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Message From F.N. Joe Castrigno, Assembly 3296

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The two November events previously mentioned are updated as follows; we will offer American flags to parishioners at St Mark's on November 4th and 5th, not 11th. and 12th. On November 18th and 19th, we will collect toiletries and other small gift items to prepare gift packages for those Vets who will not be able to be at home for Christmas.

Volunteers are needed, two Knights per Mass. Go to Council 14222's website at www.KofC14222.org under "Events" for details.

After the Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights on November 15, light refreshments will be served.

All Assembly 3296 members are welcome to attend the Memorial; our Field Agent

will hold a Fraternal Benefits Event at that time. Knights are eligible to purchase various insurance policies, but everyone is eligible to use other financial services offered by the Knights of Columbus. Please attend the Mass and gathering after to learn about the financial services offered by the Knights and affiliated partners. Wives are not only welcome but also encouraged to attend. Details are on the website. The reflection by our acting Faithful Friar, Deacon Kevin Mukri was about the reality of purgatory and the benefit of prayers to the souls in purgatory.

The Memorial Mass is just such an offering to alleviate the suffering of souls in purgatory.

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Message From Dea. Kevin Mukri

All Souls Day

It is amazing to me the popularity of Halloween. Certainly, as a child, I had a difficult time waiting the evening when I could dress up in a costume and go to my neighbors for candy. But now adults, long after their children have left their home, make a big deal of this day. Yet many of these same adults do not realize that Halloween is the evening before All Saints Day. They think of it as an evening to party and they forget that it is not about skeletons and goblins, but the evening before we honor all the saints, known and unknown.

Sometimes lost in the celebration of Halloween is the important date, November 2,

which commemoration of all the faithful departed, who are saved, but await their purification to be completed in Purgatory before they are spotless and can enter into heaven. These souls, called the Church Suffering, can and do pray for us that we too may be saved. However, they can do nothing to hasten their purification in Purgatory, but we can and should help them. All Souls Day is important as the Church focuses her attention on the need of these poor souls for our assistants to pray for God's mercy for them and to bring them to paradise forever.

Our Blessed Mother told the three children of Fatima that the vast majority of souls that are saved must complete their purification in Purgatory. If fact Lucy asked the Blessed Mother if her cousin who died in her teens was saved, and Blessed Mary said "yes," she was saved, but she would be purified in Purgatory till the end of time. *Continued on page 2*

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He also touched upon the meaning of Halloween; All Hallows Eve is the vigil of All Saints Day. The word "hallow" means "holy" as in the Our Father we pray, "Hallowed be thy name." Halloween is, therefore, the time of year when the living (the Church Militant) honor all the dead in Christ: the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant) as well as all the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (the Church Suffering). It is a beautiful celebration of the Communion of Saints!

Plans for the assembly Christmas party are proceeding. Please let Sir Knight Dennis McMullin know if you are likely to attend, and if you have any thoughts about the party. See last month's newsletter for additional detail.

The schedule of meetings in 2024 was attached to the agenda for the September meeting. Please keep a copy of this schedule for reference.

Council 14222's web site at www.KofC14222.org will include information related to Assembly 3296. It is still a work in progress. Assembly events, news and volunteer opportunities will be posted. Visit the website to keep abreast of everything going on; any comments, suggestions and information for posting are appreciated.

Mukri message Continued

Purgatory is not for just for Catholics. There are many souls in Purgatory who in this life did not believe in Purgatory. Purgatory is real and everyone who dies with an imperfection must go there to be purified before entering eternal life in heaven. This is a long way of saying that there are many souls in Purgatory who have no one praying or sacrificing for them.

Let us always remember to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory. Certainly, pray for them on November 2, but every day of the years. These saved souls are dependent on us to help them speed their journey to heaven.



Message from CCC Cliff Miller Jr

I'll begin this by welcoming our 2 latest additions to the color corp: Ken is an active member of Council 13300 and has recently been awarded Family of the Month. He is an alter server and volunteers at the soup kitchen among other things. Ken was a member of Assembly 2148 in Ellijay, GA. And transferred at our last meeting. He is awaiting delivery of his new uniform.

Louis is a member of Council 13300 and has recently relocated from New Jersey where he was an active color corp member of Assembly 1619. Louis injured his leg so we may not see him at the October meeting.

Completed Activities:

Oct. 7, Color Corp participated in Living Rosary at St Vincent de Paul Church.

Oct 23, Funeral Mass for BK John Caruthers at St Mark the Evangelist Church.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28, Funeral Mass for BK Mario Cacace, 11am at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 9 members of the combined color corp have pledged their time: 6-A2722 3-A3296.

Nov. 11: Mass and Veterans Day Service 8:30 am at St Timothy.

As this report is in the monthly newsletter, I urge you brothers reading this to act now if you are considering joining the color corp. Our uniform re-imbursement fund will be depleted soon. We are actively seeking to increase our manpower pool.

Now is the time to act.



Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection, also please remember all of those in our Assembly Family who are ill, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. Especially: Mario & Deb Acevedo, Krissy

Bender, Richard & Cookie Brown, Hank Casey, Joseph Casey, Dennis M. Chibeau, Dcn Charlie Cimmino, Jay Cottle, Bill Delaney, Lenny Dimarco, Roger Ellison, Thomas Feenaghy, Steve Gilkenson, Dr. Tony Gill, Thomas Henry, Julie

Kilbride, Dennis Lyonnais, John Magee, John McCarty, Bob & Chris McClean, Rev John McCracken, Mike & Bonnie Jean Miller, William Nisbet, Robert Nixon, Leah Pistarelli, Tom & Mary-Jean Rueck, Joseph & Debbie Rzepka, Rosemarie Schwaber, Chet & Harriett Sedke, Dave & Sonja Simmons, Bob & Pat Smelas, Bud & Sophia Stegmeyer Fred & Mary-Ann Targos, John Thomas, Maria De Launders Thomas, Gloria Van Leuven, Denny Weiinski, George White, Bill Wirtz, Jack Wilson.

Fourth Degree Florida District – De Soto Province

Exemplification November 25, 2023,
Catholic Church, Winter Garden, FL

Fourth Degree Exemplification Instructions

The Florida Fourth Degree will continue a Thanksgiving Weekend tradition by holding an Exemplification in the Orlando area at a new location:

Resurrection Catholic Church, 1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL.

The ceremony will begin at noon on Saturday, Nov. 25. The event also includes a banquet following the ceremony; Vigil Mass; Ladies' Tea; and Patriotic Rosary.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with Mass at 10 a.m. There will be the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the anteroom to get candidates into the proper frame of mind for the Patriotic Degree. The Exemplification begins at noon. There will also be a Ladies Tea at noon.

The Exemplification will be followed by a banquet at 3 p.m.

The event honoree is SK Robert S. Urrutia of Davenport, the Immediate Past State Deputy, and a member of the Florida Exemplification Team.

The candidate fee is \$70. The fee for a Priest is \$45. **The deadline is Wednesday, November 15.** Candidates should turn in their checks to their Assembly Faithful Comptroller, who will then make out one Assembly check payable to John J. O'Toole, Master. The check and appropriate paper-

work should be sent to Master John J. O'Toole, 9686 SW 92 Place Road, Ocala 34481.

Assemblies will be required to send in a downloaded copy of the registration form (please do not write on the original), degree certificate, signed dress code letter, signed Form 4 (all four copies for each candidate) and check by Wednesday, November 16. Forms are available on the Florida State website. The Fourth Degree Certificates are available on kofc.org. Please do not send the certificate holder.

Please note the dress code for the exemplification. While tuxedos are no longer mandatory, candidates must wear a dark suit (not brown!) and black dress shoes. Candidates are encouraged to write the number of their new assembly on the back of their KofC membership card.

Everyone is invited to support our Candidates and Honoree by purchasing an ad in the Exemplification program. The cost of a full-page ad is only \$250, and will include your Assembly or Council name, number, current officers, and your message. We will have pre-made pages for your convenience. Half-page ads cost \$150.

The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15. Faithful Comptrollers, to see all the forms that need to be filled out go to [Fourth Degree \(floridakofc.org\)](http://FourthDegree.floridakofc.org)

Thank You and God Bless,
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Brothers all, Assembly 3296 is offering \$300.00 towards the purpose of a 4th degree uniform when you volunteer to serve as a color corp member.

If you are willing to serve with 3296, please let me know and I will pass the info on to those involved, you may reach me at 352 343 1046.

Respectfully
Submitted,
Chet Sedke,
Editor,
FDD, PGK, PFN



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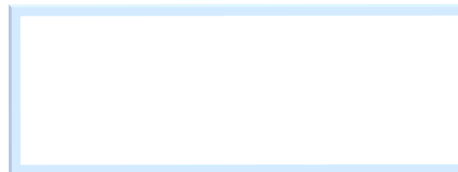
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Jacob C. Gwynn Diocese of Venice in Florida & Archdiocese for the Military Ser. USA Lt.JG, USN



11/29/2023 ~ Business meeting 7 pm, Social Hall.
1/24/2024 ~ Business meeting 7 pm, Social Hall
2/28/2024 ~ Business meeting 7 pm, Enrichment Ctr.

Some of our members may not be familiar with the happenings at a funeral service when the Knights of Columbus are present. I recently attended a funeral for John Carruthers and observed the following: In the 1st picture we have the color corp present prior to the celebrant's entrance. In the 2nd picture we have Michael Carruthers presenting the 1st reading, with Colleen Olexa presenting the 2nd reading in the 3rd picture. Caiti Dodge, John's granddaughter presenting the prayers of the faithful in the 4th picture.



Pictured below is Fr. Dominick Libiszewski giving a sermon using the pallbearers as an example.

After holy communion Bill Delaney, PGK, PFN, read and presented the "Resolution of Condolence" and presented the certificate to the family. The certificate is presented from Council 14222. The last picture shows the exit of all involved.

