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From Our Navigator

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Fraternal Greetings to my Brother Sir Knights and Ladies. Let's begin and continue in gratitude. *Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for all your gifts and blessings each and every day. May we be ever attentive and respond to Your Will in the present moment with docility, Faith and courage. Amen.*



I would like to thank all the Sir Knights and Ladies who participated in our Installation of Assembly Officers at St. Gerard Church on Tuesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Assembly hosted a joint event with Lansing Assembly #3334, Bishop Povish Assembly #2815, and a late add on, Robert L. Flynn Assembly #511. I particularly would like to thank our Worthy District Master Joe Yekulis and his Senior Marshal Bill Currie. A special thank you to Fr. Mark Martin, who became a Sir Knight and joined our Assembly earlier this year. He celebrated the Holy Mass and afterward participated in the installation ceremony as acting Faithful Friar. Let us keep Fr. Mark in our prayers as he continues to pray for each of our members and our Assembly. For the Good of the Order, I would like to recognize a fellow Brother Sir Knight who has been such a gift and blessing to our assembly, to our district, and to our province in so many ways seen and unseen. He has been a gift and blessing to me directly as mentor and advisor since becoming an officer, and especially since becoming your Faithful Navigator and part of our Honor Guard. It is my pleasure and great privilege to present our recently installed Faithful Admiral, Faithful Commander and Past Faithful Navigator SK Ken Watterson a Certificate of Appreciation and Achievement as our Sir Knight of the Month for the Month of August, with gratitude in recognition of his outstanding servant leadership to our Bishop Albers Assembly and to our fraternal Order.

We had a fun and faith-filled Family Night Celebrating Vocations at the Lugnuts baseball game on Friday, August 18. I would like to thank our leadership and all those who proudly participated. We were well represented by our Color Corps this year as we courageously continue to embrace our District Master's initiative to **Restore the Corps!**

Our next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19. We'll start with a delicious dinner at 6:00 pm to honor our leadership and to encourage member attendance. I will be proposing a budget for the new FY and would like to bring it to a vote at the September meeting.



Looking ahead, our next District II Meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept 9th beginning at 9:00 am at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson. Start preparing now for our 87th Exemplification which will be held on Saturday, October 28 at St. Augustine Cathedral and Fr. Crowley Center in Kalamazoo. I encourage all our servant leaders and committed members to attend and to sponsor one new member.

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"

663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."<sup>545</sup>

664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfilment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."<sup>546</sup> After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".<sup>547</sup>

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

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Our Assembly goal for this Fraternal Year is 13 new members. Last Fraternal Year we had 8 new members. Please reach out to new Council members. Get involved with Third Degree Exemplifications and encourage these new Knights to complete the final degree, our Fourth Degree, and experience the fullness of our fraternal Order as Sir Knights for God and Country.

The tradition of celebrating Labor Day can be traced back to 1882, the very same year as the founding of our Order. Let us reflect on how our "work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from Him." "By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus...man collaborates...in His redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish." (CCC 2427)

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, as we remember the lives lost on 9/11, may we unite ourselves with Her sorrows and His sufferings in hope that we will share Her joy in the triumph of Her Son. Enjoy these remaining days of summer and I hope you all have a Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Vivat Jesus,  
FN James Martellini



# 2023-2024 Newsletter Patron List



Allen Barr  
Dennis Becht  
James Bollman  
Michael Carroll  
William Chassé  
Anthony Cherniawski  
Francis Cherniawski  
Eric Clark  
Jay Corey  
Christopher Costigan  
Frank A. DeRose  
Mario Diaz  
Patrick Donlon  
Clifford Farr  
David Freund  
David Garlitz  
Patrick Garlitz  
Hilary Goerge  
Ronald Graber  
Gabriel Ishimwe  
Joseph Jong  
Michel Kanakuze  
Daniel Klodt  
Brian Klopp  
Randall LaLonde  
David Luedtke  
James Martellini  
Richard Maurer  
Richard F. McCloy  
Michael McCue  
James McMahan  
Edmund McQuillan  
Aubrey Merrill  
Philip Mondro  
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Brian Pillar  
Ronald Pioch  
Bernard Pollack  
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Michael Shepard  
Eric Smith  
SK Deacon Dr. Richard M. Stanford  
John Suckow  
Ken Watterson  
Eric Wegener  
Michael Wegener  
Thomas Wegener  
William Westen  
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 Month



**SK Ken Watterson**



"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 Luggen  
SK Ben King & Lady Charlene King  
SK John McCarthy  
SK Richard Maurer  
SK Tony Cherniawski  
SK Tony Kolp



## Bishop Albers Assembly Remembers:

SK Thomas F Getzmeyer



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

Lady Mary Corey (wife of Jay Corey)  
Lady Kathy Stoffer  
Lady Branda Garlitz  
Lady Karen Freund  
Lady Maxine Henderson



Doug Donlon  
Family of SK Dave Luedtke  
Lisa Luedtke  
Missy King



Soul of Fr Kenneth C. McDonald  
Soul of Lady Terry McCloy  
Soul of SK Ronald and Philomena Pioch

All Seminarians  
Respectively, 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) .

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.



# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Anniversaries

| Spouse First | First Name | Last Name  | Ann Date |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Donna        | James      | Pohl       | 09 01    |
| Alana        | Corey      | Livingston | 09 01    |
| Linda        | Joseph     | Kobus      | 09 01    |
| Angie        | Justiniano | Diaz       | 09 05    |
| Janice       | James      | Bollman    | 09 07    |
| Christina    | Peter      | Scaccia    | 09 09    |
| Nancy        | David      | Luedtke    | 09 10    |
| Ann          | John       | Mc Carthy  | 09 11    |
| Rita         | Eugene     | Murawski   | 09 14    |
| Rosemary     | Daniel     | Klodt      | 09 14    |
| Tonia        | Michael    | Du Mont    | 09 16    |
| Jane         | Hilary     | Goerge     | 09 18    |
| Michelle     | Dane       | Jurkovic   | 09 21    |
| Pattie       | Michael    | Schaefer   | 09 25    |
| Cherie       | Lawrence   | Leece      | 09 29    |

## Spouse Birthdays

| Spouse First Name | Last Name  | Wife B-Day |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Mary              | Dancisak   | 09 07      |
| Jody              | Martellini | 09 08      |
| Susan             | Fiero      | 09 08      |
| Jamie             | Adams      | 09 09      |
| Colleen           | Angst      | 09 11      |
| Linda             | Getzmeyer  | 09 14      |
| Jean              | Merrill    | 09 15      |
| Vickey            | Wegener    | 09 16      |
| Deb               | Maurer     | 09 16      |
| Nancy             | Luedtke    | 09 17      |
| Suzanne           | Bassett    | 09 18      |
| Kristen           | McCue      | 09 23      |
| Sue               | Jensen     | 09 23      |
| Karen             | Freund     | 09 25      |
| Renee             | Moore      | 09 27      |
| Pattie            | Schaefer   | 09 27      |
| Jeanine           | Thomas     | 09 30      |

## Members Birthdays

| First Name | Last Name   | Mem B-Day |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Randy      | Cusack      | 09 01     |
| Richard    | Bierwagen   | 09 02     |
| Gerald     | Ockert      | 09 09     |
| Paul       | Rojeski     | 09 10     |
| Loyd       | Kintz       | 09 12     |
| William    | Schwannecke | 09 12     |
| James      | Martellini  | 09 13     |
| David      | Kreager     | 09 13     |
| Patrick    | Williams    | 09 16     |
| Fred       | Findley     | 09 16     |
| Mark       | Leyko       | 09 19     |
| Thomas     | Wegener     | 09 21     |
| Ernest     | Van Alstine | 09 26     |
| Frederick  | Kirrmann    | 09 26     |
| Dennis     | Henderson   | 09 27     |
| Billy      | Faust       | 09 27     |



## 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..

**FAITHFUL CAPTAINS REPORT** by SK Randy LaLonde

**Thoughts for Patriots Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

As we approach the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of that faithful day in history, I'm sure most of us can and usually do recall where and what we were doing when we first learned of the attacks in New York, DC and of course that most heroic sacrifice in Shanksville! While there may very well be some of us sir knights here in Lansing, or even family or friends who actually knew someone killed on that day, I venture to guess most of us don't. That of course should not cause us to be any less mournful, respectful and give prayer and remembrance to the lost lives. Forgiveness in the face of evils like 9/11, are very difficult for most of us; following is one thought on forgiveness.

**By Father Bruce Nieli, C.S.P.**

I was recruited to bless the bodies of victims recovered from a buried stairwell in the aftermath of the horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001. My "recruitment" was purely the work of the Holy Spirit, since I was simply in New York City on the eve of a flight to Greece and Turkey for a pilgrimage I was to lead "in the footsteps of Saint Paul."

I found myself at St. Francis of Assisi Church in midtown Manhattan, which was the home of Franciscan Father Mychal Judge, the heroic chaplain of the New York City Fire Department who gave his life on 9-11. It was there that I felt the call to go to Ground Zero, where I was directed to get a hard hat and mask and help out in that apocalyptic setting. The Fire Department, so largely Catholic, needed a priest.

I was ordained in 1973, the very year that the Twin Towers went up. To see them come down was like seeing a part of my life come down. My heart was filled with intense anger at the terrorists. Yet the words that came out of my mouth as I blessed my first body with Mayor Giuliani and other ministers present expressed just the opposite sentiment: "Lord, make us all instruments of your peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love ..."

The Holy Spirit, I'm certain through the intercession of St. Francis and Father Judge, turned my bitterness into forgiveness.

How in awe I was seeing the crowds along the New York streets praying and saluting as we wheeled the American flag-draped bodies to the makeshift morgue. It was to see firsthand an America united.

At Ground Zero two fellow ministers pointed out two things I will never forget. The rector of St. Paul's Chapel at the base of Ground Zero, mentioned that one of the earliest paintings of the great seal of the United States, directly over George Washington's pew, with America's original motto, "*e pluribus unum*" ("out of many, one"), written on the ribbon carried by the bald eagle, was intact. Miraculously, it was not destroyed by the implosions of the Twin Towers. The other was the cross at Ground Zero that the Peace Officer Ministries had helped to plant as a reminder of Christ's presence in the depths of tragedy.

Since my sojourn at Ground Zero I have focused my preaching and mission on connecting through the power of the Holy Spirit the cross of Christ, so central to our Catholic faith, with the culture of America.

In this way we can all build a nation under God truly "*e pluribus unum*."





# 87th Exemplification

You are cordially invited to join us at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo, MI this fall to complete your journey into the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in MI District 2.

This one day event will be hosted by FN Dale Boone of Bishop Paul V. Donovan Assembly #513. The Master's Banquet will follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**A day you will remember forever.** 



## St. Augustine Cathedral

542 W. Michigan Ave. Kalamazoo, MI

**Saturday**

**October 28th, 2023**

Exemplification/Banquet Held at:  
Fr. Crowley Cathedral Center  
542 W. Michigan Ave Kalamazoo, MI

See Backside for Registration and Ladies Program details

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

- SK Joseph J. Yekulis Master District II  
734-368-8469 [joeyekulis@gmail.com](mailto:joeyekulis@gmail.com)
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517-420-6351 [caninel3@comcast.net](mailto:caninel3@comcast.net)
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Honoring Msgr. Thomas Martin  
Pastor St. Martin of Tours Parish,  
Vicksburg & St. Edward Parish,  
Mendon. Founder of K of C  
Councils in Vicksburg,  
St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo.

## CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS WESTPHALIA STYLE September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
5300 N. Grand River Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906  
Ph. 517-321-2209  
Tournament Director:  
SR Tony Kolp  
Ph. 517-706-9242  
Email: [TonyKMK@ameritech.net](mailto:TonyKMK@ameritech.net)

Timing: Doors Open 5:30pm, Play starts 6:30pm  
Each Tournament Group A, B, & C Play contains: 12 Players  
Plan is to limit this Tournament to 36 players at 12\* players in each Tournament  
\*A minimum of 12 players required to play this Tournament  
\* Each tournament will require 12 Players, 24 Players, 2 tournaments,  
36 players, 3 tournaments

Each Tournament will play 11 Games  
Players will have a new partner for each game

**Players will receive:**

- A group Number, i.e., A, B, C,
- A **starting** table number, 1, 2, 3,
- A schedule indicating: **Starting** Player No. \_\_\_ & Partner No. \_\_\_
- Scoring is according to attached schedule
- '19' Hands will donate .50 into a cup on each Table
- High hand for the Tournament will be awarded the '19' cup monies

**Cost of entry is \$25:**

- \$10 Rent to LCA Banquet Room
- \$5 for a Hamburger and Fries, 'Cooked to Order'
- \$10 Prize Monies

**Other:**

- Doors open at 5:30pm,
- Play will start at 6:30pm
- Bar will be open, Bar rates will apply
- Registration will be "First Come/First Served"
- Awards and Scoring per attached: Pay Sheet

**Registration:** Please Call or Text or email Tony Kolp, 517-706-9242,  
[TonyKMK@ameritech.net](mailto:TonyKMK@ameritech.net) to get your entry. Limited to 36 entries.

8/20/2023

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LANSING COLUMBIAN ASSN.**

### **Burger Nights EVERY MONDAY NIGHT**

**Starting Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**ONLY \$8.00 !!!!!**



**PRICE INCLUDES:**

Your Choice of a Hamburger – Cheeseburger – Olive Burger  
French Fries

Made To Order Dine In or Take Out  
Your Choice Condiments Include:

Ketchup, Mustard, Pickle, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Onion

**Columbus Hall  
5300 N. Grand River Ave. - Lansing, MI. 48906**

## **LCA CORPORATION**

*Columbus Hall  
5300 N. Grand River  
Lansing, Michigan 48906*



### **CASH BASH**

**Friday - October 20, 2023**

**Doors Open - 4:00 PM**

**Drawing At 7:00 pm**

**Tickets \$20.00 Each - Admits *Two* Individuals**

**Only 300 Tickets Will Be sold**

**Need Not Be Present To win**

**"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"**

**23 Ways To Win From \$50.00**

**\$1,000 Top Prize**

**Tickets Available After August 1<sup>st</sup> at Council 788**

**Behind the Bar !!!!**

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER \$8.00**

**5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

**"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"**

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**Our next Assembly Business Meeting  
will be at Columbus Hall.  
— Tuesday September 19th —**

**Social time begins at 6:00 pm  
Meeting begins at: 7:00 pm**



also available virtually

**Contact Dave Zerbe for assistance: [azmaint13@gmail.com](mailto:azmaint13@gmail.com)**

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