

The Patriot

Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree Assembly 2794

July 2020

Our Lady of Hope Assembly 2794 – Port Orange, Florida



Faithful Navigator's Message

First of all, thank you for instilling your confidence in choosing me to be your Faithful Navigator for the next Columbian Year. I am humbled. At the same time, I want to congratulate the entire slate of officers who you chose and thank them for agreeing to serve with me this year. I want to thank Past Faithful Navigator John O'Malley for a successful two years of service in the role and for growing the Assembly and for leading us with meaningful programs providing beneficial results for our Veteran community.

As you know, we have many challenges for the upcoming period of performance due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In many ways our hands are tied to be able to directly assist our Veterans, especially those who are elderly and in the Veterans Nursing Facilities. So we will have to, for lack of better terms, re-invent ourselves. I am looking to you, my Brother Sir Knights, to give me your thoughts and ideas on what more, we can do.

Our first major activity is the Installation of Officers. That ceremonial is planned to take place concurrent with the Council 8086 Installation of Officers at Our Lady of Hope Church, probably following a Saturday afternoon (4 p.m.) Mass most likely in August. In August, there is also a tentatively planned Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremonial. The format and location of it is yet to be announced. So, if you know of Knights who wish to be elevated to Fourth Degree and they are worthy thereof, please get those names to FC Bob Dytkowski so we can start the recruitment/registration process when we know more.

Right now, the Veteran's dinner, usually hosted on Veteran's Day in November, is still in the planning process and we will make a decision in August whether we will go forward with that event. Alternatively, however, not as desirable, a May 2021 date may be necessary. Currently, we are still on hold for the Veteran Bingo and Veteran Picnic events and, even in council 8086, both the Harvest and Sweetheart Dances are on hold.

I have put together a strawman budget for the Assembly and will, shortly, review it with our officers and solidify it for your consideration. We will publish it and I plan to have it ready for your approval at the Assembly meeting on 23 July 2020.

I am happy to be able to inform you of at least one constant that has not changed. Worthy SK, John O'Malley, PFN will continue as Color Corps Commander

for the Assembly. For that I am grateful. For those who are not totally familiar with me, I have proudly been a Knight for 57 years and a Fourth Degree Knight for 53 years. I have held the Fourth Degree Offices of Faithful Comptroller in both Syracuse and in Port Orange as well as Trustee in Assembly 2794. I was a member of the Color Corps while associated with Christ the King Assembly 1575 in Syracuse.

Keep praying for a resolution of the pandemic and for peace in the world as well as normalcy as we approach our country's elections this Fall. Pray like your life depended on it because it does.

Vivat Jesu, Fraternally
John Hoag, Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar's Message



Dear Sir Knights,

Soon we will celebrate Independence Day. While it may feel different this year without fireworks or large family gatherings, it is still a time to reflect on what it means to be an American. We also know that as Catholics that our first allegiance is to Christ and His Church. This "dual-citizenship" has been a cause of difficulty for Catholics and Protestants in this country since its founding.

Some of our founding Fathers thought that Catholics could not be Americans because we honor the Pope, who is the leader of Vatican City, a separate nation. They thought too that if a Catholic would be President he would demand all citizens be Catholic. We have many Catholics in Congress. We had a Catholic President and currently the Speaker of the House is Catholic. Those fears no longer hold sway. Yet, we also know that when there are conflicts between being a Catholic and being American, we should come down on the side of our faith over our nation. It is for this reason that some liturgists would say it is inappropriate to have the American flag displayed in the sanctuary.

What makes us Americans is not that we share the same language, religion, or skin color. Instead, what we share is a common ideal. We believe that all people have been endowed by our creator with freedom. We believe that everyone should be given the same shot at prosperity and education. While we do have different socio-economic classes, they are not permanent structures. A person can work out of poverty into wealth and one who is wealthy may choose to spend foolishly and become impoverished. Our nation doesn't guarantee status or wealth, only that we each have the right to achieve whatever our skills and the market will provide.

It will always be a challenge to be a good citizen while always knowing our citizenship is in heaven. Our Church and nation always need reform and renewal. We can be agents for that. May God bless our Church and our country to live up to their highest ideals.

Peace,

Fr. Chris, Faithful Friar

Assembly Officers 2020-21

Faithful Navigator	John Hoag
Faithful Controller	Bob Dytkowski
Faithful Friar	Fr. Chris Hoffmann
Faithful Admiral	John O'Malley
Faithful Purser	Lou Greci
Faithful Captain	Marchese
Faithful Pilot	Vito Benedetto
Faithful Scribe	Pat Santovasi
Inner Sentinel	Andy Duzyk
Outer Sentinel	Dave Carson
One Year Trustee	Bob Gillikin
Two Year Trustee	Ed Kronseder
Three Year Trustee	Ray Zall

Color Corps Report



Brother Sir Knights,

After a layoff of more than three months, our Color Corps was back in action on Saturday, June 20, for the funeral of Terri Roberts – wife of SK and former Color Corps member Mark Roberts.

We had a great turnout to support SK Mark and honor Terri, with nine of our 11 Color Corps members in regalia.

Due to social distancing regulations, we face challenges on our seating at funeral Masses, which may see us spread out using up to six pews for larger turnouts. Also, face masks must be all black per Fourth Degree regulations.

Our next scheduled activity will be on Friday, July 24, at 10 a.m. for the funeral of Brother Bob Murry's mother.

Thank you for your support,
John O'Malley CCC

Happy Birthday!

4	Father Aldrin Nunes
4	John Winkler
6	Father Chris Hoffmann
7	Walter Badyna
7	Vince Pecoraro
8	Stoney Fraley
12	Ed Kronseder
17	Andy Duzyk
21	James A. Pulliam
29	Tim Solon
31	Paul McNamara

Upcoming Events

9 *Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 meeting (Zoom, 7 p.m.)*

23 *Assembly 2794 Meeting (Zoom, 7 p.m.)*

August 15: Installation of Council 8086 and Assembly 2794 (Following 4 p.m. Mass)

August TBD: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Jacksonville site TBA

Nov. 28 Fourth Degree Exemplification (Central Florida site TBA)



Assembly 2794 participated in the funeral for Terri Roberts, wife of SK Mark Roberts. Nine of the Assembly's Color Corps were in regalia. (front row, left to right) Ted Morrell, Jim Waggoner, Jerry Wojciechowski and FN/CCC John O'Malley. (back row) Bob Dytkowski, Tim Carnego, Stan Hetrick and Gene Cicone.