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Dooley Noted



In 1962, the year the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly was chartered, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, we faced the Cuban Missile Crisis, our Pope was John XXIII, and the United States had their first visible presence in Vietnam. In what was the beginning of tumultuous decade that marked the start of a cultural and generational change, the members of Councils 1369, 1555, 1911, 3738, 4053, came together in the name of fraternity and patriotism to form the Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly in DuPage County Illinois.

Since our formation we've grown to over 800 members and 24 councils. According to our website which is never wrong, we've had 57 Faithful Navigators. For six decades our assembly has kept the faith and has been the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Patriotism, that's what we stood for sixty years ago and it's what we stand for today.

Sixty years is an amazing accomplishment for any organization especially one that is led by volunteers like ours. To mark this anniversary, we will be celebrating with a banquet on May 15, 2022. This banquet will be held at Medinah Shriners in Addison, Illinois. Everyone is invited because everyone played a part in making this assembly truly special in the State of Illinois and the Northern Illinois District. I look forward to seeing you at our celebration.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Daemicke".

Dan Daemicke

Faithful Navigator

2021-2022 ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Faithful Friar	Msgr. Jim Burnett
Faithful Assoc. Friar	Dc. Fred Maier
Faithful Navigator	Dan Daemicke
Faithful Captain	William Schelli IV
Faithful Admiral	Michael Enos
Faithful Pilot	Joaquim D'Souza
Faithful Scribe	James Almeida
Faithful Comptroller	Terry Folliard
Faithful Purser	Steve Orzech
3 yr. Trustee	Patrick Belling
2 yr. Trustee	William Schelli III
1yr. Trustee	Roger Dooley
Faithful Sentinel	Art Kopacek
Faithful Sentinel	Benny Raya
Faithful Sentinel	Dave Ortman
Faithful Sentinel	Mike Madonna

Lent 2022

We are in the midst of our Lenten season, a forty day “Journey through the Desert” where through denial, fasting, prayer and almsgiving, we hope to properly prepare our bodies, minds and souls for a true and worthy celebration of the glory of the Easter season. How quickly our world changes; how steadfast of faith and worship. Last year, all my Lenten efforts were focused on the challenge of COVID, praying for protection of the healthy, healing of the sick and deliverance from the danger.

This year, it was my plan to repeat that intention. But the world is crying out with new suffering, new fear, new needs. A terrible, immoral war has broken out in Ukraine, and threatens to draw all the countries and kingdoms of the world into a great global conflict. The threat of nuclear war is clearly present, and many are fearful.

The focus of my fasting, prayer and almsgiving this season is for peace. Whenever I am challenged in my self-denial, I offer up my discomfort to God as an intercession for peace. No amount of deprivation that I am experiencing can begin to represent the loss and suffering our Ukrainian brothers and sisters are experiencing moment to moment in their lives. If anyone is tempted to violate their chosen Lenten fast, reflect first on those who don't have that option, but are now struggling to survive in the absence of all that they knew one month ago.

Let our prayers, spoken and unspoken, rise up to God on behalf of the people of Ukraine, and those in Russia who have been drawn into this horrible conflict without recourse. Let us pray for Vladimir Putin, for his conversion, a complete change of heart and of mind. Whether it be as powerful as Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus, or the clear understanding of the evil he is doing calling him to repentance, may he, like the Prodigal son, come to God.

Let us call upon our Blessed Mother to spread Her Mantle of Protection over the people of Ukraine, shielding them from the horrors, the devastation and loss that war brings. May her intercession calm angry hearts, comfort troubled spirits and bring Her love to those in most need.

Let us through our almsgiving continue to support relief efforts to all affected. Through the Knights of Columbus, or other programs, let us deny our very selves and give with great generosity to those who have lost everything. Through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, let us as an Assembly of brother Sir Knights use the power of our prayer and faith to restore the hope and joy of Easter to all affected by this terrible conflict.

God bless you all on your Lenten journey.

Deacon Fred Maier

Faithful Associate Friar

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. Nguyen Văn Thuan

16062 Fr. Ernie Norbeck

17359 St. Alexis

17474 St. Jose”

PRAY FOR WORLD

PEACE

Worthy Sir Knights,

Thank you for your support this Fraternal Year, by paying your dues promptly, and for supporting the Veterans Fund. It has been a trying last couple years for all of us. We now may be able to have a picnic at Manteno Veteran's Home in September. Wow we all missed working at it and visiting with our American Heroes. I can't wait, and I hope it happens.

Our Meetings are currently live, with the last couple meetings had around sixty members present. Yes, we can wine, dine, and visit with each other before the meeting. It is great to commiserate with the attendees. I missed you all.

Dan Daemicke has done a great job this year, leading us through ZOOM, Masks and keeping everyone interested and informed about The Dr. Dooley Assembly #209 and the Fourth Degree. Everyone should thank him when they see him, for a great year and for keeping us all together in these trying times. Thanks Dan! Our Officers all did a great job. It is great to see all in person again.

We had fifteen new members join our Assembly from the Exemplification in February, which was a virtual degree, attended live as an Assembly jointly with The Bishop Kaffer Assembly, who also brought in six new Sir Knights. This was a great turnout, especially during these times. Thanks, Ron Metty for all the work you did to get these candidates there, and also to Steve Orzech for this electronic presentation of the degree, and especially to Council #15806 for recruiting six new Sir Knights of which three are seminarians.

Thanks again for all you guys who made our Assembly fun again. I can say I truly missed that, and you probably did too.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Folliard

Faithful Comptroller

Lord, make me an instrument of your **Peace.**

Where there is hatred, let me sow **Love.**

Where there is injury, **Pardon.**

Where there is doubt, **Faith.**

Where there is despair, **Hope.**

Where there is darkness, **Light.**

Where there is sadness, **Joy.**

St. Francis of Assisi

2021-2022

Assembly Appointed Positions:

C=Chair

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

Special Committees:

February Exemplification Hosting Cmte.

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

60th Anniversary Cmte. Michael Enos C

My Brother Sir Knights, the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly has continued with our RSVP Seminarian Support program with the Supreme Council. We are able to do this through your generous support with your dues payment to the Assembly. Brothers, again this Fraternal Year our Seminarian, is Joseph LeMay, from, St. Joseph Parrish in Downers Grove. This will our 4th Fraternal Year of support for Brother LeMay.

Please remember Joseph's Father, Robert LeMay, in your prayers. Bob LeMay died in January 2021.

We also look forward to issuing another check to *Chicago Honor Flight* in 2022. We have supported the Chicago Honor Flight for many years. The staff of Chicago Honor Flight have always been incredibly grateful for our support of this program. Several of our Brother Sir Knights in the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly have been able to take these flights to Washington D.C. These monies are provided by your generous support of our Veterans Project program.

And, as a reminder, PLEASE check the date on your due's payment checks; it should be **2022**.

Make sure that you sign your check!

May GOD Bless All-

Steve Ortega **Faithful Purser**

Brother Sir Knights,

Lent, time to sacrifice and renewal.

It seems that every year around the Lenten season there is a struggle for some thinking about what to do. What should we give up, how should we repent, are we doing it right? As I have these same issues I always go back to the basics: trust in Jesus.

Sometimes it is that simple, we can pray and ask for His guidance on how we can get to our spiritual renewal but we still have to put in the work. That is all it really takes is for us to think of what we want to do and put in the effort. Sometimes we think we have to wait for a grandiose sign or an image to pop in our head to see what is expected of us. The reality is all we have to do is let God know what we want to give up and be honest with ourselves that our sacrifice cannot amount to what Jesus went through. Our suffering can show ourselves that we can come out feeling refreshed and renewed knowing that His sacrifice was for our benefit in the hopes that we can know eternal life. Brothers I pray that our Lenten season will bring us closer to God and we look forward to Jesus's resurrection this coming Easter Season. I also pray for peace in the world and liberty and justice for all. Thank you and God Bless you and your families!

James R. Almeida, Jr-PGK

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 13, 2022
General Meeting 7:30 pm
Location TBA

May 11, 2022
General Meeting 7:30 pm
Location TBA

June 8, 2022
General Meeting 7:30 pm
Location TBA



Lilac Parade



SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

Assemble at 11:45 A.M.

**Shuttle provided to parade site from
Frank Cvach's house**

The parade will kick-off @ 1:30 P.M.

Santa Maria Ship available to ride

Picnic following parade @ 3:00 P.M.

**PSW, PFN, PGK FRANK CVACH'S HOUSE
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