



All Saints Assembly #2185



Serving the Parishes of Prince of Peace and St. Stephen, Martyr

Newsletter for April 2023



Current Officers

Faithful Friar (Fr. Brian Rafferty)
Faithful Navigator (Jon Rix)
Faithful Captain (Edward Billie)
Faithful Pilot (John Gray)
Faithful Admiral (Val Macasaet)
Faithful Comptroller (Gregory Kunz)
Faithful Purser (Frank Kenney)
Faithful Scribe (Robert Williamson)
Faithful Inner Sentinel (Matthew Coakley)
Faithful Outer Sentinel (Jack Gorman, Jr.)
Faithful 1 Year Trustee (David Stroud)
Faithful 2 Year Trustee (Michael Ihrig)
Faithful 3 Year Trustee (Shawn Huffaker)
Color Corps Commander (Ramon Betancourt)



Meeting Schedule: 1st Thursday of every month @ 7:15PM – 8:30 PM at St. Stephen, Martyr, Classrooms 5&7. Upcoming meetings: May 4th, June 1st and July 6th.





Faithful Navigator Report

Worthy Sir Knights,

Since our last newsletter (published on March 8th), we've had several activities of note.

Council 8240 held their 2nd Lenten **Fish Fry**, a drive-thru event, on Friday March 10.

On Thursday March 16th, we enjoyed **Pizza Night** at Chesapeake Pizza. We had 12 Brother Knights in attendance, most of whom are members of the Assembly.





Council 11984 held their 2nd Lenten **Fish Fry**, a dine-in event on Friday March 17th.

On Friday March 24th, our Worthy Color Corps Commander Ramon Betancourt led **Stations of the Cross** for about 80 Knights and fellow parishioners at SSMRCC. Members of our Assembly were positioned at each of the Stations and assisted Ramon by reading a part of the prayer at their respective Stations.

Also on Friday March 24th, Council 8240 held their 3rd and final Lenten **Fish Fry**.

Because our normally scheduled April meeting would fall on Holy Thursday, **we will not be meeting in April**. Ordinarily, we would have held the first reading of the **slate of officers** for the 2023-2024 fraternal year at that meeting; instead, an email was sent to the membership on March 16th with the slate. That email notice shall serve as the **first reading** of the Slate of Officers for Assembly 2185 for fraternal year 2023-2024. As indicated in the email, if you would like to submit a vote, please e-mail jonerix@aol.com. Otherwise, all members are reminded that no response is considered a positive vote for the slate in its entirety. The **second reading**, a voice vote, will occur at our next meeting on Thursday May 4th, 2023.

Following is the proposed Slate of Officers for 2023-2024:

- Faithful Friar: Fr. Brian Rafferty
- Faithful Navigator: Ed Billie
- Faithful Captain: John Gray
- Faithful Pilot: Shane Fuson

- Faithful Admiral: Jon Rix
- Faithful Comptroller: Greg Kunz
- Faithful Purser: Frank Kenney
- Faithful Scribe: Robert Williamson
- Faithful Inner Sentinel: Steve Meszaros
- Faithful Outer Sentinel: Mark Bleil
- Faithful 1st Trustee: Val Macasaet
- Faithful 2nd Year Trustee: Dave Stroud
- Faithful 3rd Year Trustee: Mike Ihrig

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** was held on Saturday March 25th. Knights from Council 11984 cooked the breakfast and Deacon Adrian led the discussion. We had 50 men in attendance, close to a record turnout!

The monthly **virtual State Rosary** which was held on Tuesday March 28th. This Zoom meeting is held every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars and please plan on attending. The Zoom link seems to change monthly, so keep an eye out for an email with the link a few days before the rosary.

Council 11984 held their 3rd and final Lenten **Fish Fry**, a drive-thru event, on Friday March 31st.

Our Monthly **Assembly meeting** which normally would have been held on Thursday April 6th was cancelled as it coincided with Holy Thursday.

However, that night, Thursday April 6th, 11 members of our Assembly provided an **Honor Guard for Eucharistic Adoration** at Prince of Peace from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM and 8 members did likewise at St. Stephen, Martyr from 9:00 PM to 11:30 PM.



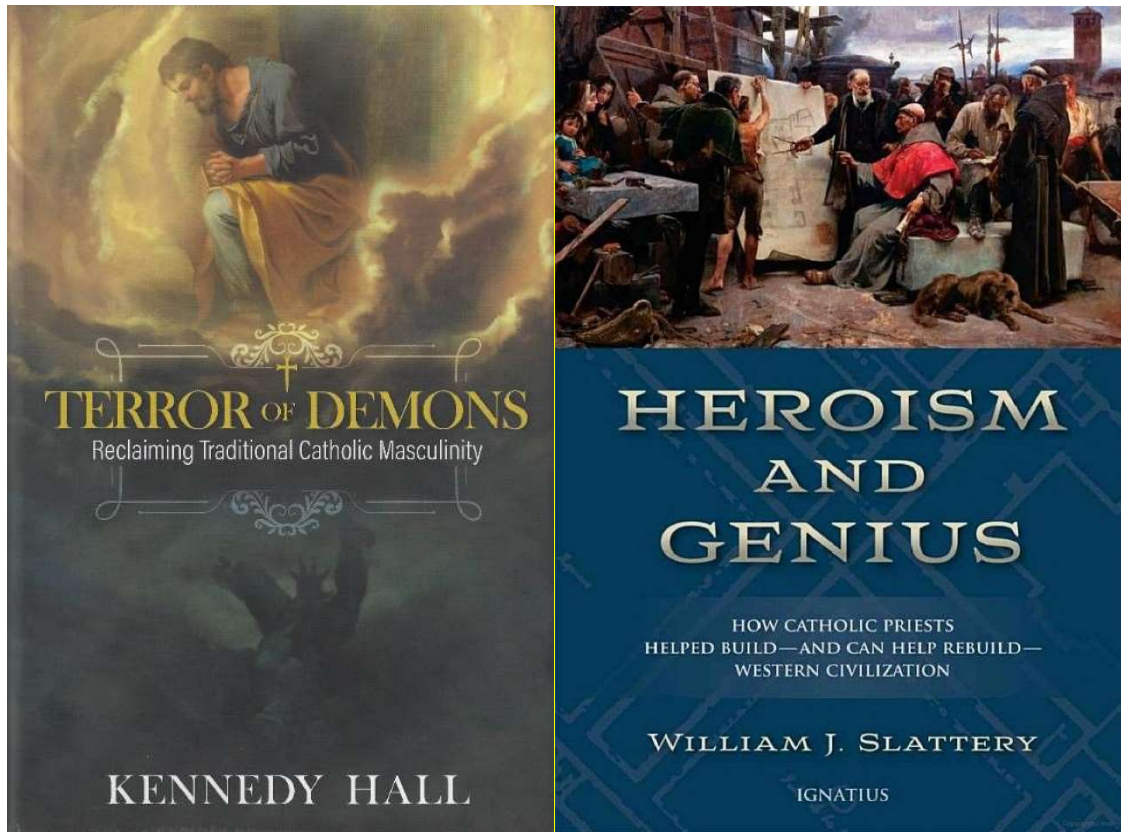
Thanks for much to the following SKs at POP, pictured below, from left to right: Mike Corrigan, Jerry Hart, Jason Gusman, Joe Shaffer, Tom Schares, Father John Bosco Walugembe, Frank Kenney, Sean Quinn, Joe Branco, Mike Mastro, Val Macasaet (taking the selfie) and Vince Donnally (not pictured);



and the following SKs at SSMRCC: CCC Ramon Betancourt, Shane Fuson, John Gray, Tony Hayward, Mike Ihrig, Greg Kunz, Jon Rix, and Dave Stroud.



If you're reading along with us, **The Literary Circle** will finish reading/discussing "*Terror of Demons: Reclaiming Traditional Catholic Masculinity*" on Thursday April 13th. The next book we're going to tackle is "*Heroism and Genius*" by William J. Slattery.



If you'd like to join us to discuss the book, or just enjoy some fraternity and a cup of coffee, we meet weekly on Thursday mornings at about 9:15 AM at Panera Bread (237 Battlefield Blvd. S., Chesapeake).

Be sure to keep an eye on the **Mark Your Calendar – Upcoming Events** section below and on the Assembly website <http://uknight.org/Assembly.asp?A=2185> for upcoming events. We're really making a concerted effort to keep the information up to date and relevant.

Officers especially, but also everyone in the Assembly...please put an **up-to-date photo** of yourself on the Assembly (and your councils') websites. Please get your picture taken and wear your council or assembly polo shirt!

The next **Exemplification of the 4th Degree** will be held on May 20, 2023 at St. Elias Catholic Church in Roanoke, VA. Please keep a supply of Form 4's handy and redouble your efforts to recruit your 3rd Degree Brothers to join our Assembly. The next two state-wide Exemplifications (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) will be held in the Tidewater area and Richmond, respectively.

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Honor Guard

To ensure that more veterans receive funeral honors, MITS-GIVES, Inc. has partnered with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to establish the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery Honor Guard Corps. The goal of the AGHMHGC is to provide honors to all who request them.



If you would like more information about joining the Honor Guard Corps or in donating to this effort, please scan the QR code below or go to www.mits-gives.org



Lastly, please remember to **pray for our Seminarians** in the Richmond Diocese.

RVA Priest Find us on Instagram & Facebook at "RVA Priest" richmondvocations.org

Our Seminarians | 2022 – 2023

			<p>Please pray for these men as they discern priesthood, and pray for an increase in all holy vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and holy matrimony.</p> <p><i>Front: "Christ the Eternal High Priest" by Bc. Maximilian Schmalz</i></p>				
						Most Rev. Barry C. Kneestout Bishop of Richmond	Rev. Brian W. Capuano Vicar for Vocations

Council 11984 is supporting Seminarian Seth Seaman (top row, 4th from the right) through the RSVP program this fraternal year. Seth will be ordained on May 20, 2023.

The Council is also supporting three Seminarians in Uganda (Deacon Makumbi Luke, Seminarian Kibira Frank Lugega, and Reverend Aloysius Kabanda). Seminarian Frank, who is attending Three Year Philosophy, is pictured below with his classmates and one of the Archbishops.



Happy Birthday to our Sir Knights Born in April

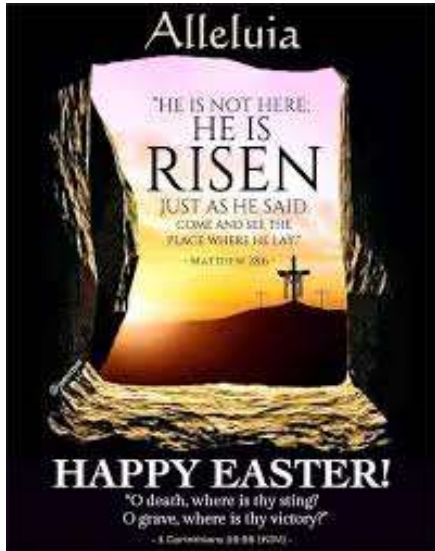
Andre Fischbach Devin Sgueglia Tim Westerman Brian Yetka

Vivat Jesus!
- Jon, FN2185



Mark Your Calendar – Upcoming Events


Sunday April 9 – **Happy Easter!**



Sunday April 16 – **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Worthy Sir Knights, please take advantage of this opportunity for the incredible grace offered.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The First Sunday after Easter



Rejoice in the
Resurrection

Rejoice in
God's Mercy

"On that day the very depths of My
tender mercy are open. I pour out a
whole ocean of graces upon the souls
who approach the Fount of My Mercy."
(Jesus to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Diary, paragraph #689)

Jesus, I Trust in You!

The Feast of Mercy – A Day of Extraordinary Grace

The First Sunday after Easter


In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured upon the world. Today we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy" (299).

Every family needs God's mercy. Ten prayers, fasts, alms giving, and good deeds afford us the opportunity to prepare well for extraordinary graces on Divine Mercy Sunday.

"No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed or brought to shame" (1541).

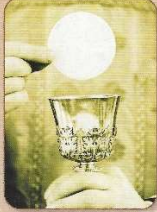
Jesus to St. Faustina:
"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet" (699).



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
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"Ordinarily, only the sacrament of Baptism effects in the soul the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Reception of the Eucharist in a state of grace ordinarily remits only venial sin, while strengthening the soul against both venial and mortal sin (Catechism, 1394-1395). But on Mercy Sunday reception of Holy Communion worthily and with trust in God's Mercy pours out upon the soul a complete renewal of baptismal grace." - Rev. Ignacy Rozycki, S.L.D., Former Member of the Holy See's International Theological Commission

Turn to the Lord with trust for all of your needs, spiritual as well as temporal. Ask for much and join the hundreds of thousands that have received hope, healing and answers to many prayers on this special day. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Rejoice in God's Mercy.



How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, if we want to receive mercy we must be merciful. Our Lord told St. Faustina:
"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742).

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Thursday April 20 – There will be a **Rosary Rally** at 2:00 PM at **B. M. Williams Primary School** (1100 N. Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake) to pray for an end to the **After School Satan Club**.

Thursday April 20 – Please consider attending the monthly in-person/virtual meeting of the **Albert G. Horton Memorial Honor Guard Corps** at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Executive Conference Room at MI Technical Solutions, Inc. (MITS), located at 860 Greenbrier Circle, Suite 308, Chesapeake. To join the meeting virtually, please use the following GoToMeeting link: <https://meet.goto.com/516085981>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: <tel:+14086503123,,516085981#> Access Code: 516085981

Our next **Pizza Night** will be on Thursday April 20th at Chesapeake Pizza, beginning at 6:30 PM. Pizza Night started well over a year ago as a way to welcome new Knights and has morphed into a very popular outing that we look forward to every 3rd Thursday of the month. Pizza Night is open to all Knights and prospective Knights...please bring a prospect (either to the Knights of Columbus or the 4th Degree). Please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA72BABF58-pizza5>

Saturday April 22 - **Men's Prayer Breakfast with Deacon Adrian** from 6:45 AM – 8:00 AM in classrooms 3-4 at SSMRCC.

Monday April 24 – Council 11984 is holding a **Spring Golf Outing** at Battlefield Golf Course (1001 Centerville Tpke S., Chesapeake).



Format is a 4-man better ball, modified shotgun start, beginning at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$35 per player, if you pay in advance; \$40 at the course. Please plan on arriving by 8:00 AM to purchase mulligans, string, 50/50 tickets. Please use the following SignUpGenius link to sign up to play: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA72BABF58-council>

Tuesday April 25 – Virginian State Council **Virtual Rosary** will be held. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out closer to the event.

Monday April 26 - There will be a virtual **Fraternal Benefits Night** entitled, "Jim Effner Presents: Importance of Whole Life Insurance as a Part of a Retirement Plan" on Wednesday April 26th beginning at 7:30 PM. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26> Be sure to indicate you are a member of Council 11984 when you register.

Thursday May 4 – **Assembly monthly meeting**. The first order of New Business will be the 2nd reading, a voice vote, for the 2023-2024 slate of officers. Immediately following the meeting, we will have Color Corps practice for about half an hour. Please bring your sword, service baldric, beret, white gloves, and the dress shoes you would normally wear with your ORD or NSDU.

Thursday May 18 – **Pizza Night** at Chesapeake Pizza.

Saturday May 20 – **4th Degree Exemplification** at St. Elias Catholic Church in Roanoke, VA. It's not too late to get some more 3rd Degree brothers to fill out a Form 4 and participate in this Exemplification.

Saturday May 27 – **Men's Prayer Breakfast** with Deacon Adrian.

Looking a little further ahead, please bring your family and join us on Saturday July 15th for **Family Fun Night at Harbor Park**. Your Norfolk Tides will be playing the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Raiders (AAA Affiliate of the NY Yankees). The game starts at 6:35 PM. There will be fireworks following the game.



Please use the following SignUpGenius link to reserve your seats at the Tides game with your Brother Knights and family members:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABA72BABF58-night>. Ticket price is \$36 per person, which includes reserved seating, and food (beef hot dogs, pulled pork BBQ, fried chicken, Italian sausage, potato salad, chips, cookies, and assorted sodas. When you sign up, **please comment on how many beer tickets (\$6 each) you want.** Be aware, parking is \$6.00/vehicle (not included in the \$36 ticket price). This is paid separately when you park your car.



If you're not already a member of the **Father Michael J. McGivney Guild**, you can play a key role in advancing Blessed Father McGivney's cause for canonization by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization. For more information, or to join, please click the following link: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian families and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, ...

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization,

St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and

Guardian of the Redeemer,

St. Michael the Archangel,

Blessed Michael McGivney, *pray for us.*

Humble Servant of God, ...

Faithful Disciple of Jesus,

Son of the Immaculate Heart,

Obedient Son of the Church,

Exemplary Priest of Purity,

Zealous Priest of Christ,

Gentle Shepherd of Souls,

Devoted Parish Priest,

Wise Counselor,

Teacher of the Faith,

Servant to All,

Protector of the Poor,

Defender of the Widow and Orphan,

Friend of the Lonely and Suffering,

Companion to the Imprisoned,

Comforter of the Sick and Dying,

Apostle of Christian Family Life,

Father to the Young,

Advocate of Workers,

Evangelizer to Those Gone Astray,

Champion of the Gospel of Life,

Guardian of the Laity,

Pastor of Immigrants,

Exemplar of Charity,

Model of Unity,

Builder of Catholic Fraternity,

Instructor of Christian Patriotism,

Founder of the Knights of Columbus,



Blessed Michael, humble in service, *pray for us.*

Blessed Michael, devoted to the Sacred Heart, ...

Blessed Michael, pure in heart,

Blessed Michael, faithful in priestly duties,

Blessed Michael, strong in suffering,

Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying,

Blessed Michael, conformed to Christ crucified,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

spare us O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us!

✠ Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney,

✠ *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray. God, our Father, inspired by the

heroic example of the life and virtue of your priest,

Blessed Michael McGivney, may we follow your Son,

Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment

of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater

confidence in your love so that we may continue his

work of caring for the needy and outcast. Through Christ

our Lord. Amen.



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