

# Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree January 2020

# Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Sir Knights of the Patriotic Order,

Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and prosperous

y year.'

It's hard to believe it's the beginning of another decade. Will we see another "Roaring Twenties?"

The New Year will also see many changes for the Knights of Columbus. Beginning on January 1, the First, Second and Third Degrees will be combined into a single, 20-minute exemplification. This means that all Brother Knights who participate in the ceremony will be eligible to join the Fourth Degree.

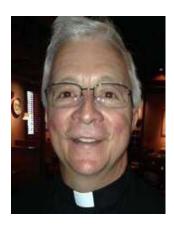
A great way to start off the New Year would be to join the Veterans for their monthly bingo on Thursday, January 2, at the Emory Bennett Nursing Home on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach. Take Williamson from Port Orange, turn right on Mason and then the home will be shortly on the left. Bingo lasts from 10-11 a.m. Following a suggestion from our November meeting, we donated \$10 Walmart gift cards to the winners – which was appreciated by the Vets.

Assembly 2794 also held its annual cookout at the VA Nursing Home on Monday, Dec. 16. Kudos to SK Ray Zall for organizing the event, and the 13 Sir Knights who participated. Ray really has the numbers down to a science – there was just enough food for all the Vets along with the staff, including the night shift.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall classrooms 6/8. Please join us to welcome five new Sir Knights to our Assembly: Father Aldrin Nunez CSsR, Chase Barry, Jim Baskin, Robert Brock and Dave Vaden.

Thanks again for your support, John O'Malley Faithful Navigator

# Faithful Friar's Message



Dear Sir Knights,

Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored this year on January 20<sup>th</sup>. In our Church it is also the feast of St. Sebastian, a martyr who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. As I thought about these two people I wondered if there were things that united them. Certainly, there are many things that differ between the two of them, not the least being 1800 years. So, who was St. Sebastian? He was a Christian who joined the Roman army in 283 AD to protect fellow Christians, who were being persecuted by the Romans. At the time, Sebastian would have had to keep his Christian faith a secret. Because he was faithful in his tasks as a soldier, he was eventually promoted to the Praetorian Guard to protect Emperor Diocletian.

While serving he was discovered and reported to the emperor. Diocletian ordered that Sebastian be killed by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice. He was pierced many times by arrows and left for dead. A holy woman, Irene, also a Christian, saw that Sebastian was still alive and nursed him back to health.

When he recovered, he went back to the emperor who was shocked he was still alive. This time however there would be no recovery. Diocletian had him bludgeoned to death and his body thrown into the sewers. His body was retrieved by another holy woman, Lucina, who secretly buried him in the catacombs.

So, who was Martin Luther King? He was a young Baptist minister who wanted to serve his community in Montgomery. He was asked to be the spokesman for the Montgomery bus boycott to integrate the city's bus lines. The boycott lasted over a year and was successful. This event propelled Martin to prominence in the black community in the south.

Dr. King took on powerful government leaders with non-violent means but was often met with violence from police and racist citizens. He was arrested thirty times including Birmingham, Selma, and St. Augustine. He was beaten, his house was bombed, and his family threatened. Yet, he knew that God was calling him to challenge the powerful structures of the day that kept African Americans impoverished and oppressed.

Dr. King too would be killed because of his steadfastness to the mission on a hotel balcony in Memphis. Yet, because of who he was, there are statues, parades, and many streets named for this man. His writings are studied and his method of doing justice through non-violent means is a model used by many today in the USA and around the globe.

So, there are similarities to help us see that God uses people to accomplish great things in every century. Maybe we too can be God's agent for great things in our day.

Peace,

Fr. Chris, Faithful Friar

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Assembly 2794 was well represented at December's monthly bingo at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home.

# Color Corps Report

Brother Sir Knights,

Fortunately, December was a quiet month, giving us plenty of time to enjoy Christmas and the other "holidays" with our families.

I participated in the annual St. Augustine parade on Saturday, Dec. 7. Also, on December 20 the funeral Mass was held for SK Victor Gajon at Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Palm Coast, with six Sir Knights in regalia.

Next up will be Our Lady of Hope Confirmation on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. Please report at 9:15 a.m.

We have also the funeral for SK Father Paul P. Mizener, a member of Assembly 2794. The Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Our Lady of Hope. Please report by 8 a.m.

Thank you for your support, John O'Malley CCC

# Happy Birthday!

- 4 Jack Rodrigues
- 8 Clifford Alliott
- 8 Egon Gantner III
- 13 Robert Brock
- 14 Mike Miglioranzi
- 14 Arnold Sevci
- 21 John Reilly
- 23 Bob Dytkowski
- 28 Joseph Hochdoerfer
- 31 Pat Santovasi



The Firefighters honor guard joined the Color Corps for a photo following the funeral Mass for SK Victor Gajon at Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Palm

# Upcoming Events

- 2 Vets Bingo, 10 a.m., Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home
- 9 Council 8086 Meeting
- 12 Our Lady of Hope Pancake Breakfast
- 23 Assembly 2794 Meeting

Below left: Serving line at the annual Vets Cookout. From left event chairman Ray Zall, Ted Morrell, Pat Santovasi, John Ir John O'Malley, Roger Packard, Mike Aldendorfer, Mike Klim Steve Marchese, Marty Librizzi and Ernie Jackson. Also help with the cooking were George Chatley and Mike Mann. Belowight: Veterans enjoy their lunch.



