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# The Patriot

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

**February 2024**

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



My Fellow Sir Knights,

Can we only have four months left in our 2023-2024 Fraternal Year? As usual we have most of our activities in the fall of the year, but we still have our monthly Vet bingo, our Flag Ceremony, and our Spring Vet picnic still on our calendars.

I have left the last paragraph in my note to reemphasize the need for Sir Knights to join our officer corps. At most you would be donating 3-5 hours of time per month to help us.

“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.”

Please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding being an officer.

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,

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Lord's Supper. We are now half way through our Lenten journey with Our Lord Jesus. The 40 day journey of Lent is a symbol of our faith journey. On this journey, we are invited to carry our own cross to follow the Lord to Calvary. We are not alone on this journey but with the Lord and others. Sometimes we may fall down by the weight our own cross. Fortunately, whenever we fall, the Lord and others are there with us. Likewise, whenever our other Brother Knights fall down, we are there with them. We can participate with others in our traditional Lenten devotions and 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*

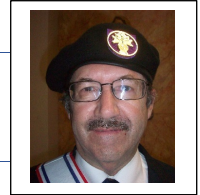
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Faithful Navigator	SK Bob Gillikin
Faithful Comptroller	SK Louis Rosa
Faithful Friar	SK Fr. Paul Dau
Faithful Admiral	SK John B. Hoag
Faithful Purser	SK Bill Piper
Faithful Captain	SK Sam Tedesco
Faithful Pilot	SK Vito Benedetto
Faithful Scribe	SK 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 March 2024

The funeral for Brother Thomas Orban, a member of Council 12569, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Church of the Epiphany. Jerry Wojciechowski, Jose Vigara, Chris Hennessy and myself were among seven SKs from three assemblies. SK Jerry Wojciechowski represented our Assembly at Prince of Peace on Saturday, Feb. 3, as part of an eight-man team for the funeral for SK Joseph Dougherty.

I served as CCC for Confirmation with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier on Sunday, Feb., 11, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Palm Coast. We had nine SKs in regalia for an impressive ceremony for 38 Confirmandi.

The funeral for Barbara Cohen Pippin was held on Feb. 13 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Palm Coast, where I was one of nine SKs in regalia. She was the wife of SK Welman Pippin, a frequent supporter of call-outs at OLOH and Volusia County. Assembly 2794 took the lead for the funeral for Brother Charles "Chip" Crouch on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Church of the Epiphany. I was joined by SK Jerry Wojciechowski from our assembly, along with Welman Pippin, Mike Worley and Bob Simcoe.

I was privileged to serve on a 36-man Color Corps led by Florida Master John O'Toole for the combined funerals of Father Bob Hoeffner and his sister in Viera on Feb. 20. The Hoeffners were murdered on Jan. 28. Bishop John Noonan was joined by around 60 other concelebrant priests at the Mass at St. John the Evangelist.

We had two events on Friday, Feb. 23. First, the funeral for SK Joseph Hockdoerfer was held at Our Lady of Hope. We had eight SKs from two assemblies, including Jose Vigara, Wes Wengren, Jerry Wojciechowski, Chris Hennessy, Jacques Roch, Ted Morrell and myself from 2794. Six SKs then rotated for 15-minute shifts during exposition of the relic of the right arm of St. Jude at the Basilica of St. Paul, followed by Mass in honor of St. Jude. SK Tim Carnego joined myself and Orlando Diocese Vice Marshall Bruce Winner at the very moving ceremony.

Finally, the wedding for SK Wayne Gartman was held at the St. Stephen Catholic Chapel in Bunnell on Saturday, Feb. 24. I was part of a 13-man Color Corps that provided an arch of swords for the couple.

Please don't forget Terry Cassidy Memorial Coastal Laps for Life at Father Lopez Catholic High School at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, 8:45 a.m. (muster) and Holy Thursday Adoration at Our Lady of Hope from 8-11:30 p.m.

Vivat Jesus!

SK John J. O'Malley, Color Corps Commander

# *Happy Birthday!*

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## March

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| 7.  | Carlos Fernadez | 31. | Ernie Jackson |
| 11. | Jim McRoy       |     |               |
| 13. | Gary Hunt       |     |               |
| 13. | Rich Smatt      |     |               |
| 14. | Joe Favaloro    |     |               |
| 15. | Pat Dreyer      |     |               |
| 20. | Ron Salzman     |     |               |
| 21. | Matt Kocisko    |     |               |

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## *Upcoming and Noteworthy Events*

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March 2nd	Monthly Flag Ceremony
March 7th	Vet Bingp
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Assembly Meeting*** Please note the date change

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

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SK Al Citro	SK Bob Simcoe
SK Edwin Kronseder	SK Mike Pettit
SK Ernest Rossi	SK Jim Gallagher
Hilda Junco	Barbara Parziale
SK Dave Carson	Kat O'Conner Atwood
SK Tom Circelli	Vickie Kalkenbrenner
Phil Circelli, brother of SK Tom Circelli.	Jean Tedesco
SK Bob Dytkowski	Andrew Milholland
Ronnie Santovasi	SK John Gawdun
Klobucar Family	SK Ed Kronseder
Maureen Wojciechowski	SK Larry McNerney
SK Art Hobbs	SK Tim Meade
SK Al Morganti	SK Stoney Fraley
SK Rich Small	

