



## Assembly 3296 Review

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### Message from Faithful Navigator Joe Castrigno



Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th. We have offered high-quality American flags for \$25 previously, but the price has increased now to about \$30 per flag. We may be able to negotiate a deal because the manufacturer is having a sale. If we can get flags at a reasonable price and on time for Veterans Day, then

we can move forward with a sale. While selling flags is not a major fund raiser, it is one of the few we have. When we can schedule a sale, a request for volunteers will go out via email. We will need a minimum of two Knights at each Mass to assist.

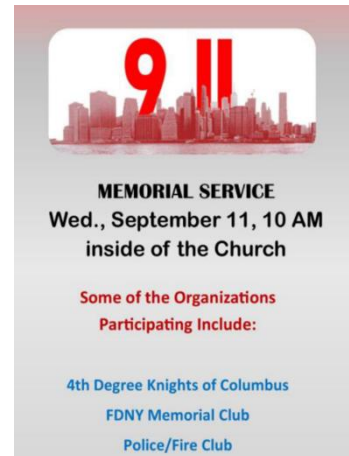
Council 14222 will hold the Annual Knights Memorial Mass on November 14th starting at 5:00 PM.

Assembly 3296 members are welcome to attend the Memorial. There will be a dinner after Mass, and I expect tickets to be \$10 per person. I haven't heard any planning details yet, but I expect the Color Corps to be requested. Again, keep posted for further information; in the meantime, save the date.

Sir Knight Dennis McMullin began looking into an Assembly Christmas Party. Last year, we held a gathering at the Havana Country Club attended by about seventeen Sir Knights, their wives and guests. The party was in early January (Epiphany) because it usually is easier to get reservations after the New Year. Let Dennis know of your interest and any thoughts you may have about a party.

Remaining meetings in 2024 are October 23rd, November 20th and December 18th. The Church booking requests will be accepted on October 16th for 2025. By the end of this month, I should know if we obtained the requested meeting dates and venue. The meeting schedule for 2025 will be in the newsletter. Come to the meetings to keep abreast of everything going on.

### 9/11 Memorial



A number of organizations attended the Annual 9/11 Memorial Service; the Knights of Columbus Color Corps of Assembly 3296 and Assembly 2722 participated in the opening and closing by escorting Deacon Lou Farinella at the start and at the end of the service.

Sir Knights of the Color Corps commanded by CCC Mike Grindel assembled for the ceremony. The Commander of Assembly 3296, SKt Cliff Miller was selected to carry the helmet



SKt Mike Landwehr, Lou Napolitano, Joe Castrigno, Mike Grindel, Francis Robacker, Sreve Gilkeson, Ralph Annina, not shown, Jerry Loomer



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Color Corps Leads Deacon Lou Farinella into Church



Fireman Cliff Miller Carries Helmet



Color Corps Escorts Deacon Lou Farinella after Ceremony

### In Honor of Our Veterans



SKt Mario Acevedo and his wife Debbie were dedicated to honoring and assisting veterans in several ways. Mario and Debbie collected gently used clothing and small Christmas gifts for veterans, they ordered American flags to be sold at appropriate holidays, they collected worn and tattered flags for proper disposal, and they prepared Stars for Our Troops.

Stars for Our Troops programs originated about fifteen years ago. Several volunteer organizations carefully cut out embroidered stars from tattered, faded or torn U.S. flags. Each star is placed in a small plastic bag with a note that reads:  
"I am part of our American flag that has flown over the U.S.A. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that You are not forgotten."



Only the blue portion of the flag with the stars is cut and every scrap is disposed of properly,

The easiest way to cut individual stars is to cut along the diagonals and then separate each star from the others.



Each star is then cut out, making a pentagon shape from star point to star point, leaving a little room so as not to cut into the white thread making up the embroidered star.



To complete the package, the notes are cut from a larger sheet to fit within small zip-lock bags together with the star. The notes are two-sided; the second side indicates that these stars honoring our veterans were prepared by the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 3296.



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If anyone would like to participate in this project, come to the meetings or contact Joe Castrigno,



Faithful Navigator at jcastrig@gmail.com or (516) 635-7976. We are looking for ideas on where to distribute the stars.

### **September/October Honor Guard Activity**

#### Color Corps Commanders Corner

October 2024 Since my last report, the Color Corps has participated in 4 funerals, 3 ceremonies and an installation of officers:

- August 31: Funeral Mass for BK Charles Cornelius, Council 13300, at 11 AM at St Vincent De Paul Church. 10 Color Corps attended 5 from each Assembly.
- September 1: Presentation and hoisting of a new flag donated by Assembly 3296 immediately after the noon mass at St Mark the Evangelist Church. 2 members were present.
- September 4: Honor Guard for the Silver Rose Mass at St Vincent De Paul Church. 6 members were present, 5 from A3296.
- September 11: Honor Guard for a ceremony remembering the First Responders who lost their lives rescuing others on 9/11/2001. 14 members attended. 4 from A3296.
- September 12: Funeral Mass for SK James Sinkewicz at St Timothys Church 14 members attended 4 from A3296
- September 13: Funeral Mass for BK Phillip Currie, Council 13300, at St Vincent De Paul. 4 members attended 2 from A3296
- September 16: Funeral Mass for SK John Lathrop at St Marks Church. 6 members attended 4 from A3296.
- September 18: Honor Guard at the Installation of Officers of A 3296 and C

10034 at St Marks Church 9 members attended 5 from A 3296.

#### Upcoming:

- October 4 Eucharistic Procession at Our Lady of La Leche, 101 San Marco Ave, St Augustine Bishop Pohlmeier will celebrate mass and then lead an outdoor Eucharistic Rosary procession to begin the congress (This event is 101 miles away and will take 2 hours and 15 mins to drive)
- October 11 Eucharistic Procession at the Santa Fe Shrine, 17155 NW US Hwy 441, High Springs on the grounds of St Madeline Catholic Church. The bishop will lead an outdoor rosary procession at 6:15 PM and celebrate mass at 7 PM to conclude the congress. Muster at 5:30 PM. (This event is 85 miles away)

Once again, the performance of the color corps during the month of September has been outstanding. I am astounded by your dedication. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you as CCC.

Cliff Miller,  
Vivat Jesus

### **Lecturer's Reflection (Deacon Kevin Mukri): How to Follow the Two Great Commandments St. Francis—A Saint for Today**

On October 4, we celebrate the Feast Day of the great Saint Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis is saint needed now more than ever. Although he lived 800 years ago, his example has great importance for us today.

Born around 1181 in Italy, he was first a soldier before dedicating himself totally to Almighty God. In a disagreement with his father, Saint Francis stripped naked and returned all his clothes and possessions to his father. Naked in front of the Bishop of Assisi and his father, Saint Francis said, "Until now I have called you my





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father on earth. But henceforth I can truly say: Our Father who art in heaven." The astonished bishop gave him a cloak, and Saint Francis went off to the woods. Saint Francis renounced all worldly goods from that point on.

There are many myths about Saint Francis. Saint Francis is thought to have said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary." But he never said that. In addition, the "Peace Prayer of Saint Francis" was not written by him but was actually a prayer during World War I that was put on the back of holy cards bearing the image of Saint Francis.

What is true about Saint Francis is that he founded the Franciscan Order, was given the Stigmata because of his holiness that caused him great physical suffering, and preached the authentic Gospel where ever he traveled. Even traveling to Egypt to go to a Muslim camp and preach the Gospel to the sultan.

Saint Francis always practiced the principle of equality in his dialogue with members of other faiths, which refers to the equal personal dignity of all people, not to equality in doctrinal content, nor even less the truths Jesus Christ.

More importantly, today, when 70% of Catholics don't believe in the Real Presence, Saint Francis provides us vital example.

Saint Francis of Assisi being the founder of the Franciscans, is commonly thought to have been a priest. However, he never was, and was ordained as a deacon. St. Francis was certainly qualified to be ordained a priest, however, he felt himself unworthy to bring about the miracle of the Holy Eucharist.

Throughout Francis' life he had a great reverence for priests.

Francis frequently kissed the hands of priests he met, honoring the special consecration they received on their hands on the day of their ordination. Francis had a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist and highly revered those hands that daily touched the Sacred Host.

Saint Francis said, "If I saw an Angel and a priest, I would bend my knee first to the priest and then to the Angel."

Regardless of their moral character, Francis held priests in high esteem as he knew they were set-apart by Almighty God for a special purpose.

Let us ask Saint Francis' powerful intercession, to increase our respect for the priesthood and our belief in the Holy Eucharist. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

### October Birthdays

PAUL J MORASKI	Oct 01
DAVID T PISTARELLI	Oct 06
DAVID A SIMMONS	Oct 16
WILLIAM G LANHAM	Oct 17
CLIFFORD B MILLER	Oct 17
GEORGE WHITE	Oct 19
JOSEPH F HIDOCK	Oct 19
JAMES P MILLER	Oct 22
LOUIS NAPOLITANO	Oct 23
ROGER A CYR	Oct 28
CHARLES ROBERT SMELAS	Oct 29



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Calendar of Events			
Date	Event	Location	Start Time
11-Oct	Eucharistic Procession at the Santa Fe Shrine (approx. 85 miles)	See CCC Article	5:30 PM
17-Nov	Council 14222 will hold the Annual Knights Memorial Mass Dinner after mas (\$10.00)	St. Mark's	5:00 PM
06-Jan	After Christmas (Feast of the Epiphany) Party	TBD	TBD

Assembly Meeting 2024-2025 Social Hall			
Date		Doors Open	Start Time
23-Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
20-Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
18-Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
22-Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
19-Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
19-Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
23-Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM

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