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May 2024

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

This Month we have 3 important dates to celebrate:

1st Mother’s Day (May 12th) I would like to wish to all the mothers in the Assembly a wonderful and Happy Mother’s Day.

2nd Our Lady of Fatima (May13th) we were asked by the Portuguese community to provide Honor Guard for Mass and procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday May 10th at 7:00 pm in All Saints. I encourage all of you to participate in the Mass and procession (Mass will said in Portuguese) just to honor our Lady.

3rd Memorial Day (May 27th) we are going to the Manassas Veterans Memorial and place a wreath in honor of all who gave their lives in the defense of our Country while serving in Armed Forces.

We are invited to present the Colors for the Relay for Life on May 11th at 3:00 pm at Harris Pavilion here in Manassas.

This weekend May 4th and 5th we are having the last sub sales for the fraternal year. Look out for emails requesting help for this and maybe other events.

Due to Memorial Day being on Monday our meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28th with the elections of new officers for next fraternal year.

Thank you for all you do.

May God bless you, May God Bless the United States of America.

In your service,

Carlos Sousa
Faithful Navigator



SPONSORED AMS SEMINARIANS



Mr. Dominic Counihan,
Archdiocese of Phoenix,
Army

Pictured are our two sponsored seminarians for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. The Assembly sponsors two seminarians each fraternal year through the Supreme RSVP program. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to prepare to serve the spiritual needs of our military through their priesthood.



Mr. Brendon Schneibel,
Diocese of Fargo,
Navy

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED SLATE OF BISHOP FLAHERTY OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025



Faithful Navigator	Dennis Corrigan
Faithful Captain	Tom Mehr
Faithful Pilot	Mike Rule
Faithful Comptroller	Matthew Carroll
Faithful Scribe	Dave Ciaverella
Faithful Purser	Scott Rose
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Rony Lopez
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Greg Hall
Faithful Admiral	Carlos Sousa
Faithful Three-Year Trustee	Louis Sheffield



AMERICAN FLAG DRAWING



Each month at the Assembly meeting we hold a drawing for a U.S. flag. All that is required for each Sir Knight in attendance at the meeting is to sign in prior to the beginning of the meeting and be present at the time of the drawing at the end of the meeting. This is a FREE drawing for every Sir Knight to participate in.

April Flag Raffle Winner--S.K. RJ Burns

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T ATTEND OUR MEETINGS!!

ASSEMBLY & SUPREME NOTICES

NOTES FROM SUPREME—1) A revised Patriotic Degree is in the final stages of development and testing. It is anticipated to go into use on or about February 22, 2025, in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree. 2) Effective July 1, 2024, social baldrics will no longer be given out at exemplifications. Wearing of the social baldric is grandfathered in for members without the new uniform for wear with their tuxedo at social gatherings. New members may purchase one, if so desired, for wear in settings requiring a tuxedo. 3) Effective July 1, 2024, the official Fourth Degree uniform is the preferred attire for exemplifications. Candidates may also wear dark suits. Tuxedos may not be worn by candidates. 4) In **SOCIAL SETTINGS ONLY** members may wear their Fourth Degree name badges on the **RIGHT** breast aligned with top left pocket. Badges must have magnet or pin backing.

OFFICIAL DRESS UNIFORM—Bishop Flaherty Assembly has established a Uniform Fund which will subsidize a portion of the cost for buying the new Fourth Degree uniform. This Uniform Fund is administered by the Trustees of our Assembly and funds are distributed based on need and availability of funds. Please contact any of our Trustees or Faithful Navigator for details about this program. The Supply Room is the new distributor for the Fourth Degree Dress Uniform. They are a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford, Alabama. Orders may be placed at www.kofcuniform.com.

SELF-DEDICATION TO JESUS CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom.

Accept my memory, my understanding, and my will.

You have given me all that I have or hold dear.

I return it to you, that it may be governed by your will.

Give me only your grace and the gift of loving you, and I will be rich enough;

I will ask for nothing more. Amen

Ascribed to Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

VIRGINIA ANNUAL STATE MEETING



Sir Knight Gerry Ulrich receiving Life program award from State Deputy Pat Rowland at Virginia State Meeting for his work in George Brent Council 5332.



Honor Guard for Mass at State Meeting



LADIES OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Dear Ladies,

Happy Mothers Day!

May you relax in the comfort and privacy of your own place of choosing and just go back in time and remember how your journey started.

My favorite thing about being a mom was the snuggles and holding that little hands... And the hellos. You know, when you're gone all day at work and the sheer joy/excitement from your child as they come barreling towards you at full speed? Those are signs of how much they love you, that'll stick forever. And let's not forget the random I love you....Oh Lord that was music from heaven.

My least favorite thing was how exhausted I was. Why am I so tired?... And how do parents get up and down off the floor so gracefully? I feel like I've aged 10 years since having my children, so I thought...

Well now I am a grandma, and oh boy!!! Some days I feel like I'm 100!!! But I love it every day... now she's the one who runs full speed towards me and that, my friends, takes me back in time and fills my heart with joy.

May it's a very special month at least for me. We shared this beautiful month with our Lady of Fatima and I became a mom for the second time.

I am so thankful to God for my children and my grandchild. That was such a blessing given to me and I'm sure you all feel the same.

So I hope you enjoy your Mother's Day and you feel all the blessings that motherhood gives to you So my friends once again Happy Mother's Day!

Mass and procession May 10 at 7 PM

Rosary May 17 at 8:30 PM

Much Love,
Tuxa Sousa

**Next Meeting
June 24, 2024
Hope to see you there!**



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ASSEMBLY PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following recently deceased:



Sir Knight Russell T. Clarke
Sir Knight Gerald W. Cramer, Sr.
Helen Kemmerling, sister of Carol Weaver
Wayne Emanuel, father of Sir Knight Bart Emanuel
Jack Rule, father of Sir Knight Mike Rule
Claire Hall, mother-in-law of Sir Knight John Rakshys
Kenneth Gibbons, brother of Sir Knight Greg Gibbons
Sir Knight Thomas J. Riley, PFN, HLM
Fr. James R. Shelton—Bishop Flaherty Assembly Faithful Friar



Please pray for our military and civilian service personnel serving in harm's way, especially the following young men and women who are part of our Assembly family:



SSgt Thomas Grimes	SFC Steven Mehr, USA
MAJ James Mehr, USA	A1C Michael Schiesl
CPT Sarah Mehr, USA	1SG Mark Verry, USA

Please remember in prayer all our brother Sir Knights, family members and loved ones who are in need of our prayers, especially the following:

Bill & Judy Albrecht
Don & Alice Andrews
Rich Aleksy
Larry & Carol Baer
Ken & Vickie Ball
Bill & John Bland
Tony & Margaret Bocchichio
Judy Bolton
Denise Buckreis
RJ Burns
Maureen Terza Campbell
Betty Cannon
Amor Carag
Mike Carta
Dave & Annemarie Ciaverella
Pat Clarke
Dennis & Celeste Corrigan
Ellie Dale
Carmen & Audreenia DeFranks
Rick & Mia Eisenbart
John Fittz

George & Josephine Fontaine
Peggy Gregory
David Jacobeen
William Jones
Larry & Monica Kattner
Jim Keating
Richard Keating
Greg Kendle
Tom Kozlowski
James Kremp
Veronica Lawrence
Noelle Le
Macaela Leblanc
Beverly Little
Walter Lostetter
Mike & Judith Marshall
Teresa Martin
Dan & Lynette Masarick
JP & Maggie McCusker
Sonia McKenzie
Richard & Lucie Moye

Sam Nealey
Casimir Nuar
Frank Nuar
Margaret Orama
Dick & Gillian Quintana
Jim Reynolds
Marie & Sean Riley
Donna Sheffield
Paul & Cathy Sledz
Matt Spinosa
Ryan Srnka
John & Heidi Stirrup
Anita Kay Sullivan
Bill Szarloeta
Bryan Townsend
Russ Townsend
Mike Tracy
Denise Ulrich
Kim Ulrich
Deacon Jim Van de Voorde
Carol Weaver



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MAY	
MAY 5	ELLIE & CHARLIE DALE
MAY 7	MAGGIE & JP MC CUSKER
MAY 11	JACKIE & KEN MATHIASMEIER
MAY 14	SUSAN & BILL BARTHELD
MAY 15	ANNEMARIE & DAVE CIAVERELLA
MAY 17	MARY & JOHN ONDO
MAY 17	KATHRYN & CHARLES SELTMAN
MAY 17	TERESA & MILT SHOMO
MAY 19	ANNE & PETE O'HANLON
MAY 21	KATHLEEN & ADAM SIMMONS
MAY 25	TERESA & HARRY POST
MAY 26	MARY JO & TOM MEHR
MAY 26	KATHY & DAN O'SHEA
MAY 27	DENISE & SCOTT ROSE
MAY 28	AUDREY & CARMEN DEFRANKS
MAY 28	KATHLEEN & DAVE MATHERS
MAY 29	JUDY & BILL BOLTON
MAY 29	CATHERINE & DOUG MORRISON
MAY 31	GEN & STEVEN MEHR

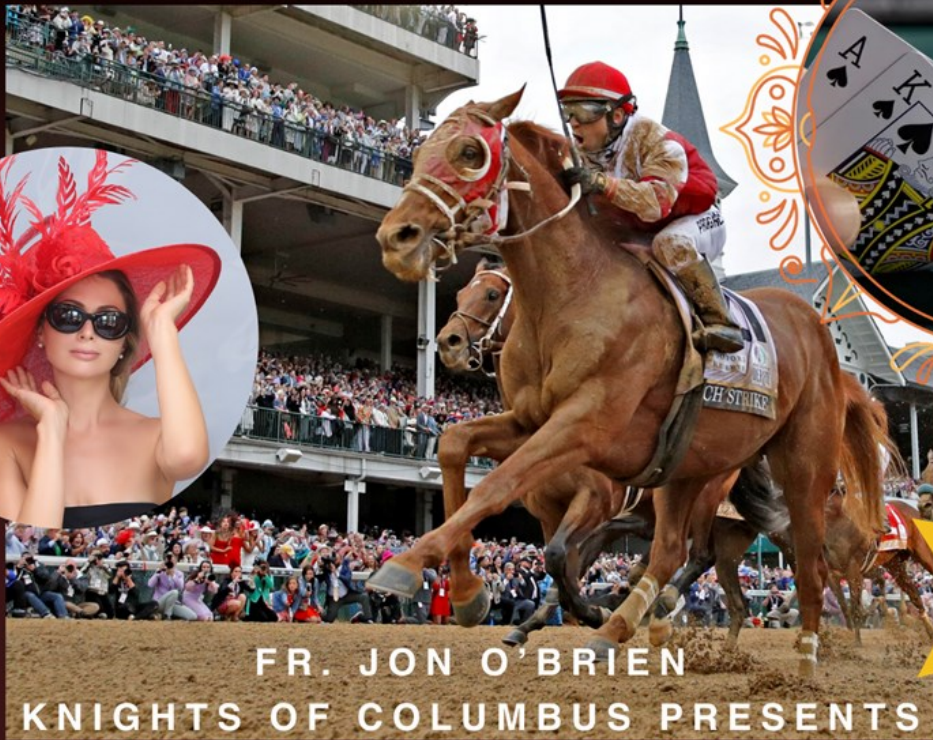
JUNE	
JUNE 1	ANNA MARIE & JIM CONROY
JUNE 1	LINDA & BERNARD ELLIS
JUNE 1	LINDA & MARTY KELLER
JUNE 6	ITALA & GIANCARLO OBANDO
JUNE 7	BARBARA & JOSEPH NICOLELLO
JUNE 9	TUXA & CARLOS SOUSA
JUNE 10	NICOLE & MICHAEL MASCI
JUNE 11	RONNIE & PAT LINEHAN
JUNE 11	KATY & TONY PASIEKA
JUNE 14	PEGGY & BOB FOX
JUNE 15	ROSE ANN & CONRAD ALZONA
JUNE 15	JEAN & GUY DE FURIA
JUNE 17	CAROL & LARRY BAER
JUNE 18	CHERYL & SCOTT DRUMMOND
JUNE 18	MIA & RICK EISENBART
JUNE 20	MARY & MATT LEWANDOWSKI
JUNE 20	BERNIE & TOM MARIANI
JUNE 20	KATHLEEN & AARON MESSIER
JUNE 20	DIANA & CRAIG PASCOE
JUNE 20	GILLIAN & DICK QUINTANA
JUNE 21	PATRICIA & DON LEWANDOWSKI
JUNE 21	AIME & FRANK NUAR
JUNE 23	KAREN & RON MONTAGNA
JUNE 26	LUCIE & DICK MOYE
JUNE 27	MARY & DAVE KUECKS
JUNE 29	KERRY & JOHN BLAND
JUNE 29	EILEEN & JOHN RAKSHYS

*"So they are no longer two,
 but one flesh: Therefore what
 God has joined together, let
 no one separate."
 Matthew 19:6*
Happy Anniversary!

A special Mass will be offered once every month for all married couples of Bishop Flaherty Assembly. We will not be mailing out individual wedding anniversary cards at the present time.



FR. JON O'BRIEN COUNCIL'S CASINO NIGHT



FR. JON O'BRIEN
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS



Kentucky Derby *Casino Knight*



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, 3-7 PM

TROUVAILLE BREWING COMPANY
14600 WASHINGTON ST. #150 HAYMARKET VA

PROCEEDS BENEFIT: NEW SKD CHURCH NEEDS
TICKETS: [HTTPS://FJOBKOF.C.ORG/CASINO-NIGHT](https://fjobkofc.org/casino-night)

Heavy Appetizers Raffle Prizes Table Games Kentucky Derby
2 Drinks Included & Fun Bucks & Horse Races Hat Contest

EARLY BIRD: \$75 PER PERSON
(\$85 AFTER APRIL 21)



All Games Operated by Professional Gaming Co., Must Be 21 Years Old
Kentucky Derby Attire with Hat (Men: Sports Coat, Women: As Appropriate)

Buy Tickets
Online or Pay
by Check

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR (as of April 30, 2024)

MAY 2024	
Friday-Sunday, May 3-5	Sub Sale--Preparation and Sub Sales
Friday, May 10	Our Lady of Fatima Procession at All Saints
Saturday, May 11	Relay for Life Colors Presentation at Harris Pavilion
Friday, May 17	Living Lighted Rosary at All Saints
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Wreath Laying at Manassas Veterans Memorial
Tuesday, May 28	Assembly Meeting-Sir Knights only-ELECTIONS
JUNE 2024	
Monday, June 24	Assembly Meeting with Ladies

MAY SIR KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

Jake Bianco	Richard Haight	Giancarlo Obando	Paul Sebula	Jeff Taylor
Billy Bolton	Randy Harrill	Frederick Puthoff	Tim Smith	Michael Trotochaud
Hugh Brien	Larry Kattner	John Rakshys	Amilcar Sorto	Jeff Vallimont
Frank Carissimo	Tony Lopacki	Dave Riley	Matt Spinosa	
David Farmer	Stephen Mustin	Ed Schulze	John Stirrup	

ASSEMBLY RECOGNITION



Congratulations to the April
Sir Knight of the Month
Scott Rose



Welcome to new
Sir Knight Larry Brady

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