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The Patriot

Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree Assembly 2794

February 2023

Our Lady of Hope Port Orange, FL



My Fellow Sir Knights,

As we move quickly into spring weather, so to will we move quickly through the rest of the 2022 / 2023 Fraternal Year. Perhaps our biggest event yet to happen will be the election of officers for the 2023 / 2024 Fraternal Year. I have asked 3 SK's to form a nominating committee which I will announce at our February 23rd meeting. We have also scheduled an Armed Forces Day Picnic at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home on May 22nd. We will continue to have bingo at the home on the 1st Monday of each month with the next date being March 2nd. At our February bingo gathering with our Veterans we were joined by 5 Jr ROTC cadets from Mainland High School.

If you have any suggestions for programs that you think the Assembly should sponsor please contact me or any of your officers.

Brothers, as we work through the last five months of this Fraternal Year I ask our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney to bless you and our work.

Fraternally,
Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator
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Faithful Friar, Fr. Paul's Corner



My Worthy Brother Knights,

Lent is around the corner. The message of our biblical passages running throughout the Lenten Season is a call to a life of conversion. For most of us, to prepare for Lent we usually give up some of our favorite foods like chocolate, donuts, pizza or drinks like beer, wine, or Coke. However, for some of you like me, giving up these things doesn't effect the call of conversion. Thus, perhaps we should do something else rather than avoid things we really don't need. Almsgiving, such as works of charity and participation in public activities, is a spiritual and religious practice that strengthens our love for others, increases our detachment and contributes to greater social justice. When we do so, it allows us to step outside of ourselves and focus on the needs of others. It is also an act of love that can deepen our prayer life and bring a greater sense of meaning to fasting. Therefore, at it's core, almsgiving can convert not only our lives, but also the lives of others.

I hope that all of My Worthy Brothers have a blessed Lent.

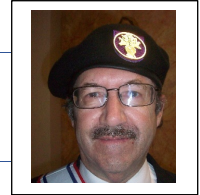
Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul

"One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving

Assembly Officers 2022-23

Faithful Navigator	SK Bob Gillikin
Faithful Comptroller	SK Louis Rosa
Faithful Friar	SK Fr. Paul Dau
Faithful Admiral	SK John B. Hoag
Faithful Purser	SK TBD
Faithful Captain	SK Sam Tedesco
Faithful Pilot	SK Vito Benedetto
Faithful Scribe	SK Pat Santovasi
Inner Sentinel	SK Andy Duzyk
Outer Sentinel	SK Ted Morrell
One Year Trustee	SK Ray Zall
Two Year Trustee	SK Art Klobucar
Three Year Trustee	SK Marty Librizzi
Faithful Steward	SK Bob Dytkowski

Color Corps Report



Corps report for January 2023

Color Corps report for January

Our first activity for the year was the funeral for Maureen Kubaski, wife of a SK, on Saturday, Jan. 7. I served as commander for a contingent of nine.

Sadly, we laid SK Art Klobucar to rest on Monday, Jan. 9, at Sacred Heart. We had 12 in regalia. Representing 2794 were SKs John Feore, Andy Duzyk, Ted Morrell, Jerry Wojciechowski, Gene Cicine and myself. Vice Marshal Bruce Winner was on hand, joined by three knights from Flagler 2810 and two from Prince of Peace 2901.

The Color Corps processed at St. Augustine for the March for Life on Saturday, Jan. 14, escorting the Bishop for Mass and then leading the procession through the streets to the Cathedral. I was joined by SK Wes Wengren, with 19 SKs in regalia.

We had nine SKs in regalia to lead the procession at the beginning of Confirmation at Our Lady of Hope on Sunday, Jan. 22. It was the first time in the new regalia for SKs Paul McNamara and Mike Godbout, joining Tim Carnego, Wes Wengren, Stan Hetrick, Ted Morrell, Jarrod Eich, Gene Cicine and myself. Great turnout for three minutes!

In case you were wondering, last year Assembly 2794 answered 49 call-outs. We were represented at 28 funerals; one wake service; 12 religious ceremonies; two life marches; and seven patriotic events.

Looking ahead, OLOH will host regional color corps training on Sunday, Feb. 26, in the church hall. Please bring your sword and baldric. We will lead the procession for Coastal Laps for Life on Saturday, April 1, at 9 a.m. at Father Lopez Catholic High School. We will then take turns at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Holy Thursday Mass at Our Lady of Hope on April 6th

Thank you for your generous gift of time and service.

Vivat Jesus!

SK John J. O'Malley, Color Corps Commander

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Happy Birthday!

February

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| 2 | Charles Marotta | 22. | Bob Shearin |
| 2 | Mike Rosolino | 24. | Tim Mell |
| 3 | Bill Piper | | |
| 3 | Lamar Thomas | | |
| 4. | Ray Levesque | | |
| 7 | Luther Davidson | | |
| 7. | Charles Farrell | | |

- 13. George Cline
- 13. Steve Morris
- 14. Gerry Wojciechowski
- 15. Dan Weimer
- 15. Mike Willems
- 17. Nick Amicone
- 17. Mike Lewis
- 18. Dan Aloise
- 22. Mark Cerretani
- 22. Zach Parker

Upcoming and Noteworthy Events

February 23 Regular Assembly Meeting

Please Continue to Keep the Following in your Prayers

*SK Al Citro and Wife Dotty.
SK Edwin Kronseder
SK Ernest Rossi
Hilda Junco*

*SK Bob Simcoe
SK Mike Pettit
SK Jim Gallagher*

*SK Tom Circelli
Phil Circelli, brother of SK Tom Circelli.
SK Bob Dytkowski
Ronnie Santovasi
Klobucar Family
Maureen Wojciechowski
SK Art Hobbs
SK Al Morganti
Sk Rich Smatt
Brother Knights and Families in the Ukraine*

*Vickie Kalkenbrenner
Jean Tedesco
Andrew Milholland*