigan National Guard. The Battalion Motto is "Might if Right", and since the conversion to rocket fired artillery has the nick name of "Sudden Death".

Please pray for the 1-182nd soldiers both deployed and those serving their role as citizen soldiers. And as always, pray for all of our military, and our first responders who protect us and our freedom every day.

God Bless the United States



M110A2 8: Self Propelled Howitzer



MLRS with standard rocket pod



HIMARS, current weapon system of the 1-182nd BN

Pope John XXIII Sick List

- Please pray for those on the sick and deceased lists
- Especially Pray for those on our prayer list:
 - <https://kofc1536assembly.org/prayer.html>



Pope John XXIII Rosary Chain Information

- Admiral Christopher Scanlan

Fundraisers

Pope John XXIII Krazy Kopz Poker Fundraiser

- Vision Lanes
- Upcoming Dates 2023:
 - May 18th – May 21st
 - September 14 - September 17

SK Chalice Presentation Example



Our Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus assembly honors past members and supports the Church by donating a Chalice, in the name of a deceased member, to a needy priest or seminarian. Most of the Chalices from our Assembly donated to the Pallottine Fathers in Wyandotte, Michigan. They are given to seminarians and priests mainly in Africa, as they cannot afford to purchase one themselves, and hence are in need.

