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month... See newsletter for time and location.*

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## Faithful Navigator's Report



**SK Chris Sucher  
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2050**

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,  
Please read the message from the Master regarding the new uniform. In this message he answers questions regarding the new uniform and how it replaces the tuxedo and the Color Corps cape and chapeau. Many of you have been very adamant regarding this change and I only ask that you give this a chance.

There are two VA Hospital events scheduled for September. The first one is the quarterly bingo that will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

This will be at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Did you know that veterans repeat the number 40 when it is called? I did not and researched why. During WWII, boxcars would load 40 men per car. When the limit was reached the group would shout out 40 and the next car would then be loaded.

The second VA Hospital event is the annual car show. This is being held on the following Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. This will also be at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. The veterans will select the Best in Show prize.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is not a potluck event. The location is TBD, but the meeting will begin at 8pm.

Vivat Jesus!  
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## Calendar of Events September

**September 10 VA Bingo**  
**VA Hospital, Ann Arbor**

**September 17 VA Car Show**  
**VA Hospital, Ann Arbor 1-3pm**

## September Color Corps Call-Ups



**SK Dave Russell**  
**Color Corps Commander**

**September 9, 2017 Saturday 5:00pm** Mass. St. Mary, Pinckney Corporate Communion Council 11761.

**September 10, 2017 Sunday 8:30am** Mass. St. Agnes, Fowlerville. Corporate Communion Council 8605

**September 16, 2017 Saturday 5:00pm** Mass. St. Patrick, Brighton. Corporate Communion Council 7304. There will be a dinner after Mass in McCann Hall. All Color Corp attending Mass and their wife are invited.

**September 23, 2017 Saturday 5:00pm** Mass. St. Patrick, Brighton. Installation of Father Mathis as Pastor of St. Patrick. Bishop Boyea will be celebrant.

**September 24, 2017 Sunday 9:00am** St. Augustine Boy Scout Troop 381 Golf Outing, Honor Guard. Hawk Meadows Golf Course 410 East Marr Road, Howell.

## September Birthdays



*Try and surprise some of the following September Birthdays of Sir Knights and Ladies. Say “**Happy Birthday**” when you see:*

- 9-1 Joan Brown
- 9-3 John Ohm Jr.
- 9-3 Don Rigoulot
- 9-4 Eileen Moloney
- 9-4 Ray Mitchie
- 9-4 Richard Devost
- 9-4 Clark Ivey
- 9-6 Eileen Moloeny
- 9-6 Ray Kuch
- 9-6 Laura Manko
- 9-6 Rob Keller
- 9-6 Adelita Theis
- 9-7 Gene Dziadon
- 9-7 Jay Nickel
- 9-7 Dr. Christopher Kottke
- 9-8 Rev. Fr. David Speicher
- 9-9 Kevin McGowan
- 9-9 Stanley Fedewa
- 9-10 Susan Walton
- 9-12 Frank Remrnar
- 9-13 Bill Blake
- 9-13 Kathy Shanahan
- 9-13 Rev. Fr. Francis George
- 9-14 John Nalepa
- 9-14 Sylvester Ceci
- 9-14 Burt Wakeman
- 9-15 Jeff Reseigh
- 9-17 Juanita Gudaitis
- 9-18 Raymond Herpy
- 9-17 Barry Withorn
- 9-18 Mike Moloney
- 9-19 Thomas Bacus
- 9-19 Bill Sampey
- 9-20 Wayne W. Clinger
- 9-22 Fred Galbraith

9-22 Paul Gillman  
9-22 John Manko  
9-23 Maggie Jacobs  
9-23 Therese Simpson  
9-24 Therese Simpson  
9-24 Susan Tyle  
9-25 Jerry Horan  
9-25 Deborah Guidos  
9-27 Ralph Maresco  
9-27 Lillian Roman  
9-27 Wilma Stark  
9-30 Bernard Diamond  
9-30 Linda Evon  
9-30 Steve Hansen



*These September Brides and their lucky Sir Knights are celebrating an anniversary:*

9-1 Pat & Kathy Shanahan  
9-1 Leon & Susanne Fox  
9-3 Benedict & Marian Halek  
9-5 Herbert & Carol Ann Theibert  
9-7 Tom & Georgia DeNoyer  
9-7 Jerry & Joan Warren  
9-8 J.R. & Julie Szczerowski  
9-9 Richard & Kristen Lamay  
9-9 Dave & Deborah Guidos  
9-9 Peter and Tina Schwartz  
9-9 Eric & Susan Pogmich  
9-10 Roderick & Mary Forman  
9-10 Ralph & Katherine Maresco  
9-11 Thomas & Heather Trudell  
9-14 David & Patricia Wagner  
9-15 Chester & Tobie Pesmark  
9-16 Richard & Karen Savale  
9-17 Russell & Phyllis Villerot  
9-17 Bernard & Judy Regan  
9-18 Larry & Angela Gunn  
9-18 Todd & Patricia Burris  
9-19 Terry & Marsha Spellicy  
9-20 Ron & Darlyne Foldenauer  
9-20 Larry & Sandra Myers  
9-20 John & Jenny Ohms  
9-20 John & Vanessa Reineke

9-23 Tom & Michelle Rodgers  
9-23 Al & Wilma Stark  
9-24 Tim & Cindy Donovan  
9-24 John & Laura Manko  
9-26 John & Debbia Shorkey  
9-26 John & Patricia McFarland  
9-27 Raymond & Susan Tyle

## Gratitude from Father Baguma



I received an email from Father Tarcis Baguma thanking the Assembly for our donation to his beekeeping project. To review Father Baguma is the head of a Catholic institution, Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker. Their main income is selling honey and honey products. With the money they earn they buy materials to hand build schools to teach people who otherwise would know about our Risen Lord:

*Dear Bro.Ron.*

*Greeting from Fr.Tarcis Baguma from Uganda.*

*Allow me to add to the voice and message of David Jebb from Saline, upon your generous contribution of US \$1,000.00 that you the Knights of Columbus contributed towards the Uganda Bee project of the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker.*

*As he has indicated to you these funds will be utilized for the intentions for which they have been requested for. I am in charge of the same project, will ensure that whatever you have contributed will be accounted and a report will be forwarded with some photographs to show the developments of our Bee projects.*

*Once again allow me to express my joy for having met you physically and thank you all for allowing us talk to you with David Jebb and presented our short video, showing some of the activities we have so far carried out on the Bees project and other activities that the Brothers of St. Joseph the Worker do as a religious institute.*

*Extend my gratitude and best regards to all the Knights of Columbus, in Brighton.*

*My blessings to you all and to your families and your work.*

*Fr.Tarcis Baguma-Superior - Brothers of St.Joseph the Worker.*

*My Email: [tarbagad345@gmail.com](mailto:tarbagad345@gmail.com)*

## Council Does This Month



**#8605**

September 30 Dinner Theater "Murder Mystery in Margaritaland" 5:30pm

## Play the Assembly 2050 Lotto



No winner at the July meeting the pot is \$100+.

## Prayer Requests (Good of the Order)



**Let us pray for our Brother Sir Knights, Ladies, their families and their friends:**

**Tempus Fugit – Momento Mori**

**For the repose of the soul of :**

Marlene Walser  
Chris Tyle  
Anne Skeltis  
Karl Overberg  
Cecile Byrne  
Fred Mandry  
Eileen Sheridan  
Joel Collins  
Barbara Dolan

**For those that mourn their passing: Blessed are they who love enough to mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

**For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:**

Liz Childs  
Ray Tyle  
Jim & Lillian Roman  
Cynthia Glubzinski  
Father Jim Lothamer  
Jim Kielczewski  
Kathryn Gierlach  
Juanita Gudaitis  
Deacon "Pete" Gudaitis  
Richard & Karen Spanke

**For those who are serving in the military we pray:**

Major Bobby Clements, Marines – Nephew of Jim Osborne



Captain. Matt Smigielski, Army – Nephew of Greg Smigielski  
Sgt Chris Price, Army – Son of Scott Price  
Benjamin Ryan – Grandson of Bob Ryan  
Bradley Stanbury  
SSG Vincent Wolterman, Army  
Col. Chris Michaelson, USMC nephew of Jim Osborne,  
PFC Logan Hinners, USMC and PFC Jon Pizzo, Marines both grand nephews of Jim Osborne.  
PFC Connor Lafrinere USMC grandson of Jim Osborne  
Sgt. Chris Monroe, Army, who is stationed in Germany nephew of Steve Schafer  
"Darkhorse" 3rd Battalion 5th Marines and their families.

Lord, hold our troops in your hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen

Remember those who have given the last full measure of devotion to their country and for the troops currently stationed in the Middle East.

**For the following special intentions we pray:**

For peace throughout the world (especially in Syria)

Please say the following prayer:

**Memorare**



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this

confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen

Note: If you have any prayer requests you would like to have printed in this newsletter contact the Editor, Ron Forfinski [snorp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:snorp@sbcglobal.net)

## Editor's Editorial of the New Color Corps Regalia



With Supreme's sudden directive to change the Color Corps' regalia there has been much uproar and rightly so. I immediately emailed my concerns to Supreme and will share them here. I hesitated to contact Supreme but with Fourth Degree being a Patriotic Degree the First Amendment guarantees the Freedom of Speech I chose to go ahead. The Knights of Columbus parallels the company I work for. Both were leaders in their fields for many years but both are now failing.

My company has been in business for almost fifty years but is now having to stave off bankruptcy. Recently I was given a promotion with much more responsibility. (I thought I would cruise to retirement.) I'm sure it wasn't for my abilities but because the older more capable engineers retired and the younger ones quit. The company hired a firm to investigate the company's employees' views. Word spread you better not say anything negative or you were sure to be laid off. I told these alarmists if the company doesn't want me to speak the truth I don't want to be a part of it anyway and I feel the same about the K of C.

Last month we were told that Michigan Knights were down 6000 members from the last count and that less than 20% of these Knights are Fourth Degree Knights. I know the State Deputy is all about membership and rightfully so that's the way the organization can only survive.

My own journey with the K of C started in 1991 in Plymouth. My Dad was life member joining in 1963. Over the years money was sometimes tight but my Father and Mother knew the K of C was a worthwhile organization and sent in the membership dues in each year.

I wasn't very active in the Plymouth council and when I moved to Brighton we joined the Holy Spirit parish and found they had recently started up a new a council. I chose to go through the first Degree again in 1997 but still kept my old membership number. Things moved quickly from then. At my first meeting I was elected an officer. I went through the Second and Third Degrees in 1999 and it was a bad experience, if you know what I mean and vowed to never join the Fourth Degree until PFN John Farren convinced me to. I figured I've come this far as I might as well finish. Finally in 2007 I asked long time "money man" SK Bob Ryan how much it would cost and was shocked by the figure. Shopping for a tuxedo Judy convinced me to buy the best one I could afford and bought one for \$500 (2007 dollars). I figured I would wear it about 50 times to get my money out of it, but over the past ten years I estimate I've worn it about 250 times and it is still in good condition.

Soon after joining the Fourth Degree PFN John Farren asked me to join the Color Corps. I asked then CC the late PFN Mike Pitlanish how much it would cost and he quoted me another a figure I was hesitant but decided to join because I figured this was something I planned to do for next thirty years. I didn't like the quality of \$100 swords Lynch & Kelly sold and bought slick a slick silver plated vintage 1948 sword on Ebay for \$61.00. Being over six feet tall I had to order the extra long cape another added expense I didn't plan on. The regalia seems to run on the small side making it tough for us larger fellows. (I'm talking to you Doc.) Ordering the sword baldric it was a bit small so I ordered another one and Judy cut them apart,

added a piece and sawed them together but it still didn't look right. PFN Dave Russell was kind of enough to give me an extra long sword baldric that finally looked good.

When I became Faithful Navigator there was another added expense of buying another long white cape and was told to buy a new white handled sword. I said "I'll just paint the handle white" I was told that was bad idea because some had tried it and it came out terrible. I have a friend who paints hot rods and had him paint my sword and PFN Don Sucher's swords and both came out superb.

When I first joined the color corps I was more motivated and kept detailed records of participation and the number of callups per year. In my first year there was thirteen and as the years went by that number dramatically climbed until this year CC PFN Dave Russell declared we do over 40 call ups this year.

Color corps member have to be dedicated. I've seen many color corps members come and go. In the beginning I rarely missed a call up, but with job responsibilities and other interests my attendance has been spotty over the last few years. The members that were here before I joined still rarely miss a call up and this is truly remarkable. I'm talking about SK Dave Russell, SK Don Sucher and SK John Lafleur these men deserve our admiration for their commitment

Wearing the regalia is not always comfortable. I remember one hot Flag Day in Williamston standing at attention in the hot sun for fifteen minutes while little girls sang patriotic songs. Recently at the last officers installation when I went to pull out the kneeler at St. Mary Magdalen my cape stuck got stuck in the chair causing me to fall on my bad football knee on the tile floor.

Not only are these call ups taxing to our free time they can be expensive when we have to drive several miles to site of the call-up. PFN John Farren told me in Florida the CC requests \$100 from the family for the color corps to show up at wakes. The CC distributes this money to color corps member who show up to help pay for their gas.

The old regalia being around since 1940 is probably indeed dated. As far the new regalia I like it but what I don't like is how it's being instituted. We're told to buy the new regalia for \$510.00 plus \$35.10 for shipping and another estimated \$25.00 for a tailor to hem the pants. So we color members are asked to spend \$570.10 we thought we wouldn't had to and that's not including the purchase of a good white shirt if we don't already have one. I reminded Supreme that many Color Corps members are on fixed incomes. Even with 25% discount Supreme decided to give us to till the end of September I'm not sure if I'll continue in the Color Corps. My decision is not just for the money, I'm suspicious, the two established K of C suppliers, The English Company and Lynch & Kelly are shutout from supplying the new regalia essentially putting them out of business with a new company being the sole supplier. My suggestions to Supreme told them if I was charge of this new directive I would institute the two following suggestions for a smooth roll out:

1. Let old color members continue to use their old regalia for as long they wish or the regalia is in good shape. (Yes, but only till 5/30/18.)
2. Give the old color corps members a discount if they wish to purchase the new regalia.(Which they did but only for a short time.)

Supreme decided to rescind on the decision of the removal of the sword but leave it up to the Parish Priest. We all know the sword will soon really disappear and I'm not surprised. There was the old pastor at St. Agnes who didn't like want the sword used during Mass. My own experience was a couple years ago at St. Mary Magdalen when I went to get a drink at water fountain when this lady walked up to me and said the church is part of the school and the school has a "zero tolerance" for weapons. I thought she was kidding but she tried to block my path and I told her, "Lady, this sword wouldn't cut butter." With this new PC for swords many people forget their history. The Knights of the Crusades. The pommel on their swords form the Cross and story of Peter cutting

off the ear of a Roman soldier with a sword when he came for Jesus at **Gethsemane**, garden

Then there's the problem of having a new CC manual covering the new regalia hasn't been written yet. When a company launches a new change their supporting documentation is covered but some reason the K of C is different.

If you read between the lines of the Master's press release, tuxedos are the next to go because new candidates can wear a dark business suit for the exemp or a tuxedo. The release further states tuxedos will continue to be used until they "exhaust their supply of social baldrics", translation: when we have noting further to sell we don't care what you wear. I know a lot of Sir Knights plan on being buried in their tuxedos maybe in future that's all be all they're good for.

The biggest problem I have with this new regalia changeover is Supreme's kicking to the curb its old loyal Sir Knights for the sake of attracting new younger members because their "experts" probably said this only way to ensure the survival of the K of C in the future but I totally disagree.