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Message From FN John McCarty, Assembly 3296

Dear brother Sir Knights
The design of my two FN Messages will be presented in two parts. The first will look at some of the accomplishments of the assembly the past 7 months and the second will reflect some of my thoughts regarding the assembly's challenges and its future.

Part 1

The work that has occurred in the past year is done by the contribution and participation of many in the Assembly. Prior to the fraternal year we surveyed the membership and had a 39% response rate. One change as a result of the survey was to move the start time of the meeting to 6:30 PM. While many still like the 7:00 PM meeting starting time there was attendance challenges especially in the months when darkness begin to set in at the start of the meeting which made travel to the meeting a challenge for many. It is certainly an issue to revisit again. When possible, we also provided light snacks before or after the meeting to promote socialization among the fellow Knights. We joined assembly 2722 for a picnic at lake Griffin State Park in October it was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Color Corps of 3296 and 2722 continue to respond collaboratively when asked to participate in providing an Honor Guard for Funerals of Brothers and Sir Knights and family members in addition to other ceremonies throughout the year. Assembly 3296 has added two color corps members this past fraternal year. Both assemblies continue to recruit 4th degree members into the Color Corp.

Our community project of securing clothes for the handicapped veterans and

their families as well as Christmas gift packages for the hospitalized or nursing home veterans in Gainesville.

We continue to pray for those on our sick and deceased list each month. Our Assembly is fortunate to have a Deacon who provides us thoughts for our careful consideration as we travel on our faith journey.

We have flags for sale so please consider purchasing a new one in time for Flag Day June 14. We are also looking for volunteers with Flag placement- at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell to help place flags (Sunday May 28 and pickup June 3).

God Bless

FN John McCarty



Assembly Officers 2022-2023

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| Navigator | John McCarty |
| Captain | Joe Castrigno |
| Pilot | Mike Lepore |
| Comptroller | Chet Sedke |
| Scribe | Steve Gilkeson |
| Purser | Hank Casey |
| I-Sentinel | Jerry Jackovich |
| O-Sentinel | Ted Deshaw |
| Admiral | Joe Rzepka |
| 1 Year Trustee | Gerry Becker |
| 2 Year Trustee | Mark Manno |
| 3 Year Trustee | Bill Delaney |

Indicates color corp member



Message From Dea. Kevin Mukri

St. Sister Faustina and the Souls in Purgatory

In 1926, St. Sister Faustina asked the Lord one night for whom she should pray. Jesus told her that on the following night, He would let her know. The next night, she saw her Guardian Angel. He took her to "a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls." "They were praying fervently," writes St. Faustina in her Diary, "but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid." She asked what their greatest suffering was, and in one voice they answered her that their greatest torment was longing for God.

Then St. Sister Faustina saw Our Lady visiting the souls in Purgatory and bringing them refreshment. After that, her Guardian Angel led her out again.

"Since that time, I am in closer communion with the suffering souls," she writes.

As St. Sister Faustina saw in her vision, the souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves. In God's mysterious plan, these poor souls needed the prayers of the faithful on earth in order to be freed from her suffering. In the same way, all of the souls in Purgatory at this moment desperately need our prayers, for no matter how hard they pray for themselves, their own prayers won't help them.

Ours will. Even though the souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves, they can pray for others. And in a beautiful reciprocal act of mercy, if we pray for them,

they can and will pray for us. The Catechism (958) says that "Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective." Our prayers for them are the key that unlocks their prayers for us!

An army of prayer warriors is waiting for us in Purgatory. When we pray for them, we can then ask them to intercede for us, so that we may receive the great blessing of their prayers in return. Every single prayer, big or small, for the souls in Purgatory helps them. Even if a prayer is offered for someone who has already reached heaven, then that prayer will be applied to another soul. No prayer is ever wasted. No act of love for the holy souls goes unanswered. No offering will fail to bring comfort, consolation, and the radiance of heaven to these dear suffering souls. Now is the time to pray for our deceased family and friends who may be in Purgatory.

Respectfully,

Dea Kevin Mukri

Knight of
Month for
September
2022. Cliff was
not present in
October to re-
ceive his cer-
tificate, howev-
er, he is pic-
tured on right
receiving it
from FN John
McCarty.



Effective January 11, 2023, the new service baldric are available for sale through English Company kofcsupplies.com. The baldric will be sold in various sizes. The new baldric color for each position will be as follows.

Supreme Master/Supreme Knight/former - Dark Blue
Vice Supreme Master/FVSM - Light Blue
District Master/FM - Gold
Marshal (active/ currently serving) - Green
Faithful Navigator/PFN - New White
Color Corps Commander (active / currently serving) - Purple
Member Original issue service baldric - NO CHANGE

Assembly 3296 Prayer List as of January 2023

Sick

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mario & Deb Acevedo | Bob & Chris McClean |
| Krissy Binder | Rev John McCracken |
| Richard & Cookie Brown | Mike & Bonnie Jean Miller |
| Joseph Casey | Rick Nelson |
| Dennis M. Chibeau | William Nisbet |
| Dcn Charlie Cimmino | Robert Nixon |
| Jay Cottle | Sean O'Connell |
| Bill Delaney | Leah Pistarelli |
| Lenny Dimarco | Tom & Mary-Jean Rueck |
| Roger Ellison | Joseph & Debbie Rzepka |
| Thomas Feenaghy | Rosemarie Schwaber |
| Steve Gilkenson | Chet & Harriett Sedke |
| Dr. Tony Gill | Dave & Sonja Simmons |
| Thomas Henry | Bob & Pat Smelas |
| Elif Higgins | Bud & Sophia Stegmeyer |
| Julie Kilbride | Fred & Mary-Ann Targos |
| Nicole Lepore | John Thomas |
| Dennis Lyonnais | Gloria Van Leuven |
| John Magee | Denny Weiinski |
| John McCarty | Bill Wirtz |

Repose of Souls

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| Marvin Beachy | 1/1/2022 |
| Debby Burk | 1/1/2022 |
| Robert Anderson | 1/9/2022 |
| Beatrice Dubois | 1/22/2022 |
| Ursula Giaccone | 4/11/2022 |
| Kelly-Marie Farr | 4/3/2022 |
| Sam Van Leuven | 9/30/2022 |
| Linda Robacker | 10/1/2022 |
| Dennis Thibeau | 10/1/2022 |
| Richard Pryble | 10/2/2022 |
| Lenny Capobianco | 11/25/2022 |
| Roger P. Sabatino | 11/8/2022 |
| Richard Bauer | 4/21/2023 |
| John McCormick | 4/19/2023 |

5/24/2023~4th Degree Meeting, 6:30 Social Hall.
 5/26&28~State Convention in Hyatt Orlando.
 5/28/2023~Flag placement Fla. Nat. Cemetery, Bushnell.
 5/29/2023~Memorial Day.
 6/3/2023~Flag removal Fla. Nat. Cemetery, Bushnell.
 6/28/2023~4th Degree Meeting, 6:30pm Social Hall.
 7/19/2023~Installation of Officers, 6:30pm in Church
 followed by dinner in social hall.



Proposed officer nominations
 taken from the floor at May Meeting
 Assembly Officers 2023/24

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| F N | J. Castrigno |
| Captain | C. Fenstermaker |
| Pilot | D. McMullin |
| Admiral | G. Becker |
| Comptroller | C. Sedke |
| Scribe | D. Rodini |
| Purser | H. Casey |
| Inner | T. Peter |
| Outer | T. Deshaw |
| 3yr Trustee | J. Rzepka |
| 2yr Trustee | B. Wirtz |
| 1yr Trustee | M. Manno |

Sir Knight of the Month, May 2023 is SK Mario Acevedo - In sickness or in health it is hard to find a more dedicated brother knight and Sir knight than Mario Acevedo. He is always thinking of the next best project that would benefit some organization or entity less fortunate than many of us. He has been a Dedicated leader in the assembly's commitment project of securing close for the veterans that are there as well as Christmas gift packages for the hospitalized or nursing veterans home veterans in Gainesville. There are many other examples within the Knights of Columbus for which Mario could certainly be recognized but for our assembly 3296 has been a wonderful member and when his health permitted attended meetings and participated in discussions. It's a privilege to recognize Mario Acevedo as this month's Sir Knight of the Month for May 2023.

Hold the date, July 19., there will be installation of Assembly 3296 officers for the year July 2023 to June 2024 followed by dinner in the social hall.

Knights of Columbus

Assembly 3296

St. Mark the Evangelist

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John J O'Toole, Master
Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree Florida District

Dear Master O'Toole,

Council 14222 and Assembly 3296 at Saint Mark's Catholic Church have been in discussion regarding how best to conveniently and efficiently install the new officers for the next fraternal year.

The following issues were taken into consideration :

1. We would like to have this accomplished in the first month of the new fraternal year (July 19, 2023)
2. Father Rafal is agreeable and available to provide the mass prior to and participate in the installation following the mass
3. S/K Joe Castrigno will be assuming the office of Grand Knight for Council 14222 and Faithful Navigator for 3296
4. DD Chuck Demino, is agreeable to doing both ceremonies with concurrence by the Master.
5. The Mass will begin at 6pm
6. Spouses will be in attendance throughout including a meal being served immediately following in the parish hall.

Peace and all good

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**Message from
CCC Michael Grindel
Assembly 2722**

Worthy Sir Knights of the Color Corps,

We have been requested to provide an Honor Guard in conjunction with Assembly 3296 for the May Crowning Ceremony at St. Mark the Evangelist Church following the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 30, 2023. We will provide an Honor Guard during Mass to escort the presiding Priest to the Altar and then process out after Mass. We will then provide an Honor Guard at the Grotto for our Holy Mother during the May Crowning ceremony. The latter event is outside and will require standing for an extended period of time. I am sending this to members of both Assembly Color Corps to be efficient in the number of emails sent.

Details below:

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023

Time: Noon Mass

Location: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Summerfield, FL

Color Corps Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.

Color Corps Meeting Location: Conference Room off of Narthex of Church

Color Corps Uniform: 4th Degree Uniform, white shirt, 4th degree tie, sword, scabbard, service baldric, black shoes, white gloves and black beret with emblem.

Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes, Mike



**Message from
CCC Cliff Miller Jr**

After a slow start to the month of April, things are on the increase: On April 21, the color corps provided an honor guard at the funeral of BK Michael Yanachik Council 13300. Mass was celebrated at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Three members from Assembly 3296 were present: SK William Wirtz, SK Peter Thomas and CCC Cliff Miller. Three members from Assembly 2722 were present SK Jim Anderson, SK Jerry Loomer and SK Phil Babel. Thank you, brothers, for adding the dignity and recognition that our brother Michael deserved.

Upcoming Events: April 28:

Rosalyn Bauer, the widow of SK Richard Bauer has requested our presence at his funeral mass being celebrated on April 28th at 11 AM at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

April 30: We will be providing an honor guard for the May Crowning of Mary at St Mark the Evangelist Church. We will assemble in the meeting room in the narthex before the noon mass. Ceremony is outdoors immediately following mass. Eight members of the joint color corps are expected to attend.

May 1: Our presence has been requested by the family of SK John McCormick Assembly 3296, at his funeral mass to be celebrated at 10 AM at St Mark the Evangelist Church.

Finishing on a note: Congratulations to SK Steve Gilkerson on his April 15th wedding. Now you can file a joint tax return! God bless your new life together!

Vivat Jesus
Cliff Miller, CCC
Assembly 3296