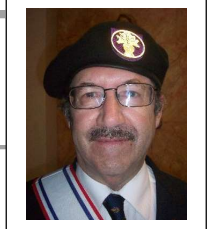


The Patriot

Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree Assembly 2794

April 2020

Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Sir Knights of the Patriotic Order,
Sorry for the late newsletter. With the pandemic, there isn't much to report.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our eMeeting on March 26. We had 25 members online for the call, including Father Chris and most of the officers. We had a few of our friends from out of state on the call, PFN Bob St. Amand, PGK Jack Walsh and John Winkler, good to hear from them.

The meeting was productive but a bit noisy. For our April meeting, we'll be going to Zoom, which has both video and audio capability. We'll be sending out call-in information. Please be sure to mute your phone/computer.

I would like to thank SKs Bob Gilliken and John Hoag for serving as the nominating committee for the 2020-21 fraternal year. Anyone interested in being considered for any position is asked to contact Bob (bobgilliken@gmail.com) or John (jhoag1@cfl.rr.com).

The Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting was held via teleconference on Saturday, April 4. We had three delegates on the call, with the FN joined by Faithful Comptroller Bob Dytkowski and Faithful Admiral Ray Zall. Master Charlie McLaughlin reported that the planned March exemplification in Bradenton was cancelled – not due to the virus – due to lack of candidates. Also, the Orlando exemplification last Thanksgiving weekend had a low turnout of new SKs that resulted in a financial loss.

The next scheduled exemplification will be mid-April in Miami – celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Assembly – but that date is pending due to the pandemic. The Jacksonville exemplification will be August 8. The November exemplification will be in Central Florida, but not at a hotel and probably not in Orlando. Let's try to get a good turnout of new SKs for Jacksonville – our numbers have been increasing and hopefully we can turn the tide.

Please pray for SKs John Ingria and Jim Waggoner for their recovery, along with all of the victims of the coronavirus pandemic.

Thanks again for your support,

John O'Malley

Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Message



The mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is that we have a God who came to earth to show us He has not abandoned us, especially in our most vulnerable moments. He also came to show us how to be human. We human beings, since the Fall of Adam and Eve, have thought that we can be the creator instead of being the creature. Jesus shows us true joy and glory comes from being obedient to the Father, even to laying down His life on a cross. Jesus is highly exalted because he showed us who God is and showed us who we can be.

The cross reminds us that God doesn't prevent bad things from happening to good people, but He sees us through it. In addition, the cross was the source of our redemption. The crosses that we bear in this life can be redemptive too. We can offer up the suffering, persecution, misunderstandings, and the like to the Lord for our sins and the sins of the world. That is especially true at this time when we are dealing with the coronavirus outbreak.

I know being a Catholic is difficult. Some have said that we have the hardest religion. That isn't because we have rules and guidelines or a bishop and pope. No, it is hard because when we take the Gospel message seriously we know where it leads...to the cross. That is not something that most of us eagerly embrace. We usually want to run as far away from pain and suffering as quickly as possible. Yet, in this life suffering is inevitable. Jesus' message can appear to be hard, but in reality it is the only real way to live, to lay down our lives for others.

This is a very different Lent and Holy Week from the past. May the sacrifices we endure, the lack of the Eucharist, and the loneliness from being socially distant from others lead to joy at Easter.

Peace,

Fr. Chris, Faithful Friar

2019-20 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator	John O'Malley
Faithful Controller	Bob Dytkowski
Faithful Friar	Fr. Chris Hoffmann
Faithful Admiral	Ray Zall
Faithful Purser	Lou Greci
Faithful Captain	Andy Duzyk
Faithful Pilot	Jacques Roch
Faithful Scribe	Rocky Siracusa
Inner Sentinel	Vito Benedetto
Outer Sentinel	Dave Carson
One Year Trustee	John Hoag
Two Year Trustee	Bob Gillikin
Three Year Trustee	Ed Kronseder



A bagpiper led the Color Corps for the annual Blue Mass on March 8.

Color Corps Report

Brother Sir Knights,

Our Color Corps led the procession for the fourth annual Blue Mass on Sunday, March 8. We had nine SKs in regalia from three assemblies, including six from 2794. I was joined by Steve Marchese, Jerry Wojciehowski, Ted Morrell, Gene Ciccone and Stan Hetrick, along with St. Paul CCC Carl Whealton, plus Russ Cormican and Bob Simcoe from Prince of Peace. Of our 10 SKs with the new regalia, only Jim Waggoner was missing – still in Gainesville recovering from his lung transplant. Bob Dytkowski was with the sheriff, Lou Greci in the choir and Tim Mell ushered.

Unfortunately, that was our lone call-out of the month. April also looks like a washout, with the postponement of the fifth annual Coastal Laps For Life at Father Lopez Catholic High School. Hopefully, there will be a reschedule date for the event that has placed six ultrasound machines in region pregnancy crisis centers. A strong turnout will be extremely important to keep that event on track.

It's too early to know about the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Port Orange City Center on Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m.

Thank you for your support,
John O'Malley CCC

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Kevin Middleton
- 4 Anthony Manzollilo
- 12 Ronald Fenner
- 13 Phil Callea
- 17 John Heim
- 17 Curtis La Piere
- 17 Chris Lavender
- 20 Charles Barry
- 20 Dave Carson
- 20 Thomas Eisenschmidt
- 21 Richard Soltes
- 23 John O'Malley
- 29 Bob Gillikin
- 29 Ted Morrell
- 29 Hank Bensley



The 2794 Color Corps at the Blue Mass on Sunday, March 8 – the only activity of the month the Color Corps.

Upcoming Events

- 9 *Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 meeting (Zoom, 6 p.m.)*
- 23 *Assembly 2794 Meeting (Zoom audio call, 7 p.m.)*

August 8: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Jacksonville site TBA