



# BISHOP RAYMOND HILLINGER ASSEMBLY N<sup>o</sup> 1595 NEWSLETTER



Issue N<sup>o</sup> 2 — February, 2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Presentation of the Lord
- 20 Presidents Day & Assembly Meeting & Honoree Night/PFN Evening
- 22 Ash Wednesday

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

We request prayers for our Brother Knights, relatives, and friends: **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Robert Bukowski, Tom Burke, Marvin Schloss, Kristin McCarthy, Bob Fuggiti**

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## A WORD FROM THE FAITHFUL FRIAR

Dear Sir Knights,

Traditionally, February is the month used to reflect upon the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This should lead us to think about our own families.

The first reflection should be based on the fact that Mary and Joseph sought to do the will of God above all else. Both wondered and doubted the situation in which they found themselves. Often, we like Mary and Joseph, don't understand God's intention or plans for our family, don't understand a situation or the reasons for difficulties or challenges. They too struggled to provide for each other's security and safety in time of great danger, fleeing to a far away and strange land to project Jesus and each other. When Jesus wandered away from them both Mary and Joseph experienced frustration with Jesus wandering off by himself. They express their frustration and concern upon finding Jesus in the Temple. However, they also found themselves dumbfounded and humbled by what they saw and learned about Jesus. How do parents deal with their frustrating moments with their children? Are parents open enough to learn from their children and to be surprised by them? The maternal grandparents of Jesus, and Mary's relatives also played a role in the life of the Holy Family.

The life of the Holy Family wasn't so much different from our own and there is much we can learn, but above all else they trusted God's plan for them. They also trusted each other and Jesus.

I pray that God bless each of you and your families!

Fr. Dennis Callan, SVD



## **FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE**

Hello Hillinger Assembly! As we enter the month of February, it will be a busy one for the assembly! But first I want to applaud all the folks that turned out for the annual January Chili Bash and contest! We did not take an official count on the people that turned out but I'm going to go out on a limb and guesstimate that we had over 70 assembly members with other family members that attended. As for the contest, we had nine entries of homemade secret recipes that were very scrumptious! Some had a sweet taste and some brought the heat, and had you looking for a glass of milk to chase it down! The winner of the voted best chili was Chili #1, from the kitchen of Mike Tuman of Ave Maria Council #4456. Congratulations Mike! He took home the trophy and the apron! Can't wait for next year!

We are still looking for Knights to take the Fourth Degree on Saturday February 11 at the Lisle Sheraton Hotel. Contact myself or Master Alexander Tennant if you have a candidate interested A.S.A.P. before it is too late. [alexandert@kinsalecg.com](mailto:alexandert@kinsalecg.com) is the email address for Alex to get the application and check to him. If you have a candidate from your parish that wants to become a Knight and wants to take all four degrees, we will hold a major degree at the hotel on Friday evening before the Saturday Fourth Degree exemplification. Candidates are to wear a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie with appropriate dress shoes. (Not suede)

The February Honorees/PFN night on Monday the 20th will begin at 7:00 at St. Catherine Laboure in the cafeteria. We will be honoring three Worthy Gentlemen who have been exemplary in their efforts in the Knights of Columbus, their church, in their community, as well as our Hillinger Assembly! Please come to honor Robert Bukowski, Mark Cribben, and Thomas Zima. Delicious dinner will be catered by Jim and Pete's of Elmwood Park. Tickets are available now for a \$15 donation each. Please contact PFN Wayne Bernacki to RSVP as he needs the number of plates to order by February 17. This is an open meeting for members, family, and friends of Hillinger. Pay at the door if you RSVP.

March brings our Pasta Dinner/Candidate & Seminarian night. We are thrilled to present \$500 checks for (3) Mundelein Seminarians, a sister to be with the Convent of the Holy Spirit Sisters, and a seminarian from the Society of the Divine Word. Pasta and presentations will commence at 6:00pm at St. Catherine Laboure in the cafeteria. We will begin our business meeting at around 7:30pm. Bring a candidate for the Fourth Degree to break bread with us and learn what our assembly is all about!

Let's get through the dog days of winter together!

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin LeFevre  
Faithful Navigator

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***SAVE THE DATES!!!***

**FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

- **HONOREE NIGHT/PFN EVENING**

**MARCH 20, 2023**

- **PASTA NIGHT/SEMINARIAN/CANDIDATES' NIGHT**

**APRIL 4, 2023**

- **ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023**

- **BISHOP HILLINGER 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**\*\*\*PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A SILENT AUCTION PRIZE AND A HOLE SPONSORSHIP\*\*\***



## KNOW YOUR FAITH

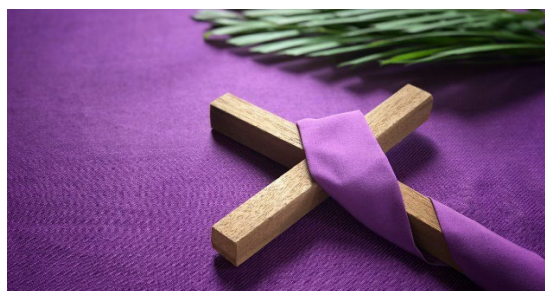
### Presentation of the Lord

The Presentation of Jesus at (or in) the Temple is an early episode in the life of Jesus, describing His presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem in order to officially induct him into Judaism, that is celebrated by Catholic Churches on the holiday of Candlemas. According to the ancient Jewish tradition, a child is never given to parents by God, but only lent to them. This tradition helps us appreciate better the spirit behind God's instruction to Moses: "Every firstborn male shall be dedicated to the Lord" (Exodus 13:2). The Jews carried out God's instruction with a rite called "presentation" which usually took place 40 days after childbirth. The parents were supposed to offer animal sacrifice like a lamb or birds like turtle doves or two young pigeons. Since Joseph & Mary were poor, they could only afford to offer a pair of turtle doves. Why is the feast of Presentation also called "Candle Mass"? It is called so because when Simeon who had waited for the coming of the Messiah, recognized the Child Jesus being presented in the Temple, he cried out: "My eyes have witnessed your saving deed... a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:32). The candle symbolizes Jesus as the light to the pagans. Similarly, we are exhorted to be living "candles" radiating light figuratively through our good deeds and testimony of Christian life.



### Ash Wednesday

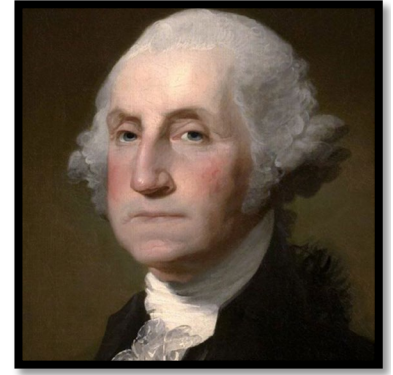
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent in the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church. The day is often started with a service where members are asked to recognize their own mortality, repent their sins, and return to God. On Ash Wednesday the faithful begin their Lenten sacrifices and commit to changes in their lives. On Ash Wednesday services, a priest marks the sign of the cross on each person's forehead with ashes. The ashes are an important symbol that represents mortality and repentance. Ashes connect with mortality because when we die our bodies fade away to ash and with repentance because in Scripture people would put ashes on their head and wear sackcloth as an act of contrition. The ashes have further meaning in that the ashes used come from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The palms used on Palm Sunday are burned and mixed with water, which is symbolic of tears. The purpose of Lent is to focus on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the miracle of His Resurrection.



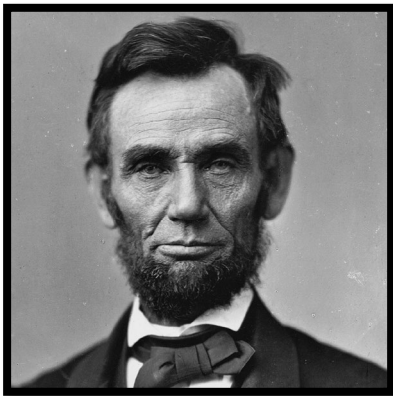
## KNOW YOUR COUNTRY

### Presidents Day

Presidents Day is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served in the office of president of the United States. The federal holiday specifically honors George Washington, who led the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolutionary War, presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and was the first president of the United States. It also specifically honors Abraham Lincoln, who served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865, and led the nation through the American Civil War and succeeded in preserving the Union and abolishing slavery.



Born on February 22, 1732, George Washington, also known as the Father of Our Country, served as the 1st President of the United States of America from 1789-1797. He also served as the Commander in Chief of the Continental Armies in the American Revolution, along with chairing the Continental Congress that oversaw the creation of the U.S. Constitution. Through his great leadership, charisma, and fortitude, he helped ensure the freedom of our great country from British tyranny and set the precedent for all successive Presidents to emulate his leadership.



Abraham Lincoln, also known as the Great Emancipator, served as the 16th President of the United States of America from 1861-1865. He preserved the Union during the American Civil War and brought about the emancipation of the slaves. Among American heroes, Lincoln continues to have a unique appeal for his fellow countrymen and also for people of other lands. This charm derives from his remarkable life story—the rise from humble origins to the highest office in the land. His courage, wisdom, and honesty have also inspired successive U.S. Presidents to emulate his leadership too.



## SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH



**JOSHUA JONES**

Birthdate—June 23

Home Town—Elk Grove Village

Favorite Saint—St. Anthony of Padua

Favorite Devotion— Surrender Novena

Parish—Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Class—Pre Theology I

“While I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic school for 10 years, I fell away from the faith during my high school and college years. After graduating college, while going through many personal struggles in the midst of a pandemic, I had a reversion to the faith, which sparked a newfound love for Jesus Christ and His Church. It was during this experience that a friend of mine invited me to my first Bible Study, which helped me grow in love for Sacred Scripture. I also began to seek community with in various Young Adult groups in the Archdiocese of Chicago. While doing so, I continued to work my job and planned to advance my career as well as pursue marriage. However, the Holy Spirit continued to invite me to be open to God’s will in my life, including my vocation. I look forward to bringing others to Christ and witnessing how He is at work in their lives, just as He is at work in mine.”

Please attend the March 20th Seminarian and Pasta night to meet Joshua as the Assembly presents him a \$500 check.

For more information about the life of Joshua please go to:

<https://usml.edu/seminarian/joshua-jones/>



# ASSEMBLY NEWS

CHILI



COOKOFF



PFN JOE MOORE PRESENTS THE 2023 CHILI COOK-OFF TROPHY TO FAITHFUL INSIDE SENTINEL, MICHAEL TUMAN OF THE AVE MARIA COUNCIL #4456. MIKE'S CHILI EARNED THE  ASSEMBLY'S 3RD CHILI COOK OFF, AMONG 9 COMPETITORS REPRESENTING THEIR COUNCILS.



CONGRATS TO ALL!



## **GRAND UNION FLAG**

THE FIRST FLAG OF THE COLONISTS TO HAVE ANY RESEMBLANCE TO THE PRESENT STARS AND STRIPES WAS THE GRAND UNION FLAG, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE CONGRESS COLORS, THE FIRST NAVY ENSIGN, AND THE CAMBRIDGE FLAG. ITS DESIGN CONSISTED OF 13 STRIPES, ALTERNATELY RED AND WHITE, REPRESENTING THE THIRTEEN COLONIES, WITH A BLUE FIELD IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER BEARING THE RED CROSS OF ST. GEORGE OF ENGLAND WITH THE WHITE CROSS OF ST. ANDREW OF SCOTLAND.

AS THE FLAG OF THE REVOLUTION IT WAS USED ON MANY OCCASIONS. IT WAS FIRST FLOWN BY THE SHIPS OF THE COLONIAL FLEET ON THE DELAWARE RIVER. ON DECEMBER 3, 1775, IT WAS RAISED ABOARD CAPTAIN ESEK HOPKIN'S FLAGSHIP ALFRED BY JOHN PAUL JONES, THEN A NAVY LIEUTENANT. LATER THE FLAG WAS RAISED ON THE LIBERTY POLE AT PROSPECT HILL, WHICH WAS NEAR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

IT WAS OUR UNOFFICIAL NATIONAL FLAG ON JULY 4, 1776, INDEPENDENCE DAY; AND IT REMAINED THE UNOFFICIAL NATIONAL FLAG AND ENSIGN OF THE NAVY UNTIL JUNE 14, 1777, WHEN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE STARS AND STRIPES.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL BERG  
COUNCIL# 3243  
ON WINNING THE GRAND UNION FLAG!**

## Newsletter Editor

Thank you to everyone who commented on last month's inaugural newsletter for our Assembly! I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did writing it! In case you missed it, please use the link provided below my name.

*A newsletter is only as good as we contribute to it.* I again humbly ask and encourage you all to send me any articles, pictures, and news from your Councils, Churches, etc., to place in our newsletter we plan to distribute on a monthly basis. We plan to upload it to our website within the first few days of each month, so make sure you send anything within a few days prior to the end of each month. Vivat Jesus!

- SK Juan Huerta, PFN

[https://uknight.org/Assemblies/a1595\\_NL\\_2023-01%20HANL.pdf](https://uknight.org/Assemblies/a1595_NL_2023-01%20HANL.pdf)

## Marquette Province — Northern Illinois District

From the Office of Master Alexander E. Tennant:

Worthies all: Thank you for helping us recruit over 100 + candidates for this upcoming February Exemplification! We are on schedule to have a successful Degree and look forward to future Honor Guards and Exemplifications! Always keep the faith, be active, be patriotic! Vivat Jesus!



For information concerning the Northern Illinois District of the Fourth Degree, visit

<http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com>

## Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter

For all news regarding the Chicago Chapter, please visit our website at

<https://www.chicagokofc.com/index.php>

To view our latest newsletter for the months of January-February, please click the link below:

[https://www.chicagokofc.com/PDF/Newsletter/Chapter\\_Newsletter\\_January-February\\_2023.pdf](https://www.chicagokofc.com/PDF/Newsletter/Chapter_Newsletter_January-February_2023.pdf)



\*\*\* *Be sure to submit your Council/Assembly news to our newsletter editor*\*\*\*

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHICAGO CHAPTER

**BOWLING**

*Tournament*



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

AMF Forest Lanes

7700 W. 47th Street, Lyons, IL

Check in at Noon - Bowl at 12:30 pm

\$40 Per Bowler

For more information email Paul at  
[Paul.Knights17110@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Knights17110@gmail.com)

DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MILITARY VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVES,

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023, WE WILL HOST ANOTHER COMING HOME VETERANS' RETREAT. THE ONE-DAY COME HOME RETREAT HELPS VETERANS, SPOUSES AND FAMILY MEMBERS EXAMINE AREAS OF FEAR THAT HOLD THEM BACK, AND RITUALS, SONGS AND PRESENTATIONS THAT HELP TOWARD HEALING.

## Veterans' Coming Home Retreat



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

February 5, 2023  
8:00am - 6:30pm



Day of Reflection for Men & Women

This program is free to attend.

JesuitRetreat.org | 847-381-1261

**YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS DAY OF SHARING AND HEALING, AND WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN - TO BUILD ON THE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL GRACE YOU RECEIVED, TO ENRICH AND DEEPEN YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY.**

**MANY VETERANS WHO HAVE MADE THE RETREAT TWO OR THREE TIMES HAVE FOUND IT TO BE AN EVEN DEEPER AND RICHER EXPERIENCE OF COMMUNITY AND HEALING WHEN RETURNING. THOSE OF US ON THE TEAM WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE RETREAT MULTIPLE TIMES NEVER CEASE TO HAVE AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE.**

**PAST RETREATANTS HAVE SHARED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: THE DAY WAS VERY HELPFUL FOR ME TO BEGIN MY HEALING JOURNEY. STRONG LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS HELPED TO OPEN UP ABOUT STUFF I'VE BURIED.**

**I FEEL THAT FOR ANYONE THAT IS COMMITTED TO HEALING AND GETTING PEACE FROM TORMENT, THAT THIS RETREAT IS AN ESSENTIAL STOP ON THE ROAD TO ENLIGHTENMENT.**

**DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT. WAS TOLD BY SOMEONE THAT ATTENDED THAT I WOULD BE WASTING MY TIME --- WAS HE WRONG!**

**BENEFICIAL FOR VETERANS SHARING THEIR STORIES AND PERSONAL CHALLENGES DURING THEIR MILITARY SERVICE.**

**WE INVITE YOU TO BRING OTHER VETERANS AND VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WITH YOU. SHARE THE GIFTS OF YOUR EXPERIENCES, YOUR JOYS, AND YOUR SORROWS, IN COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. HERE'S A SHORT VIDEO THAT DESCRIBES THE IMPACT OF THIS RETREAT:**

**[HTTPS://JESUITRETREAT.ORG/PAGES/VETERANS-COMING-HOME-RETREATS](https://jesuitretreat.org/pages/veterans-coming-home-retreats)**

**OUR REMAINING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS STARTING MARCH 1, 2022:**

**DINING ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUCH THAT RETREATANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO EAT 6 FEET APART.**

**LIKE MANY OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO, WE HAVE A SOCIAL DISTANCING SECTION IN OUR SACRED HEART CHAPEL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE DURING MASS AND TALKS.**

WE HAVE FILTER QUEEN DEFENDERS PORTABLE AIR PURIFIERS THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT HOUSE (FILTERS 99.99% OF PARTICLES DOWN TO 0.1 MICRON, 3X BETTER-THAN-HEPA FILTRATION, OZONE FREE, HOSPITAL APPROVED).

WE OPEN WINDOWS TO ENSURE BOTH FILTRATION AND VENTILATION IN OUR COMMON AREA ROOMS AND THE DINING ROOM.

HAND SANITIZER IS ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE RETREAT HOUSE.

WE ADVISE ALL RETREATANTS THAT ARE SICK OR FEELING ILL, TO STAY HOME AND CARE FOR YOUR HEALTH.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR DETAILS ON THE DAY AND TO REGISTER. REMEMBER THIS IS COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE. THE GIFT IS WAITING.

**REGISTRATION FOR COMING HOME RETREAT - FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE AT BELLARMINE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL **847-381-2625** OR EMAIL TERESA LARSON AT [TLARSON@JESUITRETREAT.ORG](mailto:TLARSON@JESUITRETREAT.ORG)

BLESSINGS,  
FR. J. MICHAEL SPAROUGH, SJ AND "COMING HOME RETREAT" TEAM



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- + ...and more!

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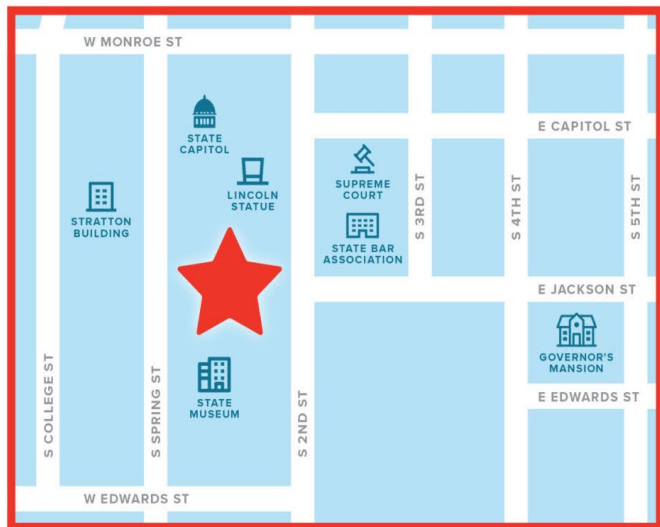


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## **AN ILLINOIS SIR KNIGHT'S 365 PRAYER**

**My Assembly is composed of fellow Sir Knights like me.**

**I help make it what it is.**

**It will be an Assembly dedicated to Faith, family, and Fraternity,  
if I am.**

**It will stand in solidarity with the Church and the Clergy,  
if I do.**

**Its meetings will be filed,  
if I attend and encourage others as well.**

**It will do great Patriotic Programming,  
if I am involved.**

**It will make Charitable gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous contributor.**

**It will inspire Catholic men to become Sir Knights,  
if I give them a Form 4 to invite and recruit them.**

**It will be an Assembly of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism,  
if I live those principles.**

**It will be an Assembly that Together is One,  
if I, who makes it what it is, am truly committed to "Faith In  
Action."**

**Therefore, through the intercession of**

**Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney**

**and with the help of Mary, Queen of the Knights,**

**I shall dedicate myself as a Sir Knight to the task of being  
all the things that I want my Assembly to be.**

**AMEN**