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2021 – 2022 FRATERNAL YEAR CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wednesday, JULY 28, 2021	ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC Wilmington Council Hall	
August	No Meeting	
September 22, 2021	TBD	
October 27, 2021	TBD	
November 17, 2021	Tewksbury	
December 15, 2021	Tewksbury	
January 26, 2022	TBD	
February 23, 2022	TBD	
March 23, 2022	TBD	
April 27, 2022	TBD	
May 25, 2022	Election	TBD
June 22, 2022	Changing of Guard	Chelmsford

Bishop Delany Assembly – Faithful Navigator Report

Faithful Sir Knights:

First and foremost, thank you to PFN's Tom Casey and Paul Sidari for their leadership during the last fraternal year; they rose to the challenge of continuing the work of the assembly throughout the challenges presented during the pandemic. Thank you also to our retiring officers, Trustee Paul Rigazio, PFN, and Faithful Scribe John McLaughlin, and to the 2021 Sir Knight of the Year, PFN Barry Bell, for their dedicated service to the assembly. We, the continuing and newly elected officers, hope to serve the assembly as admirably.

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Some of our brother Sir Knights may not be familiar with our patron, the Right Reverend John Bernard Delany, Second Bishop of Manchester. You will have seen some facts about Bishop Delany in previous newsletters: his birth in Lowell, August 9, 1864; ordination by the Archbishop of Paris, François-Marie-Benjamin Cardinal Richard de la Vergne, May 23, 1891; and consecration by the Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., Archbishop (later Cardinal) Diomedeo Angelo Raffaele Gennaro Falconio, O.F.M., September 8, 1904. There is more insight about him in the book, The Life and Writings of ..., from which we will share some snippets:

Surprise has often been expressed that Father Delany should have left the old and well-established archdiocese of Boston to go to a diocese so young and apparently so unattractive. New Hampshire was then in urgent need of priests, particularly of priests familiar with the French language, and Bishop Bradley was making every effort to secure such. It was this need that induced Father Delany to offer himself. The choice was not altogether approved by his friends. One of these ventured to say, "If you are determined to leave your own diocese, why don't you go to New York, where curates' salaries are higher and chances for advancement better?" "I am not to be a priest for what I can get out of it," replied Father Delany, "but for what I can put into it. I go to New Hampshire." Words to live by for all our endeavors as sir knights.

We hope to see you at the annual assembly cookout. I encourage you to communicate and participate. Fraternally,
John L. Salyards, Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar Report --- Sand Dollar

It is July, which means it is beach season! I have always loved going to the beach, the blue ocean and peacefulness of the scene always make for a good day. The beach also is a place to find seashells and beach rocks. However, there is a lesser known, but far more interesting item that can be found at the beach, and that is the **sand dollar**. At first glance a sand dollar seems pretty boring, just a small white disc that is usually half hidden in the sand. Yet, when picked up and looked at closely the apparent boringness turns into amazement. A sand dollar is a white disc 3-4 inches in diameter and 1/2 inches high. On the top of it is a 2D flower of 5 petals etched by hundreds of small ridges. In the center is a 5-point star. Upon turning it over you will see another 5-petal flower with the space in between textured with hundreds of small dots. If you were to break it open, you would find a small figurine that looks like a flying dove.

God can be similar. At first glance it can seem like God is hidden, or, that He is not doing that much of interest in our lives. Yet, when we seek God out and look closer, we will find that God is more extraordinary

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and more involved in our lives than previously thought. How can we find God working in our lives? We can take a few clues from the sand dollar. The 5 petal flowers of the sand dollar remind us of the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Bible, and by extension, the Bible as a whole. Through the Bible God communicates to us and brings us to Him. Being a white disc, the sand dollar reminds us of the Eucharist. The graces and blessings of the Eucharist are infinite as it is truly the real presence of Jesus. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we spend time with Jesus and allow Him to transform our lives. Finally, the figurine of the dove inside the sand dollar reminds us of the Holy Spirit, “who descended like a dove”. The Holy Spirit is in us and around us. The Holy Spirit is our source of love, joy, and guidance. We find the Holy Spirit by praying, listening, and seeking.

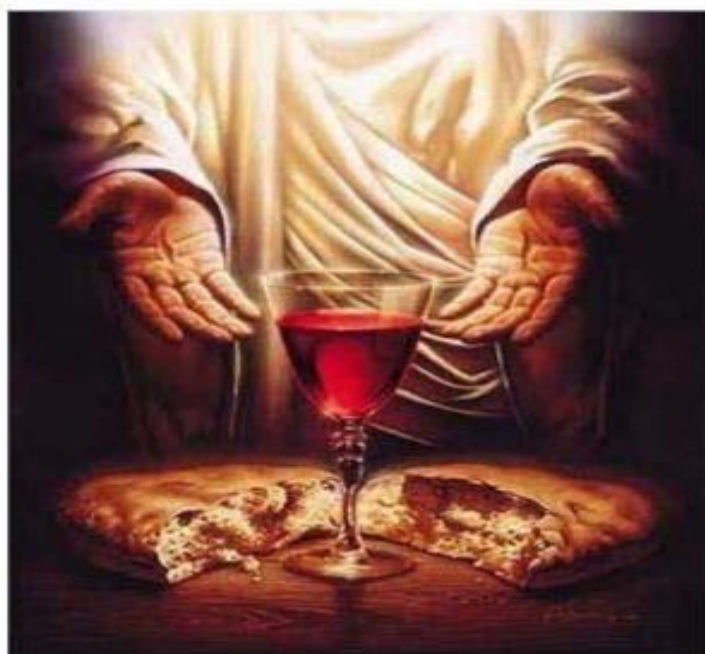
So, next time you are at the beach, find a sand dollar and have it be a reminder of how much God loves you, that He is always with you, and that He has amazing plans for all of us!

- Fr. Bill

The Captain's Corner –

The month July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. May we place all trust in the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Precious Blood Of JESUS



The month of July
is dedicated to the
Precious Blood of Jesus

Wishing everyone a blessed and safe Fourth of July.

Faithful Captain, Adam Whitehouse

The Admiral's Addendum: Sick and Distress

Greetings Gentlemen: As you know, I require your assistance. Please e-mail me at tcp01821@hotmail.com with the names of anyone in your council, or this assembly, that needs or requests our prayers; or let Barry Bell or John Salyards, FN know so they can pass on the names to me. If you do not have e-mail, you can call me at 978-667-3055 (home) or 978-307-4345 (cell) with the names. Please also let me know if it is a council member or assembly member. Thank you.

In the meantime, please remember the following Sir Knights and their family members in your prayers:

IN MEMORIAM:

Pray for the family of Mary A. Sweeney, mother of SK and Commander of the Bishop Delany Assembly who passed away on May 19, 2021.

Pray for the family of Brother and SK Ken Lydon of the Wilmington Council who passed away on April 26, 2021.

Pray for the family of Brother Dick Hayden of the Wilmington Council who passed away on April 12, 2021.

Please pray for the family of our Brother and SK Americo "Sonny" Enos, Sr., who passed away on March 25, 2021. Sonny was a PGK and PFN. Sonny was also past Commander of the Honor Guard.

PRIESTS AND WORTHY SIR KNIGHTS:

Fr. Romain; Fr. Tom; Fr. Connelly; along with SK Michael Bello, DD; SK Harold Coughlin; SK Bob Chevalier; SK Frank Barre; SK Paul Caron; SK Chuck Hirt; SK Ralph Nelson; SK Jerry Curtin; SK Luigi Iacoviello; our Faithful Comptroller SK James S. Barrows; SK Paul Heider; SK John Wedge; SK Paul Rigazio; SK Paul Sidari; SK Joseph Clark; SK Daniel Sullivan; and SK Paul Pearsall.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rosemary McGrath, wife of SK Joe McGrath; Paula Stupakewicz, wife of SK Tom Stupakewicz; Janet Shannon, wife of SK Jim Shannon; Joanne McKenzie, mother of SK Jeff McKenzie; Regina Goodwin, wife of SK Joe Goodwin; Margie Sidari, wife of SK Paul Sidari; Joanne Carignan, a close friend of SK Nelson & Ruthann McCarthy; and Michelle Miller, sister of Billerica's GK, Bill McCauley.

Let us also remember all those who are being affected by this corona virus sweeping the earth at this time and pray for a safe return toward "normal."

Mary, Queen of the Knights, Pray for us. Blessed Michael J McGivney, pray for us.

Prayer for souls in Purgatory; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you save souls.

Thomas Casey PFN, Faithful Admiral

Annual Assembly Cookout

The July meeting will be the Annual Family Cookout and will be held at the Father Edmund W. Croke Council Hall in Wilmington on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

To plan for the food, we are asking that each member who plans to attend, to RSVP PFN Tom Casey by calling him at 978-667-3055 or by e-mail at tjc01821@hotmail.com. You may pay by mail to 10 Governor Endicott Road, Billerica, MA 01821-2035 or pay at the door the night of the Cookout. **Please RSVP Tom before July 24th.**

The cost of the Cookout will be \$ 5.00 per person if you RSVP by July 24th. **If you RSVP after July 24th, then the cost of the Cookout will be \$ 7.50 per person. If you do not RSVP (Walk-in), then the cost of the Cookout will be \$10.00 per person. The only person you can RSVP to is PFN TOM CASEY. If you RSVP and do not come, you are responsible for payment.** See the Flyer on the last page of this Newsletter.

BISHOP DELANY ADOPTS AN OLD TRADITION

"SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR"

Honored to serve as your Faithful Navigator, I wanted to conclude this fraternal year by introducing an honored Knights of Columbus tradition, and naming the "Sir Knight of the Year" for 2021. As all of you know, our local councils have been doing this for generations. What has been an esteemed Third-Degree personal honor has now become a Fourth-Degree personal honor. I sincerely hope this shall continue with The Bishop Delany Assembly.

Our first Faithful and Worthy recipient to receive this distinguished award is Sir Knight Barry T. Bell, PGK, PFN, FDD. For many years, Barry has been the editor-in-chief of our monthly newsletter, chaired our annual nominating committee and served with great distinction as our valued assembly historian, and loyal keeper of assembly protocols and Fourth Degree traditions.

Sincere and warm congratulations to Barry for his many loyal years of solid commitment to the mission of the Fourth Degree.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Casey, PGK, PFN, DW

"BUCK UP"

Our monthly meeting pool is called "Buck Up" in which you sign in and pay One Dollar. This is the second meeting that we had the Buck Up Pool since February 26, 2020, because of the COVID-19. There was \$0.00 left in the pool because Fayad Lahout was present at the May meeting, and he won the \$54.00 Pot. You must be present to win, and you must have signed in. Of course, you must "Buck Up" also. I will draw 5 names at each meeting as possible winners. I will publish the "winners" in the newsletter, and if the pool gets to \$100.00, I will draw until a winner is named. The 5 names drawn for June were John Shattuck, Kevin Doherty, Paul Sidari, Joseph Veno and Glenn Hooper. I will be absent from the Family Picnic in July so there will be no pool at that event.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN \$0000 SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

Newsletter by Barry Bell

Reports and articles, that are to be included in the **SEPTEMBER** issue of the Bishop Delany Assembly Newsletter, need to be e-mailed to me at btbell100@yahoo.com **PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5th**. Please send the articles, I will edit them to fit and then publish the Newsletter during the **SECOND** week of the month.

Currently there are 27 members who do not use e-mail for updates. **If you wish to be kept informed, please send me your e-mail address for e-mail updates. We are no longer sending snail mail A N D e-mails.**

CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE
of St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist Parish's
1,000,000 Hail Mary Challenge

May 1st – October 31st, 2021



IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE TO FAITHFULLY COME TOGETHER AND PRAY THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS AND RESPECTIVE PARISHES MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH ALL ROSARY GROUPS.

**FOR OUR HOLY FATHER - OUR CHURCH - OUR COUNTRY - OUR WORLD –
OUR FAMILIES - THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY & FOR
AN END TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**HERE ARE SEVERAL QUOTES FROM THE FAITHFUL REGARDING
THE ROSARY OVER THE CENTURIES.**

“Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world.”

Pope Blessed Pius IX

“One day, through the rosary and the scapular, Our Lady will save the world.”

Saint Dominic

“If you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary.”

Pope Saint Pius X

“When we recite Our Lady’s rosary for a soul in Purgatory, that soul feels all the fires about it diminish and experiences a Heavenly relief.”

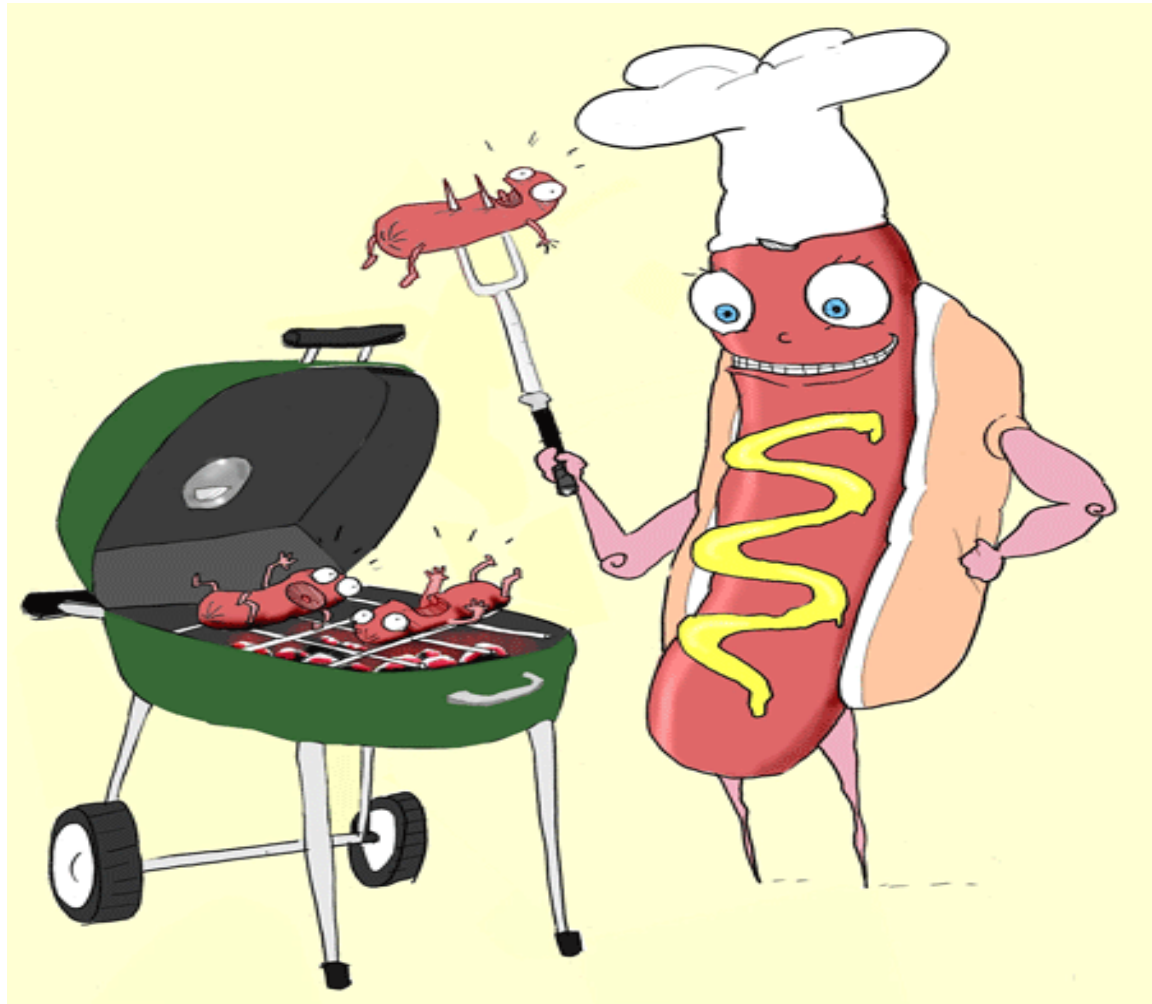
Saint Hannibal di Francia

**Please e-mail all of your Hail Mary’s to Paul Sidari: psidari@ymail.com
on every Monday of the month, May – October or submit to the
collaborative offices and they will be sent out.**

To call; please dial 978-729-1677.

Paul Sidari 05/2

BISHOP DELANY ASSEMBLY FAMILY COOKOUT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021
FATHER EDMUND W. CROKE COUNCIL 4982 IN WILMINGTON
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM



Cooks are Tom Walsh and Peter Cote

COST - - \$ 5.00 PER PERSON

\$ 7.50 if you RSVP after July 24th

\$ 10.00 if you do not RSVP (Walk-in)

The ladies are requested to bring their favorite dessert.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO OR CALL PFN TOM CASEY: **Please RSVP before July 24th**

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MEMBER'S NAME: _____ NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____