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Faithful Pilot Joaquim D'Souza Editor



# Dooley Noted



As we enter the third month of our fraternal year, I can say "so far so good". We continue to hold in-person meetings and slowly but surely, we are returning to events. We are back and we are unified.

That said, I'll start with how our assembly is dealing with the reemergence of the Delta Variant of COVID-19. The main impact it will have on us is our access and ability to use parish facilities. At this time there are no restrictions on the amount of people we can have at a meeting, but that could change as we head into Winter. Also, parishes are requiring masks and prohibiting food service. As we move forward, we will continue to respect the rules of the host councils and host parishes, we are their guests, and we don't want to jeopardize the relationship our councils have with their parishes. We will not be going back to Zoom but we may be required to be flexible and creative with our meeting locations in the future. With all that in mind, please be kind and respectful to your brother Sir Knights regardless of what opinion they hold on the pandemic. Some take it very seriously and others have a more laissez-faire attitude about it, either way we're all living through this together.

Please continue to check the website for Honor Guards to participate in. Our commanders are out there working their tails off to make sure everything is covered, but they need your help. Consider getting the new uniform, we need you in the Color Corps more than ever.

We have a great opportunity to make this a special year, hosting the February Exemplification, celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and returning to a mostly normal schedule. Everything we want to accomplish can be done. We have the best officers in the Northern Illinois District, and in my opinion the best assembly in the State of Illinois. We'll get there together, and I thank you for all your support and hard work.

Dan Daemicke  
Faithful Navigator

## 2021-2022 ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Faithful Friar	Msgr. Jim Burnett
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Faithful Admiral	Michael Enos
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Faithful Scribe	James Almeida
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1yr. Trustee	Roger Dooley
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Faithful Sentinel	Benny Raya
Faithful Sentinel	Dave Ortman
Faithful Sentinel	Mike Madonna

## An Autumn Reflection from the Associate Friar

As we enter into the autumn season, we also enter into the end of the liturgical year. To say the least, this has truly been a year of challenge and of change. Many of us became masters of Zoom; and masks, sanitizing and social distancing felt like the norm. Slowly we have been able to transition from virtual to face-to-face meetings, handshakes instead of waves or fist bumps, and are enjoying the opportunity to break bread together once again.

As I write this, dispensation for attending weekend mass is still in place. It gladdens my heart to see so many people attend mass, not because we have to, but because we get to. It is now a choice that many are making. I understand that there are many who cannot or choose not to attend mass in person, because of COVID or other issues. I encourage everyone who is not attending Church in person to find a televised or streamed mass on line, so that you can remain in virtual communion with the Church, and with Our Lord.

For those who have returned to in-person celebration of the Mass, I share in your joy. There is so much we receive at the mass, including the culminating moment when we become fully united with God in the reception of the Holy Eucharist. The joy of uniting with God, and celebrating His Word and the sacrifice of the Mass in community is, I hope, something for which we all long.

One of the gifts of fasting is to increase our conscious awareness of all that we normally have. When churches were closed in the early days of COVID, I struggled with being denied the celebration of the mass. Zoom and streamed masses helped, but nothing can duplicate the actual presence of Jesus Christ; body, blood soul and divinity; present in the reception of Holy Eucharist. I now realize that every opportunity to attend Mass is a special gift from God.

As our liturgical year approaches its end, I offer up a prayer for everyone: that God grant you to grace of good health, and that, before the year's end, you will have the opportunity to gather in community and celebrate His great gift, the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Fred Maier  
Faithful Associate Friar  
Thomas Dooley Assembly

## Annual Memorial Mass for our Departed Brothers 2020-2021

This year's Memorial Mass, remembering and honoring those who have passed away in the past 12 months, will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's Church in Downers Grove on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 7:00 PM. We are requesting that Sir Knights who are able to participate in the Honor Guard for this mass arrive by 6:30 PM. We hope to be able to provide refreshments following the mass. This is dependent on COVID protocols at the time.

The past several years have shown a significant decline on the number of brother Sir Knights who attend this mass. Sadly, the number of Sir Knights being remembered stays the same. I am requesting that every Council have at least one representative attend this mass. If your Council has lost a brother Sir Knight over the last year, please come and pray for him and his family. Ideally, members of the Councils involved should offer escort and support to the families and encourage them to attend the mass. Our prayers are the last gift we have to offer these men. In the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend this mass.

Associate Friar Deacon Fred Maier

Thomas Dooley Assembly

## **ASSEMBLY MEMBER COUNCILS**

650 Damen Hildebrand  
1911 Fr. McDonald  
3738 St. John  
3761 Assumption  
4053 Mayslake  
5516 St. Petronille  
5732 Pope John  
6090 Fr. Boecker  
6521 Fr. Frank Anksorus  
8002 Fr. Michael J. McGivney  
8365 Fr. John Barrett  
8522 Fr. John Guiney  
9806 St. James the Apostle  
9893 St. Matthew  
10325 Holy Ghost – Wood Dale  
10884 St. Peter the Apostle  
11027 Christ the King  
11092 St. Francis of Assisi  
14649 Bishop James Fitzgerald  
15296 St. Joachim  
15806 Car. Nguyn Vãn Thuan  
16062 Fr. Ernie Norbeck  
17359 St. Alexis  
17474 St. Jose"

**COMPTRROLLER REPORT**  
**Faithful Comptroller Terry Folliard PFN**

Brother Sir Knights,

It is a pleasure to serve our Assembly as Comptroller once again. Thank you for your confidence, support, and your help making my job a little easier. I would like to ask you to look at your membership card for the Fourth Degree to make sure it is current. If you believe you are in good standing, and have no card (maybe you misplaced it or lost it), please follow up with me to get a duplicate one. If you do not have a current card, you may also be in arrears in your dues, and may have to get current by paying your dues to receive one. Please pull out your wallet now and verify you have your current card.

Billing for the 2022 Fraternal year will be sent out in December. Please be sure your address is correct with The Supreme Council if you have relocated or moved, by notifying your home Council's Financial Secretary, or by dropping me a note of the change. Also please note, to update your email address, if you do not receive this letter electronically, and are receiving a mailed one, you do not currently have an email on file with Supreme. So, please update this information now while it is fresh on your mind.

Again, I wish you a great year in the Assembly, and thank you for your continued support of The Knights, and thank you for all the great work you do.

God Bless You all.

**PURSER REPORT**  
**Faithful Purser Steve Orzech PFN**

My Brothers, as we go into Fall the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly has a solid footing financially. The budget for this fraternal Year has been ratified. We are increasing the "Meeting Refreshments" allowance to \$125.00 per meeting. This will help Councils who host an Assembly meeting cover the expense of food and beverages.

We have budgeted funds for the Assembly 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner scheduled for next May. The planning for this has begun!

We have increased the budgeting of monies for support of the Manteno Veterans Home activities.

All of this is due to your generous financial support of the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly and the Veterans Fund Donations.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

May Almighty GOD Bless You and Keep You Safe,

**2021-2022**  
**Assembly Appointed Positions:**  
**C=Chair**

<b>Friar:</b> Monsignor	James Burnett
<b>Associate Friar</b>	Deacon Fred Maier
<b>Memorial Mass</b>	Deacon Fred Maier
<b>Pro-Life</b>	Michael Bruntz
<b>Veterans</b>	Tom Weiland C Joe Schelli C
<b>Night at Race</b>	Bill Schelli C Wayne Mitchell
<b>Ladies Night Out</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Widows &amp; Orphans</b>	Frank Rossi C, Rich Spada Phil Barone
<b>SK Knight of Month/Year</b>	Bill Schelli Patrick Belling Roger Dooley
<b>Faust Award</b>	Roger Dooley C Jerry Kurowski Steve Orzech
<b>2022 Ad Book</b>	Will Schelli
<b>Membership</b>	Michael Enos
<b>Hospitality</b>	Mike Madonna
<b>Newsletter</b>	Joaquim D'Souza
<b>2022 Picnic</b>	Will Schelli
<b>Retention &amp; Mentorship</b>	Rich Spada C Michael Enos D. Thurman Art Kopacek Lou Nicpon
<b>Seminarian Support</b>	Deacon Fred Maier Dan Daemicke

**Special Committees:**

**February Exemplification Hosting Cmte.**

Frank Rossi C  
 Bill Schelli  
 Ron Metty  
 Mitch Raines  
 Terry Folliard,  
 Mike Madonna

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cmte.** Michael Enos C

**Congratulations to Commander Dennis Jensen  
Recipient of the 2021 Dr. Dooley Assembly Faust Award**



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**MEMORIES or What to do in Retirement**

Since I have retired the one question everyone has is "What are you doing in retirement?" My usual response "Working on my Obituary" normally leads to a pause in the conversation for those who don't know me. Those who know my sense of humor understand that while I may actually be working on the summary of my life there is a chance that the response is another indication of why I was not invited to meetings at work. I believe we all have a need for fun and humor if I can contribute that to the daily so be it. If you are set in your ways and predictable you can easily be replaced or ignored, but if your responses aren't routine, similar to responses from others or uniquely yours they may be more valued.

Getting back to the original question "What are you doing in retirement?" I believe writing your obituary is something we should all consider as it will probably be the last chance you get to tell your side of the story of your life for others to know. While there still are classified operations, happenings, and other items on a need-to-know basis that occurred during my life some parts, portions, happenings during my life may be interesting to people besides national security agencies, prosecuting attorneys, or various governmental bodies. This is not to imply that what I did was nefarious, corrupt, illegal, or out of the ordinary just that what do you REALLY know about your neighbor or coworker?

Yours Truly,  
*Roger Dooley, FS PGK PFN FDD PCP ARNG  
Fr. John Barrett Council # 8365 Villa Park IL*

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the  
Dooley Assembly**

**The date is Sunday May 15, 2022 and we will have an Ad Book. I will have details about the Ad Book at our October Meeting. I would like to get a short report from all the Past Faithful Navigators telling what events took place during their term of office especially anything humorous.**

**Jerry Kurowski**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

October 13, 2021  
General Meeting 7:30 pm  
Location TBA

November 10, 2021  
General Meeting 7:30 pm  
Location TBA

December 8, 2021  
General Meeting 7:30 pm  
Location TBA



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