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## Meeting Notice

The Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month at 3:30 at the Sizzler Restaurant on Santiam Highway in Albany. Current and prospective new members and wives are always welcome. As always casual attire.



## **The Navigator's Nocturnal By Bernie Covino, FN**

We are ... "Religiously Devoted and Patriotically Proud"

This statement, presented by District Master Michael Rooke at the March 5, 2016 District Assembly Business Meeting, could be the motto for all of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree but I believe it to be especially appropriate for Pope St John XXIII Assembly 906. Since this will be my final newsletter as Faithful Navigator, I would like to sum up my feelings about Assembly 906 for the last 3 years.

On the religious front lines, we have been fortunate to have monthly messages on the sanctity of life, of marriage, and on our religious duties from our Faithful Friar, Arnie Kroll. At the March 5 District Assembly Business meeting, Vice Supreme Master Karl Hadley stated that "while religious persecution in the USA is not as bad as that in the Middle East, yet much is being

forced on us. It is up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to stand up for our religious liberties."

On the Patriotic front lines, our Assembly sponsored a multi-year Patriotic Project, Sweatpants for Wounded Heroes, that finally was completed in 2015. In that project we raised a lot of money to buy and ship sweatpants to provide warmth and dignity for our wounded hero soldiers in Afghanistan. We also received donations of hospital scrubs for the same purpose. We continue a low level of involvement in support of the Veterans' Home in Lebanon, OR and regularly provide rides for veterans to the VA Hospital in Portland. We have participated in Memorial Day activities for the past 3 years, we are two-thirds of the way to forming a Flag Ceremony Team, and we plan to march in the Albany Veteran's Day parade this year.

On membership, I inherited a very healthy Assembly from Immediate Past Faithful Navigator Emmet Jones in July of 2013. Starting with 64 Assembly members in 2013 we added 19 new members over 3 years, with 11 coming in 2015, resulting in a total of 83 members at present. We have 4-5 applications in hand and we can look forward to another excellent recruiting year for Fraternal Year 2016-17. We should strive for Star Assembly next year.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our excellent group of officers: Faithful Captain and Faithful 1 Year Trustee Ben Duerr, Faithful Scribe and Faithful 2 Year Trustee Bob Rackham,

Faithful Purser Dan Wehrman, Faithful Comptroller Paul Nowak, Faithful 3 Year Trustee and Immediate Past Faithful Navigator Emmet Jones, Faithful Admiral John Morford, Faithful Friar and Color Corps Commander Arnold Kroll, Faithful Pilot Mark Krantz, Faithful Inner Sentinel and District Deputy Tom Radel, and Faithful Outer Sentinel Randy Lloyd. And there are those who for various reasons served as officers some of the past 3 years but retired from office: Dick Paradis, Jack Gall, and Fred Dare.

And last but not least I give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Newsletter Editor, Jon Keefer, as an excellent example of the spirit of Knighthood. Jon has been a Knight for 2 years and a Sir Knight for 1 year and still took on the task of compiling, editing, printing and delivering our bi-monthly newsletter; and he has excelled at it. He is very computer savvy, competent, and professional.

## Fortnight for Freedom

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops asks all Catholics to participate in this important event. They have provided numerous handout, videos and conversation starters for use to enlighten citizens of the importance of our religious freedoms.

Go to this link, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/>, to see material on the topic and to see what you can do to get involved.

As Edmund Burke is often quoted as saying, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

## Patriotic Degree Flag Ceremony Team

We are still looking to create a flag ceremony team out of Assembly 906. This would require regalia and the ability to practice several times per year. We have 4 volunteers. We are still looking for additional Sir Knights to volunteer. We will need at least 6 to

perform the ceremony. Let Bernie Covino know if you can participate and he will send the script via email.

Bernie Covino also has Regalia stores for anyone interested in joining and to mitigate the cost of the Regalia. The consisting of:

White Cape,  
2XL 36/37 regular collar shirt,  
size M Fancy collar shirt,  
social baldrics,  
suspenders and  
bowties.

## 2015-16 Assembly Officers

**Faithful Navigator:** Bernie Covino

**Faithful Captain: 1-Year Trustee:** Ben Duerr

**3-year Trustee:** Emmet Jones

**Faithful Pilot:** Mark Krantz

**Faithful Friar and Color Corps Commander:** Arnold Kroll

**Faithful Admiral:** John Morford

**Faithful Sentinel:** Tom Radel

**Faithful Comptroller:** Paul Nowak

**Faithful Scribe and 2-Year Trustee:** Bob Rackham

**Faithful Purser:** Dan Wehrman

**Outer Sentinel:** Randolph E Lloyd

## 2016-17 Assembly Officers Election Results

**Faithful Navigator:** John Morford

**Faithful Captain:** Ben Duerr

**3-year Trustee:** Bernie Covino

**2-Year Trustee:** Emmet Jones

**1 Year Trustee and Faithful Scribe:** Bob Rackham

**Faithful Pilot:** Mark Krantz

**Faithful Friar and Color Corps Commander:** Arnold Kroll

**Faithful Admiral:** Bob Weiler

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## Note: June Meeting changed to June 26

**Prayer Chain** - Please pray for the following Sir Knights: Larry Beary, Mel Chaput, Jack Gall, Paul Hofstadt, Frank Libra, Randy Lloyd, Bob Martin, John Morford, Jack O'Brien, Bob Rackham, Emmet Jones, Dave Trahan.

## CALENDAR

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications in OREGON:

June 3<sup>th</sup> – Florence  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Medford  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – Eugene  
September 17<sup>th</sup> - Beaverton

### Birthdays

#### May

George A. Bostwick (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Matt J. Hellman (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Rev James M. Herrera (18<sup>th</sup>)  
Dave H. Trahan (19<sup>th</sup>)  
Bernard F. Gerding (19<sup>th</sup>)  
Jerry R. Neuman (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Kenneth E. Hume (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Leslie A. Andersen (30<sup>th</sup>)

#### June

David J. Neuman (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Joseph F. Hlebichuk (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Jeffrey S. Nielson (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Robert L. Rackham (16<sup>th</sup>)  
Terry D. Brillon (24<sup>th</sup>)  
Melvin L. Chaput (28<sup>th</sup>)

#### July

Stanely D. Nored (6<sup>th</sup>)  
James J Becker (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Larry P. Beary (16<sup>th</sup>)

Fredrick A. Radel (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Frank J. Libra (22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### June 2016

1 – 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)  
3 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)  
4 – Ordination Mass St Mary's Cathedral Portland  
12 – 8164 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)  
13 – Red Cross Blood Drive – Albany  
14 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues)  
14 – Blue Mass For First Responders and Military - Albany  
14 – Flag Day  
16 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur)  
18 – Patriotic Exemplification - Medford  
19 – Father's Day  
21 – 4 Jul Fortnight for Freedom  
22 – Albany's Admissions Exemplification (4<sup>th</sup> Wed)  
25 – St Vincent De Paul Mobile Food Pantry - Corvallis  
26 - Assembly Meeting, Sizzler in Albany (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun\*)

#### July 2016

4- Independence Day  
6 – 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)  
7 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)  
10 – 8164 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)  
12 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues)  
14 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur)  
17 – Assembly Meeting, Sizzler in Albany (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
27 – Albany's Admissions Exemplification (4<sup>th</sup> Wed)

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