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Faithful Navigator's Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

The **“Are we who we say we are?” Initiative** is well under way and on schedule! **Initiative #1: Publish and distribute and minimum of six Assembly Newsletters per fraternal year has been completed.** **Initiative #2: Meet the Assembly's new membership goal, with a net gain of 10% over deletions.** SK Sam Calco, District Deputy, SK Dave Finch, Executive Assistant to the Master, SL Bob Gareau, Faithful Comptroller, and myself have started a recruitment campaign last week that that includes a PowerPoint presentation (You may view this video at <https://youtu.be/mbhelQTK8TI>) and candidate folders and have scheduled presentation time at each of our Councils meetings this month and next, we have already recruited a couple of new members from just one meeting. **HAVE YOU INVITED A 3RD DEGREE MEMBER OF YOUR COUNCIL TO JOIN THE 4TH DEGREE? Sometimes that's all it takes, just to ask!** Please see page 7 for complete details. **Initiative #3: Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the fraternal year.** Our Veterans' Affairs Committee along with myself met last Friday, February 17th reviewed our Assembly's Civic Program and we are completing this requirement by our Honor Guard participation in the Veterans Day Parade and annual Blue Mass, monthly donations to our Vets at the Veterans Hospital, volunteering monthly for the Operation Helping Hands Dinner at the Veterans hospital, and for their up and coming Golf Tournament honoring Brother Knight Bob Silah this March 24nd, and finally we are proposing to the Assembly this month to approve funds to decorate and dedicate each of our parishes flag pole areas to our Veterans. **Initiative #4: Complete and submit the Assembly's application for the “To be a Patriot Award” by April 30th will be completed on time.** **Initiative #5: Complete the Officers Chosen forms and Annual Survey on time by their respective due dates has already been completed.**

Finally, happy birthday and service anniversary to all our Sir Knights celebrating in the month of March (Please see page 5 for this month's list); and thank you to each Sir Knight that is actively participating in the Assembly. *If you haven't already asked yourself “Am I who I say I am?” and “Am I living up to the obligations I freely took of our Order”, then ask yourself now, and if the honest answer is “No”, then now is the time to get involved. It's never too late!*

Vivat Jesus,

SK Robert Billoni
Faithful Navigator



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Letter from the Trustees

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to (Saint) Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984 (www.assembly2984.com) where something is always happening right here in Tampa, Florida!

Lent is upon us. It all begins with Ash Wednesday and for the next forty days, we will remember how Jesus gave up his life for us so we may join him in the kingdom of Heaven. It is truly the most important time of the year. I know we seem to celebrate Christmas bigger than Easter with decorations and Santa Claus, but yet the Easter Season is when Christ is risen. Yet very few decorations outside reminding the world that Christ is Risen. Maybe an Easter Bunny, but no Cross. We promote keep Christ in Christmas, can't we put a cross in our yard. I know it's not as elegant as a Nativity Set, but maybe it might remind people that Jesus died on the cross to save us. Let's show people who we are, The Knights of Columbus. Let's remind them that Lent and the Easter Season is more than fish fries, fat Tuesday, Ashes on our forehead, or even St. Patrick's Day. Now is our hour!

Our Assembly needs your help in the VA Help Hands Dinner at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. As President Trump says "remember our Vets". You can practice your Patriotism by coming to the next dinner on Thursday, March 16th, we can use an extra hand. Please contact our VA Committee Chair, SK Bill Miller @ billmillerkofc@yahoo.com or 813-263-2334 for details.

Our next General Assembly Meeting will be on Monday, March 20th @7:30pm at St. Paul's Family Center and remember to bring your donations for our Veterans. These donations are collected at each Assembly Meeting and dropped off at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital each month. Spring forward and change your clocks to Daylight Savings time on March 12th.

And remember, at Pope John XXIII Assembly#2984, the best is yet to come!

Your Brother in Christ,

SK Tom Wilson, PGK, PFN, FDD, FHGC
3-Year Trustee



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Color Corps News

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our Honor Guard provided a Color Corp of eleven Sir Knights for the Annual Men's Conference at Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic this past Saturday, February 18, 2017. I would like to thank each and every Sir Knight that dressed in regalia and participated in this event to support our Brother Knights at Council 11830.

Join me in welcoming SK Fred Baryol from Council 11211 to our Color Corp. SK Fred Baryol has volunteered to be an active member of our Honor Guard. Follow his example and volunteer for the Honor Guard.

Our next Honor Guard requests are for Holy Week Masses next month at multiple parishes, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We need as many volunteers as we can get. It is going to be an all hands on deck!

Please volunteer to participate in the Color Corp, we always need your participation! Contact me at sdcunningham54@gmail.com or (813) 451-9988 for information of any up and coming events. We have a few extra sets of regalia that we can lend for these events if you didn't get yours yet.

Fraternally Yours,

SK Stephen Cunningham
Honor Guard Commander

View the *Color Corps Drill Manual* at http://issuu.com/knightsofcolumbus/docs/fourth_degree

Browse official Color Corps regalia approved by the Supreme Master at:

The English Company (<http://www.kofcsupplies.com/>) –or– Lynch & Kelly (<https://www.lynchkelly.com/home.php>)



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Dates to Remember

March 16, 2017– Helping Hands Dinner at 5:30pm – James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Spinal Cord Injury Unit, 13000 Bruce B Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612 *****Please Wear your Blue Assembly Shirt*****

March 20, 2017 – Assembly 2984 Monthly Business Meeting - The meeting will start at 7:30pm and will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in the Family Center, Section 3, located at 12708 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618. **Please bring your donations to the Veterans!**

March 24, 2017 – Operation Helping Hands Golf Tournament honoring Brother Knight Bob Silah- Please volunteer to help make this event a success! For more information, please contact SK Bill Miller at 813-263-2334 or billmillerkofc@yahoo.com.

April 22, 2017 – Honor Flight Orientation - Orientation to participate in the Honor Guard for the Tuesday, April 25th Honor Flight for WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans upon their return from their Washington DC flight. For more information, please contact SK Bill Miller, Veterans' Committee Chair at (813)263-2334 or billmkofc@yahoo.com

April 25, 2017 – Honor Flight - Participate with the Assembly by volunteering for the Honor Guard as our Veterans from WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars return home from their trip to Washing DC to visit their respective war memorials. For more information, please contact SK Bill Miller, Veterans' Committee Chair at (813)263-2334 or billmkofc@yahoo.com

April 29, 2017 – 4th Degree Exemplification – The Exemplification and Evening Banquet is being held at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School 4171 Fruiteville Rd, Sarasota, FL. **HAVE YOU INVITED A 3RD DEGREE MEMBER OF YOUR COUNCIL TO JOIN THE 4TH DEGREE? Sometimes that's all it takes is just to ask! They just need a tuxedo, Submit a Form 4 and a check \$70.00 (includes Banquet ticket, Social Baldric and Pin) made out to Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984. Deadline is April 19th.**

June 9, 2017 – 4th Degree Exemplification in Coral Springs, FL

August 12, 2017 – 4th Degree Exemplification in Jacksonville, FL (Fleming Island)

November 25, 2017 - 4th Degree Exemplification in Orlando, FL



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Birthdays and Service Anniversaries:

SAM	A	CALCO	JR	03-03
FREDERICK		HUGHES		03-05
MICHAEL		COTIGNOLA		03-06
TONY	J	ROMANO		03-18
STEPHEN	D	CUNNINGHAM		03-20
PETER	P	BARON		03-22
JOHN	D	PFINGSTEN		03-23
BRIAN	A	GARRY		03-24
BRYAN	A	SALEK		03-27
JOSE	N	JAIMES		03-30

ROBERT	R	GAREAU		33 Years
ROBERT	SANTO	BILLONI		27
GENE	L	STABILE	JR	25
MATTHEW	E	REZANKA		20
DANIEL	P	DIAZ		18
KENRICK	M	OXLEY		16
JOSEF	KIE SIOE	TAN		14
PAT JOHN	S	ASHKIN		7
DURYAN	S	JOSEPH		5



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DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

A 4th Degree Exemplification is being held in on April 29, 2017 at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School 4171 Fruiteville Rd. Sarasota, FL.

For those who want to stay at a hotel, The Comfort Suites located at 5690 Honore Ave., Sarasota, FL 34233. The room rate is - \$129 plus tax per night. For reservation call (941) 554-4475 (Must mention you are with the Knights of Columbus to receive this negotiated rate) Cutoff Date for room reservations is March 28, 2017

Candidate Fee: \$70.00 (One Banquet Ticket, social baldric & Lapel Pin)
Ladies luncheon: \$18.00
Guest banquet tickets: \$38.00
Assembly Dues: \$20.00/year January- December (Billed in January)

What we need from you:

- Form 4 must be filled out and signed
- Signed Dress code form
- Check made out to Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984 by April 17, 2017.

Tentative Agenda: Saturday April 29, 2017

9:00AM -11:00AM Candidate, Sir Knights and Guest Registration continues 10:00AM Candidates report to candidate's anti-chamber room for sign-in 11:30AM Candidate formation and procession 12:00 Noon Exemplification Begins 12:30PM Ladies Luncheon (Council 3358 hall 4880 Fruitville Rd) 3:45PM Sunday Vigil Mass 5:30PM Social Hour (cash bar) 6:30PM Banquet doors open (assigned table seating)

This is the only Exemplification scheduled for the West coast this year. It is only an hour and half drive from Tampa.

David Finch

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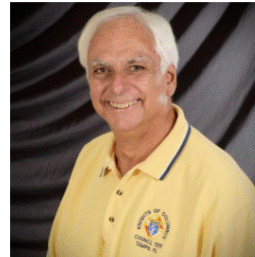


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