

The Patriot

Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree

October 2019

Our Lady of Hope Assembly 2794 – Port Orange, Florida

Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Sir Knights of the Patriotic Order,
I would like to thank all of my brother Sir Knights who attended our September Assembly meeting. It was one of the best-attending meetings we've had in several years, with a lot of business to discuss.

We also had the opportunity to welcome eight new Sir Knights into our Assembly – five of whom attended the meeting – along with several transfers who will help shape our group into an even more dynamic Assembly.

It's now official – the next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive in Orlando.

The deadline to submit candidates is Friday, Nov. 15. The room reservation deadline is Thursday, Nov. 7. Please encourage any Third Degree Knights to participate.

Our next Vets Bingo at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach will be held on Thursday (Oct. 3) at 3 a.m. All Sir Knights are invited to assist in bingo, which runs from 10 to 11 a.m. It's a very rewarding experience – an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Patriotism which is the cornerstone of our order.

Thanks for your support,
John O'Malley
Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Message



Dear Sir Knights,

How easily do you assume something that you read in the newspaper or see on television is true? Most of us have been programed to believe that if it is from the media than someone made sure the facts were straight. We are discovering today that bias and a lack of curiosity definitely affect the news we see every day. I find myself regularly asking if what I read is so and then try to find another source to check out what I have heard.

The first step in thinking clearly is to develop the ability to think beyond what you would like to hear. For instance, if you don't like coffee when you read that coffee can be harmful to you, that is taken on face value. If the news report suggests that coffee can be helpful to your health you think that report must be wrong.

Another problem that I see in so many people is seeing the glass half empty. If someone tells you there is a hurricane coming towards Florida do you assume we are going to sustain a direct hit? Many people do. Instead, the hurricane might be a thousand miles away and one projection has it making landfall in Florida, but others don't. So, try to avoid the notion that bad things will always happen. Actually, they rarely do. Yet, I believe we are hard-wired to believe the worst.

It is important to think and act with love. Yet, because we have biases about people as well as things, we can easily write off someone if they fit the profile in our head of someone that is unworthy of respect. If you don't like people of a certain economic class, political party, or occupation you will tend to want bad things to happen to them. Yet, what if your first thought was, "This is a child of God, how should I think about them?" That would radically shift your way of thinking.

Then, if we act on our thoughts that are charitable, positive, and optimistic we tend to be people who see goodness and know joy. That is what Christ came to teach us on this earth. We will be closer to the holiness that we are seeking.

Peace,

Fr. Chris, Faithful Friar

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October Schedule of Events

Color Corps Report

Brother Sir Knights,

Another very quiet month for the Color Corps, with no local call-outs for September – making it two months in a row!

SKs Bob Dytkowski and Steve Marchese participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, August 24, at the Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville, welcoming eight new Sir Knights to Assembly 2794.

SKs Steve Marchese and John O'Malley participated in St. Augustine Founder's Day, held on Sept. 7 in St. Augustine, marking the the 454th anniversary of the founding of the city by Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles. SKs Marchese and O'Malley also participated in the 9-11 Patriot's Day ceremonies on the pier in Flagler Beach, followed by a Blue Mass at nearby Santa Maria Del Mar.

I will continue to email regional opportunities for our members, keeping in mind that the regional Assemblies have been very supportive of our events. One event is Confirmation at St. Brendan's in Ormond Beach, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7.

Our next scheduled call-out is the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Port Orange City Center on Monday, Nov. 11.

Fraternally,

John O'Malley CCC

Happy Birthday!

4	Mike Mann
5	Deacon Mike Pettit
7	Al Citro
9	Richard Lorenz
12	Tim Carnego
12	Daniel Medved
15	Victor Fonseca
17	Patrick Clark
19	Joseph Zaffuto
23	Jerry Dougherty
23	Jim Waggoner

Upcoming Events

- 3 *Vets Bingo, 10 a.m., Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home*
- 10 *Council 8086 Meeting*
- 13 *Our Lady of Hope Pancake Breakfast*
- 19 *Knights Fall Dinner Dance/OLOH*
- 24 *Assembly Meeting*



Left: Our Color Corps participated in annual Founding Day ceremonies in St. Augustine. Right: District Deputy SK Terry Cassidy receives his Fourth Degree certificate from FN John O'Malley at our September meeting. SK Terry was one of eight new members welcomed into Assembly 2794.

