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*From Our Navigator*

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies, This is my first greeting and it is one of gratitude as your new Faithful Navigator for this new Fraternal Year. I would like to begin by thanking God. *Our Heavenly Father, Son and Holy Spirit in gratitude for all the Blessings we receive every day and all the gifts bestowed onto us on earth. May we live in Faith and Faithfulness and follow your will for our lives in all we are and say and do. Amen.*

I would also like to thank our entire leadership team and recognize them for the many years of committed service on the front lines and behind the scenes. These Brother Sir Knights, along with their Ladies and family members, are models of faith-filled conscientiousness and cooperativeness and continue to make our Bishop Albers Assembly and our sister Lansing Assembly flourish despite the many challenges. In gratitude, I look forward to serving and hope I will be able to model, with His help, our leaders past and present and live up to the standards set by our rich history of servant leadership and our long line of Faithful Past Navigators embodying the rock-solid principles on which our Order was founded by Blessed Michael J. McGivney over 140 years ago.



As we enter July, the month commemorating our nation's 247 years of independence, let's consider in gratitude our nation's founding fathers for their faith and courage despite the challenges they faced starting, protecting and preserving our fledgling nation; these and the leaders who followed, and those who gave their lives. Let's consider some of our own proximal and prominent events: our honor guard with swords drawn at a recent military funeral of one of our own with a three gun salute and the folding of our Flag with each meticulous fold symbolizing a litany of gratitude; our Catholic War Veterans Ceremony on Memorial Day; our recent Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day and our Fourth Degree Color Corp presenting our Colors at the Lugnuts Baseball game on the Fourth of July. All are clear reminders in gratitude for our free and Godly nation, our faith-filled and courageous leaders and their sacrifices, and for so many, their ultimate sacrifices.

We recently lost one of our own, our leader, Faithful Navigator, Ron Pioch and his lovely lady, Philomena, of over fifty years. I'm grateful to have known, however brief, our Brother Sir Knight, a veteran and a worthy leader to model; committed to his wife, his Faith and his country. At our recent Awards Banquet both Ron and Phil were posthumously awarded Sir Knight and Lady of the Year, both well-deserved for their years of humble service for God and country despite the challenges and the sacrifices.

During our Awards Banquet our Officers and Honor Guard of both our Assemblies were recognized for their service, all well deserved and strong models of enduring servant leadership within our Assemblies and our Order. I would like to recognize outgoing Faithful Navigator Russell Pate and incoming Faithful Navigator Sean Riley of our sister Lansing Assembly. I look forward to working together with my Brother Sean and both our leadership teams in fraternal collaboration as we move forward planning and fulfilling goals to grow our Order in heart and in number throughout this Fraternal Year.


On behalf of our leadership team, I encourage our existing members and our fallen away members to reach out to me directly or another member to simply reconnect. Perhaps come to an event or attend a monthly meeting. As we complete the month of His Sacred Heart, let Him stir in our hearts. Open our hearts to Him and His will for our lives. Let us continue to grow in our Faith and our Faithfulness and our Order will continue to grow in heart and in number for His good and for our good and for the good of those around us. Enjoy these long summer days with family and friends. May His

Peace and Love be with you all.  
Vivat Jesus, FN James Martellini



**Special Points of Interest:**

- Prayer List
- Honor Guard
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Much More...



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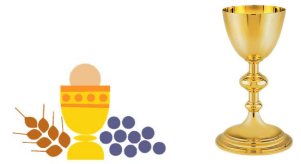


## ♣ Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

♣ SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

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



### Article 6

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"

659 "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."<sup>531</sup> Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys.<sup>532</sup> But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity.<sup>533</sup> Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.<sup>534</sup> Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.<sup>535</sup>

660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."<sup>536</sup> This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P1T.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P1T.HTM)



## Flag Retirement June 14th, 2023

The Honor Guard  
assembled for the annual  
Flag Retirement ceremony  
at the Hall. Refreshments  
were served afterwards.

# 2023-2024 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr  
Dennis Becht  
James Bollman  
Michael Carroll  
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Francis Cherniawski  
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Ronald Pioch  
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John Suckow  
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Michael Wegener  
Thomas Wegener  
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David Zerbe



## 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  
Tim Perrone - Comptroller - 517.886.0627  
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 Year



**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



## Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:



*SK Ronald Pioch*



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

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.

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..



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



## 0496 Honor Guard

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..

**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.



# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Anniversaries

Spouse Name	First Name	Last Name	Ann Date
Catherine	Robert	Whyte	07 05
Connie	Michael	Jones	07 05
Teresa	David	Brandell	07 05
Mary	Charles	Pratt	07 09
Linda	Thomas	Getzmeyer	07 10
Kathie	Philip	Guyeskey	07 12
Mary	Chris	Dancisak	07 14
CYNTHIA	David	Zerbe	07 17
Leann	Frederick	Kirrmann	07 19
Lynette	John	Suckow	07 24
Terrie	Richard Sr	McCloy	07 25
Linda	Raymond	Nemecek	07 31

## Spouse Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Wife B-Day
Maxine	Henderson	07 02
Linda	Kobus	07 03
Lynette	Suckow	07 07
CYNTHIA	Zerbe	07 16
Rebecca	Kintz	07 17
Sandra	Watterson	07 18
Kathy	Stoffer	07 19
Maria	Gonzalez	07 22
Tricia	Smith	07 24
Mary Kay	Ozanich	07 25
Julia	Bruner	07 26
Jane	Goerge	07 28
Leann	Kirrmann	07 30
Frances	Jong	07 31

## Members Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Mem B-Day
Paul	Stevens	07 01
Emil	Dehnke	07 05
Jeffrey	Florian	07 05
John	Duffy	07 07
Richard	Stanford	07 09
Lawrence	Leece	07 12
Fr. Paul	Erickson	07 12
Arnold	Rios	07 12
Thomas	Pillar	07 13
Rene	Gonzalez	07 14
Nathan	Johnson	07 16
James	Moses	07 16
Benito	Alvarado	07 18
Robert	Spehar	07 20
Dan	Korte	07 21
Mario	Diaz	07 22
Gary	Coscarelli	07 22
Michael	Carroll	07 23
Michael	Sherrell	07 26
Aubrey	Merrill	07 28
Thomas	Shaver	07 29
Eric	Clark	07 29
Clifford	Farr	07 31



**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..

**Awards Night was co-celebrated by Assembly 3334 and Assembly 0496** here at Columbus Hall. We had a great meal prepared by St Francis Retreat Catering Service and it was well attended. Acting Navigator Dave Zerbe represented Assembly 0496 and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Navigator Russ Pate represented Assembly 3334.

Assembly 0496 Presented the **Sir Knight of the Year** award posthumously to Sir Knight Ron Pioch and **Lady of the Year** was awarded posthumously to his wife Lady Philomena Pioch.



Assembly 3334 Presented the **Sir Knight of the Year** award to Sir Knight Dan Reinecke.



- and -

Assembly 3334 Presented the **Lady of the Year** award to Lady Beth Gordon



Master Joe Yekulis and Lady Denise Joined us in the ceremony and offered words of Patriotism and Encouragement.



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# LCA ASSOCIATION

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## STEAK & WALLEYE DINNER



### Friday – July 21<sup>st</sup>

\$18.00 Per Person 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

### MENU

Rib Eye Sizzler & 7 oz Walleye  
Baked Potato – Mixed Vegetables – Roll - Coffee

Members – Families

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517-321-2209

## FOLDING OUR FLAG

My Brother Knights:

You may have attended the funeral service for a veteran, buried with full military honors, including a flag-draped coffin, a volley of three rifle shots, and the solemn playing of Taps. Before the coffin is lowered into the earth, an honor guard folds the flag for presentation to the veteran's widow or children "on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation."



The honor guard pays meticulous attention to folding the U.S. flag that once draped the casket. Two guards facing each other hold each end of the flag waist high, first folding it in half twice lengthwise, then starting with the end opposite the blue field, make a taut triangular fold. Handlers continue to fold the flag in triangles with crisp, precise folds a total of thirteen times until the flag has formed a triangular "pillow" with the blue field showing on the outside.

Much like every other aspect of our nation's greatest symbol, each of the thirteen folds holds a special significance. The thirteen folds represent the original thirteen states of our nation. Each fold also carries its own meaning, representing the religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The thirteenth and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat. This presentation ever reminds us of the brave soldiers, sailors and marines who served under Gen. George Washington and Capt. John Paul Jones, winning us our freedom

Our flag, the very symbol of our liberty, may we always defend it.

Thank you, my Brother Knights,  
PGK Tim Perrone, Lecturer  
June 19, 2023



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**Our next Assembly Meeting will be  
at Columbus Hall.**

**Meeting begins at:**

**>> 7:00 pm <<**

**— Tuesday July 18th —**



also available virtually

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