



4TH NEWS

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT



Worthy Knights of the Fourth Degree Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly: Hope and pray you are all keeping good health and staying safe during this pandemic. Also hope you'll have been able to enjoy the warm summer we have been experiencing.

As this is my first newsletter in the role of Faithful Navigator, let me begin by a brief introduction. I live in Oakville and belong to St. Matthew Parish. My wife Delyse and two sons Reece and Jayden live with me. We have been members of St. Matthew Parish since 2000 and have been actively involved with the Parish.

On the history of the Fourth Degree: Our **PFN/Faithful Admiral Ron Sullivan** has added a section in this newsletter for the Admiral's Report. In it he has written about the history of the Fourth Degree. I encourage you to read his article and look forward to his contribution in future newsletters where he plans to provide more information.

The role of the Faithful Navigator as described in the Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs") is "To be the Chief Executive Officer of the Assembly and preside over all meetings of the Assembly, shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Assembly, the laws of the Order, SOPs, and shall be Chairman of the Board of Trustees". There is a lot more mentioned in the SOP's which I do not intend to repeat here. I look forward to performing the duties of the role and will seek out help from the other experienced SK's as I go through this journey.

We had the initiation of the new executive committee on June 17th. This was done by having a virtual meeting. District Master Danyl Lohin conducted the initiation ceremony and was assisted by District Marshal James Raats. The Jewels could not be donned on the executive members. We will work through how to get this item completed.

We will be having the first meeting for the year on September 16th as a virtual meeting. We may continue to have meetings virtually until we are all comfortable having them in person. I will be sending out the logistics for the meeting closer to the date.

Orderly Audit: The Board of Trustees met online on Wednesday July 22nd and then in a socially distanced meeting on Wednesday July 29th for the annual audit. They found all to be in order and the signed report was sent to the Supreme Council three days before the deadline. This is the Audit for the past year under the tenure of **PFN – Ron Sullivan**.

Currently we do not have any Color guard engagements scheduled. As we get requests coming in, I will communicate via email to the team.

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MEETING NOTICE!



NEXT MEETING:

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
(TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY)**



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Our Assembly now has a new member: **SK Gaetano Peritore**, the son of **SK Giuseppe**, exemplified into the Fourth Degree on the June 20th. This Exemplification was organized by the 2nd Ontario District. As the meeting was virtual, the social baldric, pin and certificate could not be presented. On August 21st, **PFN Ron Sullivan** and **FN Renfred D'Souza** went to **SK Gaetano's** residence to do a drive by presentation of these articles. At left are photos of the event.

At right is a photo of **PFN SK Ron Sullivan** being presented with the PFN jewel by current **FN Renfred D'Souza**.



SK James Montague was presented a commendation from Ontario Premier Doug Ford by Effie Triantafilopoulos, Minister of Long-Term Care. This was to recognize **SK James** for all the acts of kindness he has been doing during these hard times. We are proud of you **SK James** and also compliment your parents Joan and **SK Steve Montague** for developing you into this awesome citizen.



The Second Ontario District, Cardinal McGuigan Province is having a Fourth Degree Virtual Exemplification on Sept 26th at 7:00 pm. Any SK who knows of a Third Degree Brother interested in joining the Fourth Degree, please inform them to contact me at renfredpmd@hotmail.com cell number 289-681-3732.

As we go through the year, we will review and decide what can be accomplished during this pandemic period. The health of our members is most important to me, so we will make the decisions needed to accomplish our objectives keeping this foremost in our mind. I pray that you all continue to stay safe during this time and take all necessary precautions. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus, Sir Knight Renfred D'Souza Faithful Navigator Bishop Reding Assembly 1981 (2020-21)



FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT

PGK, PFN, S. K. Jacob Floris

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

- Brother Rocco Lavalle, father in law of **S.K. PGK Giuseppe Peritore**
- **S.K. Reverend Father Louis Lenssen**, our Faithful Friar
- Mary Laratta, sister in law of **S.K. PFN PGK Jacob Floris**
- Maria Bonfield, wife of **S.K. Peter Bonfield**
- **S.K. Wayne Kendall**
- Laura Kupferschmidt, wife of **S.K. PGK, PFN Gerry Kupferschmidt**
- Georgina Burke, aunt of **S.K. Kevin Badour**
- **S.K. Joe DiPaolo**
- Loretta Floris, wife of **S.K. PGK, PFN Jacob Floris**
- **S.K. PGK Andy Livingstone**
- **S.K. PGK, PFN Bob McCarney**
- **S.K. John Skanes**
- Mary Hayward, daughter of **S.K. PGK PFN Ron Sullivan**
- **S.K. John Garofano**

2019-2020 Deceased (2020 Memorial Mass):

- **S.K. Father Peter Watters**
- **S.K. Robert Castonguay**

CONTACTS FOR INPUT OF SICK AND DECEASED:

S.K. Jacob N. Floris, Faithful Pilot, Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly, 905-399-4400 jacobnfloris@gmail.com

The following have been contacted either through Grand Knights or directly to ensure the flow of information:

Marian Council 3881 - Br. Conor Boyd, 905-469-4157 conmarboyd@gmail.com

Mary Mother of God Council 14446 - S.K. Milt Cowan PGK, PFN, FDD, 905-842-4319 miltcowan@cogeco.ca

Note to Above Listing: We the Knights of Columbus support the privacy of Member, Family and Friends when compiling the PRAYER list. If you wish us to place a name on the list, please ask the person who we are praying for if they want to be put on the list and whether they wish their ailments to be disclosed. Indicate when and if they wish to be removed from the list!



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

PGK PFN S.K. Ron Sullivan

As Faithful Admiral one of my responsibilities is to encourage membership in the Fourth, the Patriotic Degree. I thought perhaps it would prudent to first look at how this degree came about to begin to understand what the purpose and function is.

From the earliest days of the Order, members wanted to create a form of hierarchy and recognition for senior members; this issue was discussed at the National Meeting of 1899. As early as 1886, Supreme Knight James T Mullen had proposed a patriotic degree with its own symbolic dress. From these discussions, the Fourth Degree was created, joining the three previous degrees on charity, unity, and fraternity.

About 1,400 members attended the first exemplification of the Fourth Degree at the Lenox Lyceum in New York on February 22, 1900. The event was infused with Catholic and patriotic symbols, imagery that "celebrated American Catholic heritage". The two knights leading the ceremony, for example, were the Expositor of the Constitution and the Defender of the Faith. The ritual soon spread to other cities. The new Fourth Degree members returned to their councils, forming assemblies composed of members from several councils. Those assemblies chose the new members.

In 1903, the Board of Directors officially approved a new degree exemplifying patriotism Order-wide, using the New York City model. The Order had a "desire to receive within its ranks only the best" and intended the men should be practicing Catholics. As one measure, each candidate was required to submit a certificate from his parish priest attesting that he had received Holy Communion within the past two weeks.

Assemblies may form color guards, which are often the most visible arm of the Knights. They often attend important civic and church events.

The first Fourth Degree uniform, adopted in 1900, consisted of white ties, top hats, and tails. In 1940, the uniform was changed to a plumed chapeau, a tuxedo, a cape, and a ceremonial sword. With the 1940 uniform, the Supreme Master wore a dark blue cape and chapeau, a vice supreme master wore a light blue cape and chapeau, a master wore a gold cape and chapeau, a district marshal wore a green cape and chapeau, a faithful navigator wore a white cape and chapeau, an assembly commander wore a purple cape and chapeau, and color corps members wore red capes and white chapeaus.

In 2017, the uniform was modernized to consist of a blue blazer, an official Knights of Columbus tie, and a beret, all of which are embossed with the fourth-degree emblem. Members also wear white shirt and dark gray slacks. The ceremonial sword was retained.

In brief the above represents how the Fourth was formed and how the dress evolved to today's dress. Each month I will be adding more insight into the meaning of Patriotism and the role the Fourth plays in being the visible representative of the Knights of Columbus to the public.



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

PGK FDD S.K. Martin Kosterman

The Bishop Reding Assembly Standard Operating Procedures for the role of Faithful Captain, item 16, states "Prepare a monthly report for inclusion in the newsletter".

Does the Assembly continue to have affection and belief in Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ?

What is the nature of our patriotic activity that demonstrates this belief as Catholics?

The reason for these questions is because they are crucial to our flourishing and survival as a civilization based on Christian principles and The Rule of Law.

Many of our activities have been to show or display to the world what we believe but in this environment is it enough?

Are we engaging with people outside of our community with regard to the things that we believe? If so, are we running into resistance? The U.S. Constitution speaks to us clearly about the value of free speech and freedom to practice our religion. These principles must be conveyed respectfully, patiently and peacefully.

We have all seen what is happening in America with riots by various factions. Lost in this environment is a sensible argument that Americans are entitled to in The First Amendment and Second Amendment.

Are we doing enough to protect freedoms in our own country? Are we aware as to how fragile a liberal democracy can be to abandon free speech and freedom of religion?

We are at a point in the history of The Fourth Degree of The Knights of Columbus that perhaps we need to pray more, contemplate vigorously about doing things differently in our advocacy of this great Order and the world we live in.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETINGS—3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 PM
MARIAN HALL**

Note: All meetings will be held virtually until further notice



MEETING DATES:

**September 16, 2020
(to be held virtually)**

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Mario Rodriguez

John Howard

Terence Mulloy

Alan Osborne

Manuel Medeiros

Michael Parsons

Stephen Hoo

Robert Harason



William and Miriam Wright

Michael and Janice Cassidy

Louis and Maria Aiello

Antoon and Francis Paret

Ronald and Chantal Gauthier

Leo and Elizabeth Campbell

Kevin and Virgilia Badour

Ed and Marie Viana

Brendan and Mary Wall

Francis and Pauline Collins



COLOUR GUARD EVENTS



THERE ARE NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE REVIEW SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTERS FOR FUTURE COLOUR GUARD EVENTS.

BISHOP REDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2020/2021

Faithful Friar

Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP

Faithful Navigator

Renfred D'Sousa

Faithful Captain

Martin Kosterman, PGK, FDD

Faithful Admiral

Ron Sullivan, PGK, PFN

Faithful Pilot

Jacob Floris, PGK, PFN

Faithful Comptroller

Steve Montague

Faithful Purser

Brian Thornton

Faithful Scribe

Brendan Saunders, PGK, PFN, FDM, FVSM

Faithful Inner Sentinel

John Casullo

Faithful Outer Sentinel

Stephen Hoo

Faithful Trustee 2020

Andy Livingston

Faithful Trustee 2021

Ron Kwapis

Faithful Trustee 2022

Liberato DiBacco

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Ron Sullivan, PGK, PFN

Faithful Commander

David Fisher PGK, DD

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John Garofano

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Brian Dobson

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Ron Sullivan, PGK, PFN

Webmaster

David Fisher, PGK, DD

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 LABOUR DAY 	8 NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY 	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 GENERAL MEETING (held virtually) 	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			