



The Bishop Flaherty Patriot



PATRIOT DAY
★ NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ★
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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September 2021

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

It has been a fun but busy month. I was very pleased with the Installation of BFA Officers on Saturday, August 21st. Most Officers showed up with their wives and our Color Guard was standing by at the ready. Thanks for those that stood in for the Officers that could not make it (JP and Dick Quintana). Our District Master, Steve Raschke, Sr. and District Marshal SK Phillip Kennedy, did a great job. As WFN I had the honor of Installing the 4th Degree Ladies. Congratulations to President Donna McDonald, Vice President Connie Murray, Secretary Patti Sheffield, Treasurer Cyndy Quinan and Historian Gillian Quintana. I am looking forward to a great year of Teamwork.

This past month our Color Guard under the leadership of SK Nic Solet has honored many of our SKs and their families. This included Installation of Officers at Fr. Jon O'Brien, George Brent and Bishop J. Louis Flaherty Assembly. We had two spouses of Sir Knights that they honored at the viewing and at the church and one at the gravesite (Mrs. Juanita Oliver and Mrs. Joann Para). Last but not least our Color Guard honored our past two PFN's: PFN Greg Murray and PFN Harold Post. Congratulations to both on setting the bar high and having a great year. I would like to thank our Pilot and Assistant Commander Carlos Sousa for helping us with our drills. With such a demand it is obvious that we need to grow and train our Color Corps.

So in this month I have been proud of the effort particularly at these events:

- Willing Warriors – Thank you Dave for procuring and preparing the food.
- Color Corps – All members; you were pulled in many directions with multiple conflicting events.
- PFN Dinner – Thank you all of you who pulled together in a very short time to put on a great event for our Past Faithful Navigators.

Next month the Color Corps has been requested for the following events:

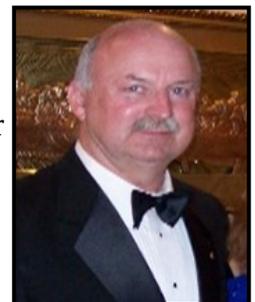
- ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday Sept 18th
- PGK Dinner now on Saturday, September 25th

Also on Sept. 18th, the Assembly is hosting a BBQ dinner at the Willing Warrior Retreat Center for veterans attending a week long business training event.

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PATRIOTIC ESSAYS

Many years ago there was a line item in the Assembly's budget for a youth essay contest. After several years of not being used, it was taken out. In 2007 it was requested that this item be put back in the Assembly's budget as a patriotic writing contest for the eighth grade students at All Saints School. The money is split three ways for first, second and third place finishers. This month we will feature the Second Place winner's essay, *A Name You Haven't Heard Before*, written by Mia Dalusung. All three essays are unique and make for outstanding reading!!



DEACON BRIAN'S REFLECTION

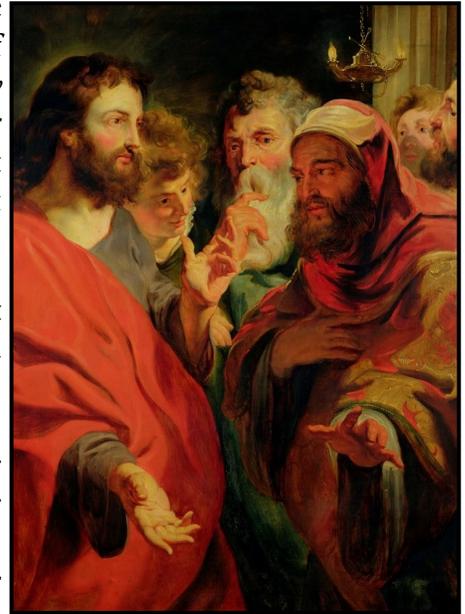
My brother Sir Knights,

One day last week we had the gospel story about a young man who approaches Jesus with the question *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"* This is a good question and I have reflected upon it much since. It is a question many of us may have perhaps asked ourselves, or prayed.

It is a good question because it wells-up from an instinctive restlessness within ourselves that speaks to us of the existence of something more, something greater to come, that *this* existence, *my* personal existence is not all there is. I sense that I am made for eternal life, eternal happiness, but will I get there...how will I get there? Justice tells me there must be a cost? So, what is it I must do?

In the gospel story Jesus' answer begins where we all might well begin, with the obligations of the commandments. If you wish to enter into life, Jesus tells him, "keep the commandments." When the man asks, "Which ones?" Jesus replies: *"You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Here we have God's laws, natural laws to do no harm, laws our conscience tells us are true.



But the man is unsatisfied. "All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?" This reply is a very telling one. If pleasing God by keeping the commandments was all there was to it then the man would not have felt it necessary to even ask his question in the first place. Implicit in his question is the sense that external compliance with commandments is not enough. Merely obeying the rules may be a good and necessary start, but is it enough?

Jesus' answer is, No, it's not enough. The young man is indeed lacking something, and here Jesus gets very specific.

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor...then come, follow me."

The story concludes, *"the man went away saddened, because he had many possessions."*

Now, it would be easy to read into Jesus' answer to the man a kind of universal command to do the same rather instead of seeing it for what it is: Jesus' specific response to this specific individual. Not everyone is called to abandon all their possessions to follow Jesus, though some are, and praise God that some do accept that invitation. But that is a very special calling.

The question and the response must always be a singular, personal one. What Lord, am *"I"* lacking? Beyond the moral dangers of wealth and the accumulation of possessions for their own sake, there is something more fundamental here. Like the man in the gospel story, he looks upon us, loves us, and says "There is something, specific to you, that I ask of you." What is it? If we ask and are disposed to hear, God will answer.

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DEACON BRIAN'S REFLECTION

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We need not fear it is too great. "My burden is light" says the Lord.

Nor should we ever feel overwhelmed that it is not just one thing but may be a number of things we are too attached to, things we already recognize and know are in need of correcting.

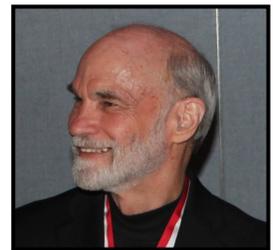
We are never to go away saddened, even if it all seems impossible, like trying to fit a camel through the eye of a needle. That is precisely the point! It may indeed seem impossible for you and for me. But Jesus tells us, "*All things are possible for God.*" This is our God who loves us and desires only what is best for us and can, indeed, accomplish all things.

Brother Knights, our order accomplishes many, many good things, many acts of charity. We are a fraternal brotherhood, true to our Church and true to our country, all for the Glory of God. But there comes a moment when each of us is called to step back and ask:

What more Lord, what more must I do to inherit eternal life?

Blessed Father Michael McGivney, Pray for us.

Deacon Brian



ASSEMBLY NOTICES

Bishop Flaherty Assembly is looking for someone willing and able to serve the Assembly as Outer Sentinel for the rest of Fraternal Year 2021-2022. Please contact Past Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight John Masarick if you are willing and able to serve the Assembly in this capacity. (John_Masarick@comcast.net)

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. They have been in business for over 37 years serving all branches of our armed forces. Orders may be placed at www.kofcuniform.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION--Make sure your Assembly Contact Information is kept up to date. Please inform SK Matt Carroll (jane.matt@verizon.net) of all changes to your contact information.

NEXT NEWSLETTER--Submissions for the October 2021 Newsletter are due to the editor no later than Tuesday September 28, 2021.

SECOND PLACE PATRIOTIC ESSAY WINNER

A Name You Haven't Heard Before Mia Dalusung

Patriotism. Many say they have it but only some do. So what is Patriotism and who has it and who doesn't? Living in America doesn't automatically make you a patriot. So I'm here to show you a prime example of a real patriot that fought hard and proved their love for America: Herbert Melvin Fix. A name you probably haven't heard before but one that's undeniably important.

Born and raised on a farm in Elk City, Oklahoma, Fix lived a diligent yet simple life. He was born into a family of 7 kids including him (one of them also including his fraternal twin brother). He graduated with his undergrad from South Western State University in Oklahoma and a master's degree from Marion Military Institute in Alabama. He joined the United States Marine Corps when he was only 22 years old. During that time, the Vietnam War had already started getting U.S. involvement so he knew what he had to do. When asked why he wanted to join the Marines, Fix revealed that he simply loved America and wanted to serve his country, not to join the Vietnam War. However, he did so proudly and willingly.

He trained every day to work on the front lines of the American Forces. Herbert played major roles in both the evacuation from Cambodia and the evacuation of South Vietnam. The treacherous journey began with a 100 plus mile flight starting from the deck of the infamous USS John Hancock, where Fix was stationed, to a small soccer field near an American Embassy in Cambodia. He and his fellow marines set up lines of security around the field trying their best to be keen and focused on the element of surprise. Hundreds were lifted from the embassy in 15 different helicopters. According to Fix, they weren't on the ground for more than five or ten minutes. As the last helicopter lifted off, three mortar rounds were shot by enemy soldiers. Fix can recall every single detail; the adrenaline rushing as he was flying, the fear in the citizens and in the marines, and the unsettling yet pressuring thoughts that any wrong move you make, could possibly be your last. He didn't know this at the time but this evacuation would only serve as a "dress rehearsal" in a sense, for something much bigger about to come.

On April 29th 1975, the city of Saigon had started to be evacuated by U.S. citizens and U.S. sympathizers on helicopters flying to and from the USS John Hancock base. The evacuation ran from about noon on April 29th to sometime near 7 am the next day. Fix stated that he made around seven trips and he doesn't know of anyone who made more than him. On his last trip, Fix brought the marines back to the base that was helping to load the Vietnamese Civilians onto the 30 helicopters. As the helicopters full of civilians were midair, the clear skies faded into dark storm clouds and a dry monsoon quickly appeared. The visibility through the clouds was low but that didn't give Fix any reason to give up. He flew through the darkness until it faded into light as the bright cerulean ocean rested below him. He remembers scanning the waves for the boat that would now rest and care for everyone on the helicopter until their fates were met, the USS John Hancock.



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One memory that he forever recalls is as he was loading the civilians onto the plane, a woman handed one of the crewmembers a small innocent infant. The woman disappeared and Fix radioed to the Hancock about the situation. Immediately getting off at the dock, a war chaplain took the child and the next day a German correspondent aboard the ship adopted the baby and named him John Hancock. Fix states that he was honored to be a part of such a memorable time period for the child and even though that child doesn't remember him, he will always remember them.

After the war ended on that very same day, April 30th 1975, Fix continued to serve in the marines doing procurement and purchases in multiple places before finally retiring from the marines in 1982. He would make recommendations for purchase and tested different helicopters. He was stationed in Hawaii where he lived with one of his daughters until 1976. He moved to D.C and stayed there until his retirement in 1982. Fix was 48 when he retired and then started getting invested in Real Estate. He received multiple awards for his service to his country. One of them being the Harmon International Trophy for Aviation, a civilian award he got for the Evacuation of Saigon and Phnom Penh. It is a private award that is housed in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. If you go there, you can see his award on display with a picture of him next to a tablet with his story. He is only one of a very select few in the world that have received this award because it's only given to one aviator and one aviatrix on an annual basis.

I am very proud to call this man my great grandfather. Now, he invests in homes and properties but is retired from all work. He lives on the sunny shore of Daytona, Florida with his wife and occasionally gets visits from his family who all live abroad. If this man is not an example of a true American patriot, then there are none. Patriotism can be defined like beauty, in the eye of the beholder. But if certain people aren't considered patriots, then the beholder must be blind. If an American citizen has no respect for any and all United States military, then the citizen has no right to be living in the United States of America. Living in America is a deep devout privilege that most people would die to get.

There are billions of examples of patriots that I could name off the top of my head and this man and his wife are only two of them. Anyone who is a politician or political activist, anyone who speaks the truth and bleeds red white and blue, anyone who isn't afraid to stand up and speak their minds, anyone who believes deeply that America is the greatest country on Earth, anyone who finds comfort in knowing that they are truly free and being protected at all times, those are true patriots. Being a true patriot doesn't just mean reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* at school or work, it means understanding the words you speak and the power that they hold. It's knowing the truth of the founding fathers and the love, respect and beauty behind their actions. It's knowing that no matter where you stand in America, you're free.

No matter what side of politics you're on, you are respected and valued as an American citizen. You are loved, cherished and honored. Ask any world leader what they think of their country and they will say that their country is either too crowded or not crowded enough, too poor, too rich, too this and too that. But ask any American president what they think of America and all you hear is love, all you hear is good, all you hear is a friend being welcomed by their enemy, the poor being loved by the rich and the extraordinary feeling of simply being in the United States.

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Now, I will admit there are some bad things going on in America at all times. Crime rates blow hot and cold everywhere you go. Censorship of different sides is on every street corner and people (especially the news) go crazy about it. A true patriot acknowledges that America has flaws and does their best to improve them. They stand up for what they believe in and end all evils. I honestly think that most people are all caught up in everything bad about the United States that the media portrays that they forget the good or completely ignore it. Living in America is a privilege that few receive. The Constitution bounds its citizens on rights and it's a privilege to have any of them.

America is one of the only countries that is free, and there are parents at the border who are throwing their children across while being taken away by patrols because America is such a wonderful place that they would rather their child live a life in America alone without them, than a life with them in their native country. The bloodshed and vigilance each immigrated citizen has is one that they will forever wear with honor. It's almost like an invisible badge or token that they wear over their shoulders wherever they go.

America is strong. The strength that we have lasted is one that every citizen, immigrant or native should take with extreme pride. We could have been taken over by any other nation years ago but because of the strength we uphold, we pushed through. America is now a worldwide superpower known for fighting like we're crazy, living like we're superheroes, and walking like we're free, (because we are). Other nations fear us because of the pride and strength each citizen carries on their backs. America hasn't been invaded since 1776, and I think it's pretty safe to say that it never will. With the world's largest voluntary military, and around 46 percent of Americans owning at least one gun, the country isn't likely to perish in an invasion.

Patriotism to me, means *Sic Semper Tyrannis*, the British soldier waving the white flag, the red, white and blue standing for the bloodshed, purity and vigilance of those who served and continue to serve. It means waking up to a gorgeous sunrise without a fear of being controlled or killed. It's a hand on your heart; it's a colorful spark of fire shooting up into the sky in July. It means black or white, all are welcome. It's showing unity as the key of judgement. It means speaking your mind without being threatened, with having the freedom to do so. And finally, it means loving, protecting and standing "for the land of the free and the home of the brave".

It's America.



Colonel Herbert Melvin Fix, USMC, Retired, passed this life to the next on August 22, 2021. He was born on August 9, 1934 in Elk City, OK. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran. During his military career he commanded four Marine squadrons and worked on the team that created the Marine Corp Tactical Data System for Vietnam. Most notably and the thing that he was most proud of in his military career was commanding and leading HMH 463 during the evacuations of Saigon and Phnom Penh Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War. He led his squadron in and out of Vietnam under enemy fire bringing thousands of American Citizens and American sympathizers to safety. He was somewhat in awe of receiving the Harmon Award, because of other recipients whom he admired and looked up to. He retired in 1981 with the rank of Colonel. When asked by one of his children why he didn't pursue the rank of general, he replied, "it took me a few tries and a lot of years to find the love of my life, I want to enjoy every moment of it!" Which he did for the rest of his life. May He Rest in Peace. Complete obituary found here: <https://obits.lohmanfuneralhomes.com/obituary/herbert-fix>

GEORGE BRENT COUNCIL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

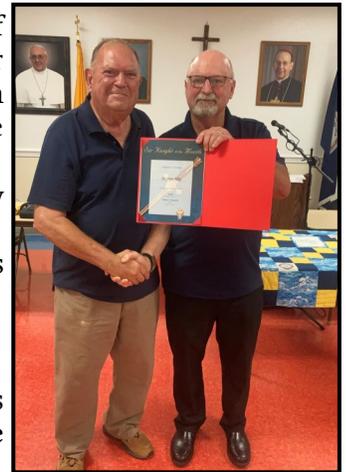


JULY SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This SK is an active member of the Council and the Assembly. He does a lot of charity work in the background helping and feeding our homeless. This month our SK has supported our **Willing Warriors** by shopping for food, organizing a Team and cooking hamburgers, hotdogs and award winning potato salad. He also does the following:

- Buys, cooks and supervises every **Bingo Kitchen** Team (every Thursday and every Sunday).
- He has cooked for a number of events like the **PFN Dinner**. Food is always excellent.
- He cooks for our **Assembly Dinner with the Ladies**.
- He is a very thrifty buyer; he does a lot with a little money.

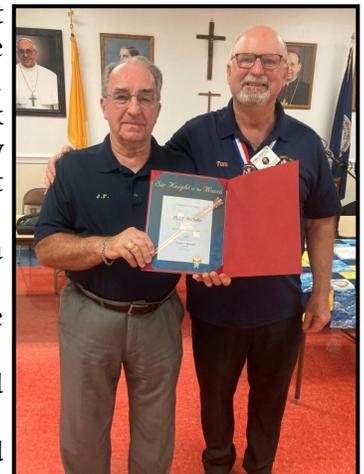
This could really be the "Family of the Month" because his wife Sue and daughters have helped at most events. It is my pleasure to present the **July Sir Knight of the Month to SK Dave Riley**.



AUGUST SIR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This SK is a PGK, PFN, PSD and many other titles just to say that he is active at our Council/Assembly and has also worked at the top State positions. Recently we were tasked with putting on a PFN Dinner for our Past two Faithful Navigators. For a number of reasons we got a very late start. With only one week on the clock this SK pitched in and helped the WFN with his "can do attitude". It took many hands to make this project successful; but this SK played a key and very important role. He did the following to support the event:

- Provided script and an old PFN Dinner booklet from which to build a new booklet,
- Helped to edit the content to ensure PGKs and PFNs and DD were properly noted,
- He also helped to edit and update the deceased members of the Men and Ladies,
- Day before the event this SK and WFN helped to setup the Hall based on the roster of scheduled attendees,
- On the day of the event he mentored the WFN to ensure we put our best foot forward with the Worthy Master and Worthy District Marshal in attendance.



It is my pleasure to present the **August Sir Knight of the Month to SK J.P. McCusker**.

LADIES OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

Ladies,

On August 6, we held our annual Living Lighted Rosary around the statue of Our Lady in the courtyard. We want to thank Ellie for working very hard to find 61 Ladies and a few Knights to form the wonderful rosary circle under a beautiful weather evening sky. Thanks also to Alex from facilities that setup and took down all the chairs.



I want to thank all the Ladies who came out to help set up, decorate and clean up the hall for the PFN Dinner, as many hands make light work. Thanks once again to Ellie Dale for stepping in as chairwoman rallying the help, buying supplies and ordering the beautiful red, white and blue flower arrangements for the head table.

We had our first 2021-2022 meeting in August to approve the budget and plan our fundraising events. We tossed around a few ideas for a yard/ book sale, lap quilt, painting and/or wreath making classes.

The audit committee, Ellie, Jane and Donna will be doing a two-year audit in September. With Covid and not meeting for over a year we owe Ellie Dale an extremely big thank you for staying on as President for a second term and keeping our ornament fundraiser going. We will once again be selling our annual All Saints 2021 Christmas ornament; we are also looking into ordering a few White House ornaments.

We are still looking for a chairwoman for the Veteran's Dinner on November 13. This evening will be another red, white and blue themed event that can always use the many decorations we have available. I hope one, two or even three Ladies would please consider stepping up to chair this wonderful, patriotic and worthwhile event.

We started thinking about our very popular raffle baskets for the Dinner with Zac in January. We will definitely be bringing back one of the crowd favorites the Handmade/Homemade Basket, with a few new ones this year.

Bless you all and I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Donna

Next Meeting
October 25, 2021
Hope to see you there!

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BISHOP FLAHERTY ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



PFN DINNER



SK Dave Riley and his Wonderful Kitchen Crew!



Master Stephen P. Raschke, Sr. and wife Donna



Spiritual Advisor Deacon Brian Majewski and wife Susan

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following recently deceased:



Joann Para, widow of Sir Knight John W. Para, Sr.
Juanita Oliver, wife of Sir Knight John Oliver
Colleen Mehr, Sister-in-law of Sir Knight Tom Mehr
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:



LT Jennifer Cahill, USN
Michael Gibson, USN
Steven Gibson, USN
SSgt Thomas Grimes
CPT James Mehr, USA

CPT Sarah Mehr, USA
SSG Steven Mehr, USA
A1C Michael Schiesl
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:

Agnes & Rich Aleksy
Larry & Carol Baer
Ken & Vickie Ball
RJ & Mary Burns
Joe & Sandy Cahill
Maureen Terza Campbell
Amor & Ramon Carag
Mike Carta
Tony Corbo
Dennis & Celeste Corrigan
Darryl Daudet
Carmen & Audreenia DeFranks
Rick & Mia Eisenbart
George & Josephine Fontaine
Agustin E Garcia

David Jacobeen
Greg Kendle
Beverly Little
Michael Marshall
Dan & Lynette Masarick
Sonia McKenzie
Sam Nealey
Casimir Nuar
Noreen Reynolds
Marie Riley
Jim Sojka
Patricia Townsend
Deacon Jim Van de Voorde
Bob & Carol Weaver



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
SEPTEMBER 2	COLLEEN & GEORGE BATSAKIS	OCTOBER 2	CASEY & SCOTT PARKER
SEPTEMBER 3	JACKIE & TOM SKOWRON	OCTOBER 4	BAOFANG & JOSEPH DOBES
SEPTEMBER 4	GERALDINE & RICK ERIKSON	OCTOBER 4	LOIS & JOE GRECO
SEPTEMBER 4	TRACY & PRESCOTT FENTRESS	OCTOBER 4	SUSAN & BRIAN MAJEWSKI
SEPTEMBER 5	DEBBIE & PAT CARROLL	OCTOBER 7	PAT & RUSS CLARKE
SEPTEMBER 5	ZONIA & LEONARDO GARCIA	OCTOBER 7	JENNIFER & CHRIS HART
SEPTEMBER 6	CATHY & PAUL SLEDZ	OCTOBER 9	NORA & JEFF GERAGHTY
SEPTEMBER 10	SUSAN & ROBERT HOUSER	OCTOBER 9	LINDA & THOMAS MATWIJEC
SEPTEMBER 12	LEANNE & MARK ELFENDAHL	OCTOBER 10	ANNIE & BUZZ BRENNER
SEPTEMBER 12	SUE & JOHN MASARICK	OCTOBER 12	LESLIE & CRAIG PRYOR
SEPTEMBER 13	JO & LARRY STANGL	OCTOBER 15	JANE & MATT CARROLL
SEPTEMBER 14	FUZZY & TOMMY REYNOLDS	OCTOBER 15	MARIA & DAVE JACOBEEEN
SEPTEMBER 19	KATHLEEN & STEVE BERGQUIST	OCTOBER 16	DYANNE & MATT WORRICK
SEPTEMBER 19	MARY JO & TIM SMITH	OCTOBER 17	RAE & TOM GAWRYCH
SEPTEMBER 22	JENNIFER & CHARLES MALLON	OCTOBER 18	CAROLYN & C.J. TIERNEY
SEPTEMBER 23	ANITA KAY & PAT SULLIVAN	OCTOBER 20	LISA & DOUG LESTER
SEPTEMBER 24	JANET & TOM MASARICK	OCTOBER 20	STACEY & DAVID MORGAN
SEPTEMBER 25	BARBARA & JOSE RIO	OCTOBER 20	JOANNE & BILL STERLING
SEPTEMBER 26	MARY & JEAN-LOUP COMBEMALE	OCTOBER 21	SUSAN & DAVID REED
SEPTEMBER 26	JAN & DAN THOMPSON	OCTOBER 22	CAROL & JOE HARDCASTLE
SEPTEMBER 28	MICHELLE & JEFF TAYLOR	OCTOBER 22	BETH & JON KENNEDY
SEPTEMBER 29	JUDY & JOHN CUMMINGS	OCTOBER 24	THERESA & BRIAN BRENNER
SEPTEMBER 29	DEBORAH & JIM MOFFETT	OCTOBER 24	KATHY & ED SCHULZE
		OCTOBER 26	SANDY & JOE CAHILL
		OCTOBER 26	LINDA & GIL DIAZ
		OCTOBER 26	SARAH & MIKE RULE
		OCTOBER 28	JANET & JOHN MC ADON
		OCTOBER 29	PATTY & GOOG CAPOZOLI
		OCTOBER 29	RAE & TIM LAMB
		OCTOBER 29	CINDY & SCOTT MYLES



Changes will be coming to our Anniversary Card program. We are not sure yet how it will be set up in the future, but for now we are out of anniversary cards to mail out. Couples with September anniversaries will still be remembered in a daily Mass for the next year as members of the Mass Association of the Most Holy Trinity.

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER SIR KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Anonyuo	Dennis Corrigan	Jarrad Kosa	Peter Nuar	Chris Sozio
Steven Atkinson	Darryl Daudet	Patrick Lorzing	Randall Quintana	James Tonnessen
William Bartheld	William Flannery	David Mathers	Gregory Romero	Alan Walker
Rev. Paul Berghout	Joe Greco	Howard Matthews	Richard Roselli	Jack Yohe
James Cannon	Joseph Hardcastle	Thomas Mehr	Charles Seltman	
Russ Clarke	Brian Henslee	Matthew Nicholson	Jack Southard	

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.

August Flag Raffle Winner--S.K. John Masarick

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

2021-2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Meeting - Dinners	SK Dave Riley
Meeting-Bar	SK Jerry Little
Meeting-Raffle	SK John Oliver
Meeting-Patriotic Report	SK Thom Harrington
Sub Sales	SKs Tom Masarick/Louie Sheffield
Newsletter	SK Matt Carroll
Anniversary Card Program	SK Matt Carroll
Get Well/Sympathy Cards	SK Carlos Sousa
Chalice Team Captain	SK Tom Mehr
Birmingham Green Bingo	SK Jim Reynolds
Essay Contest	SKs Dave Farmer/Greg Murray
Wreaths Across America	SK Harry Post
PFN Dinner	SK Tom Masarick
Aquia Rosary	SK Jim Reynolds
Exemplification – Hospitality Room	
Veterans Day Parade and Dinner	SKs John Masarick/Carlos Sousa
Christmas Parade and Breakfast	SK Carlos Sousa/Donna McDonald
Evening with Zac	SK Dick Quintana
Religious Freedom Day-Fredericksburg	SK Thom Harrington
St. Patrick's Day Parade & Lunch	
BBQ Dinner	SK Roger Loy
Memorial Day Wreath Laying	SKs Carlos Sousa/Greg Murray

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR 2021-2022 as of August 31, 2021

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 7	Annual AMS Mass and Fr. Capodanno Memorial Mass, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 6:30 pm (Honor Guard Needed)
Friday-Sunday, September 10-12	Sub Sale #1 Preparation and Sub Sales
Wednesday, September 15	Birmingham Green Bingo
Thursday, September 16	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, September 17 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Saturday, September 18	½ way to St. Patrick's Day Parade (Color Corps Needed)
Saturday, September 18	Assembly hosting a BBQ dinner at the Willing Warrior Retreat Center
Saturday, September 25	George Brent's Past Grand Knights Dinner. 6:30 pm (Color Corps Needed)
Monday, September 27	BFA Meeting: (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 2	Fall Quarterly Meeting and VKCCI Annual Meeting - - Newport News, VA.
Monday, October 11	Columbus Day Observance-Union Station/ Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (8am-1pm) (Color Corps Needed) - - JP Chairman - - Buses Needed
Friday-Sunday, October 15-17	Sub Sale #2 Preparation and Sub Sales
Thursday, October 21	Due date for submission of candidates/guests for the exemplification
Thursday, October 21	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #2
Friday, October 22 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting 6 pm
Monday, October 25th	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
Saturday, October 30	4 th Degree Exemplification, (8 am-3 pm), Virginia Beach

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 2	Aquia Mass (Jim Reynolds)
Saturday, November 6	Veterans Day Parade (11 am) (Color Corps Needed)
Saturday, November 6	Deceased Member's Mass (Joint with George Brent) (5:30 pm) Corporate Communion; Reading of Deceased members (PFN Harold Post to Chair)
Saturday-Sunday November 6-7 and 13-14	Wreaths Across America sponsorship collections after Masses
Saturday, November 13	Veterans Day Dinner (Color Corps Needed)
Thursday, November 18	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, November 19	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, November 22	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

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DECEMBER

	Compile data for Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
Saturday, December 4	Christmas Parade-Manassas (10 am) (Color Corps Needed)
Saturday, December 11	Adult Christmas Party (George Brent Council and Assembly)
Saturday, December 11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (Honor Guard) – if requested
Wednesday, December 15	Birmingham Green Bingo, Christmas Party
Thursday, December 16	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Saturday, December 18	Wreaths Across America, Arlington Cemetery
Monday, December 27	BFA Meeting: (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

JANUARY 2022

Friday-Sunday, January 7-9	Mid-Year Meeting and Dinner Dance (Open to all) – Fredericksburg.
TBD	BFA Mid-Year Audit
Sunday, January 9	Fredericksburg, Religious Freedom March, 10 am (Color Corps Needed)
Sunday, January 9	Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728)
Thursday, January 20	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Friday, January 21	March for Life – Washington, DC
Monday, January 24	Meeting-Renewal of Obligations - Sir Knights Only (Attire: 4th Degree Uniform or dark suit) (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting).
Saturday, January 29	Evening with Zac - Dick Quintana

FEBRUARY

TBD (Bill Gaynord)	Liability Insurance Proof of Insurance due to State Advocate
Friday-Sunday, February 11-13	Sub Sale #3 Preparation and Sub Sales (Super Bowl Sunday)
Thursday, February 17	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, February 25 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Saturday, February 26	Pilgrimage w/George Brent Council (Check with Fr. Lee on place and buses)
Monday, February 28	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

MARCH

Friday, March 4	1 st Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday, March 5	Spring Quarterly Meeting and KOVAR Annual Meeting - - Fairfax, VA.
Saturday, March 12	St. Patrick's Day Parade-Manassas (Color Corps Needed) George Brent Council St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Wednesday, March 16	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45 pm
Thursday, March 17	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, March 18	2 nd Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, March 25	3 rd Lenten Fish Fry
Friday-Sunday, March 25-27	Sub Sale #4 Preparation and Sub Sales (March Madness)
Friday, March 25 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, March 28	BFA Meeting (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)

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APRIL	
	Publication of committee nominations for election
TBD	USMC Museum Trip/ Charity Service Project
TBD	Spring Exemplification
Friday, April 1	4 th Lenten Fish Fry
Friday, April 8	5 th Lenten Fish Fry
Thursday, April 21	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, April 22 (BM)	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Friday-Saturday, April 29-30	Parish Festival
Monday, April 25	BFA Meeting w/Ladies (7 pm dinner, 7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
Friday, April 29	Submit To Be a Patriot (Form TBP-1) to Master.
Friday-Saturday, April 29-May 1	Annual Meeting/Convention - - Virginia Beach, VA.
MAY	
Friday-Sunday, May 13-15	Sub Sale #5 Preparation and Sub Sales (coincides with Blood Drive)
Thursday, May 19	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen, Team #1
Friday, May 20	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, May 23	BFA Meeting-Elections (7:30 pm rosary, 8 pm meeting)
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day Wreath Laying 9:30 am Manassas, open to the public
JUNE	
TBD	Holy Trinity Confirmations, (10 am and 1 pm) (Honor Guard Needed)
TBD	All Saints School Graduation, Presentation of Essay Awards (All Saints, SKD, Holy Trinity)
Monday, June 13	Flag Day: Presentation of Colors, Serve our Willing Warriors/ Haymarket, VA (Color Corps Needed)
Wednesday, June 15	Birmingham Green Bingo, 6:45 pm
Thursday, June 16	4 th Degree Bingo Kitchen
Friday, June 24	BFA Officer's Meeting (6 pm)
Monday, June 27	BFA Meeting w/Ladies and Awards Night/ Dinner

ASSEMBLY POLO SHIRT ORDER

It appears everyone does not currently have a Bishop Flaherty polo shirt. We would like to make that available to you if you are interested (final cost to be determined by number of shirts we order).

The shirts will be solid blue and are available in the following sizes: S, M, L XL 2XL. The shirts will include your name so please indicate that when you send in your request. Send your request with the following information to Sir Knight Phil Quinan at philq@catholicexchange.com.

BFA Shirt Order Request:

Number of shirts

Shirt size

Name to be included on shirt (generally first name only)

Requests will be accepted through September 17th. We will get back to you with a final price per shirt at that time.

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