

**BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY NO. 816 The Crusader Newsletter
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Faithful Navigator's Letter January-February 2021



Complete the Journey

GO FOR THE FOURTH

A NICE BIT-O-HISTORY "God Bless America" THAT SHOULD BE PASSED ON

Frank Sinatra considered [Kate Smith](#) the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they wiped away a tear or two.

Here are the facts; The link at the bottom will take you to a video showing the very first public singing of "God Bless America". But before you watch it you should know the story behind the first public showing of the song.

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV when radio shows were HUGE and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size, as we now say, and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her; "It ain't over till the fat lady sings."

Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer [Irving Berlin](#) (who also wrote White Christmas) and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written but never published, 22 years before - in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and [Irving Berlin](#) were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from God Bless America. Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America . Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

This video starts out with [Kate Smith](#) coming into the radio studio with [the orchestra](#) and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time and starts singing. After the first couple verses, with her voice in the background, scenes are shown from the 1940 movie, You're In The Army Now. At the [4:20](#) mark of the video you see a young actor in the movie, sitting in an office, reading a paper; it's Ronald Reagan.

To this day, God Bless America stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when [Kate Smith](#) went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry...and for many generations of Americans to follow.

Now that you know the story of the song, I hope you'll enjoy it.

Many people don't know there's a lead in to the song since it usually starts with God Bless America ... So here's the entire song as originally sung. Enjoy it! Click below: Watch to the end.

[Kate Smith introduces God Bless America - YouTube](#)

Compassionate Contact Corps

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At this time, there is a new item that we can do for the Veterans. The program is Compassionate Contact Corps. This is a "Telephone Friendly Visitor Program". Quickly, it is for anyone to contact a Veteran by phone, a few times a week for what you and the Veteran wish for time. This can also continue after they go home. You and the Knights get time for this for our end of year paperwork. They will pair you with a Veteran. This will help with loneliness.

The Volunteer Volunteers in this program provide companionship and support for the Veteran and the caregiver. Veterans Are Welcome! Use your unique background to help a fellow Veteran. Non-Veterans Are Welcome! Experience the satisfaction that comes from striking up new friendships and supporting our nation's heroes. Seniors Are Welcome! Use your unique set of skills and your lifetime of experience to help Veterans in need while developing new friendships. ♦ Volunteer applicants need to be over the age of 18. ♦ Volunteer applicants will need to attend volunteer orientation with the VA and successfully pass a background investigation, and be trained for the specific duties of this position. Volunteers Make A Difference!

Please keep our Veterans in your prayers and thoughts.

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The 2021 Saint Augustine Hunger Center Calendars have arrived! These calendars are beautifully made and you will enjoy having them in your homes. They also make wonderful gifts, giving others a chance also to win as well as to enjoy this calendar. Most of all, the calendars provide needed support for the Hunger Center. The calendars are \$25 each. Each calendar has a number, drawn for each day for the year 2021 that will give all participants 365 chances to win \$25.00, and on a few days, even more than that. Calendars are available in the Saint Augustine rectory after the masses. As in the past, we appreciate parishioners who have been able to take them and sell them to their neighbors, or the places where they work, or to other family members.

Please contact for more information

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Checks can be made out to "Saint Augustine" (not Knights of Columbus) Cash is welcomed.

Christmas card for our Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 for 2020

Thank you SK Tom Hummer for sharing your GOD given talents of custom designing a Christmas card for our Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 for 2020 just as you had done in 2019

K of C Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 Attendance and participation in Turnouts and events



Turnout SK Henry Kleinhenz Wake 12-11-2020 at Chambers Funeral Home at 28150 Lorain Road North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 by SK Jim Sanzi PFN Marshal

- Father Joe McNulty Chaplin
- Paul C. Mathieson FN
- Jim Sanzi PFN Marshal
- Dave Parchem Commander
- Ray Metsch PFN
- Scott Metsch PFN
- John McQuillen Bishop Hoban Assembly 1407
- Frank Carangio PFN
- Gene Hanzely PFN
- Ralph Kearnes PFN
- Danny Kelly
- Bob Walsh PFN
- Kevin Cornelius PFN
- Thomas Heim
- Kevin Sheehan
- Jeff Keeper

Tom Kilbane
Rudy Chavez
Jerry Nowesnick
Dave Dylun

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sagrada Familia 7719 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44102 on Sunday 12-13-2020

(Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe), also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe (Spanish: Virgen de Guadalupe), is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.)

SK Miguel Colon
SK Max Figueroa
SK Tony Rosa (Heriberto Antonio Rosa)

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CANCELLED Friday December 18, 2020 Annual Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 Fourth Degree Christmas Mass and Dinner

Thank you for all your RSVP's and continued support of Friday December 18, 2020 Annual Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 Fourth Degree Christmas 5:30 P.M. Mass and 7:00 P.M. Dinner, at Saint Augustine Church and Saint Augustine Walsh Hall. We appreciate that you supported us and understood that we did have all of the COVID-19 rules in place about social distancing and COVID-19 sanitary precautions.

I decided to cancel because we want "stay safe" as a top priority

Respectfully

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CANCELLED Annual Knights of Columbus Greater Cleveland Chapter January 29 2021 52nd Annual Clergy Night Dinner Friday, January 31, 2020-6:00 – 9:00pm Center for Pastoral Leadership 28700 Euclid Avenue Wickliffe, Ohio 44092 Assigned dining room and tables Formal meal to be served by the seminarians; seminarians will be assigned to a table. Family style Menu On table upon arrival... Garden salad pre-dressed with rolls and butter on table, Pitcher of water, Carafe of coffee, Cream and sugar, Salt + pepper, Served family style: Baked scrod, Boneless chicken breast, Sliced roast beef, Pasta with meat sauce, Roasted red skin potatoes, Fresh steamed vegetable

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Support your Lenten Parish Fish Fry in 2021
(Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021 to Easter Sunday April 4, 2021)

Please share with us your council dates, times, and menu's so that we can get the word out to everyone

DONATIONS:

- Coats for Kids collected for Saint Augustine Parish
- Eyeglasses collected for those in need at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital
- Cell Phones collected for Battered and Abused Women/ Soldiers

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“Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 816 Lakewood, Ohio” navy blue shirts
(Michael Swiatek PFN initiated “Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 816 Lakewood, Ohio” navy blue shirts on October 5, 2018 during his term of office)

PLEASE NOTE: Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 816 Lakewood, Ohio shirt order forms from Bill Goellner are available through Paul C. Mathieson Phone: 440-835-7203, E-Mail paulmathieson@msn.com

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Sick & Visiting Committee

Prayer Request for Fr. Joseph McNulty, Sister Corita; Fr. Joseph McNulty's sister Noreen Surtz, Sister Becky, Lady Gayle Metsch, Lady Joan Kleinhenz, SK Roger Gregory; SK Joe Valaitis, SK Frank Kisiel's Granddaughter, Lady Joan Hazen, Lady Mary Smith, SK Lou Simonyi, Joe Biel, SK Joe Neelan, SK Bob Walsh, SK Eddie Ryan; Lady Gerri Ryan, Eddie Ryan's and Gerry Ryan's 12 year old grandson; Lady Norma Carrangio, SK Tom Smith, Lady Joyce Walsh, Lady Alma Bukala, Lady Cathy Sanzi, SK Jim Brown, Lady Nancy Melchioris; SK Tom Lisy; Lady Jan Lisy; SK Gene Hanzely, Lady Betty Hanzely; SK Carl Zelinski Sr; Donna Glassco; SK Jeff Keeper ; SK Frank Kisiel Jr., Alma Bukala, Joyce Walsh, SK Phil Oravec, SK Mike Dickey

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Sentinel of the Chalice Report SK Dave Parchem Chalice Director All is well with the chalices on hand and the chalice fund.

SANTA MARIA GUILD REPORT – Lady Nancy Melchioris – 216-898-5838

We need a lot of prayers for the current conditions of the world which include the first responders, safety forces, and military.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to any and all who celebrate one during the month of January and February.

There will not be any “Nut Sales” this year

Please pray for Alma Bukala, Joyce Walsh, Joan Kleinhenz, Betty and Gene Hanzely.
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UP COMING EVENTS – Turnout dates and meetings

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| January 12, 2021 | Officers Virtual Meeting, 7:00 PM |
| January 27, 2020 | Rosary and Business Meeting,. 7:00 Meeting St. Clements Lower Hall |
| January 29, 2021 | CANCELLED Annual Knights of Columbus Greater Cleveland Chapter January 29 2021 52 nd Annual Clergy Night Dinner Friday, January 31, 2020 |
| February 9, 2021 | Officers Virtual Meeting, 7:00 PM |
| February 24 , 2021 | Rosary and Business Meeting, 7:00 PM St. Clements Lower Hall |