

# The Patriot

**Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree Assembly 2794**

**March 2020**

---

## *Faithful Navigator's Message*

---



Worthy Sir Knights of the Patriotic Order,

Last month, I mentioned that the Prince of Peace Assembly is looking for help in running the monthly veterans bingo due to SK Skip Keating stepping down after serving as contact for the past 10 years.

SK Bob Simcoe, former District Deputy and member of that Assembly, has decided to step up and make for a seamless transition to that role.

SK Bob would appreciate our continued efforts to assist in the program, with our efforts including donating Walmart gift cards and having six-10 Sir Knights each month to assist with the program.

Vets bingo is held on the first Thursday of each month at the Emory Bennett Nursing Home on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach, running promptly from 10-11 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 26, at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall classrooms 6/8. One of the items includes voting for Assembly delegates at the Biennial Meeting of the Florida District Assembly, set for Kissimmee on Saturday, April 4. Assemblies are represented by the Faithful Navigator and one delegate for each 100 members of major fraction thereof. Since we have more than 150 members, 2794 will send three delegates. We will vote for three delegates and three alternates at the meeting.

While we typically concentrate on the Fourth Degree Exemplifications in Jacksonville in August and Orlando in November, if you know a Third Degree Knight eager to take the next step, the next exemplification will be held in Bradenton on Saturday, March 28

Thanks again for your support,

John O'Malley

Faithful Navigator

---

## *Faithful Friar's Message*

---



The season of Lent was something I always dreaded. I think it was due to the fact that I found it hard to find something meaningful to give up during this season. I've given up dessert and candy, but that doesn't seem to have much meaning for me as an adult. I've done fasting more recently. I choose not to eat a meal one day each week. That has helped, but a few years ago I came upon the following suggestions that might make Lent more meaningful for you and me.

You could fast from discouragement by writing down your blessings, talents and good qualities and then bringing that to prayer. You could fast from harsh words by saying something kind to someone and then praying for them if they are rude to you. Fast from complaining by not grumbling to others or offering up your daily disappointments. Fast from self-centeredness by being more attentive to those around you. Send a card to someone who has lost a loved one. Call someone in need. Fast from ill-temper by smiling at those you meet today.

Fasting can also be done for things instead of just from things. Consider fasting for your family by doing one thing that you find difficult to do. Fast for your relatives by skipping a meal and then praying during that time for them. I will fast for victims of war and for those who must fight them by reading scripture for 10 minutes and praying for their safety. You can fast from coffee or soda today and pray for those who are victims of alcoholism or drug abuse. In the scriptures Isaiah the Prophet says that God doesn't care for our fasting if it doesn't change our hearts to free the oppressed, lifting the burdens of the poor, and changing systems. Make coming to the FAITH Action on March 30<sup>th</sup> part of your Lenten observance to do justice, and then the Lord will be pleased with your fasting.

If you have found Lent difficult as I have, maybe these suggestions can help. May God draw us closer to Himself this Lent so that we might be holy people when Easter comes.

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



The 2794 Color Corps participated in the Flagler VFW's tribute to the four chaplains on the USS Dorchester on Sunday, Feb. 2.

---

## Color Corps Report

---

Brother Sir Knights,

February was a relatively quiet month, with only a few call-outs.

I attended the Flagler VFW's tribute to the four chaplains on the USS Dorchester on Sunday, Feb. 2. It was a very worthwhile ceremony, and I would urge you to attend next year if possible.

The next call-out was for the viewing and funeral for SK Theodore Knudsen at St. Paul's Basilica on Feb. 22. SK Steve Marchese attended the viewing and joined me at the funeral. SK Ted was a friend to many of the Knights in our Council and Assembly.

This Sunday (March 8) is an important call-out as we are the host Assembly when Our Lady of Hope and Council 8086 hosts the third annual Blue Mass at 9 a.m. We will lead the procession entering and leaving Mass to honor first responders in our region.

Saturday, April 4, is the fifth annual Coastal Laps For Life at Father Lopez Catholic High School. We will lead the procession at the beginning of Opening Ceremonies at 8:15 a.m. Please encourage family and friends to attend this very worthy initiative. Over the last four years, Coastal Laps For Life has placed six ultrasound machines in region pregnancy crisis centers, and a strong turnout is extremely important to keep this on track.

We have also been invited to the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park at the north end of the Port Orange City Center lake. It will be held on Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m. Please report by 9:15 a.m.,

Thank you for your support,

John O'Malley CCC

---

## *Happy Birthday!*

---

- 2 Lou Rosa
- 11 Jimmy McRoy
- 13 Richie Smatt
- 15 Patrick Dreyer
- 17 Ed Swanson
- 20 Ron Salzman
- 21 Dr. Matt Kocisko
- 31 Dr. Ernie Jackson



Two members of the 2794 Color Corps participated in the funeral for SK Theodore Knudsen at St. Paul's Basilica on Feb. 22.

## *Upcoming Events*

- 2 Council 12569 Epiphany Meeting
- 5 Vets Bingo, 10 a.m., Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home
- 8 Our Lady of Hope Pancake Breakfast / Blue Mass (9 a.m.)
- 12 Council 8086 Our Lady of Hope Meeting
- 16 Council 4934 Sacred Heart Meeting
- 26 Assembly 2794 Meeting
- 28 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Bradenton