



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

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**Faithful Navigator's Letter May-June 2021**



*Complete the Journey*

**GO FOR THE FOURTH**

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**EMBLEM OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE**



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

- The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.
- The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.
- The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

**The colors of the symbols are:**

- A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.
- A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.

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### **Knights of Columbus sword**

This sword is a representative example of a [Knights of Columbus](#) society or lodge sword. The "Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today."

The most distinctive feature is a cast likeness of Columbus on the pommel. The hilts are cast from a variety of metals but usually the grips are of painted wood. They are very simple in appearance and were not intended for combat. Fraternal, Lodge, or Society swords are relatively inexpensive to own and are fun to collect. There are seemingly infinite variations. Various makers markings and are found in infinite degrees of condition. Most seem to have been made by [Lynch & Kelly of Utica New York](#) ; they have been in business since about 1875 to present day.

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### **The Knights of Columbus Patriotic Uniform order link:**

**[Knights of Columbus | Supply Room - KofC Uniform](#)**

<https://www.kofcuniform.com>

**Knights of Columbus** has amazing products that you will love.

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There is more to being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

Commitment to the local community is a large part of who we are because we know that strong communities sustain our assembly and our members We seek to make a difference in the local communities we serve by working with our existing and prospective community fairly and responsibly.

**Patriotism** (love of country) and nationalism (loyalty to one's nation) are often taken to be synonymous, yet **patriotism** has its origins some 2,000 years prior to the rise of nationalism in the 19th **Patriotism**, feeling of attachment and **commitment** to a country, nation, or political community.

Patriotism as "the feeling of attachment and commitment to a country, nation, or political community.". The United States tends to be a very patriotic country.

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**Fourth Degree Accomplishment are recognized:**

- **“To Be A Patriot” Award**

Programs. Developed in 1985, the **“To Be A Patriot” Award** annually recognizes the top three single best **patriotic programs** conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies each fraternal year. Entries are submitted to the Fourth Degree masters to determine the best program in each district. These are sent to the vice supreme masters,

- **Civic Award.**

The **Civic Award** is presented annually as a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified in the patriotic activities conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. Assemblies conducting a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year are eligible for the Supreme Council **Civic Award**

- **Star Assembly Award**

**Star Assembly Award** Religiously Devoted. Patriotically Proud. The **Star Assembly Award** was first awarded in 2016 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. **Assemblies** that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs. Criteria for Attaining The **Star Assembly Award**. Publish and distribute to the **assembly** membership a minimum of six **Assembly** Newsletters during the 2019-2020 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master. Meet the **assembly** new member goal of 7%

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**Candidate Nominations  
Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 816  
Officers of Year 2021-2022**

Faithful Friar: Rev. Joseph McNulty

Faithful Navigator: Brett Hazen

Faithful Comptroller: Jim Sanzi PFN

Faithful. Purser: Leo Smith

Faithful. Captain: Dave Parchem

Faithful Co-Captain: Danny Kelly

Faithful Pilot: Michael Schun

Faithful Admiral: Ed Ryan

Faithful Scribe: Thomas Heim

Faithful Inner Sentinel: Tom Smith

Faithful Outer Sentinel: Michael Herdmann

Faithful Trustee 1 Year: Kevin Cornelius PFN

Faithful Trustee 2 Year: Michael Swiatek PFN

Faithful Trustee 3 Year: Paul C. Mathieson PFN

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**Reminder: Officer Candidate Nominations from the floor..please forward nominations to CURRENT trustees**

- Faithful Trustee 1 Year: Roger Gregory PFN 216-251-7104 [RogerGreg@aol.com](mailto:RogerGreg@aol.com)
- Faithful Trustee 2 Year: Kevin Cornelius PFN 440-655-6706 [kcorney01@yahoo.com](mailto:kcorney01@yahoo.com)

- Faithful Trustee 3 Year: Michael Swiatek PFN 440-376-4781  
[michaelswiatek295@gmail.com](mailto:michaelswiatek295@gmail.com)

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**Inaugural Flag Raising Over New WWI Memorial:** On Friday April 16, 2021, the American flag was raised for the first time over the new National WWI Memorial site (Formerly known as Pershing Park) in Washington, D.C., after having flown over nine American WWI battlefield cemeteries in Europe and at the U.S. Capitol. Actor Gary Sinise hosted a virtual 90-minute program that included performances by the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own,” as well as the 369th Regiment “Hellfighters Band.” President Joe Biden and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley were featured speakers. There was also a flyover by the 94th Aero Squadron established during WWI.

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**Bishop Gries explores men’s religious orders during Theology on the Rocks program  
News of the Diocese April 15, 2021**

About a dozen orders of religious men – both priests and brothers – work in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland filling various roles in education, parish life, as chaplains and in other capacities.

Auxiliary Bishop emeritus Roger Gries shared insight on the various orders during a virtual presentation on April 12 to the Theology on the Rocks West group.

Bishop Gries, who himself was a professed Benedictine monk before his 2001 appointment as auxiliary bishop of Cleveland, said the religious orders serve in the diocese at the invitation of the diocesan bishop. Currently, about 74 religious order priests work in the Cleveland Diocese.

After his appointment as auxiliary bishop, he resigned his membership in the Benedictine Order of Cleveland, Bishop Gries said, and he joined the diocesan presbyterate (diocesan priests). There are about 231 active diocesan priests serving 185 parishes.

“You do the math,” the bishop said. “There aren’t enough priests to do everything so the religious order priests are a great blessing.”

During his introduction of Bishop Gries, Deacon Ken DeLuca offered a brief biography, noting the bishop graduated from Benedictine High School before discerning a vocation as a Benedictine monk. He professed his vows in July 1957 and was ordained a priest in May 1963.

As a monk, he worked as a bus driver, a math teacher and coach at Benedictine High School. He

later served as principal. In 1981, he was elected the fifth abbot of the Benedictine Order of Cleveland, a position he held until his consecration as bishop in June 2001. As required by Church law, he submitted his resignation in March 2012 when he turned 75. Pope Francis accepted his resignation in November 2013, but he was asked to continue assisting in the diocese – which he still does.

Each religious order has its own charism, the bishop explained. For the Benedictines, it is work and prayer, based on the rule of St. Benedict.

The Benedictines were founded in the late fifth century. St. Benedict left his studies in Rome and the distractions of society to become a hermit. He attracted a following and became the spiritual father or abbot to many followers, Bishop Gries said. In 1846, the first monks immigrated to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where they established an abbey. Other abbeys were established elsewhere, including in Lisle, Illinois, which provided the first Benedictine monks in Cleveland.

In 1922, the Cleveland bishop realized there were many Slovak immigrants working in the steel mills but no Slovak priests to minister to them, so he invited St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle to send some monks. The first six Benedictines arrived in Cleveland soon after and established St. Andrew Svorad Abbey. In 1928, they founded Benedictine High School, which remains their primary ministry in the diocese. Bishop Gries said there are about 25 monks at the abbey, 18 of whom are priests. Two monks staff Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights and others assist at parishes around the diocese on weekends. Another monk works as a counselor in Lorain.

In addition to the Benedictines, the other orders serving in the diocese are the Apostles of Jesus, Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer, Congregation of Holy Cross, Congregation of St. Joseph, Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales, Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (Mercedarian friars), Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Congregation of Holy Cross staffs St. Edward High School, Gilmour Academy and Archbishop Hoban High School. Many members are brothers who serve as teachers and in other educational capacities.

Bishop Gries said he attended a seminary that was operated by the Blessed Sacrament fathers. The order was founded in 1856 in France by St. Peter Julian Eymard and it was invited to Cleveland in 1931. They established St. Paschal Baylon Parish in 1953 and continue to staff it. The order has 10 active and three retired priests in the diocese. For many years they maintained a 24/7 perpetual adoration.

The Congregation of St. Joseph was founded in 1873 in Italy and often worked with youth. The order was invited to Cleveland and worked in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood for several years, the bishop said. The community established a retreat house in Avon and works with youth

in Lorain County. There are two active and one retired priest in the diocese. One member of the congregation was a longtime professor at the diocesan seminaries.

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars, who can be identified by their brown, hooded habits, trace their roots to 1528 Italy, where they were founded by Father Matteo Bassi. They are a branch of the Franciscans. In 1978, they were invited to Cleveland. Five friars work at four parishes and one shrine in the diocese: Holy Spirit Parish, Garfield Heights; St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cleveland; St. Peter Parish, Cleveland; and Conversion of St. Paul Shrine, Cleveland.

The Order of Friars Minor, also Franciscans, were founded in the 13th century by St. Francis of Assisi in Italy. “They were called by Jesus to rebuild his Church,” Bishop Gries said.

Because they take a vow of poverty, the friars could not own property. They would “rent” space from someone, sometimes another religious order like the Benedictines, and would pay with fish and bread.

The Mercedarian friars were founded in 1218 in Spain by St. Peter Nolasco. In addition to taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, they take a fourth vow and are willing to offer their lives for the redemption of a soul.

The friars staff two Cleveland parishes: St. Rocco and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (West). They arrived in the diocese in the early 1920s and are distinguishable by their long white habits.

One of the most familiar religious orders in the diocese is the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. Bishop Gries said they were founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1534 in Paris and follow the spirituality of St. Ignatius. The order is known for its educational, missionary and charitable works.

They founded St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University (originally called St. Ignatius College) in 1886. The Jesuits established a novitiate-training center in Parma that expanded to include the Jesuit Retreat House, now called the Jesuit Retreat Center. Later, a second retreat house was founded in Clinton. They also established Church of the Gesu in University Heights and staff Walsh Jesuit High School.

The Apostles of Jesus is a missionary order founded about 50 years ago in Africa. There are nine priests serving in parishes and as hospital and nursing home chaplains in the diocese.

“They are fantastic people who love the priesthood and love the people they serve,” Bishop Gries said.

The Precious Blood Fathers have one priest in the diocese, Cleveland native Father Bill O’Donnell, who recently was named administrator of St. Augustine Parish in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood.

Although their names, charisms and religious habits may differ, Bishop Gries said religious orders share many things with diocesan priests. He said the training for priests takes the same amount of time – generally nine years. Religious order members serve a novitiate year (in the case of Jesuits, formation is longer) instead of the internship year served by diocesan seminarians. Members of the order are under the guidance of their order’s leadership and take direction from the bishop and pope where indicated.

Bishop Gries said he weighed religious life and diocesan priesthood, but said his heart led him to the Benedictines.

“I love my ministry, I love being a diocesan bishop and I cherished my time living in community as a monk. When you follow your heart and learn what God wants you to do, you find peace,” he added.

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### **Officer’s Meetings**

Meeting will continue to be held as a **virtual meeting** on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

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### **MARSHAL REPORT TURNOUT**

**April 16, 2021** Friday, April 16, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Turnout **Casket Watch** wake for passing of 100 year old SK George Maalouf. Tuxedo and Social Baldric only (no swords). No uniforms permitted. Ripepi Funeral Home 5762 Pearl Road (at Snow Road), Parma, OH.

- SK Dave Parchem Faithful Pilot, Faithful Commander
- SK Paul C.Mathieson FN

**April 17, 2021** 11:30 a.m

**Church Service** for passing of 100 year old SK George Maalouf. (meet at church) - St. Elias Byzantine Church; 8023 Memphis Avenue; Brooklyn, OH. 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17. **Full Uniform ONLY**

- SK Dave Parchem Faithful Pilot, Faithful Commander
- SK Paul C.Mathieson FN

## UPCOMING TURNOUTS

- Turnout May 31, 2021 In Honor of our veterans Bishop O'Reilly Assembly is proud to attend the Memorial Day services at Riverside Cemetery
- Turnout June 14, 2021 for annual Flag Day With the help of the loyal Boy Scouts the collection of flags were properly retired..

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## 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

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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](mailto:paulmathieson@msn.com)*

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There will be two Virtual Exemplifications in May 2021.

## **Combined Cleveland and Youngstown Degree**

**2021 Spring Exemplification #1**

**May 1, 2021**

**Degree start 10:30 AM EST**

This exemplification will be virtual.

Please check back for additional information.

## **Combined Cleveland and Youngstown Degree**

**2021 Spring Exemplification #2**

**May 13, 2021**

**Degree start 7:30 PM EST**

Registration for the Virtual Exemplifications scheduled for May 1 at 10:30 a.m. and May 13 at 7:30 p.m. is now open.

You can register at <http://www.kofcohdist1.org/Exemp/>

Registration fees (\$50.00) and completed Form 4's need to be sent to Cleveland Executive Director Brett Hazen at 25389 Hilliard Road; Westlake, OH 44145.

Robert F. Solomon

Master, Ohio District One

The registration web site is <https://fs22.formsite.com/stambrose/form70/index.html>

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**Live Fall 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

Saturday October 30, 2021 at Holiday Inn in Boardman , Ohio

This will be a one day event with a hospitality room in the morning, the Degree at 1:00, a VIP event, a ladies program, Mass at St. Charles or St. Luke, followed by a banquet. The fee will be \$70.00. There would be a Master’s hospitality room following the Banquet. The District will need volunteers for this program, especially the ladies program.

**Souvenir Book: There will be one book for the entire year published for the Fall Exemplification.** Thus, we should begin obtaining sponsors now. The protocol for the book will sent out. Submissions can begin immediately, and the deadline for submissions is October 16, 2021. Payment is due October 30, 2021, and should be paid up front. There will be a cover art contest with a \$25.00 gift card prize. The actual digital ad needs to be sent, not just a request to use the ad from last time. Submissions should be carefully proofread to avoid grammar and spelling errors, especially for unusual names. This is essential in producing a good book.

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**Raffle Tickets for Exemplification**

**Donation: 6 tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each**

Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 816 will be selling raffle tickets contact **Faithful Captain SK Brett Hazen Phone** :216-835-8500 **E-Mail:** [tfmm1882@gmail.com](mailto:tfmm1882@gmail.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, Father Workman, Bill Schum (Michael Schum's father), Jerry Nowesnick

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**Sentinel of the Chalice Report**

All is well with the chalices on hand and the chalice fund.

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**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.

We will celebrate mother's day in May

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to any and all who celebrate one during the month of May and June.

Please pray for Alma Bukala, Joyce Walsh, Joan Kleinhenz, Betty and Gene Hanzely.

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**UP COMING EVENTS – Turnout dates and meetings**

April 25, 2021      **CANCELLED Annual Greater Cleveland Chapter Nuns and Ladies Day Diner**

April 28, 2021      **CHANGE.....May Crowning Mass, 7:00 PM**  
Uniform/ Tuxedo/Dark Suit  
St. Augustine Church In Church and Live Stream  
Officer candidate nominations from the floor

May 8, 2021      **Happy Mother's Day!**

May 11, 2021      **Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM Virtual Meeting**

May 22, 2021      **Cincinnati, Ohio Virtual State Convention**

- May 26, 2021      **Rosary and Business Meeting, 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting**  
**Celebrate Mother's Day**  
**Officer Election**
- May 31, 2021      Memorial Day services at Riverside Cemetery
- June 8, 2021      **Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting**
- June 14, 2021      Annual Flag Retirement Saint Clarence    Uniform/ Tuxedo/Dark  
Suit
- June 20, 2021      Happy Father's Day!
- June 30, 2021      **Rosary and Business Meeting, 7:00 PM Virtual Meeting**