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Letter from the Editor

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.

It's great to be back in the USA as Cricket & I were celebrating our 45th Wedding Anniversary (and yes, that's to the same girl). With that in mind, I invite all 3rd Degree Knights to a trip to Napoli May 14th to take their final step and become a Sir Knight of Columbus, the highest level of membership and the most recognized. Please contact your Membership Director if you want to complete your Knighthood. Do it quickly, we will be squeezing you in. I mean, how often do you get invited to visit Napoli? Oops... I guess my thoughts aren't quite back in the USA - it's Naples - Florida! Any ways, it's a great place to become a Sir Knight of Columbus. Make the call NOW!

Pencil in your calendar May 21st for our Annual Luncheon to thank our Sisters for all the work they have done. Come to our General Assembly Meeting to find out all the details.

Remember to bring stuff for our Vets in the hospital and remember at Pope John XXIII Assembly #2984 the best is yet to come!

I Remain Respectfully Yours,
Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Wilson, PGK, PFN, FDD, FHGC





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Faithful Navigator's Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

April has been a busy month for Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984. First, I would like to congratulate our Faithful Comptroller, SK Robert Gareau, PGK who was presented the Assembly's Certificate of Merit during our Assembly Meeting on April 18th in grateful recognition and appreciation of faithful and exceptional services to our Assembly. SK Gareau, PGK has served as our Faithful Comptroller since the very first day of our Assembly's founding in 2005. He is also a very active member at Incarnation Council 8612.



During the month the Honor Guard has been active marching in several events including a special mass held in honor our Fonder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday, April 10th and St. Paul Catholic Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass on April 16th.



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The Assembly's Veteran's Affairs Committee arranged a very special presentation by the Honor Flight Program - West Central Florida to our members just after our meeting on April 18th to show our members how we as an Assembly can honor our World War II Veterans.





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Our next General Assembly Meeting will be on Monday, May 16th at 7:30 pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church in the Family Center, Section 3. This a must attend meeting where we will be electing our Assembly's Officers for the 2016 – 2017 fraternal year. Nearly all positions are open and any 4th Degree Member of our Assembly in Good Standing is eligible. If you are interested, please reach out to one of our Board of Trustees for nomination or you may also be nominated during our May meeting when nominations are called for. (A list of all open positions and a description of their duties are posted on page 7 and the proposed slate of officers can be located on page 8).

Vivat Jesus,

SK Robert Billoni, Faithful Navigator



Color Corps News

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our Honor Guard has a very active schedule this month and we need your participation! Starting with the St. Petersburg Dioceses Women's Catholic Conference on May 2nd with a 10:00AM US Flag opening ceremony presentation at the Hilton Tampa Airport Hotel and Conference Center and, May 3rd, with their mass honoring Bishop Lynch's retirement at the Christ the King Church at 4:30PM.

Next on the schedule is the 25th Service Anniversary of Fr. Bill Swengros priesthood at the 10:45AM mass on Sunday, May 15th at St. Paul Catholic Church.

With a look ahead, we also have a request to serve on Saturday, June 4th at 5:30PM for Ambassadors of St. Paul Council 11211's Officers' Installation Mass and Banquet. If you are marching with the Honor Guard for this event, you are welcome to stay for the banquet at no cost to you.

Please contact me at sdcunningham54@gmail.com or (813) 451-9988 if you can march at any of these events with us. 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



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Dates to Remember

May 2, 2016 – Honor Guard requested for St. Petersburg Dioceses Women’s Catholic Conference Flag Ceremony. This event will start at 10:00am and run for 15 minutes. Please meet at 9:30am for dressing and instructions. It will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 N Lois Ave, Tampa, FL 33607. Please contact our HG Commander, SK Stephen Cunningham at sdccunningham54@gmail.com or (813)451-9988 if you can march and/or need to barrow regalia.

May 3, 2016 – Honor Guard requested for Bishop Lynch’s retirement ceremony – Sponsored by the St. Petersburg Dioceses Women’s Catholic Conference - 4:30pm mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S Dale Mabry Hwy Tampa, FL 33609. Please meet at 4:00pm for dressing and instructions. Please contact our HG Commander, SK Stephen Cunningham at sdccunningham54@gmail.com or (813)451-9988 if you can march and/or need to barrow regalia.

May 14, 2016 – 4th Degree Exemplification in Naples, FL - Hosted by Arthur Corr Assembly 3308 at St. John the Evangelist Parish and located at 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108.

May 16, 2016 – Assembly 2984 Monthly Business Meeting – Meeting will start at 7:30pm and we will be electing our Assembly’s Officers for the 2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year. The meeting will be at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in the Family Center, Section 3, 12708 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618.

May 21, 2016 – Assembly 2984’s Annual Sister’s Luncheon – St. Elizabeth Convent, 3000 N. Perry Ave., Tampa, FL. 33603 starting at 11:00AM.

May 27 – 29, 2016 – 112th Annual Florida State Council Convention - Caribe Royale All-Suite Hotel and Convention Center, 8101 World Center Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

June 4, 2016 – Honor Guard requested for Ambassadors of St. Paul’s Council 11211 Officers Installation Mass and Banquet – Mass will begin at 5:30pm and the Officers’ Installation and banquet will precede immediately following in the Family Center. Located at St. Paul Catholic Church 12708 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618. Please meet at 5:00pm for dressing and instructions. Please contact our HG Commander, SK Stephen Cunningham at sdccunningham54@gmail.com or (813)451-9988 if you can march and/or need to barrow regalia.



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Birthdays:

MATTHEW	E	REZANKA		05-02
RAYMOND	T	KRAKER		05-08
TERRENCE	P	COLLINS		05-10
CLIFFORD	E	CHURCH		05-12
JOSEPH	K	RUDDY		05-21
DAVID	E	HAYTER		05-30

Service Anniversaries:

CHARLES	B	KANASZKA	53 Years
WILLIAM	A	DAAB	50
SAM	A	CALCO	27
DAVID	F	MILROY	21
HENRY	J	ASHE	11
ROLANDO	A	ESCAMILLA	11
EDWIN	L	PALKA	10
JOSEPH	K	RUDDY	8



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Description of Officers and Duties

Faithful Navigator: Shall act as presiding officer, with all powers and duties incident to such office.

Faithful Captain: Shall, in the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the office. He shall also, to assure good attendance at meetings and other functions, have charge of the social and other activities under the Good of the Order.

Faithful Admiral: Shall preside in case of the absence of the both the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Captain, and may have such other powers and perform such other duties as herein prescribed.

Faithful Pilot: Shall have charge of all properties of the Assembly except moneys, accounts and record books of the officers but include ceremonials, shall be responsible for arrangement of the Assembly Chamber and shall direct and be responsible for the activities of the Sentinels.

Faithful Comptroller: Shall collect and receive all moneys due the Assembly and all funds obtain from any source. He shall transfer any proceeds to the Faithful Purser and obtain a receipt from that officer. He shall also: (1) keep accounts of the charges and receipts of each member; (2) keep a roll of the members, their ages, residences and occupations, with the date of their initiation in the Fourth Degree; (3) upon request by a member transferring to another Assembly, issue a transfer card, signed by the Faithful Navigator and attested by the Faithful Comptroller; (4) issue to each member not indebted to the Assembly for dues a Fourth Degree membership card, duly signed and attested as above, which card shall entitle a member to admittance to any meeting of the Fourth Degree within the period specified on said card and upon further compliance with the rule requiring that the member produce a Third Degree membership card; (5) keep such necessary official records and forms as will be furnished by the Supreme Secretary; (6) notify quarterly the Supreme Secretary of all suspensions, withdrawals, deaths, reinstatements and transfers to or from other assemblies occurring during the period; (7) perform all other duties as directed by members of the Assembly or by the Faithful Navigator; and (8) perform all duties incident to his office as required by the Order's laws, the Laws and Rules of the Fourth Degree and of the Board of Directors.

Faithful Scribe: Shall keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a bound book furnished for that purpose by the Assembly.



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Faithful Purser: Shall act as the treasurer of the Assembly, keeping necessary records in the bound book furnished for that purpose by the Assembly. He shall give a receipt to the Faithful Comptroller for all moneys given him by said Faithful Comptroller. He shall pay all orders drawn on him which are signed by the Faithful Comptroller and countersigned by the Faithful Navigator. All such orders shall have the approval of the Board of Trustees, except demands of the Supreme Council, initiation fees due the District Master, the regular and usual stated payments of the Assembly and payments authorized by the Assembly.

Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels: Shall be responsible to see that all in attendance at meetings are on possession of appropriate valid Third and Fourth Degree membership cards and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Faithful Pilot.

Proposed Slate of Officers 2016 – 2017

Faithful Navigator – SK Robert Billoni
Faithful Admiral – SK Bill Miller, PFN
Faithful Comptroller – SK Bob Gareau
Faithful Scribe – SK Don Schirmer
Faithful Inner Sentinel – SK Juan Guevara
Faithful Outer Sentinel – OPEN
Faithful 2-Year Trustee – SK Tom Wilson

Faithful Captain – SK Fred Hughes
Faithful Pilot – SK Stephen Cunningham
Faithful Purser - SK Stan Szigurynski
Faithful Inner Sentinel – SK Duryan Joseph
Faithful Outer Sentinel – OPEN
Faithful 1-Year Trustee – SK Ricardo Cox
*Faithful 3-Year Trustee

The Chair will call for additional nominations from the floor at the May 16th business meeting

*Faithful 3-Year Trustee is currently held by SK Jack Papesch, PGK who has two years remaining of his current 3-year term.