	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Bishop Delany Assembly</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">#397 1521 Gorham Street, Lowell, MA 01852-5236 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus</p>	
<p><i>Triad Emblem of the 4th Degree features the Dove, the Cross, the Globe.</i></p>	<p>Web site: https://bishopdelany.com/ <i>Next monthly meeting – February 28 at Dracut council</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb. 2024 newsletter</p>

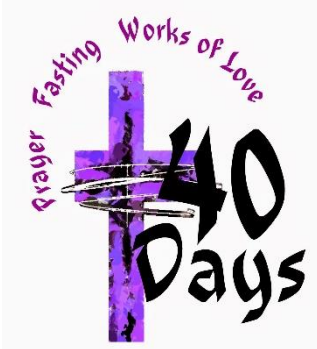
Faithful Navigator Report – Adam Whitehouse

February 2024 – Dear Faithful Sir Knights

I pray that you and your families have been staying well and warm during the winter.

I pray that you and your families have a blessed Lenten season. The season of lent is for forty days that prepares us for Easter Sunday. The beginning of lent begins on Ash Wednesday and we are marked on our forehead with a cross of ashes. The ways we can prepare ourselves during the Lenten Season is going to daily mass, saying the rosary and reading daily prayers throughout lent. Also, on Fridays during lent you can go to your church and participate in the stations of the cross which is very powerful.

“We adore you; O Christ and we bless you”
“Because by holy cross you have redeemed the world.”



- Bishop Delany Assembly, #397**
- Lowell Council 72**
 - Concord Council 287**
 - Father Harold M. Wren Council 3963, Billerica**
 - Arthur U. Joyal Council 4225, Dracut**
 - Father Francis Coppens Council 4336, Tewksbury**
 - Father Edmund W. Croke Council 4982, Wilmington**
 - Bishop Ruocco Council 9275, Chelmsford-Littleton-Westford**
 - St. Robert Bellarmine Council 10877, Andover**
 - St. Irene Council 13848, Carlisle**



From Faithful Admiral John Salyards, PFN: Sick and Vigil

Please remember the following Priests, Sir Knights, and family members in your prayers:

Past Faithful Navigator (2006-2007) James Murphy passed away.

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be loosed from their sins...”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 958; Lumen Gentium 50

SK Luigi Iacovellio, SK Bob Laviolette, SK Romeo Levesque, SK John Ciampi, SK Jon McLaughlin, SK Fred Loeffler, PFN Paul and Margie Sidari.

“Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake. Amen.”

Prayer of St Augustine

Please contact me at bug_and_buzz@verizon.net or (978) 251-2821 should you need to add a Sir Knight or their family member to our prayer list.

Color Corps report

PFN John Salyards stood guard at PFN Jim Murphy’s wake.

The Color Corps will be participating in the opening Mass at St. Patrick’s in Lowell on Sunday, March 10th at 10 A.M.

BISHOP DELANY ASSEMBLY OFFICERS 2023-2024

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Buck Up Pool

Our monthly meeting pool is called “Buck Up” in which you sign in and pay One Dollar. You must be present to win, and you must have signed in. Of course, you must “Buck Up” also. Five names will be drawn at each meeting as possible winners. The winners will be published in the newsletter, and if the pool gets to \$100, the draw will continue until a winner is named.

You must be present to win.

January assembly meeting – SK Names drawn:

1. Steven Bartos, not present
2. Bob Laviolette, not present
3. Jim Peltier, not present
4. Fr. Mark Olejnik, not present
5. John Salyards, present and winner of \$55

I am a Knight

From Stanley Ciukaj. Master of 4th degree

WE ARE Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that’s what the Knights do. Every day.

Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can’t protect themselves. This is the journey we are on. Our path. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

We come from many places. And backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. It’s one thing to say who you are. It’s another to live it. To put your values into action. That’s what we do at the Knights of Columbus. That’s who we are.

<https://awa4thdegree.org/2024/01/18/i-am-a-knight/>

Birthdays in February



Peter Flagle

Armand Di Lando

Robert Norton

Bernard Meyler

John Shattuck

Frank Peabody

Paul Beaton

Michael Mancini

William Ross

Fayad Lahout

Adam Whitehouse

Samuel Becker

Robert Kubus

William Pacino

John Wedge

Stephen Carpenter

Michael Durand

Michael Dinneen

Fr. Joshua Wilbur

Paul Sidari

Eric Ouellette

Stephen Hartka

Walter Moran

<p><i>Monthly meeting, February 28, 2024, 6:00 PM</i></p>	<p>Get onto Bridge Street (Rt. 38) in Lowell in the direction of Pelham, NH. If you know the Willard Street short cut, you can take that, otherwise, once you go past the Market Basket on your right, take the next Right at the light and Wendy's.</p>
<p>St. Francis Church 115 Wheeler Road, Dracut, MA 01826</p>	<p>This is Pleasant Street (Rt. 113). Go to the next set of lights and take a left. This is Broadway Road and is still Rt. 113. Go past the Four Oaks Golf Course and the Village Inn Restaurant. At the next light, and at the intersection of Wheeler Road, take a right.</p>
<p>Dracut council</p>	<p>St. Francis' is just down this road on the right. Enter the first driveway to access the Church Hall.</p>
<p>Driving directions</p>	<p>Please note that if you are using a GPS, there is a Wheeler Street in Dracut. You want 115 Wheeler ROAD.</p>

Schedule of Monthly Assembly 397 meetings

Monthly meetings (fourth Wednesday of each month) scheduled for:

** March 27 and April 24 meetings are real at this time, all other meetings listed tentative.

Month	Date	Location
March 2024	March 27	Wilmington council
April 2024	April 24	Andover council
May 2024	May 22	In 2023 – Andover council Election of officers
June 2024	June 26	In 2023 – St. Irene, Carlisle council Changing of the Guard
July 2024	July 24 – assembly picnic	In 2023 – Wilmington council Cookout
August 2024	no meeting this month	

Newsletter deadlines/ Change in email address/ **Check Spam folder weekly**

Articles that are intended to be included in the March issue of this newsletter must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at assembly397_knights@yahoo.com by March 20. The newsletter will be published before the March 27 meeting of the month.

NOTE: Check your Spam folder every week to make sure your email provider is not electronically judging the messages and monthly newsletter from your local assembly as Spam mail. You will be surprised how many legitimate email messages end up in the Spam folder.

February 2024 newsletter emailed to Assembly 397 mailing list on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Next Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sunday, June 9, 2024, in Milford, MA

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

Bishop James A. Healy Province

From Stanley Ciukaj, Master of the District of Massachusetts

Worthy State Officers, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers and Brother Sir Knights: Our Honoree is State Deputy Thomas Butler.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for, Sunday, June 9, 2024, at Doubletree Hotel in Milford, 11 Beaver Street, MA. A package of Order Forms is included with this letter as an attachment. They must be used to process applications for Exemplification Candidates. Form 4 application must be included when submitting the completed forms. Please do not separate copies. Make copies for yourselves before mailing them to me. Please assure all required signatures have been obtained together with member number. Form 4 Applications will be signed and dated by the Master and mailed to Supreme office.

The Initiation Fee for each Candidate is \$80.00 which includes a Certificate, Fourth Degree Social Baldric, Lapel Pin and Banquet ticket. There is no financial obligation for a Priest, only for the dinner ticket. Once the entire packet is submitted by the Assembly Comptroller to the Master of the Fourth Degree Massachusetts a package per Assembly will be furnished the morning of the Exemplification to the Assembly Comptroller. Package will include a Certificate, Fourth Degree Social Baldric and Lapel Pin and Dinner Ticket.

All forms, applications and check are due by May 25, 2024. Make an assembly check payable to: Master Fourth Degree, Massachusetts. All documentation must be submitted to Stanley Ciukaj, Master, 42 Lois Street, Ware, MA 01082 by mail.

Please note each assembly should send ONLY one check. All candidate fees should be made payable to the assembly and the assembly should cut one check. Please do not hesitate to contact Stan with any questions. He can be reached at 413-967-4223 or 413-531-8602.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation and attention to detail. The efficiency of the comptroller will benefit the Exemplification, the Candidates, and their guests.

Agenda for Exemplification, Sunday, June 9, 2024

12:15-1:00 PM Candidate Registrations

12:30 Ladies Luncheon

1:30 PM Exemplification.

3:30 -4:30 pm, Cocktail Hour, Banquet 5:00 to 7:00pm

Attire for candidates is: Dark suit; dark tie; white collar shirt without button on collar; black plain shoes, black socks. Active- duty military, police and firefighter can wear their respective class A dress uniform. Current members can still wear the tuxedo.

Honor Guards are asked to attend and arrive 12:30pm to the Exemplification.

Stanley Ciukaj FDD, KCHS District Master of Massachusetts