



The Bishop Flaherty Patriot



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April 2024

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter. He is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia

Let this Easter Season be a new beginning for all of us. The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior should be an inspiration for a new beginning to amend our relationship with others and ourselves and to start a new Path, a new way of life.

This month of April brings us another sub sale April 6th and 7th just look out for email from sub sale chairman for help.

On Saturday April 13th there is an exemplification at St. Edwards in Richmond. If you have any candidates, please let me know before April 6th.

Finally, on Friday April 26th the Assembly will present the Colors at 4:30 pm for the opening of the 2023/2024 Annual State Meeting in Herndon, VA.

My Easter Prayer to You:

Dear God, may we feel the warm embrace of your Love on this Sacred Day. May the glory of Jesus resurrection remind us that with you, nothing is impossible or without hope. In your name we pray. Amen

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. A check to each sponsored seminarian for \$600 was issued at our December meeting. 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

DEACON BRIAN'S REFLECTION

Brother Sir Knights,

Sir Knights, as we begin the joy of the Easter season let us continue to be mindful of the lessons of Lent. Our daily Catholic lives should incorporate those things we heard Jesus say to us again and again in the Gospels throughout Lent; the things that comprise the challenge of true discipleship.

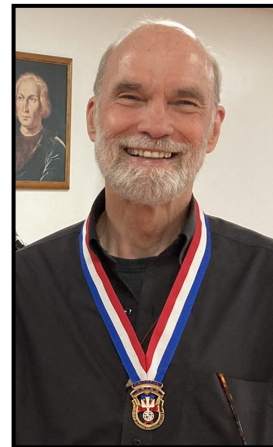
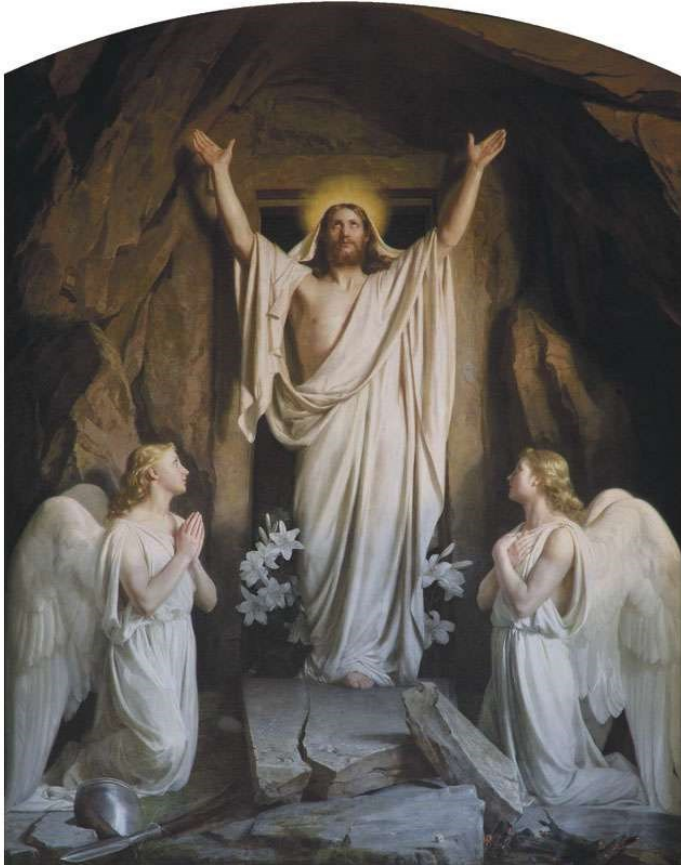
We must continue to deny ourselves daily by saying no to self and yes to God. This means no less than making God the ruling principle of life.

We must continue to take up our cross, that is, the burden of sacrifice. The Christian life is a life of sacrificial service. It is a life that fulfills the supreme commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourself.

We must choose daily to follow Jesus. This is simply to say, we must render to Christ perfect obedience. The Christian life is one of constant obedience in thought, word and action to Jesus. We walk in the footsteps of Jesus no matter where they may lead.

If we meet life in the constant search for safety, security, and comfort life becomes too earth-bound. There is a difference between existing and living, and only Jesus Christ gives us the recipe for life, true life, both now and in the life to come.

Praise be to Jesus Christ, now and forever. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Deacon Brian



LADIES OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Dear Ladies,

Can you feel it?

The sweet scent of fresh blooms in the air, (and the allergies...), the warm sun on your skin, and the exciting anticipation of a brand-new month just around the corner, it's easier to smile when the weather gets warm.

That's right: April is here. Can you believe it? I also can't believe that we just celebrated Easter. I don't know about you, but to me it feels a little odd that it isn't in April. But celebrating the love of Jesus Christ, his giving up his life for us, it doesn't really matter what month it is, right?

So ladies I hope you did have a blessed Easter. Being with family is always a precious time.

Grab a cup of coffee. Sit back and get ready to soak up the joy and positivity that April has in store for us.

P.S.— Please think about serving as an officer in the fourth-degree ladies auxiliary.

Much Love,
Tuxa Sousa

Next Meeting
April 22, 2024
Hope to see you there!

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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.

March Flag Raffle Winner--S.K. Thom Harrington

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

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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
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
Agnes Aleksy, wife of Sir Knight Rich Aleksy
Mary Burns, wife of Sir Knight RJ Burns
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
Marie & Sean Riley
Donna Sheffield
Paul & Cathy Sledz
Matt Spinosa
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

APRIL	
APRIL 2	MARIA & FAUSTINO BENITEZ
APRIL 4	MONICA & LARRY KATTNER
APRIL 8	VAL & SAM NEALEY
APRIL 10	JOAN & PATRICK MCDONALD
APRIL 13	JENNIFER & BRYAN HALL
APRIL 16	CYNTHIA & CRAIG RADCLIFF
APRIL 20	NATALIE & MASON CURLING
APRIL 21	GAIL & KEVIN LORD
APRIL 23	CATHY & THOM HARRINGTON
APRIL 23	LEIGH & JIM MEHR
APRIL 27	ROSEANN & RICH BOHMER
APRIL 28	LAURA & ALAN WALKER

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



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.

ASSEMBLY NOTICES

ASSEMBLY DUES—Assembly dues are assessed at \$25 on a calendar year basis (January 1—December 31) and are separate from Council dues. Dues notices for the 2024 Calendar Year were sent out electronically and have been followed up by a hard copy sent via USPS. An electronic payment option has been set up on the Assembly web site:

<https://uknight.org/AssemblyNews.asp?A=1678>

Members experiencing financial hardship, disability, or any other reason for not being able to remit dues payment should contact the Faithful Navigator as soon as possible.

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.



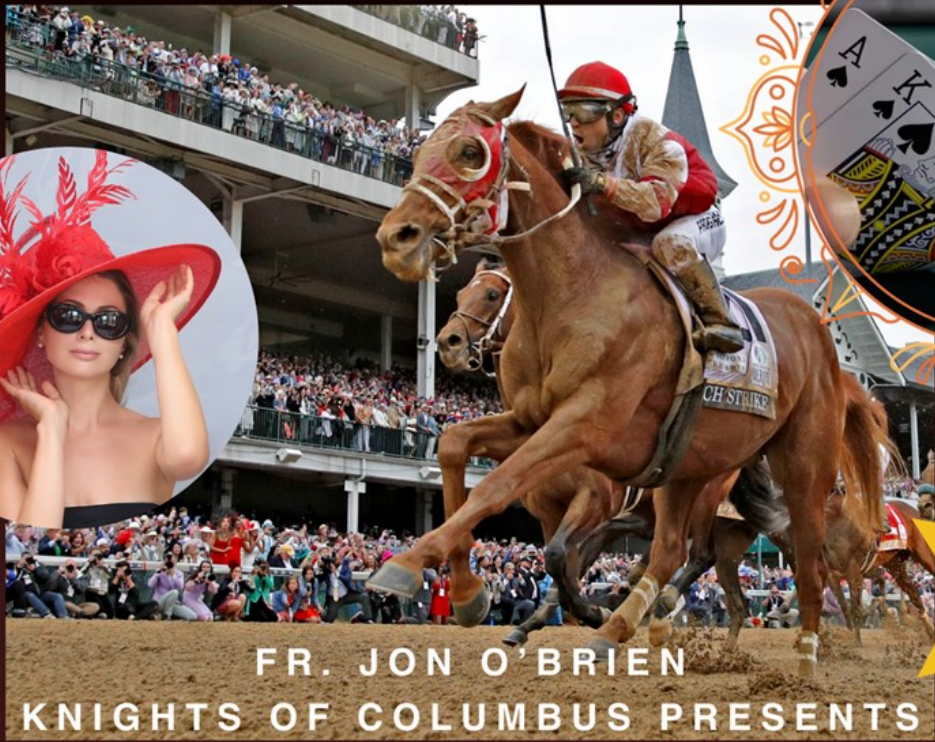
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



ASSEMBLY FISH FRY



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 March 31, 2024)

APRIL 2024

Friday-Sunday, April 5-7	Sub Sale--Preparation and Sub Sales
Saturday, April 13	4th Degree Exemplification-Richmond
Monday, April 22	Assembly Meeting with Ladies
Friday-Saturday, April 26-27	State Convention-Herndon, VA

MAY 2024

Friday-Sunday, May 10-12	Sub Sale--Preparation and Sub Sales
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Wreath Laying
Tuesday, May 28	Assembly Meeting-Sir Knights only

JUNE 2024

Monday, June 24	Assembly Meeting with Ladies
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APRIL SIR KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

Larry Baer	Matthew Driscoll	John Masarick	Daniel O'Shea	Milt Shomo
William Chan	Mark James	James Mehr	Jerry Partsch	Brian Soloway
Bill Cira	Ken Kerzner	James Moffett	Dominic Preston	Stosh Stasiuk
Fred Clavelli	Charlie Law	David Morgan	Craig Pryor	Mike Ward
John-David Coker	Jerry Little	Joseph Nicoletto	Mike Rule	Chad Wilkinson
Joseph Dobes	Earl Lord	Jon O'Connor	David Scoffone	

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Congratulations to the March
Sir Knight of the Month
Jose Medina



Congratulations to
PFN Louie
Sheffield for
Civic Award
2022-2023



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