

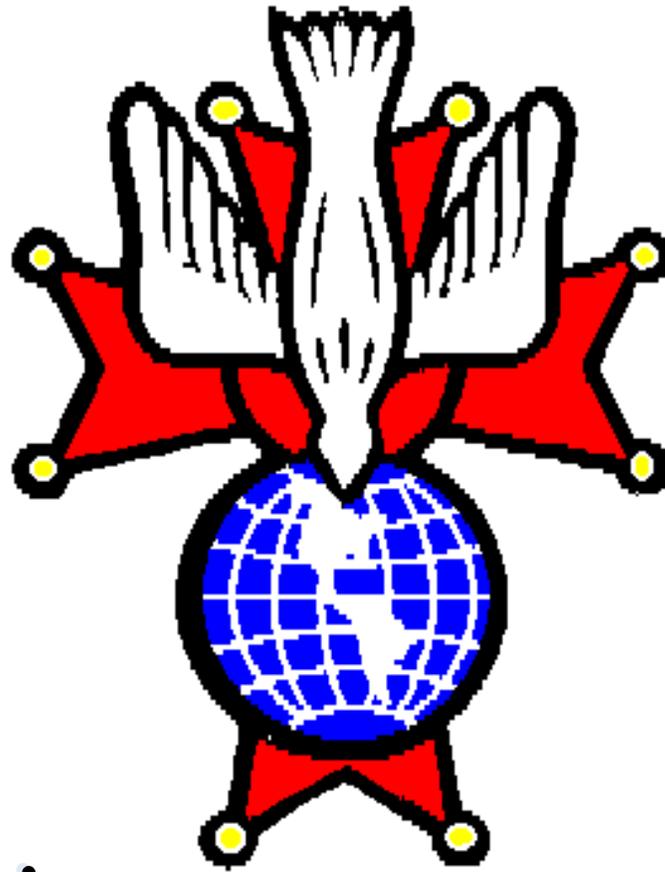
# The Bishop Flaherty Patriot

Covering District 19 KofC Councils:

George Brent #5332, All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas, VA

Our Lady of the Rosary #12982, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Gainesville, VA

Father Jon O'Brien #16793, St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, Haymarket, VA



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**NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE**

Sir Knights,

I would like to thank PFN Sir Knight Dick Quintana, "Chef James" and our beautiful ladies for hosting such a wonderful evening with Zac on Saturday, Feb 22nd. I would also like to thank the many, many Sir Knights who came out to help with super Bowl Subs. As a wise PFN once said: "Many Hands Make Quick Work". I cannot think of any other time where so many Brother Sir Knights cam out to help all weekend. THANK YOU.

Monday, March 23rd the Assembly dinner will be Chili, not just any chili, it will be prepared and judged by your fellow Sir Knights. That's right. Please RSVP to Dave Riley, [dlriley522@aol.com](mailto:dlriley522@aol.com) and Greg Murray, [gp\\_murray@hotmail.com](mailto:gp_murray@hotmail.com), to let us know if you will be bringing your favorite chili and cornbread. We need at least 8 crock-pots. Our Assembly chefs will provide the sour cream, onions, cheese, chips, salsa, hot sauce, and desert. The chef's have requested that you either bring the chili in cold from the frig to be warmed up at the hall or hot off the stove. .... There will be a prize for the first place recipe.

Thank you all for all you do.

VJ  
 Greg

Brother Sir Knights, we are currently looking to identify a replacement Editor for the Bishop Flaherty Patriot Newsletter. Please consider this very important function and submit your name as a replacement to the Faithful Navigator or Captain.

May God Bless you,  
 Yours in Service,  
 Greg Murray  
 Faithful Navigator



\*\*If you wish to play a part in the Chalice Ceremony please contact myself or Sir Knight Tom Mehr.  
 \*\*\*If you would like to chair an event or would like to suggest activities/ programs please contact myself at: [gp\\_murray@hotmail.com](mailto:gp_murray@hotmail.com). The success of the Assembly depends on events where Sir Knights, their families and our brother Knights find exciting and inviting.



**NAVIGATOR’S MESSAGE (cont’d)**

The season of Lent is upon us. I highly encourage all to reflect, pray the rosary, a take a few minutes each day focus on Lenten season. The below article by Sam Guzman list ways that we as Catholic Gentleman, “Sir Knights” can do during the Lenten season.

Lent is a season of penance and the goal is pure hearts so that we can joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Easter, the greatest feast of the liturgical year. In my own experience, I often begin the lenten season with the best of intentions but then everything falls apart. I’d like to share 7 practical ways to have a good Lent.

1. **Have a plan** – The fastest way to ruin Lent is to have good intentions but no plan. Be specific. “I’m going to pray more,…” then stick to it every single day.
2. **Read a good book** –The saints are constantly exhorting us to read good spiritual books, and there is no better time to begin this practice than during Lent. Reading. Scripture or the writings of the saints is a great place to start. Here are some suggestions for Lenten reading:
  - Meditations for Lent by Jacques-Benigne Bossuet.
  - The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis
  - Divine Intimacy by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene
  - Humility of Heart by Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo
  - True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort
  - The Spiritual Combat by Dom Lorenzo Scupoli
  - Happy Are You Poor by Fr. Thomas Dubay
  - Letter to Friends of the Cross by St. Louis de Montfort
  - Love of Eternal Wisdom by St. Louis de Montfort
3. **Examine yourself** – Lent is an excellent time to take an inventory of the state of your soul. What are your predominant faults? Do you have any hidden idols in your life? What is keeping you from following the will of God with all your heart?
4. **Confess your sins** – After examining your conscience, the logical next step is to go to confession remember the five requirements for a good confession: 1) Examination of conscience 2) True contrition for having offended God 3) Firm resolution to sin no more 4) Clear confession (don’t hold any sins back) 5) Penance for the sins you have committed.
5. **Pray** – Let’s face it, we can all pray more, and Lent is a great time to plan and implement a daily prayer.
6. **Fast** –Lent is a very good time to refocus our efforts and renew our commitment. And focus on fasting from things related to our predominant sins.
7. **Give alms** –During Lent, we especially remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. This is the greatest act of generosity in history, for Jesus died not just for his friends, but for his enemies. “God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).



**IN THE NEWS**



**Pope Francis Thanks Knights of Columbus for Upholding ‘Sacredness’ of Human Life**

By Thomas D. Williams, Ph.D., 10 Feb 2020

Pope Francis met with a delegation from the Knights of Columbus in the Vatican Monday, thanking them for their “faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life.”

The delegation, led by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, was on pilgrimage to Rome for the 100th anniversary of the Knights’ charitable activity in Rome, which began after Pope Benedict XV invited the Knights to provide humanitarian aid in Rome following the First World War.

“The Knights responded generously, establishing sports centers for youth that quickly became places for education, catechesis and the distribution of food and other essentials so needed at that time,” the Pope said in his

address, following the vision of their founder, Michael McGivney, “who was inspired by the principles of Christian Charity and Fraternity to assist those most in need.”

“Today the Knights of Columbus continue their work of Evangelical Charity and Fraternity in a variety of fields,” Francis continued. “I think in particular of your faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life, evident at both the local and national levels.”

The Knights commitment to human life has also led them to aid the “Christian communities in the Middle East that are suffering the effects of violence, war and poverty,” the pontiff said.

“I thank all the members of your Order for seeing in our persecuted and displaced brothers and sisters of that region neighbors for whom you are a sign of God’s infinite love,” he said.

It was the pro-life activity of the Knights of Columbus underscored by Pope Francis on Monday that so raised the ire of Senate democrats in late 2018.

During the Senate Judiciary hearing of Brian C. Buescher, a Trump appointee to the U.S. District Court of Nebraska, Pro-choice Democrats attacked Buescher for his membership in the Knights of Columbus, suggesting that this affiliation might disqualify him for judgeship.

The senators suggested that the Knights’ opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage could cloud the candidate’s vision and impair his judgment.

Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) asked whether belonging to the Knights of Columbus could prevent Mr. Buescher from hearing cases “fairly and impartially.”

The Knights of Columbus have taken “a number of extreme positions,” Sen. Hirono stated in written questions sent to Buescher on December 5, such as contributing “to California’s Proposition 8 campaign to ban same-sex marriage.”

For her part, Sen. Harris asked Buescher whether he was aware that the Knights of Columbus “opposed a woman’s right to choose” and were against “marriage equality” when he joined the organization.

Another pro-choice Senator, Cory Booker (D-NJ), underscored Mr. Buescher’s vocal opposition to abortion when he was running for Nebraska attorney general in the Republican primary election.

“Why should a litigant in your courtroom expect to get a fair hearing from an impartial judge in a case involving abortion rights?” Sen. Booker asked.

A spokesperson for the Knights of Columbus, Kathleen Blomquist, decried the anti-Catholic bias implicit in the senators’ questions.

“Our country’s sad history of anti-Catholic bigotry contributed to the founding of the Knights of Columbus, and we are proud of the many Catholics who overcame this hurdle to contribute so greatly to our country,” Blomquist said.

*(As presented on the Breitbart News Network (www.breitbart.com))*





**MESSAGES FOR THE MEMBERSHIP**

Sir Knights,

I wanted to address briefly the status of Assembly dues for calendar year 2020. Dues notices for 2020 were mailed out late November 2019. All Honorary Life members and all members who have paid their dues so far have had their membership cards for 2020 mailed to them. Please let me know if you have not received a dues notice or have not received your 2020 membership card if you sent me a check through the mail. Occasionally items do get lost in the mail. Also, please let me know if you have a situation which would prevent you from paying your Assembly dues for 2020.

Thanks for your time and let me know if there is anything I can do to help you be an active member of Bishop Flaherty Assembly!

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**SOCIAL DRESS UNIFORM**

The new Social Dress Uniform is for Sir Knights that don't own the "Official Regalia Dress". Below are the dress requirements for the new Social Dress Uniform:

**Standard Suit:** Dark black, blue, or gray in color. Jacket and trousers are to match (same color)

**Dress White Shirt:** Plain white shirt (no cufflinks), no pleats, no button-down collar, or French cuffs.

**Conservative Necktie:** No bow tie.

**Black Footwear:** Plain Black Shoes.

**Socks:** Plain black in nature.

**4th Degree Social Baldric:** Worn under suit jacket from right shoulder to left hip over necktie.

**Name Badge:** Worn on jacket pocket.

**4th Degree Lapel Pin, PG-113:** Only authorized pin; no other pins are allowed to be worn on the suit jacket. Three inches above top of jacket pocket and centered on the left lapel.

**Miniature Medals:** Can be worn on suit jacket, centered on the left front panel between the lapel and left armhole seam with the bottom edge of the jewel(s) 1/4 inch above the top of the jacket pocket.

**Jewels of Office:** 3rd or 4th Degree jewels can be worn around the neck, placed over the shirt collar.

**ORDERING UNIFORMS**

"The Supply Room" (TSR) is the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia. TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449. Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms will be suspended Nov. 1 and resume on Dec. 1.

What to know:

As before, orders may be placed at [kofcuniform.com](http://kofcuniform.com).

- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.
  - TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.
- We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.



# ASSEMBLY RECOGNITIONS



## Monthly Recognitions and Awards



### **Bishop J. Lewis Flaherty Assembly Knight of the Month, January 2020**

The Navigator's selection for the January 2020, Knight of the Month, is Sir Knight Ken Ball.

Last month SK Ken Ball and SK Harry Post stepped up to run the Assembly's Christmas party.

This was one of our biggest dinner-dances of the year. Ken not only coordinated activities, food, entertainment and pre-ticket sales and guests for the Assembly but also had to orchestrate all the tasks associated with dinner the George Brent and Fr. Jon O'Brien councils. Because this past Christmas dinner was a joint event.

In Ken's spare time, when he isn't helping out with events and activities for the George Brent council, he is quick to volunteer and can be found decorating as well as setting up and taking down most events in the Hall. He is a member of the Bishop Flaherty Color Guard, the Honor Guard and has attended many parades and wakes this year.

Ken can also be found on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in the kitchen preparing and wrapping and packing our world famous sub sandwiches. He also helped after masses manning a table selling Wreaths for our Wreaths Across America fundraiser. Most recently, he went down town to help with the marshaling effort for March for life.

It is for those reasons, I select Sir Knight Ken Ball as the Sir Knight of the Month for the Month of January 2020. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Sir Knight Ken Ball.



### **Bishop J. Lewis Flaherty Assembly Knight of the Month February 2020**

The Faithful Navigator's selection for the August Sir Knight of the Month, is Sir Knight Jim Reynolds. For over 25 years this Sir Knight has been a valuable part of the Assembly.

This year, Jim once again stepped up and volunteered to chair the Birmingham Green Elderly Bingo event.

Jim ensures food, beverages and prize money is on hand 4 times a year.

Jim also has been the chairman for the Annual George Brent Aquia field mass. Sadly, this event, which once was a Grandiose with speakers, family members, Color Corps members and attended by many has been reduced to, through no fault of Jim, to an indoor event attended by few. Jim's dedication, enthusiasm, and devotion to the Assemble and order is beyond reproach.

This years' Elderly bingo was yet another example of Jim's hard work and love for others. He coordinated the food and drinks, prize money, and arranged for Mrs. Clause (Donna McDonald) and Santa (SK Tom Drinkwater) to make their appearance.

It is for these reasons, I select Sir Knights James Reynolds Knight of the Month for the Month for February 2020. August. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Sir Knight Jim.



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS**



**Brother Knights -**

The men of the Bishop Flaherty Assembly, Knights of Columbus, will be conducting their fourth sub sale of the season on March 20-22, 2020. The world-famous submarine sandwiches will be selling after the evening Mass on Saturday March 21st, and after all Masses on Sunday, March 22nd while supplies last.

All subs are made fresh, with baloney, salami, ham and provolone cheese. Lettuce and tomatoes are placed in sandwich bags, on the side. All proceeds will be used towards All Saints and Knights of Columbus Charities.

Kindly support us, with both time and appetites:

Sub preparation work will be on Friday March 20th, at 6 PM.

Sub assembly will be on Saturday March 21st at 7 AM.

We will need several Sir Knights selling the subs after all Saturday and Sunday Masses while they last.

**Bishop Russell Hall Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by Bishop Flaherty Assembly #1678**

Menu for March 6 is as follows:

Choice of baked or fried Cod Fish, or Popcorn Shrimp, or Macaroni and cheese with French Fries, Hush Puppies, Fancy Cut Green Beans, Coleslaw, Iced water and coffee are included in the meal price: \$7.00 per person or \$30.00 per family maximum (Family pricing is for immediate family only with children under 16).

Soft drinks will be available for purchase at club room prices. The event is open from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM so please bring your friends. Beer and wine will be available after 8:00 pm at Club Room pricing. Each week the menu will change.

Meal with two pieces of fish or double shrimp, \$9.00

Meal with three pieces of fish, or triple shrimp, \$11.00

**Additional Fish Fry dates during Lent:**

Friday, March 13, 2020: Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Degree

Friday, March 20, 2020: Ancient Order of Hibernians

Friday, March 27, 2020 Father Jon O'Brien Council

Friday, April 03, 2020: George Brent Council

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**GEORGE BRENT COUNCIL #5332 FAMILY BREAKFAST**

Attention Brothers and Sisters, the next Knights of Columbus George Brent Council #5332 Family Breakfast is scheduled to occur on Sunday, March 15, 2020. All your favorites will be on hand: Three Types of Eggs, Cheesy Hash Browns, Pancakes, Sausage Casserole, Bacon/Sausage, Sausage Gravy With Biscuits, and Cinnamon Rolls. There will also be a variety of Cereals, Milk, Orange Juice, Syrup, and Jelly / Jam.

Plan to bring the entire family out and enjoy this event, it's open to the public so tell your friends and fellow parishioners; being a K of C is NOT a requirement to attend. There is no charge for the meal, but we do accept free will donations, all of which go to KOVAR – the Knights own Charity. ALL ARE WELCOME – so mark your calendar, hope to see you there.

**GEORGE BRENT COUNCIL #5332 DINNER AND A MOVIE**

Come and join the Knights of Columbus for the family friendly, casual setting for Dinner & a Movie.

When: Friday April 17, 2020

Where: Bishop Russell Hall (KofC)

Movie: Saved By Grace

Dinner Starts at 6:30 PM, Movie Starts at 8:00 PM

Menu: Chicken Patty Parm & Spaghetti with Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Popcorn, Iced Tea, Lemonade.

Cost: \$7.00 Per Person, max \$30 Per Family (5+)

RSVP Joe Cahill: weahillkoc@aol.com NLT Tues, April 14, 2020

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**ALL PROFITS ARE DONATED TO KOVAR**

**NAVIGATOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sir Knights, we are currently seeking a replacement Editor for the Bishop Flaherty Patriot Newsletter. Please consider this very important function and submit your name as a replacement to the Faithful Navigator or the Editor.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 14, 2020**

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Manassas

George Brent St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Bishop Russell Hall

## 2019/20 ASSEMBLY CALENDAR, NEXT 4 MONTHS as of February 2020

<b>MARCH</b>	
Friday, March 6	4th Degree Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday, March 14	St. Patrick's Day Parade-Manassas (Color Guard Needed) GB St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Thursday, March 19th	4th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Friday-Sunday, March 20-22	Sub Sale #4 Preparation and Sub Sales (March Madness)
Wednesday, March 18	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45pm
Monday, March 23	BFA Meeting (7 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
<b>APRIL</b>	
Saturday or Sunday April 11 or 12	USMC Museum Trip/ Charity Service Project (TBD)
Saturday April 18	Spring Exemplification (Southern Virginia)
Friday, April 24	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, April 27	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting))
Thursday, April 30th	4th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #2
<b>MAY</b>	
Friday-Sunday, May 1-3	Sub Sale #5 Preparation and Sub Sales
Friday, May 1	BFA Officer's Meeting (6pm)
Thursday, May 21st	4th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Monday, May 23	Memorial Day Wreath Laying (09:30 Manassas) Sir Knights, open to the public Reading of the Award winners of the Essay Contest
Wednesday, May 27	BFA Meeting-Elections (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
<b>JUNE</b>	
TBD	Holy Trinity Confirmations, (10 am and 1pm) (Honor Guard Needed)
TBD	All Saints School Graduation,
Wednesday, June, 17th	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45pm
Thursday, June 18th	4th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Monday, June 22	BFA Meeting w/Ladies and Awards Night/ Dinner

\*\*\*Our Lady of Fatima Mass: TBD\*\*\*



Greetings and prayerful remembrances with the joy of our Holy Faith truly cheer the heart and soul of each of us throughout the year. The liturgical cycle of the banquet of life's events God has given us ever goes forward. Yes, another year was just accomplished and now goes as quickly again. What great Joy our life's awesome journey experiences! Our birthdays add another number to the years as do the seasonal events of celebration for the shared joy. Our Holy Faith presents us walking together living the faith that invigorate us to continue reaching life's intended goal—truly the pearl of great price. Every life struggles with challenges that direct us to endowed peace. Yes, like St. Paul there is our having to fight the good fight that our Holy Faith requires and sustains us; but how awesome our Holy Faith, the great gift that our most gracious God has given us bringing us to the banquet of life. How awesome is Emmanuel: God's dwelling among us, the Incarnation—God's becoming one of us! History is witness to the facts.

Like Mary, be open to God's gift of peace Jesus Christ and with her give Him to the world. Be faithful. This is who we are, the witnesses at this time in history adding to the stream coming down from Mary's standing at the Cross on Calvary for you and me as Scripture's "cloud of witness," the Communion of Saints in every age. What a blessing to be counted among the "living stones" making up the Body of Christ, the faithful of His Church proclaiming Him with our lives in our rapidly changing world. There is of course hope. There is always hope. There is no reason to live a secular world's consumer lifestyle of busyness contrary to Christ shopping on Sundays. Fidelity must be our by-word as in all ages. It means recovering our Catholic culture's fixed prayer life: mornings and nights; our centuries-long Angeles noontime prayer particularly (phone alarm reminding us). "Happy holidays—Winter-Spring Breaks" that secularist advertising forces upon us is our own fault letting it happen. "Breakfast with the Bunny" doesn't measure up to the Resurrection victory the Risen Christ has given us. "Have a nice day! Have a great day!" is only secular. We need to say: "God bless your day!" "God be with you." There are enough of us to make things different, but each of us has to do it. We can't leave it to others. Because people In the Cold War Years didn't let it happen, Communists didn't win trying to eliminate Christ from the culture. If we don't find Christ in the market place and

public square it's because we haven't brought Him there.

Four hundred and forty-nine years ago the wind changed at Lepanto in 1571 when Europe was threatened by Ottoman Turkish takeover meaning also the whole of the New World and The Philippines that would have become like the Middle East and North Africa. With the Rosary prayed and wind-change in the course of battle at the right time, Western Christian civilization was spared annihilation at that time in history. Providence again has aided presently with opportunity to alter the course of the downward spiral of the Culture of Death in the world and particularly our nation that gives cause for concern always. The post-election demonstrations by radical forces with manifest hatred reflect the hostile incivility and fear that destructive forces are representative rather than peaceful and cooperative efforts to go forward to achieve the common good. Yes, we have to be thankful for our present Lepanto-like truly Providential outcome to right the past wrongheaded politics for the sake of the youth of the country to again be able to grow in innocence and development of their lives in wholesome living. This is the traditional significance of America's legacy, not the Marxism of societal hatred and conflict with oppressive dictatorship, manifested often in the tyrannical mandates, judicial legislating, and bureaucratic edicts. The Venezuelan national deterioration of recent decades is not necessarily a long path or process as the world has seen. Would America's fate be similar to Venezuelan chaos experiencing long lines, food scarcity, and societal breakdown with the



continued political prolongation heading in that eventual direction of the Marxist societies? We have many historic examples of the tyranny of relativism oppressing peoples. More intense prayer and hard work is of course needed as many incidents elsewhere through history have shown. The Irving Berlin song God Bless America is applicable as is Long Live Christ the King! proclaimed by the Mexican Cristeros' Viva Cristo Rey! For the moment, prayer has won the day. The present landscape calls for more intense prayer and conversion of the American people's hearts with determined dedication to live united once again our traditional family values with heaven's blessing for One Nation under God," with liberty and justice for all.

Because of our failure to fully live our Christian Catholic Faith as leaven in the nation but instead being highly secular people living the secular lifestyles we have neglected our country and the world because of the influence of our country in the world. With tax paying money the Culture of Death foisted upon us has been inflicted world-wide upon nations much as blackmail condition for their receiving needed aid. The battle rage is evident with its many destructive tentacles and can only be won with great effort and dedication—again with heaven's providential help turning our lifestyles as a nation back to basic family-values. This means the conversion of the hearts of the American people to live again the values of the sacredness of human life with dignity of the human person. In our fallen busy world the fact of our authentic Christian witness still remains a true beacon (the gates of hell will not prevail). Wherever Christ's love prevails, the darkness of barbarism's brutal tyranny recedes. Christian civilization's Cross of Christ intercedes, darkness is overcome, and tyranny is broken—there is Christ the King's INRI victory crown with the Cross, His coming again with angelic choirs upon the clouds with trumpet blast. His birth Bethlehem-tidings of great joy become Jerusalem's eternal resounding resurrection-alleluias. His flesh and blood—"Breaking of Bread"—are leaven, heaven's seal upon life's worth living—a world with hope, rejoicing, and thanksgiving. We are companion wayfarers united with our Queen, Mother Mary adding to Mary's stream at Calvary's Cross down through the ages with our witness. The Light of Christ's life is evidence that man's life has never remained the same. Vivat Christus Rex! Long life Christ the King! Holy is His name.



The Annual March for Life was a tremendous outpouring of dedicated supporters of the unborn, the most vulnerable human beings unable to speak for themselves. The weather was more conducive this year than some other years. The appearance of President Trump was historic and inspiring for the many particularly dedicated young people taking up the torch. Previous years it was Vice President Pence to speak during the forty-seven years of continuing faithfully the national annual March for Life. There are of course the San Francisco West Coast and Los Angeles One Life and various other locations across the nation giving additional support to make known the unfortunate fate the many millions of babies killed because of Roe vs Wade. Looking back from the Supreme Court higher up upon the people of the parade massed the width of Constitution Avenue with banners and signs is always tremendously inspiring knowing the sacrifice many have made coming from across the country—truly the mothers and fathers with their children the proof that they had the most direct and effective message with their living pro-Life. And what a contrast to the demonstrations with blasphemy, hatred, and incivility that ostensibly so much characterizes persons promoting the death of babies, as Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich, Margaret Sanger of Planned Parenthood, and Marxist-Communist followers of Saul Alinsky are known at times for doing. The question is whether the media will recognize their bias without news coverage and begin to report honestly. Prayers are never wasted and must now become more intense with dedicated work united together to give back our country its noble and wholesome Culture of Life that previously has been one of America's distinctive blessings.

Vice president Pence and wife Karen, U.S. ambassador to the Holy See Callista Gingrich, former U.S. speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and Pence staff members stopped in Rome from Jerusalem's Fifth World Holocaust Forum, which marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz the same Friday of the 47th National Washington, D. C. Annual March for Life. They spent

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



some extended time with Pope Francis highlighting President Trump's commitment to religious freedom at home and abroad. President Trump had become the first U.S. president to host a United Nations meeting on religious freedom. Pence assured them that religious freedom is an American foreign policy priority. Pence, a baptized Catholic now an evangelical,

spoke of his Catholic childhood and being among Catholic priests and prelates that he felt like "coming home." With exchange of gifts Francis gave Pence a small white box with a papal medal inside to which Pence said Pope Francis made him feel like a hero and "it was for mom," saying "God bless you." From strict Irish Catholic upbringing later converted to evangelical Protestantism, he seemed to refer that the rest of his family remained Catholic and made some strain on family relations.

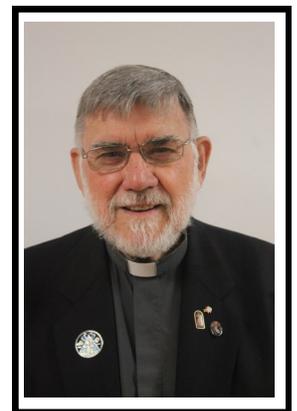
Keep in mind the March 17th feast of St. Patrick, the wearing of the green that had great significance when newspaper ads saying "No Irish need apply" was the prejudicial word for "No Catholic Need Apply," or the APA (American Protective Association) and KKK (Ku Klux Klan) were as anti-Catholic as racist prejudicial organizations. The New York St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue is said to be one of the oldest parades marking the day. Today this feast has become a far too secular celebration with greeting cards and commercialization and party paraphernalia. Many other St. Patrick's Day Parades multiplied following the television program *Roots*. Pray much for the Irish nation today that has great need of return to her Patron's legacy of deep faith and fidelity. His presence among the Irish changed the character of the people and their beliefs forever until the present time. Ireland became the greatest Christian stronghold during the darkest of the so called Dark Ages. Irish monks preserved Christian writings and are known for their missionary work on the European continent and worldwide down throughout the ages. Much of Irish history has great need to still be written and appreciated for the great worldwide missionary service rendered and severe imposed injustice suffered as elsewhere throughout the world. Become acquainted with *The Confessions of St. Patrick* and the *Breast Plate of St. Patrick* through your parish library and internet. A shortened version of the St. Patrick breastplate is as follows: Christ be with me, Christ within me. Christ behind me, Christ before me. Christ beside me, Christ to win me. Christ to comfort, and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me. Christ in quiet, Christ in danger. Christ in hearts of all that love me. Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

With many good reasons, render due homage on March 19th to St. Joseph, the man closest to Christ, guardian and provider for the Holy Family, Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of a Happy Death. St. Teresa of Avila manifested great devotion to St. Joseph and wrote about it in her writings. Kicked out of Japan in handcuffs as a delinquent teenager, Father Don Calloway, MIC, of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, has released his newest book *33Days of Consecration to St. Joseph* with the current novena to St. Joseph through the Catholic Global Television Network EWTN. Through his mother's payers as an Episcopalian convert and now Catholic priest he has several Marian books and the *Gems of St. Joseph*. St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that St. Joseph although nourished by the angels was subject to St. Joseph. (Confrere Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, has various books as *33 Days to Morning Glory*, true devotion of St. Louis Marie de Montfort and *33 Days to Greater Glory God the Father*. It seems they have struck a common cord of related spiritual material.)

Remember, choose a good classical spiritual book for Lenten reading and divide it up into six parts for finishing by the time Lent is over. Live Lent making sacrifices and penance for meaningful benefit and Easter preparation. Make Lent count going the whole route! The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little prefix extra! God bless and keep you well in your active parish and Knights of Columbus fraternal life. The continuing of our Holy Faith's Christmas happiness with truly awesome joy of the Resurrection throughout the year's path forward to you!

Vivat Jesus!

Father Jim Shelton,  
Faithful Friar



**IN MEMORIAM**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following recently deceased  
Bishop Flaherty member(s):



Carmen Tacadena



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Thank you to all who pray for our military and civilian service personnel serving in harm's way. Especially remember the following young men and women who are part of our Assembly family:

Agnes & Rich Aleksy  
PGK/PFN Larry Baer  
Amour & Ramon Carag  
Agustin E Garcia  
SSgt Thomas Grimes  
Michael Marshall  
CPT Sarah Mehr, USA  
AIC Michael Schiesl  
Jim Sjoka  
Addison, Granddaughter of Jerry Partsch

Al Andreoni  
Mary Bunner & Family  
Audreena DeFranks  
Michael Gibson, USN  
Bernadette Jacob  
Dan Masarick  
SSG Steven Mehr, USA  
Fr. James Shelton  
Patricia Townsend

Mother of Joe Arseneault  
LTJG Jennifer Cahill, USN  
Nicholas Economou  
Steven Gibson, USN  
David Jacobeen  
CPT James Mehr, USA  
Juanita Oliver  
Lina Simond  
SSG Mark Verry, USA



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

# BISHOP FLAHERTY ASSEMBLY COLOR CORP CALENDAR

Brother Sir Knights,

Our next event of interest is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manassas on March 14th.

Up coming Event:

- In the process of scheduling Color Corps training in March. I'm trying to get permission to use the PAC or the Gym as soon I have permission I will contact district Marshall Phil Kennedy with the available date.

Upcoming Color Guard events:

- Saturday March 14, St. Patrick's Day Parade—Manassas (Color Guard)

Thank you for all you do to support the Color Corp for our Assembly.

Faithfully,

Carlos Sousa

Color Corp Commander

as of July 5 v7

<b>MARCH</b>	
Saturday, MAR 14	St. Patrick's Day Parade- Manassas, (Color Guard )
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	
Friday MAY TBD	Our Lady of Fatima Mass (Honor Guard)
Monday, MAY 23	Memorial Day Wreath Laying (Honor Guard)
MAY TBD	Holy Trinity Church Confirmations, (Honor Guard (2) FJOB / SSM Confirmation
<b>JUNE</b>	

# LADIES OF THE FOURTH DEGREE



Ladies,

February brought our Dinner with Zac with so many people to thank. Hall was setup for Mardi Gras, dinner was outstanding, Zac was his usual star of the night, baskets were overflowing and ready, quilt was hung, and the Bishop Flaherty Dancers were getting their moves on when joined by a surprise guest dancer.

Thanks go to: Donna McDonald for chairing the event and coming up with the idea of the beautiful Americana quilt, shopping for/cutting the material, putting together the squares into a design, making/selling tickets, and thanks also to those who shared the idea and sewed squares.

To Gillian Quintana for co-chairing, helping to setup the Hall, mailing out raffle tickets, taking RSVPs and being the guest dancer.

To Monica Kattner and Nancy Senavitis for helping to setup the Hall. And to all those who helped clean up.

To all those who brought appetizers.

To all those who organized baskets: Gillian Quintana for Pamper Yourself won by Connie Murray; Patti Sheffield and Mary Jo Mehr for Homemade/Handmade won by Peter O'Hanlon; International/Latino won by Kathy Dagley; Sue Riley for Lottery Tree won by Bob Houser. Special thanks to Donna McDonald for the Americana Quilt won by Roger Loy - which was supposed to be mine.

A special Thanks to all those who attended. My thanks to all who helped in any way - I hope I haven't forgotten anyone - my apologies if I have.

Nominations for Officers is just around the corner. We still need one (1) member plus an alternate. Please see an officer with your willingness to help.

All newcomers are welcome - come and see what we are all about. Dues are still being accepted.

**In the works:** Living Lighted Rosary  
USO help

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Feb. 29, 2020 - Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery
- Mar. 06, 2020 - 4th Degree Lenten Fish Fry
- Mar. 14, 2020 - St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Mar. 14, 2020 - George Brent Council St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar. 18, 2020 - Birmingham Green Bingo
- Apr. 11/12, 2020 - USMC Museum Trip/Charity Service Project (TBD)
- Apr. 27, 2020 - Ladies' Next meeting

**Next Meeting  
April 27, 2020  
Hope to see you there!**

**May Your Days Be Filled with...An Abundance of happiness, Blessings that warm your life and make you smile, Friends and loved ones by your side...And reminders of how much nicer this world is.....all because of you.**

Due to too many conflicts on Monday evenings Elena has had to resign as Historian. Won't you please step in and help us out for the remaining meetings? Primary requirement is to take photos of events, etc. that the Third Degree Ladies are involved in for placement into an album at the end of the fraternal year, June. Additionally, say the opening and closing prayer at each meeting; however, we all can take a turn in that. Please contact one of the officers to express your interest and willingness to help out. We thank you!!

God's Blessings,  
Ellie

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# BISHOP FLAHERTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

## 2019-2020

Meeting - Dinners.....	SK Dave Riley
Meeting-Bar .....	SK Jerry Little
Meeting-Raffle .....	SK John Oliver
Meeting-Patriotic Report.....	SK Thom Harrington
Sub Sales .....	SK Louis Sheffield
Newsletter.....	SK's J. Cahill / E. Nieto
Anniversary Card Program.....	SK's Matt Carroll
Get Well/Sympathy Cards .....	SK Nic Solet-Bokassa
Chalice Team Captain .....	SK Tom Mehr
Birmingham Green Bingo .....	SK Jim Reynolds
Essay Contest .....	SK's Dave Farmer / Dwin E.
Wreaths across America.....	SK Harry Post
PFN Dinner (09/14/2019).....	SK's E. Nieto / T. Harrington
Columbus Day Observance at Union Station (10/14/19).....	SK's C. Sousa / JP McCusker
Aquia Mass (10/26/19) .....	SK Jim Reynolds
Exemplification – Hospitality Room (11/2/19).....	SK Harry Post
Veterans Day Parade and Dinner .....	SK's RJ / C. Sousa / T. Harrington
Christmas Parade and Breakfast (12/7/19).....	SK C. Sousa / Donna McDonald
Dinner with Zac (TBD).....	SK Dick Quintana
Religious Freedom Day-Fredericksburg (1/16/2020) .....	SK T. Harrington / C. Sousa
St. Patrick's Day Parade & Lunch (3/14/20).....	SK Jim Sojka
BBQ Dinner (TBD).....	SK Roger Loy
Memorial Day Wreath Laying (5/25/20) .....	SK's G. Murray / Carlos S.

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH		MAY	
MARCH 5	DEISI & SANTIAGO GARCIA	MAY 28	AUDREENA & CARMEN DEFRANKS
MARCH 8	DELIA & RAMON ECLAVEA	MAY 28	KATHLEEN & DAVE MATHERS
MARCH 16	ANN & JACK SOUTHARD	MAY 29	JUDY & BILL BOLTON
MARCH 17	TERRI & BERNIE MALLON	MAY 29	CATHERINE & DOUG MORRISON
MARCH 20	BLANCHE & FRANCIS EARHARDT	MAY 31	GEN & STEVEN MEHR
MARCH 28	LISA & RUSSELL PETCOFF	JUNE	
MARCH 31	KARIN & TIM DUMM	JUNE 1	ANNA MARIE & JIM CONROY
APRIL		JUNE 1	LINDA & MARTY KELLER
APRIL 2	MARIA & FAUSTINO BENITEZ	JUNE 2	KATHLEEN & JOE MARTIN
APRIL 4	MONICA & LARRY KATTNER	JUNE 9	JACQUELINE & MARIO MANAPSAL
APRIL 6	ANNE & SEBASTIANO GURCIULLO	JUNE 9	TUXA & CARLOS SOUSA
APRIL 8	VAL & SAM NEALEY	JUNE 11	JANE & JOE ARSENEAULT
APRIL 8	KIMBERLY & GREG SHOEMAKER	JUNE 11	RONNIE & PAT LINEHAN
APRIL 12	ANNE MARIE & RICK BUKOVSKY	JUNE 11	KATY & TONY PASIEKA
APRIL 13	JENNIFER & BRYAN HALL	JUNE 12	DOLORES & TOM CURLING
APRIL 14	RACHEL & JEREMY KELLY	JUNE 12	CRISTINA & MIKE WITTLINGER
APRIL 16	CYNTHIA & CRAIG RADCLIFF	JUNE 14	PEGGY & BOB FOX
APRIL 20	NATALIE & MASON CURLING	JUNE 15	ROSE ANN & CONRAD ALZONA
APRIL 23	CATHY & THOM HARRINGTON	JUNE 15	PATRICIA & JERRY CRAMER
APRIL 27	ROSEANN & RICHARD BOHMER	JUNE 15	JEAN & GUY DE FURIA
MAY		JUNE 16	MARIE & RICK RING
MAY 5	ELIZABETH & MELVIN ENGBERT	JUNE 17	CAROL & LARRY BAER
MAY 7	MAGGIE & JP MCCUSKER	JUNE 18	CHERYL & SCOTT DRUMMOND
MAY 10	ANNA & JACK YOHE	JUNE 18	MIA & RICK EISENBART
MAY 11	JACKIE & KEN MATHIASMEIER	JUNE 18	CHRISTINA & JOHN HAYES
MAY 14	SUSAN & BILL BARTHELD	JUNE 20	MARY & MATT LEWANDOWSKI
MAY 15	ANNEMARIE & DAVE CIAVERELLA	JUNE 20	BERNIE & TOM MARIANI
MAY 17	MARY & JOHN ONDO	JUNE 20	KATHLEEN & AARON MESSIER
MAY 17	KATHRYN & CHARLES SELTMAN	JUNE 20	DIANA & CRAIG PASCOE
MAY 17	TERESA & MILT SHOMO	JUNE 20	GILLIAN & DICK QUINTANA
MAY 19	AMY & JEFF HUNTER	JUNE 21	PATRICIA & DON LEWANDOWSKI
MAY 19	ANNE & PETE O HANLON	JUNE 21	AIME & FRANK NUAR
MAY 20	NORMA & AL LITCHFIELD	JUNE 23	KAREN & RON MONTAGNA
MAY 21	KATHLEEN & ADAM SIMMONS	JUNE 26	LUCIE & DICK MOYE
MAY 25	TERESA & HARRY POST	JUNE 27	MARY & DAVE KUECKS
MAY 25	MARIE & TOM RILEY	JUNE 27	CAROL & JIM SOJKA
MAY 26	MARY JO & TOM MEHR	JUNE 29	EILEEN & JOHN RAKSHYS
MAY 27	DENISE & SCOTT ROSE	JUNE 29	ALFIE & STOSH STASIUK
MAY 28	AMOR FE & RAMON CARAG		

If your anniversary is not on the list and you would like to have it added, please notify SK Joe Cahill.

Please congratulate the following Sir Knights on achieving their respective Years of Service milestone:

**40 Years**

- 1) William Albrecht

**30 Years**

- 1) Louis Cherney
- 2) Robert Fox
- 3) James Moffett
- 4) Randall Quintana
- 5) Daniel Shamenek
- 6) Charles Zacherl

**25 Years**

- 1) James Tonnessen
- 2) Anthony Corbo
- 3) Joseph Hardcastle Sr
- 4) Stephen Mustin
- 5) John Volcheck

**10 Years**

- 1) Thomas Curling, PFN
- 2) Lawrence Robinson
- 3) Matthew Spinosa
- 4) William Yochem
- 5) Ron "RJ" Burns
- 6) David Farmer
- 7) Steven Mehr
- 8) James Mehr
- 9) Carlos Sousa, PGK, DD

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ASSEMBLY #1678  
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**ASSEMBLY RECOGNITION AWARDEES: 2019 / 2020**

**2019/2020 Sir Knights of the Month**



July: Thom Harrington



August: Chris Sozio



September: Louis Sheffield



October: JP McCusker



November: Carlos Sousa



December: Harold Post



January: Ken Ball



February: Jim Reynolds

March:

April:

May:

June: