

The Patriot

Knights of Columbus – Fourth Degree

November 2019

Our Lady of Hope Assembly 2794 – Port Orange, Florida

Faithful Navigator's Message



Worthy Sir Knights of the Patriotic Order,
First off, I would like to remind you that our November meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. Since Thanksgiving falls on our regular meeting night, we're trying something a little different this year. We also have the option to move the December meeting, but at this point we will probably cancel (as we usually do).

Our Assembly's biggest fund-raising event of the year is the second annual Veterans Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. Thanks to SK Dr. Ernie Jackson for again taking charge of the event. It's a nice way to honor those who served our country, and have some fun in the process.

Of course, November means Veterans Day. The VFW extended its standing invitation for our Color Corps to serve at the annual ceremonies on Monday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., at City Center. All Knights are invited to attend. Please wear your blue Assembly or Council shirts to show your support.

November will also see the Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Rosen Center in Orlando. The deadline for candidates to submit their paperwork is Friday, Nov. 15. Also coming up is the annual Veterans Cook-Out on Monday, Dec. 15, at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach. This will include cooking and preparing food that morning in the kitchen at Our Lady of Hope, and then transporting and serving the food at the VA. We will have sign-up sheets at the November meeting.

Our next Vets Bingo at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach will be held on Thursday (Nov. 7). All Sir Knights are invited to assist in bingo, which runs from 10 to 11 a.m. It's a very rewarding experience – and also 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,

In November and at the beginning of Advent the Church gives us readings from the Book of Revelation and Daniel. These books are called apocalyptic, which means they deal with God's revelation of the end times. The Book of Revelation appeals to many people because it speaks of suffering, death, and God making things right. We all experience times of difficulty, when things go badly. We wonder if God cares or will rescue us from these difficulties.

Written at the end of the first century when the Church was experiencing persecution, many Christians began to lose hope.

Apocalyptic literature reminds the reader that persecution, famine and war are part of the travails of life. But even with all of them, it doesn't mean that God is sleeping or not in charge. Instead, it is the dying gasps of Satan and his legion trying to make a final stand.

One feature of apocalyptic writing is symbolism. Creatures with many heads and eyes, beasts who sweep stars from the sky, and riders on horses that bring plagues seem too hard to understand. Symbolic language is meant to do two things. You can read each part like a code to understand what the early church faced in the Roman Empire. The beast with the sign 666 is a veiled description of Emperor Nero, for instance. Yet, when reading the entire story it reads like a science-fiction fantasy. At the end all comes out well and Christ is the victor sitting on the throne in the heavenly Jerusalem.

An insight in the Book of Revelation and other apocalyptic literature is that when tough times come believers need to be even more steadfast and faithful. Those that fall away will be lost. Those that remain will be rewarded. In every time there will be challenges. We don't know when the end of the world will come or when our life on earth will end. What we do know is that whatever time we are given should be spent serving God and neighbor. We are called to live each day faithfully to God, working out our salvation. God has guaranteed the victory. Now we live in that freedom. We not only confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord, but we live it by our actions.

Peace,

Fr. Chris, Faithful Friar

2019-20 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator	John O'Malley
Faithful Controller	Bob Dytkowski
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Color Corps members from three Brother Assemblies joined us for the funeral Mass for Father Ray O'Leary. Jerry Wojciechowski joined the Color Corps for the first time at the Wake Service on the eve of the funeral.

Color Corps Report

Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to thank all of the Color Corps members who assisted in the recent Wake Service and Funeral Mass for our Pastor Emeritus, Father Ray O'Leary. We had all eight of our Color Corps in attendance – including John O'Malley, Steve Marchese, Bob Dytkowski, Jim Waggoner, Ted Morrell, Tim Mell and Jerry Wojciechowski. SK Lou Greci also sang in the choir. Six SKs from 2794 also participated in the Wake Service (joined by the commanders from St. Paul and Prince of Peace), with SK Jerry carrying the sword in service for the first time.

We had three SKs (Marchese, Dytkowski and O'Malley) at Confirmation at St. Brendan's on Monday, Oct. 7.

The Basilica of St. Paul had its Festival of Nations parade and Mass on Sunday, Oct. 20, with our CCC among three SKs in attendance.

Steve Marchese also participated in the funeral for SK Max Toussaint on Thursday, Oct. 24. I served as CCC for the Mass.

Highlighting November is the annual Veterans Day service at Port Orange City Center on Monday, Nov. 11. Please report by 9:15 a.m. for inspection and rehearsal.

The Color Corps will also serve at the annual Memorial Mass for deceased Knights at 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace, and at the Fourth Degree Exemplification at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Rosen Center in Orlando.

John O'Malley CCC

Happy Birthday!

- 7 Rocky Siracusa
- 9 Vincent A Bosco
- 9 Marty Librizzi
- 10 John Aldenderfer
- 11 George Chatley
- 11 David Roberts
- 11 Frank Russo
- 12 John Rodgers
- 13 Arthur Klobucar
- 14 Sherwin Merrick
- 15 Bill Amadeo
- 26 Nick Gruosso
- 28 Vince Preston
- 30 Gene Cicone



Council 2794 recently welcomed a group of new Sir Knights at an exemplification in Jacksonville. Left to right are Laddie Duchon, Chuck Morotta, Chuck Farrell, Art Klobucar, Terry Cassidy, Nicholas Gruosso (Terry's stepson), with Faithful Comptroller SK Bob Dytkowski.

Upcoming Events

- 7 Vets Bingo, 10 a.m., Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home
- 9 Vets Spaghetti Dinner, 6 p.m., OLOH
- 10 Our Lady of Hope Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Council 8086 Meeting
- 21 Assembly Meeting
- 30 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Rosen Center
- December 16 Vets Cookout, Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home



Left: Assembly members pose with an image of the Pope at the Harvest Festival Dinner Dance. Left to right are Ed Marusa, Roger Packard, Tim Mell, Bob Dytkowski, Paul McNamara, Ray Zall, Terry Cassidy, David Dolleslager, Lou Greci and Tim Mell.