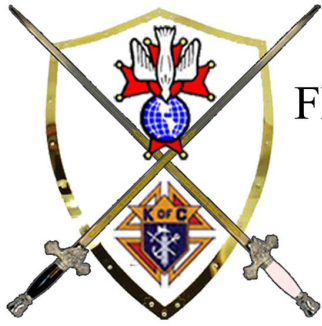




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Faithful Friars Report:



Sir Knights and Ladies,

So many times in scripture we hear Jesus or St. Paul in one of his letters beginning their prayer with words of thanks. They knew the importance of having a grateful heart. They knew the many blessings and graces they had and how important it was to acknowledge that before they did anything else. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, perhaps we need to learn from Jesus and St. Paul. Rather than, as so many do, looking at what we are lacking, let us first see what we do have and how fortunate we already are! Sure, many of us would wish our circumstances were different, our health was better, we didn't have issues with family or friends, our roof wasn't leaking, our bills were smaller, and the list can go on. Many times, our "wish list" takes over our "gratitude list" when we pray.

The reality is we are blessed in so many ways. Do we not have food to eat, a place to live, fellowship (after all we are Knights so that should be a given (or is that something we need to work harder on), freedom to worship, air to breath, etc.? I know my life has space for many improvements or upgrades, but it is much better than I tend to acknowledge. There is so much I take for granted and maybe you do too. Let us not focus on what may be missing, but rather on what is there. Let us offer thanks to our generous and gracious God. Let us thank those blessings in our lives that we call family and friends. Let us appreciate all that we do have and be generous in sharing with those who may not be as blessed!

*God Bless,
Fr. Matt Faithful Friar*

Fr. Louis Boué Assembly **Executive 2023—24**

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Faithful Navigator's Report



Sir Knights and Ladies,

First, I just want to wish everyone in Our Assembly Family a **very Happy Thanksgiving** and I Hope and Pray that everyone has a chance to share food, Faith and fellowship with Family and Friends and I also Pray that we are ALL Thankful for EVERYTHING that we have.

Second, as I had mentioned in last month's newsletter, I had asked Sir Knight Lawrence to leave the Faithful Captain's position and step into the Faithful Admiral's position (there were reasons, see the September newsletter). As we gathered before the meal Sir Knight Larry Everaert had asked if he could help the situation out by stepping into the Faithful Admiral's position. The three of us discussed the matter and came to a solution. During new business an election was held and Sir Knight Larry was nominated and accepted the Faithful Admiral's position; Thank You to both Sir Knight Larry and Sir Knight Lawrence.

I had asked that the Faithful Captain's position remain open until we can get a Sir Knight, one who has been an Executive or is willing to become an Executive, nominated for that position before June 2024. PLEASE CONSIDER helping your Assembly out. We still have positions that need to be filled or amended.

The September meal and meeting were poorly attended, I know that some calls were not made, which means that some Sir Knights were not made aware of the meeting, venue and meal that they could have enjoyed. Hopefully, that will not occur again. Contact means calling - that's what callers do or should do. So, I wonder if we should abandon all meals and meetings? Should we just abandon the Assembly? Do we just give up on all that our predecessors have built? Remember Our Past Faithful Navigators! I really struggle with these questions!

I know that many Sir Knights have been extremely disappointed with matters not only in the 4th Degree but also in the Order (KofC) itself. Has Supreme abandoned the 4th Degree? It sure looks like it to me. Have they also abandoned tradition, again I think so. Thankfully, Our CHURCH has not. Now, if anyone knows anything about me, it would be the fact that I am very disappointed with things in the 4th Degree, BUT I haven't given up. I have tried to make a difference, but I am only 1 person; join me and make it many for the sake of our Assembly.

I've tried to be positive but it is very hard when you see such little support. So, I ask each and everyone of you, the Members of this Assembly, what should we do? If you have any comments, PLEASE do not hesitate to make them known even if you wish to tell me where to go - that's fine. We have a great Assembly, but we need Members to step up OR there will be some very tough decisions that will need to be made. I, by the way, always THANK ALL the Executive Officers for their help as Executive members, it is truly appreciated by me.

I had planned on having a Memorial Mass on November 11th at St. John de Brebeuf and Companions Church in Kingsville, but that will not be possible. I will be looking to Amherstburg or McGregor for dates for a Memorial Mass.

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You may see a picture in the newsletter of myself and a Religious Sister; this is Sister Jacinta Grace of the "Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate" convent in Cambridge, where my Daughter resides. She was the recipient of our RSVP donation; Lady Diane and I attended a recent celebration at St. Clement's Church in Cambridge where another Sister took her Final Vows. Always a Beautiful Ceremony, I took the opportunity to take some time and visit with her and get the picture that you should see, it's nice to see someone who benefits from our help.

If you wish to contact me on any matter, Please call 519-733-4183 and leave a message if I do not answer or you can email me at kofcdan@gmail.com.

*In Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism,
SK. Dan Crowski, PGK, PFN, FDD
Faithful Navigator*

***"Sir Knight" is more than a title,
IT'S AN HONOUR"
Remember that
"Patriotism Never Goes Out of Style"***



Faithful Admirals Report:

Sir Knights and Ladies.

It has been a long time since I put a report into the Bulletin as a member of the Executive. At that time after many years as a Knight and Sir Knight having held all Executive positions at both levels in the Knights, I felt I had given my fair share. Unfortunately, times have changed. I took on the Admiral's position because it requires a PFN.

Sir Knight Dan has given more than his fair share and thank you PFN Lawrence for temporarily filling the Captain's position in order to help him. I know that he has discussed the present situation and we all agreed that the Captain's position needs to be filled by someone who will move up to Navigator.

That being said the K. of C. is in trouble in both Council and Assembly level. Executive levels remain open, meetings are sparsely attended and yes we lost our Regalia. We chased many of younger members away because the old guard would not listen to their ideas. Much of this, we can only blame on ourselves. Yes, we need new members but also we cannot continue to chase them away.

There are many PGK's out there or members that have held similar positions in their lives that could step forward and fill these positions. Sir Knights we need you. Sir Knight Paul continues to say we need new members but we also need to be able to keep them. We also need members to continue to pay their dues. I challenge you all to sign up a new member before the next Exemplification.

Hopefully, I have not offended anyone with this report but sometimes things need to be said.

*SK Larry Everaert, PGK, PFN
Faithful Admiral*

Faithful Captains Report:

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Our first meeting was on September 21st at the Holy Family Retreat House, in Oxley. We had a **great meal**, we expected 14 Sir Knights and had 12 attending. It was great having Fr. Matt attend, who is so very busy; his attendance made the night Special even though the attendance was poor.

I wish to **THANK** both **David Ducharme**, Director of the Holy Family Retreat House and our cook, server and hostess for the meal **Gloria** for their hospitality and for the great food.

LADIES were invited and encouraged to attend, but sadly only 1 replied positively – so there were no Ladies attending – too bad.

I have booked the January meeting for Oxley; details obviously will follow in December.

We were scheduled to have the October General meeting in Leamington with St. Anthony Maronite Council hosting but I had to shift venues and we will be meeting at River Canard on October 19th, with St. Joseph Council 5642 as hosts. I had requested the same pork chop meal that we experienced in March but we will have to see if this is possible.

As I had mentioned in the last newsletter, the Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 9th. We are hoping for a good turnout and hope that some of Our Widows can join us, like the good old days – and why not?

There are 12 callers lists and we have 3 lists unassigned, both Sir Knight Lawrence and I are calling the members on these lists but we could use some help.

Please don't forget that if you commit to attend a meal and don't show up, you will be asked to pay for the missed meals.

Anyone who has not been contacted for the **October General meeting** and meal by **October 15th** by a caller, PLEASE CALL ME 519-733-4183.

Fraternally,

Sir Knight Dan Crawski, Acting Faithful Captain

Faithful Comptrollers Report:



Sir Knights and Ladies.

I hope everyone had a nice summer. The fall can be nice as well sometimes so enjoy it if possible. Our membership is holding currently. We emailed out messages to members that have not paid dues. They need to clear them up as we will not hold on to members who fail to pay dues. It costs us money to keep them on the roster so we need them to pay up.

It is worth noting that we will be having a lot of members becoming Honorary and Honorary Life members in the next couple of years. This means we will not be getting any income for Honorary Life members and very little from Honorary members. That may have some impact on our finances moving forward so we will keep an eye on that.

Financially we are holding up well and hopefully it will stay that way moving forward. Our next big money making event is not until March for our fish fry. We need to keep up the Lottery account as that is where the donation comes from when one of our members passes away. We need to keep that account strong for sure as we have a lot of members.

May God bless and take care.

Fraternally, S.K. Paul Peltier – PQK, PFN

Assembly Events & Announcements:



Sister Jacinta Grace of the “Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate” convent in Cambridge, where my Daughter resides. She was the recipient of our RSVP donation;



FUND RAISER FOR
ALPHONSE KERCKHAERT ASSY #2289,

ROAST BEEF DINNER
Saturday, November 4th.

Doors Open at 5:00 PM,
Adults are \$50.00. Children are \$12.00.
Dinner served at 6:30 PM at the
Michigan Bar & Grill, 1711 Walker Road.

If interested in attending please call SK Dan 519-733-4183
for more information.

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Please send your email link to kofctim@gmail.com to be put on the email list.

Assembly Announcements:



October/2023 Birthday Wishes

Rev. Fr. Brian H. Jane, Lawrence J. Beneteau, Jason E. Barron,

Richard S. Terron, Manuel Doforno



Good of The Order

*Praying for our Sick and Shut-ins and
Families suffering the loss of a Loved one.*

The following Sir Knight's have passed away recently.

Sir Knight Paul Rivest from the [Michael Andrew Taggart Assembly #0888.](#)

Sir Knight Roland Bellemore from the Michael Andrew Taggart Assembly #0888.

Former Master Henry Marentette's wife, Jean.

Sir Knight Aaron Swartz's wife, Sarah has just passed away (Alvin P. Marentette Assembly).

Please Pray for the Souls of these the Faithfully departed.

Let us not forget those in Our Assembly who are also in need of Our Prayers, Sir Knight Dan Dumont, Sir Knight and Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky, Sir Knight Bill Radigan, Sir Knight Jamie Trealout, Sir Knight Jason Barron, and Lady Margaret and Sir Knight Stan Balakowski.

Other Important Matters

District meeting on Sunday October 29th at St. Ursula's Church at 205 Tweedsmuir West, Chatham. The Sunday Mass is at 10:00 A.M. for those that wish to attend before the meeting. Faithful Navigator Joe has arranged for us to have lunch after mass and the meeting will start after lunch. The meeting should start around 12:30.

LWDA meeting - Saturday October 28th. St Michael's parish, 29 Elliott St, Leamington
Mass at 8:30 am with meeting at 10:00 am and lunch to follow at noon.

Bishop's Dinner - October 26th at the Ciociaro Club
\$150.00 per ticket or table of 8 for \$975.00