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# The Patriot

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

**January 2024**

**Our Lady of Hope Port Orange, FL**



My Fellow Sir Knights,

We have just received the 2022-2023 Civic Award for our 'Stars Program' The award is for "Outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree.." I want to thank all of you you're your continued efforts on behalf of those we serve. We have been asked to present a brief description about our monthly flag raising ceremony at the Biennial Meeting in late March.

Looking forward we need to seek out Brothers willing to serve as officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year. I recently sent out via email the 'Duties of Officers of a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly" As I have mentioned at meetings and in previous newsletters we must continually have members willing to move up thru the ranks to keep our Assembly strong and forward looking. SK Lou Rosa our Faithful Comptroller has informed me that he does not plan on standing for reelection. I too will not seek nor accept another term as your Faithful Navigator. I know that we have many qualified members to fill all of our open positions. I ask that you all think about how you can help lead our Assembly. I stand ready to help answer any questions about the officer positions that are open.

As always, I want to thank all My Brother Knights and Sir Knights for their generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Fraternally,  
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## *Faithful Friar, Fr. Paul's Corner*

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Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Happy Lunar New Year!

Since Lent is just a few weeks, the readings from the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> lead us to the story of Jonah. The Nineties heard his preaching and changed their lives, so that they experienced God's compassion. As Catholic fathers, do we change our lives when we hear the preaching of Our Lord and invest our lives in the Kingdom of God rather than worldly goods.

The Church gives us many ways to invest in our lives during Lent. We might focus more on prayer or receiving the Eucharist more often. We could also remember our more traditional devotions, such as fasting, almsgiving, works of charity, and participation of our various KoC activities.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul

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

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## *Assembly Officers 2023-24*

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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 Bill Piper
Faithful Captain	SK Sam Tedesco
Faithful Pilot	SK Vito Benedetto
Faithful Scribe	SK Pat Santovasi
Inner Sentinel	SK Jacques Roch
Outer Sentinel	SK Ted Morrell
One Year Trustee	SK Leo Decker
Two Year Trustee	SK Andy Duzyk
Three Year Trustee	SK Ray Zall
Faithful Steward	SK Bob Dytkowski

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# Color Corps Report

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## Corps Report for January 2024

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The following day, we had 14 in the Color Corps for the funeral for SK Carl Acker at Our Lady of Hope. I was joined by SKs Jerry Wojciechowski, Tim Carnego, Chris Hennessy, Paul McNamara, Gene Cicone, Wes Wengren and Jose Vigara from 2794. Three other assemblies participated, including DD 19 Dr. Patrick Coggins.

I attended the funeral for Joyce Palowski at Santa Maria del Mar on Thursday, Jan. 11.

SK Jerry Wojciechowski represented our assembly at the funeral for SK Peter DiLella at Prince of Peace on Saturday, Jan. 13.

The funeral for Carolyn Gantner – wife of SK Egon Gantner and grandmother of SK Egon III – was held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at OLOH. We had 11 in the Color Corps, including Jerry Wojciechowski, Tim Carnego, Chris Hennessy, Paul McNamara, Gene Cicone, Wes Wengren and myself.

Last year, our Assembly answered at least 54 call-outs, five more than 2022. This included 29 funerals and wake services, with 101 SKs from our Assembly attending. We also participated in 25 various additional activities, including four confirmations, three life marches and numerous patriotic and religious events.

Coming up, please add to your calendars for long-range planning:

Central Laps for Life, Bishop Moore High School in Orlando, Saturday, March 2, TBA

Terry Cassidy Memorial Coastal Laps for Life, Father Lopez Catholic High School: Saturday, March 23, 8:45 a.m. muster.

Holy Thursday Adoration, Our Lady of Hope: Thursday, March 28, 8-11 p.m.

Florida State Convention Opening Mass, Orlando Hyatt Regency: Friday, May 24, approx.. 7:30 a.m.

Memorial Day VFW Ceremony at Port Orange Veterans Park, City Center: Monday, May 27, muster 9:15 a.m.

Corpus Christi Processions: Our Lady of Hope Sunday June 2 after 11 a.m. Mass; TBA at Sacred Heart, possibly after Saturday June 1 afternoon Mass.

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Vivat Jesus!

SK John J. O'Malley, Color Corps Commander

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## *Happy Birthday!*

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### February

2	Dennis Flesch	13.	George Cline	22.	Mark Cerretani
2	Charles Marotta	13.	Roger Klaus	22.	Zach Parker
2	Mike Rosolino	13.	Steve Morris	22.	Bob Shearin
3.	Bill Piper	14	Gerry Wojciechowski	24.	Tim Mell
3.	Adam Schmidt	15.	Dan Weimer		
4.	Ray Levesque	15.	Mike Willems		
7.	Luther Davidson	17.	Nike Amicone		
7.	Charles Farrell	17.	Mike Lewis		
12.	Dan O'Brien	18.	Dan Aloise		

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## *Upcoming and Noteworthy Events*

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February 1st

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February 22nd

Monthly Flag Ceremony

Vet Bingp

Regular Assembly Meeting

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# *Please Continue to Keep the Following in your Prayers*

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SK Al Citro  
SK Edwin Kronseder  
SK Ernest Rossi  
Hilda Junco  
SK Dave Carson  
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 Small  
Brother Knights and Families in the Ukraine

SK Bob Simcoe  
SK Mike Pettit  
SK Jim Gallagher  
Barbara Parziale  
Kat O'Conner Atwood  
Vickie Kalkenbrenner  
Jean Tedesco  
Andrew Milholland  
SK John Gawdun  
SK Ed Kronseder  
SK Larry McNerney  
SK Tim Meade  
SK Stoney Fraley