

**Knights Columbus
Our Lady of the
Rosary Assembly 2542**

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Business Meetings @ 7:30 PM:

2/24 St. Leo's
3/24 Ascension
4/28 Our Lady of Light
5/26 St. Leo's

- Color Corps Fallouts

2/15 St. Leo's 9:30 Mass CC
3/17 Ascension 8:30 AM St.
Patrick's Day Parade
4/11 Ascension 10 AM 25th
Anniversary Mass

- 4th Degree Exemplification

Upcoming

Knight of the Month

January: Richard Cain

Good of the Order

Bob Bonza
Don Hansen
Jhn Fazackerly
Gordy Jirak
Don and Marge Joerger
Philip Moore
Ed and Gerry Sedillo

New Members

Jim Mendolero (1/31)
Robert Krzak (1/31)

Fly Flag

2/16 Presidents' Day
4/5 Easter Sunday
5/8 VE Day
5/11 Mother's Day
5/16 Armed Forces Day
5/25 Memorial Day (half staff til noon)

A Message from the Faithful Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights:

We are already in February and we have some events that have come and gone and some we have to look forward to. In January the Color Corps had a fallout for Ascension Corporate Communion on the 11th, Our Lady of Light Corporate Communion on the 18th, Color Corp Practice on the 15th. We then had the retaking of Our Vows at Our lady of Light on the 27th. About 65 people were present and a light dinner was served. Then Sir Knight Richard Cain and myself took two brother Knights to Miami to take their fourth degree. James Mendolera from OLOL, and Robert Krzak from St. Columbkille, became Sir Knights on the 31st of January. On the 28th we had a presentation at the VA Health Clinic in Cape Coral. See report on the clinic in this issue. We are planning a flag retirement ceremony in June and working on being involved at the reading of the Declaration of Independence. We are looking for Sir Knights to become members of the committee to make this happen.

These are civic duties to show what Our Order is all about-- PATRIOTISM.

Please see Bill Morea, Richard Cain, or Leon Quesnette. We also would like to see who would like to be on the Liberty Ball committee. Let's have some new guys to work on this. Take a look at our event Calendar to see what is going on. Anyone wishing for an Assembly shirt let us know at the next meeting. We do have a few and must order more sizes.

THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS AT ST. LEO'S on Tuesday, 2/24 at 7:30 pm.

Vivat Jesus,
Leon Quesnette, FN

Faithful Officers

Friar—Rev. Henry Januszkiewicz
Navigator—Leon Quesnette
Captain—David Erickson
Admiral—Richard Cain
Pilot—Tom Valus
Scribe—John Barry
Comptroller—Allan Degnan
Purser—Joseph Stegle
Inner Sentinel—Gerald Mierzwa
Outer Sentinel—John Scavelli
Trustee 3 Yr—Roger Chouinard
Trustee 2 Yr—Patrick Becker
Trustee 1 Yr—Edward Sedillo
Color Corps Commander— Ed Sedillo
Newsletter & Publisher— Patrick Becker



Member BirthdaysJanuary

Patrick Becker	1/8
Rev. Hugh McGuigan	1/11
Robert Boyd	1/13
John Rewey	1/20
Robert Haug	1/21
Raymond Pastore	1/21
Joseph Stegle	1/27

March

Rev. Robert Murphy	3/5
John Barry	3/10
Jack Horan	3/16
Patrick Fortuna	3/18
Ralph Abate	3/30
Anthony Vocaire	3/30

February

Rev. Henry Januskiewicz	2/4
Philip Galvano	2/9
Rev. James Cogan	2/11
George Pickel	2/11
James Ripley	2/22
Edward Weil	2/24

Knights of Columbus — VAVS Program**Serving Those Who Served**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program is the vehicle that the Knights of Columbus uses in the Serving Those Who Served program. The Vice President for Fraternal Services has oversight of the VAVS program. The program is directed and managed by the Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs who also serves as the National VAVS Representative to the VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC). The K of C VAVS program is executed through the Fourth Degree chain of command through the U.S. vice Supreme Masters and District Masters. Under the program, a Knight of Columbus is certified as a VAVS representative or deputy representative at a VA medical center. Our certified representatives and deputy representatives attend hospital meetings and organize efforts for K of C volunteers.

The Knights of Columbus currently has VAVS representatives at almost every VA medical center (VAMC) and many clinics in the United States. There is one certified representative and, up to, three deputy representatives from the Knights of Columbus at these VAMCs. Representatives recruit and manage K of C VAVS volunteers in developing activities and programs that target the

most essential needs of the patients.

In 2014, our Assembly donated ten wheelchairs to the local VA Clinic in Cape Coral, hundreds of personal hygiene items for the homeless Vets in Lee County, and hundreds of man hours of volunteer services to the VAVS program here in SW Florida.

The philosophy behind "Serving Those Who Served" is simple: the men and women of the Armed Forces didn't let the Nation down on the battlefield, and the Knights of Columbus will not let these veterans down now.

For more information about the local VAVS program in Lee and Collier Counties, Please call our local VAVS rep, George Pacharis at 239-777-5561 or email [at chalkpoint@gmail.com](mailto:at_chalkpoint@gmail.com).

Dear Causes / News Press,

Last week the Knights of Columbus presented a donation of \$1,100 and several hundred personal toiletry items to the Lee County VA Clinic for the homeless Vets in Lee County. These funds and donation items were collected and presented by five Catholic churches here in Lee County. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Warm regards,

George Pacharis, VAVS Rep for the Knights of Columbus

