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*From Our Editor*

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Sir Knights and Ladies,

As we all know by now, SK Ronald and Lady Philomena Pioch were both killed in a tragic automobile accident on Monday, March 8th. Both were wonderful people who would literally give you the shirt off their backs. Ron was our Faithful Navigator for the last 2 years and brought his personal gentleness into our Meetings with grace. He will always be remembered as exemplifying the spirit of our Faith: Faithfulness in Christ and always willing to help anyone in need.



They were both laid to rest at St Joseph Cemetery in a joint funeral, surrounded by 22 members of the Honor Guard. May they Rest in Peace and See the Angles of Paradise ..



- Special Points of Interest:**
- Prayer List
  - Honor Guard
  - Birthdays and Anniversaries
  - Much More...
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## ♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

♣ CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD



### Article 5

#### Paragraph 2. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

##### III. THE MEANING AND SAVING SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

655 Christ's Resurrection - and the risen Christ himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."<sup>528</sup> The risen Christ lives in the hearts of his faithful while they await that fulfilment. In Christ, Christians "have tasted. . . the powers of the age to come"<sup>529</sup> and their lives are swept up by Christ into the heart of divine life, so that they may "live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."<sup>530</sup>

656 *Faith in the Resurrection has as its object an event which as historically attested to by the disciples, who really encountered the Risen One. At the same time, this event is mysteriously transcendent insofar as it is the entry of Christ's humanity into the glory of God.*

657 *The empty tomb and the linen cloths lying there signify in themselves that by God's power Christ's body had escaped the bonds of death and corruption. They prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord.*

658 *Christ, "the first-born from the dead" (Col 1:18), is the principle of our own resurrection, even now by the justification of our souls (cf Rom 6:4), and one day by the new life he will impart to our bodies (cf Rom 8:11).*

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P1S.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1S.HTM)

**On Friday, May 19 we celebrated the lives of our Faithful Navigator Ron Pioch and Lady Philomena** after their untimely deaths on May 8. I was very proud of the tremendous showing by the Color Corps from the Bishop Albers and Lansing Assembly. They were also joined by the Masters of District 1 and District 2 as well as the Past Master of District 2. Representatives were also there from the Dewitt, Charlotte, and Paw Paw Assemblies. There were 21 in total as well as our District Marshall. Twelve Color Corps members proudly served as Pall Bearers.

We have some important upcoming events that celebrate patriotism and require a public demonstration of our faith. I encourage you and your extended families to attend one or more of the following:

The Memorial Day Mass at 9am on May 29 at St. Joseph Cemetery

The Living Rosary at 11am. On June 3, at the State Capitol

The Flag Retirement ceremony at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 14.

**Remember the watchword of our order, Tempus Fugit Memento Mori!**

Trustee: SK Dave Myers



# 2023-2024 Newsletter Patron List



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## 2023/2024 Officers and Appointees

James Martellini - Navigator - 517.256.5007  
Ken Watterson - Admiral - 517.881.0812  
Randy LaLonde- Captain - 906.370.3759  
Tony Kolp - Scribe - 517.706.9242  
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Walter Ozanich - Purser - 517.321.2422  
Tony Cherniawski - Pilot - 517.331.5200  
Edward Stoffer - Inside Sentinel  
Dan Bazela - Outside Sentinel  
1 Year Trustee: Dave Zerbe  
2 Year Trustee: Pat Donlon  
3 Year Trustee: Dave Myers



## Appointed Positions

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

## Committee Chairs

Wellness: - vacant -  
Admissions: SK Pat Donlon  
517-333-8985

## The Honor Guard

provides Honor and Distinction at funerals of Clergy and fallen comrades. They also provide distinctive accent at many Catholic Church functions. You will find them serving as "Guardians of the Colors" by displaying and escorting our National Flag on ceremonial occasions at official Church, Civic, and Knights of Columbus functions.



## Sir Knight of the Month



**SK Ron Pioch**

"Say the Rosary every day...

Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners..

I Am Our Lady of the Rosary.  
Only I will be able to help you.

...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph. "



Fr Bill Lugger  
SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King  
SK John McCarthy  
SK Richard Maurer



Lady Kathy Stoffer  
Lady Branda Garlitz  
Lady Karen Freund  
Lady Maxine Henderson  
Lady Terry McCloy

Doug Donlon  
Family of SK Dave Luedtke  
Lisa Luedtke  
Nancy King



Soul of SK Ronald and Philomena Pioch  
Soul of Virginia Thompson  
Soul of Donald Pung



All Seminarians  
All Mothers and their unborn children  
All service members and their families  
All Government leaders of our Country.  
All souls in the deceased family of Assm 0496  
All War Victims..  
All Victims of Violence..

## Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:

*SK Ronald Pioch*



See: <https://assembly0496.org/deceased/>

## Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.



**The new Honor Guard Uniform** can be ordered at [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) .

Go to the link to order the Uniform, the price is still \$449.00 and we offer a \$200.00 incentive to assist you with your purchase, reducing your price to \$249.00.

Bring your receipt in to a Meeting after you have received your uniform. You will be reimbursed before you go home. If you order a Sword there is an additional \$125.00 incentive available to you as well..



## 0496 Honor Guard



**When one of your brother Knights** approaches you to join the Bishop Albers Assembly Honor Guard, please give the idea some prayerful thought. The rewards of being part of the Honor Guard are many and rich.



# June Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Cay-Marie	James	Warner	06 01
Debra	John	Duffy	06 03
Vinn	Donald	Ruthruff	06 04
Kaye	Rene	Gonzalez	06 06
Linda	Richard	Stanford	06 07
Thelma (Terri)	Dennis	Becht	06 07
Rebecca	Loyd	Kintz	06 09
Magdalene	William	Schwannecke	06 13
Tammy	Geoffrey	Madden	06 14
Terri	Mike	Hecksel	06 17
Michelle	William	Lawson	06 17
Amber	Randy	Cusack	06 20
Rebecca	Edmund	McQuillan	06 23
Vickey	Michael	Wegener	06 23
Kathy	Edward	Stoffer	06 24
Catherine	Robert	Fedewa	06 26
Brooke	James	Bleicher	06 29
Mary	Christopher	Benson	06 30

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Tad	Miller	06 01
Keith	O'Neill	06 02
Walter	Ozanich	06 03
John	Potoczny	06 03
Paul	Kelsey	06 11
Joseph	Jong	06 14
Jacob	Chasse	06 14
Marlie	Smith	06 15
Michael	Wils	06 16
John	Blanchard	06 17
David	Brandell	06 20
James	Warner	06 21
Robert	Corbett	06 21
John	Ujlaky	06 23
Robert	Nelson	06 24
Timothy	Hermes	06 25
Lawrence	Schrauben	06 28
Justin	Drouin	06 28
Fred	Hamilton	06 30

## Spouse Birthdays

Wife Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Amy	Korte	06 01
Julie	Stenske	06 11
Debbie	Hurth	06 20
Rosemary	De Rose	06 28



**A Downloadable copy of the  
Assembly Member Roster  
is available at:**

**<https://assembly0496.org/members/>  
— the password is: bishopalbers**

**— click 'Enter'**



## Richard Council 788

Would like to remind all that their Hall  
is available to rent at competitive rates  
for all of your Social events.  
Contact them at **517-321-2209** for  
availability and prices..



# Flag Retirement Ceremony



Bring your Worn Out American Flags for a Proper and Dignified disposal.

Join Us on **Wednesday June 14th 2023** at Columbus Hall as we gather to properly retire worn out American Flags.

The Ceremony will be performed in the Columbus Hall parking lot at 5300 N. Grand River, Lansing MI and will begin at 7:30 pm.

The Honor Guard of **Lansing Assembly 3334** and **Bishop Albers Assembly 0496** will be performing the Ceremony. Ice Cream and Treats will be served immediately afterwards.

Lansing Assembly 3334

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Bishop Albers Assembly 0496

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# Join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Bike-a-thon

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at St. Gerard Church.**  
(We'll meet in the corner parking lot).

**Sponsor raffle and a cookout to follow.**

We'll ride from St. Gerard to Canal Rd and back, entirely on the East West Pathway. The entire trip is 6 miles.

**There is no fee to participate, but riders are encouraged to recruit sponsors. For each \$20 that a sponsor donates, they'll get 1 ticket in the Sponsor Raffle.**

This year's Sponsor Raffle prize will be gift cards to locally-owned restaurants, totaling \$150

**The rider with most donations will win \$100 in restaurant gift cards!**

Proceeds go to support the following organizations and causes:

- Shared Pregnancy
- Michigan Right to Life
- St. Vincent Catholic Charities
- Seminarians
- Bibles for RCIA Candidates
- And Other Knights of Columbus Charities



## Richard Council 788 Member Appreciation Dinner & Program

*Celebrating our 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
May 30, 1903 - May 30, 2023*



*Hosted by Grand Knight  
Chris Wegener*

*Tuesday, June 27, 2023*

*Dinner @ 6:00pm, Program to Follow  
Held at Columbus Hall*

Join your fellow Richard Council Brother Knights and their families for this once-a year-tribute by the Council Officers to the Members for their dedication and hard work as we review the blessings of the past fraternal year and the great works done by all. We hope to see you!

### Dinner @ 6:00pm

Enjoy the evening's dinner consisting of an adult entrée and a special children's selection.

### Program Highlights

- Introduction of the Knights and Families of the Months
- Reveal of the Knight and Family of the Year
- Introduction of the Past Grand Knights, Council Officers, Honorary/Honorary Life Members
- Awarding of Charitable Funds
- Presentation of Star Council Award
- Special 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program

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# BINGO

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH**

**COLUMBUS HALL**

5300 N Grand River Ave,  
Lansing, MI 48906

Doors open at 4:30pm  
Early Birds 6:00pm  
Regular Games 6:30pm

**Entry Pack \$20**

(includes regular games and a dauber)

**Extras, Early Birds and Jackpot Games Sold Separately**

**Charity Game Tickets Available**

Food Available for Purchase  
Public Welcome

Cash Prizes up to \$500!

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## PLAYING OF TAPS

Legend has it that the solemn bugle call “Taps” originated in the Civil War when a Union officer ordered it performed at the funeral of his son, a Confederate soldier killed during the Peninsula Campaign. The story goes that the officer found the tune in the pocket of his dead son’s clothing, and performed it to honor his memory.

But that, of course, is a legend. It never happened. The first use of Taps at a military funeral was ordered by Union artillery Captain John Tidball, who during a break in fighting, ordered the tune sounded for a deceased soldier, in lieu of the more traditional three-volley tribute.

In an Officers’ Manual, it is reported:

“During the Peninsula Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball’s Battery A of the 2d Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was not safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted.”

Up until that time, the playing of Taps signaled the end of a soldier’s work day. But it wasn’t always the tune with which we are familiar.

A bugle call is also generally known as a tattoo. Before the Civil War, the Scott Tattoo was used for “Extinguish Lights,” which was always followed by three slow drum beats, known as “Drum Taps,” or “the Taps.” The soldiers simply called it, “Taps.”

The tune for Taps was arranged in its present form by Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield while at Harrison’s Landing, Virginia, in July 1862, to replace a previous French bugle call used to signal “Lights out.” Butterfield’s bugler, Oliver Norton of Pennsylvania, was the first to sound the new call. Within months, “Taps” was used by both Union and Confederate forces. It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army in 1874, and became a standard component of military funerals in 1891.

The 24 haunting notes of “Butterfield’s Lullaby” are played solemnly for many occasions. Our Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly participates in several patriotic ceremonies every year:

- Twice a year following each exemplification, there is a wreath laying ceremony for deceased soldiers;
- There is another wreath laying ceremony for deceased veterans every year on Memorial Day in
- conjunction with the Catholic War Veterans;

And there is the annual flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day in June.

Taps is played at each of these events. It is a very important component of these ceremonies. It is played to add a certain element, to evoke emotions, to bring people closer. If played correctly, listeners may feel an impact somewhat akin to being punched in the stomach. Which is appropriate.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts end their days in camp with the playing of Taps. When sitting around the campfire, they sing:

**Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lake  
From the hill  
From the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is nigh.**



SK Tim Perrone

### 2023-2024 Assembly 0496 Slate of Officers

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**Our next Assembly Meeting will our  
AWARDS MEETING and will be  
an 'Open Meeting' at Columbus Hall.  
— Bring Your Wives —  
Dinner and Program starts at 7:00 pm  
Social time begins at:  
>> 6:00 pm <<  
— Tuesday June 20th —**



— If you know a Brother Knight who is NOT getting this Newsletter or does NOT have access to email —  
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