



Knights of
Columbus
Assembly
1536
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Newsletter

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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 serving 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!!

Assembly Officers	
Faithful Friar	Rev. Richard Leliart
Faithful Navigator	Edward Hurst Jr., PGK
Faithful Captain	Richard Fullmerhouser
Faithful Pilot	John Russell, PFN
Faithful Scribe	Eric Pohl
Faithful Admiral	Christopher Scanlan, PFN, FDD
Faithful Comptroller	Greg Rapelje
Faithful Purser	Joseph Bradley
Faithful Commander	Dennis Lipski, PFN,
Inner Sentinel 1	John Jouppe
Inner Sentinel 2	Robert Rugenski
Outer Sentinel 1	Dennis Oszust
Trustee 3 Year	Edmund Shaheen
Trustee 2 Year	Dave Andreolli
Trustee 1 Year	Michael Doyle



From the Desk of the Faithful Navigator

Greeting Sir Knights

Happy Eastertide!!

I pray all had a pleasant April. Please keep in your prayers those that are on our prayer list. Please attend the meeting as soon as you are able.

I would like to welcome Sir Knight Thomas and Lady Beth Ann Rimatzki to our humble assembly.

Officer Elections

In our May Meeting we will be conducting elections for our FY 2024 – 2025 Officers. Anyone interested in being nominated for a role can contact the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Marshal, and PDM prior to the Assembly meeting or make their interest known during the nominations of officers that will occur during the meeting. The Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus specifically set the duties of Assembly Officers. This guide is to help new Sir Knights and interested parties be informed.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

The Faithful Navigator is the chief executive officer of the assembly and acts as the Presiding Officer, with all the powers and duties incident to such office. He appoints committees, countersigns orders and checks. He annually appoints or reappoints the Assembly Color Corps Commander. In his absence, or inability to perform such duties of office, the Faithful Captain shall perform such duties and exercise such powers.

FAITHFUL FRIAR

The Faithful Friar is the Spiritual Advisor of the Assembly. He is expected to make a report at Assembly Meetings on religious matters. The Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Admiral, and Faithful Pilot appoint a Priest annually in accordance with such rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese to serve the Assembly.

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN

The Faithful Captain shall, in the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of that office. He shall also, to ensure good attendance at meetings and other functions, have charge of social and other activities under the Good of the Order.

FAITHFUL PILOT

The Faithful Pilot shall have charge of all properties of the Assembly, accept monies, accounts, and record books of the officers, but including ceremonials; shall be responsible for arrangement of the Assembly Chamber and shall direct and be responsible for the activities of the Sentinels.

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

The Faithful Comptroller (Financial Secretary) shall keep a roll and the records of the members with the date of their initiation in the Fourth Degree. Collect and receive all monies due to the Assembly and all funds obtained from any source and transfer the same to the Faithful Purser and obtain a receipt from him. He shall keep accounts of the charges (dues) and receipts of each member; he shall issue to each member not indebted to the Assembly for dues, a Fourth Degree Membership Card, duly signed and attested as above, which shall entitle a member admittance to any meeting of the Fourth Degree within the period specified on said card and upon further compliance with the rule requiring that the member produce a current Third-Degree membership card. He shall, upon request by a

member transferring to another assembly, issue a transfer card, signed by the Faithful Navigator, and attested by the Faithful Comptroller. He shall keep such necessary Official Records and forms as furnished by the Supreme Secretary. Notify the District Master of the names of all candidates awaiting initiation.

FAITHFUL SCRIBE

The Faithful Scribe shall keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a bound book furnished for that purpose by the Assembly.

FAITHFUL PURSER

The Faithful Purser (Treasurer) is the custodian of all funds obtained from any source. Makes deposits and keeps records. Pays all orders drawn on him by the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Navigator. Makes records available to the Board of Trustees as required.

FAITHFUL INNER & OUTER SENTINELS

The Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels shall be responsible to see that all in attendance at meetings are in possession of appropriate valid Third- and Fourth-Degree membership cards and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Faithful Pilot.

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

The Faithful Admiral (usually the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator) is appointed annually; shall preside in case of the absence of both the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Pilot and may have such powers and performs such other duties as herein prescribed. In the absence of the Faithful Friar, performs his duties at assembly meetings.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees (normally three) are elected initially for 1, 2 & 3 years, thereafter three years. Together with the Faithful Navigator they are the Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for auditing the record books of the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Purser annually.

**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD
MICHAEL McGIVNEY**
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

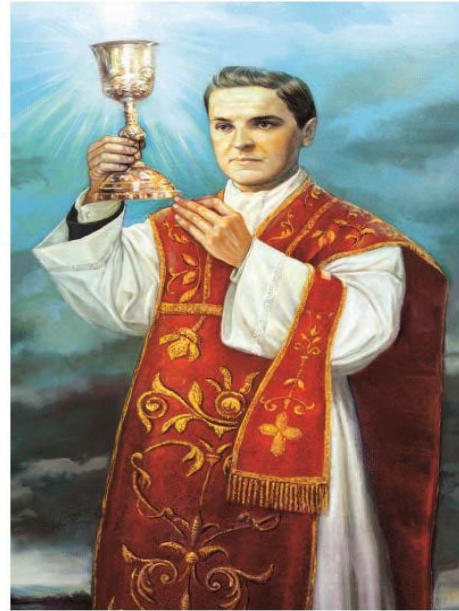
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, 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:

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Assembly Anniversaries for May

Sir Knights - Years of Service

Daniel Brennan FDD, PGK, PFN

Donald Hall

Sir Knights - Birthdays

Alexander Kosidlo

Andrew Dimaggio

James Crowley

Robert Hyde

Douglas Cyr

Richard St. Peter, PGK

John Galdes

Deacon Pat Conlen

Donald Hall

Alan Brandemihl

Anthony Rysztak

Jamie Bernacik, PGK

William Juodawlkis

Andrew Peer

Eric Pohl

William Hoffman

Kevin Sullivan

Joseph Parisi

Father Derik Peterman

Lady - Birthday

Pamela Gelinias

Ordination Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversaries

SK Obioma and Lady
Eudora Opara 5/1/2015

SK Douglas and Lady B.L.
Cyr 5/11/1963

SK James and Lady Denise Pryce 5/19/1991

Adopt – A - Highway



Exemplification April 2024



May Crowning



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 (Chris Greco)

4513 - Immaculate Conception (John Galdes)

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

8284 - Msgr. Clement H. Kern (Michael Pisano)

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

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

16169 - St. John Neumann (Chuck Lang)



Previous & Upcoming Events:

- April 26-28 American Legion Poppy Drive
- April 28 – Jubilee Mass St. Aiden
- May 2 – Silver Rose Our Lady of Good Counsel
- May 7 – May Crowning St. John Neumann
- May 19 – Fr. Nick Brown First Mass
- May 19 – Officers Meeting/Assembly Meeting
- May 22 – Blue Mass St, John Neumann
- May 22 to 24 - State Convention
- May 27 – 2024 Memorial Day Parade
- June 1 – Silver Jubilee Fr. Paul & Fr. Jeff
- June 2 – Corpus Christi Procession Kellog Park Canton, MI
- June 4 – Officers Meeting
- June 16 – Assembly Meeting
- June 30 – End of Fraternal Year
- July 1 – 2024_2025 Fraternal Year Begins
- November 9 - District Meeting/Fall Packing Party



Patriotic Something of Note SK Joe Bradley

Interesting article about America's top flying ace, his plane and his record. And an attempt to find it.

Sent from my iPad Last September, Justin Taylan received an email from a museum curator asking whether one of the most famous aircraft from World War II remained in Papua New Guinea where it crashed in 1944. As director of the nonprofit search-and-recovery organization Pacific Wrecks, Taylan had been fielding queries about WWII aircraft crash sites for almost 30 years. But the question about this P-38 — nicknamed Marge by

Capt. Richard Bong, America's top flying ace — stumped him. "I replied to the email truthfully, saying, 'I don't know. But let's find out,'" Taylan said by phone March 28. Months later, Taylan is preparing to lead a team to Papua New Guinea to locate and document the famous wreck in a joint project with the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center in Superior, Wis. If the wreckage still exists, it will be in a very remote area in this mountainous nation in Oceania, Taylan said. "I can't promise anything to anyone," he said. "It's possible that local people have removed the wreckage for scrap metal, or an earthquake or tornado has covered it under tons of earth that can't be moved reasonably. But there's no way to know for sure until we get there." An aerial record still standing Bong, a Wisconsin native, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in May 1941 as an aviation cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force a year later. He was soon flying a P-38 Lightning, an astounding double-engine flying machine powerful enough to climb 3,300 feet in one minute and achieve a top speed of 400 mph, about 100 mph faster than any other fighter existing at the outbreak of WWII.

P-38s carried four 50-caliber machine guns and a 20 mm cannon. Bong was a deft pilot who seized the P-38's monster weaponry to claim his first two aerial kills in December 1942 over Buna, New Guinea. At five aerial victories a month later, he earned the title "ace." In April 1944, he exceeded the 26 aerial kills claimed by America's top World War I ace, Edward Rickenbacker, making Bong the highest scoring ace in U.S. history, a title still standing. Along the way he was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross and Medal of Honor. Bong flew a series of P-38s during the war, but one was highly celebrated. In February 1944, Bong was assigned a new P-38 that he personalized as his own. He christened the plane Marge after his girlfriend, Marjorie Vattendahl, and placed a large portrait of her on the aircraft's nose. Near her image was a scoreboard tallying his aerial kills

Bong was credited with three aerial victories while piloting his homage to Marge. On March 24, 1944, another pilot, 2nd Lt. Tom Malone, was flying Bong's plane on a weather reconnaissance mission over New Guinea when electrical malfunctions forced him to bail out at about 11,000 feet. Bong, who was promoted to major, went on to fly more missions in other planes, racking up 40 aerial victories before he was brought back to the U.S. mainland in early 1945. There, he married Vattendahl, hawked war bonds and became a test pilot for the first jet fighters. Bong's untimely death later that year should have been major news, but it was eclipsed by a cataclysmic event. He crashed while flying a P-80 Shooting Star jet fighter shortly after taking off in Southern California on Aug. 6, 1945, the same day America dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima

A P-38 Lightning fighter, with markings replicating the original Marge aircraft, sits on display at the Richard Bong WWII Heritage Center in Superior, Wis. (Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center)

Down a rabbit hole Early in 2023, Briana Fiandt, curator at the Bong historical center, met several individuals who had ties to Papua New Guinea, and the subject of Bong's P-38 came up. Curiosity about what might have become of the famous Marge "sent me down this rabbit hole of research," Fiandt said by phone April 3. "I guess I just couldn't believe it, as I was doing my research, that nobody had ever [searched for] it before," she said. "I assumed

I was going to go do my research and then find out, yep, somebody in the '90s went out there and documented it or found that it wasn't out there. "Nobody from our organization had ever thought to go look for it before." That led her to Taylan, who estimates he has visited the sites of more than a thousand aircraft wrecks in the Indo-Pacific since traveling at age 16 with his grandfather in the 1990s to Papua New Guinea to visit former battlefields. Justin Taylan, founder and director of Pacific Wrecks, stands beside World War II aircraft wreckage in Papua New Guinea in May 2023. (Pacific Wrecks) Taylan has primarily hunted for aircraft associated with missing-in-action service members, with the goal of finding their remains so that an official accounting of MIAs could be made by the U.S. government. No MIAs are associated with Marge, and, technically, the plane is not even "lost," Taylan said. "Several days after the crash, the crash site was discovered by a U.S. Army patrol," he said. But they paid it little mind, as pilot Malone had bailed and made it back to safety, and the New Guinea landscape was littered with crashed Allied and Japanese aircraft, he said. Malone died in 2005, but Taylan said he has reviewed letters he wrote about the day of the crash. Taylan's search team, which will include documentarians, archeologists and locals familiar with the countryside, will perform a survey of the site if it is found. No artifacts will be removed, he said. Portions of the excursion, which will likely begin later this month, will be livestreamed at p38marge.org, depending upon internet access, he said. Taylan is optimistic the site will be found. "I never go into any investigation half-cocked, I guess you could say in military terms," he said jokingly. "I'm confident that there will be something to find there, but it's not going to be an intact airplane," he said. "It's going to be a crash site. It's going to look like perhaps a pile of junk. But this will be the most historically important pile of junk in the Asia-Pacific region."

Read more at: https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2024-04-11/richard-bong-marge-wreckage-ww2-13535214.html

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