



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT – SK Paul C. Mathieson – 440-835-7203

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Faithful Navigator's Letter March-April 2020



Complete the Journey

GO FOR THE FOURTH
(Excerpt from Membership Guide)

“The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of the Church, the Order, and the many nations where Knights serve.”

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As leaders of the Fourth Degree how do we insure that our Third Degree brothers get asked? This is a matter of communication and following are proven suggestions for getting our message out and then ASKING Brothers to become “Sir Knights”:

***** Jim

Jim Sanzi is the Faithful Comptroller of Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816 of Lakewood Ohio, and the Marshal for District 1 of the west side Diocese of Cleveland. SK Paul Mathieson is the current Faithful Navigator of Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816.

The Assembly is the 4th degree Knights of Columbus just as a Council is for the 3rd degree Knights. Faithful Navigator is the equivalent of the Grand Knight of the 3rd Degree Council. Unlike Council's, the 4th degree can only recruit new members from our 7 Councils assigned to us:

- Council 2643 Lakewood
- Council 2790 Westpark
- Council 4217 Trinity
- Council 4731 North Olmsted

- Council 13643 Sagrada Familia
- Council 16373 A. J. Quinn Saint Ladislav
- Council 16376 Westlake Saint Bernadette

We need new members, like any organization we need to grow.

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Brother Knights, having obtained the honors of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, we are pledged to be Patriots for God and Country. Thus it is the mission of a Sir Knight to live, protect, and preserve the principles of our Holy Religion and his Country. Some patriotic activities are helping our veterans during the holidays, and by having a color guard marching in parades and donating to provincial upon requests for veterans.

Just as there are dues for the 3rd degree Councils there are dues for the 4th degree Assemblies. Our dues have held steady for several years of \$30.00 which \$3.00 goes towards the Assemblies chalice fund.

As a member of Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 4th degree Knights of Columbus your family will receive an engraved chalice with your name on it after your death, to be presented to a clergyman of your choice or the Assembly will find a clergyman to present the chalice on behalf of the family.

The Exemplification of the Knights of Columbus is currently on hold . Most of the activities are on Saturday with the Exemplification, Mass, and Banquet. We have Official instructions for candidates and for the activities. The instructions gives you specific instructions for dress attire for the exemplification, mass and banquet.

The cost for the candidate is \$70.00 which include their banquet meal, guests and current members are \$40.00 each. The uniform is \$449.00 from The Supply Room, <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>

and the Assembly will reimburse with a rebate to you \$100.00 after 3 turnouts.

Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 816 meets the last Wednesday of every month at St. Clements Church at 2022 Lincoln Ave Lakewood. We start the meeting with the rosary which includes our wives who are members of the woman’s guild.

Last year we had many turnouts and averaged about 10 – 15 Sir Knights turning out in full regalia however after the regalia was suspended we had only 3 to 5 Sir Knights turnout. That is why we are encouraging new Knights to join our ranks and become 4th degree members. We currently have 13 Sir Knights with the new uniform

Some of the turnouts:

- St. Patrick’s Day parade
- Good Friday procession at Sagrada Familia
- May Crowning
- Officer’s Installation Mass
- Little Italy Procession and Parade
- North Olmsted Homecoming Parade

- The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sagrada Familia
- Annual Catholic Cemeteries
- Annual Memorial Mass
- Annual “Marker of the Unborn”
- Priests and Church Anniversaries’
- Installation of Priest
- The FEST

Patriotic support:

- Annual Flag retirement June 14th at North Olmsted Council (Include Veterans, VFW, American Legions, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Brownies)
- Annual 4th of July Parade Kamm’s Corner
- Annual Veterans Day Parade
- Visit veterans at home, nursing homes and in hospital
- Support 5th Sunday Coffee and Donuts with our Veterans at the VA Hospital VA Hospital Wade Park 8:30 Am Setup, 9:00 AM Mass.
- Support transportation to VA Hospital
- Support Veterans Administration Annual Annual "Christmas Gift Shop"- Wade Park 10701 East Boulevard Cleveland VA Medical Center Veterans Administration Building VA Recreation Hall Wade Park Cleveland, Ohio 44106
- Support National Wreaths Across America Day Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that has coordinated laying Christmas wreaths on Veteran’s graves every year since 2007. Their mission involves honoring and remembering Veterans around the holiday season. You can get involved and volunteer to lay wreaths!
- Support American Legion and VFW programs placing flags on veterans graves on Memorial Day, Flag Day June 14, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day
- Support American Legion and VFW programs with housing for veterans
- Support American Legion and VFW programs for homeless veterans
- Support American Legion and VFW programs for handicapped (Blind, deaf, and disabled veterans)

Some of what we support:

- Support parish fish fry’s
- Support parish activities
- Support Saint Augustine’s Annual Rainbow Camp for children’s picnic
- Support Saint Augustine’s Annual Christmas Party for children
- support donations of Cell Phones for battered women and cell phones for soldiers
- Support Saint Augustine’s Church programs for handicapped (Blind, deaf, disabled, and special needs)
- Support Saint Augustine’s Church programs for homeless.
- Support Saint Augustine’s Church hunger center.
- Support Saint Augustine’s Church programs for Seniors
- Some of our members are also members of Knights of St. John’s and Alhambra programs for providing assistance, education and residences for persons developmentally disabled;
- Support processions for Confirmation Masses
- Stand guard at our deceased members viewing and have a prayer service
- Annual 4th Degree Communion Mass and Communion Breakfast
- Annual Holiday Party
- Annual Spring and Fall 4th Degree Exemplification

Officer's Meetings

Meeting will continue to be held at the St. Clarence Classroom on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

K of C Luncheon Club

K of C Luncheon Club, 2nd Thursday @ Fuji Grill and Buffet

1930 Snow Road, Parma, Ohio 44134

Web Site: fujigrillbuffet.com

Phone number (216) - 661-5888 The price is \$11.

Frank Carangio, President., Phone: 216-398-6139

MARSHAL REPORT

St. James Church for their confirmation. Sunday February 16, 2020 10:00 turnout mass at 10:30.

We had 7 Knights in their new uniform turnout

- Jim Sanzi (Marshal) PFN, FC, Assembly 816
- Paul C. Mathieson FN Assembly 816
- David Parchem (Commander) Assembly 816
- Brett Hazen (Commander) Assembly 816
- Teran Taggert FN Assembly 2307
- Michael Herdmann Assembly 816
- Michael Swiatek PFN Assembly 816

TURNOUTS

- Turnout March 17, 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade, meet at St. Augustine's at 12:30 P.M. Parade 1:00 P.M.
- Turnout March 25,2020 Confirmation Saint Bernadette Mass 7:00 P.M. Turnout 6:30 P.M.
- Turnout April 22, 2020 May Crowning Saint Clements Mass 7:00 P.M. Turnout 6:30 P.M.

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 Women, Abused Women, and Soldiers

“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

Sick & Visiting Committee

Pray for Fr. Joseph McNulty, Sister Becky, Lady Gayle Metsch, SK Henry Kleinhenz, Lady Joan Kleinhenz, Lady Marilyn Gregory, Father Martin Joseph, SK Ed Ryan, SK Jim Brown SK Rudy Chavez, SK Lou Kaszas, SK Tom Lisy PFN and Lady Jan Lisy, SK Philip Oravec ,SK Joe Burke, SK Joe Valaitis, SK Frank Kisiel’s Grandaughter, Lady Joan Hazen, Lady Mary Smith, SK John Cooney, SK Lou Simonyi, and Lady Shirley Wolfe. Joe Biel, SK Joe Neelan, SK Bob Walsh, Lady Gerri Ryan, Lady Norma Carrangio, SK Tom Smith

Sentinel of the Chalice Report

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.

We will celebrate new knights and mother’s day in May

UP COMING EVENTS – Turnout dates and meetings

March 10, 2020 **Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM** St. Clarence Classroom

March 17, 2020 Saint Patrick’s Day Parade

March 25, 2020 **Rosary and Business Meeting, 7:00 PM** St. Clements Lower Hall
Officer candidate nominations

March 29, 2020 Coffee and Donuts VA Hospital Wade Park 8:30 A.M. Setup 9:00 A.M. Mass

April 14, 2020 **Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM** St. Clarence Classroom

April 17, 2020 SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION Double Tree, Independence, Ohio

April 18, 2020 SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION Double Tree, Independence, Ohio

April 22, 2020 **May Crowning Mass, 7:00 PM** St. Clements Lower Hall
Welcome new Sir Knights
Officer candidate nominations from the floor

April 26, 2020 Annual Greater Cleveland Chapter Nuns and Ladies Day Diner