

Knights Columbus
Our Lady of the
Rosary Assembly 254

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 4/22 Corp. Comm. @ St. Leo's
9:30 AM Mass
- 4/24 Assembly Business Mtg.
7:30 PM @ St. Leo's
- 5/4-6 4th Degree Exemplification in Orlando
- 5/4-6 Florida State Assembly Meeting in Orlando
- 5/6 Color Corps @ St. Leo's
11:30 AM May Crowning
- 5/13 Corp. Comm. @ OLOL
10:30 AM Mass
- 5/19 Color Corps @ St. Leo's for Fr. Henry Golden Jubilee
- 5/22 Assembly Business Mtg 7:30 PM @ St. Leo's
- 5/25-26 K of C State Meeting in Orlando
- No Assembly Business Meeting in June
- 6/30 Liberty Ball @ St. Leo's 6-10 PM

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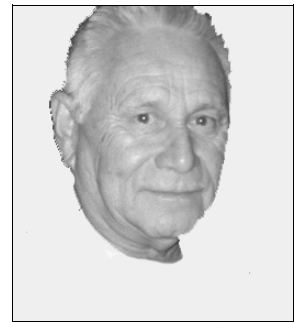
A Message from the Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights:

We are entering the final months of our fraternal year and will shortly embark upon a new one. It has been an enjoyable, yet humbling experience for me, and I believe our Assembly can move on to even greater achievements in the future.

The fundamental principle of our degree is Patriotism, the love for and devotion to one's country.

The activities of our Assembly this past year exemplified this principle in such activities as Veterans Assistance, aligning with American Legion Post 274, Patriotic Holidays, Honor Guards for the Bishop, Priests, Councils and for our fallen Brothers, distribution of flags to churches and schools and conducting the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest.



Ed Sedillo, Our Faithful Navigator

This past February our Assembly hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification at Saint Leo and it was a success.

This coming year I would like to see our Assembly working together with the various Councils in encouraging and enabling their members to move up in the degrees so that they can be properly prepared to become Fourth Degree Sir Knights.

I have also had talks with other Assemblies in our area about helping each other out with the Color Corps, when needed. The response has been positive and with just one or two Color Corps members from each Assembly falling out, it would be an impressive sight.

Worthy Sir Knights, remember we are an Assembly of Councils, each equal to the other, no more, no less.

Thanks to all my Brother Knights who made this year a success, because you are the backbone of this Assembly.

Remember Sir Knights, UNITED WE STAND - DIVIDED WE FALL

Vivat Jesus,

Ed Sedillo, FN

Featured Member: Richard Cain



Our Faithful Captain, Sir Knight Richard Cain loves the Knights of Columbus. K of C is in his blood — his father and his Uncle John were both Fourth Degree members. Though his service time as a Knight of Columbus is not as long in calendar years as some of our senior members, his career with the Knights is a model of dedication that we would all do well to emulate. He joined the newly-formed Ascension Council in February of 1991, and it did not take long for him to advance through his degrees as a Knight, becoming a Sir Knight in 1993 and a member of the Color Corps. He has served in every capacity in his Council 10318: twice as Grand Knight, three times as Financial Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight, Recorder, Trustee, Advocate and Chancellor. Lately, at the urging of deceased past State Marshall Artie Corr, Richard has served as District Deputy.

Richard is almost a true Floridian. He has spent the last 42 years of his young 69 years here, arriving in Stuart in the fall of 1970 aboard his 37' Post charter boat the "Blue Runner". He shortly found the ideal location for setting up his charter boat business in Fort Myers Beach and still resides there with his wife Terry (from Beach Haven, NJ) of 25 years and two sons, Gregory, 20, and Sandor, 19.

All-important to our Faithful Captain is his family. He spent the first years of his life in Philadelphia, where his father was employed in the naval shipyard as a civil engineer graduate of Villanova. Soon after the War, the family moved to Long Beach Island, New Jersey, where his father had built a motel. Life on the island presented abundant opportunities to suit the recreational needs of a young boy as well as growth in responsibilities as a contributing member to the family business. The Island did not have any school, however, and his parents made sure he got a proper Catholic upbringing, sending him and his brother Fred to St. James Parish School in Elkins Park, PA, just north of Philadelphia. His high school, Bishop McDevitt was also in the Philadelphia area and while there he participated in track, football, and baseball. Graduating in 1961, he found himself on the Selective Service draft list, and so enlisted in the Coast Guard where he served a four year term primarily on a rescue cutter in the North Atlantic (ask him what happened to the Thresher and Texas Tower 4).

His last year in the Coast Guard was with the Aids to Navigation Division, and with regular hours, he was able to start his college career attending night school on the GI Bill at Long Island University, majoring in journalism.

During the summer of 1966, Richard's love of adventure led him to hop a freighter from Brooklyn to Europe, arriving in Antwerp, Belgium. He used money saved during his service time to travel to England, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, mostly on third class buses and trains.

Back home, in 1969, it was time to get to work, so he got his 100 ton Masters License, got his boat, ran a local business for awhile, and then saw his future in Florida. With his father and a friend, the business took off and Richard now has his own marina.

Member Birthdays

April

Thomas Szott	4/1
Daniel Kerinuk	4/7
Carl Gallo	4/20
Wyman Miller	4/21
John Mahoney	4/23
Alesando Maci	4/29

Gary Kroeger	5/16
Alex Beloff	5/17
James Culley	5/18
William Pace	5/18
Ralph Hutchins	5/24
Ron Lofranco	5/25
Philip Moore	5/25

May

Richard Cain	5/1
Leon Quesnette, Sr.	5/2
Lawrence Hardy	5/4
John Jablonski	5/7
Deacon Ralph Catanese	5/13
John Ruehl	5/15

June

Gerald Mierzwa	6/16
Robert Bonza	6/19
George Van Nest	6/21
Richard Bergeron	6/22
Richard Giacomuzzi	6/22
John Pandolfo	6/22

Knight of the Month

Knight of the Year 2010-2011 was Dennis Powers

7/11	Robert Distler	10/11	William Pace	1/12	Alesandro Maci
8/11	James Ripley	11/11	Richard Cain	2/12	Stan Huntsinger
9/11	John Barry	12/11	Leon Quesnette, Sr.	3/12	Robert Haug

Good of the Order

Robert Haug	Donald Joerger	Mary Pace
Leon Quesnette, Sr.	Marion Ripley	John Ruehl
Monika Stegle		

Assembly 2542 History

Having been a part of Father James J. O'Riordan Assembly 0158 in Fort Myers for a number of years, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Saint Leo, Ascension, Our Lady Of Light and Saint John the evangelist decided to establish an assembly of their own.

Lead by Arthur Corr, the four councils petitioned the Florida State Master, Robert Anderson for approval to form a new assembly. Approval was given and Our Lady Of The Rosary Assembly 2542 became a reality in 1998.

Artie Corr our first Faithful Navigator from 1998-1999, followed by:

Ralph Gutknecht	1999-2000
Donald L. Joerger	2000-2001
John C. Barry	2001-2003
James Stathopoulos	2003-2005
William A. Pace	2005-2006
John J. Gaffey	2006-2007
William Fuller	2007-2009
Dennis H. Powers	2009-2011
Edward A. Sedillo	2011-

Our Committees

Admissions	Memorial	Ceremonial
Leon Quesnette, Sr.— Chmn	Patrick Becker — Chmn	John Barry, PFN
John Barry	Edward Sedillo	William Pace, PFN
William Pace	James Ripley	Edward Sedillo. FN
Robert Bonza	John (Tom) Valus	
VA/VS	Color Corps	
Leon Quesnette, Sr.— Chmn	John Ruehl — Commander	
Richard Cain	Richard Cain, Aide	
William Pace	James Ripley, Aide	
Robert Haug		

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Faithful Officers

Friar—Rev. Tony Gilborges
Navigator—Ed Sedillo
Captain—Richard Cain
Admiral—Leon Quesnette
Pilot—James Ripley
Scribe—Robert Haug
Comptroller—Allan Degnan
Purser—Stanley Huntsinger
Inner Sentinel—James Brennan
Outer Sentinel—John Scavelli
Trustee 3 Yr—Tom Valus
Trustee 2 Yr—William Pace
Trustee 1 Yr—Alesandro Maci
Color Corps Commander—
John Ruehl
Newsletter & Publisher—
Patrick Becker

History of the Fourth Degree

The idea of adding new degrees to the Order's original three, (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) first came to light in 1886. Supreme Knight James T. Mullen appointed a committee to look into forming two new "commander" degrees. That same year the Connecticut Catholic, a local newspaper, carried an advertisement calling members of local Knights of Columbus councils to meet to form a "Uniformed Legion." The idea for this new unit arose from a growing nation wide sense of Nationalism, or what we would call today Patriotism. The unknown author in Connecticut was not alone in wanting a visible organization. Little happened at this time because there was not enough wide spread interest in creating additional new degrees. The Order's leaders balked at the idea of a Uniformed Legion for the simple reason that the cost for the "Uniform" was well over \$100.00. They feared the "Legion" would cause an economical class split between wealthy and poorer members of the Order. (to be continued)

Our whole business, therefore, in this life is to restore to health the eye of the heart, whereby God may be seen.

St. Augustine