NAVIGATORS NOTES

It's hard to believe that this year is almost over. I could not have made the year without the help of all the past Navigators. Thank you for all your help. At the planning meeting for the February Exemplification, we pledged 30 candidates for the degree. We had 33 take the 4th degree. Thanks to all the Councils that helped us pass that mark. We also had the best hospitality room. Thanks to Bill Schelli and his crew. Now we have to get the new Sir Knights involved in the Assembly. We have a lot of events coming up. Make sure to bring the new Sir Knights to our meetings.

Leon Ivanauski
Navigator

CAPTAINS REPORT

It is my pleasure to report the AD book sales for this year were 21 Ads and a total of $1,375.00 for the Assembly. I want to thank everyone for a good response.

It has been my duty to assure an Honor Guard for many funerals, confirmations, Life Masses, Memorial Masses, etc. for the councils in our Assembly. Of course this cannot be accomplished without the cooperation of our commanders. I want to thank them for being available sometimes on a very short notice.

Vivat Jesu
Bob Nowakowski

ADMIRALS NOTE

Worthy Sirs,
I am pleased to tell you our Assembly welcomed Thirty Three new Sir Knights at the February Exemplification. At the Exemplification on April 16, 2016 at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale we welcomed another 12 Sir Knights to our Assembly. Job Well Done Guys.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Please be sure to check the web site for information on the upcoming installation of officers. As of this newsletter plans have not been announced as to when the Installation will take place. Check the assembly web site

http://www.drdooleyassembly.com

For updated information on the installation and other assembly events.
2015-2016 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The May Meeting will see our elections of officers. Below is the proposed slate.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR—Leon Ivanowski
FAITHFUL CAPTAIN—Michael Blackburn
FAITHFUL ADMIRAL—Ron Metty
FAITHFUL PILOT—Bill Schelli
FAITHFUL SCRIBE—Patrick Belling
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER—Terry Folliard
FAITHFUL PURSER—Steve Orzech
3 YR. TRUSTEE—Mitch Raines
2 YR. TRUSTEE—Lee Walper
1 YR. TRUSTEE—Wally Johnson

FAITHFUL SENTINEL David Naponiello
FAITHFUL SENTINEL Art Kopacek
FAITHFUL SENTINEL Joe Williams
FAITHFUL SENTINEL Pedro Alaniz

This is just a proposed slate. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May Meeting.

COMPTROLLERS REPORT

Brother Sir Knights, I am writing this on St. Patrick’s Day as, another fraternal year passes on again. We currently have 880 members in the Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly. We had 45 Candidates take their Fourth Degree this year creating about a 5% increase in membership. This is great, however, we have had an average of two deaths per month, thus making our net increase about 21. So we need your help in recruiting more Gentlemen to join our Assembly. Thanks to all of you for the great job you did this year making this number.

Our dues paying members are currently around 450 members. We currently have 200 members who did not pay their dues yet. This does not include Honorary Life, Disabilities, nor Financial hardships. I have sent out two notices, and a FINAL NOTICE will be sent out after Easter. As of April 1st, all 2015 membership cards are void. According to Supreme Council by-laws, to be a Fourth Degree Knight you must 1). Belong to a Fourth Degree Assembly, 2). Be current in your dues, and 3). Be in possession of a current membership card. You need to be current to do Honor Guards, attend meetings, and attend Exemplifications. Please stay current in your dues.

We would also like Council Captains to report any Dr. Thomas Dooley Assembly Fourth Degree member’s deaths from their Councils to the Assembly. They should verify the with their Council’s Financial Secretary that their Council roster states they are a member of Assembly #209, and also that the Financial Secretary notifies The Supreme Council of the members passing. There is nothing worse than sending out a dues notice, getting it back with a note from a widow that the member has been dead for four years? I know sometimes we lose track of members, as some become more inactive with age, missing meetings and all, but remember they were probably as active as you are when they were your age. They did Honor Guards, parades, wakes, and attended Fourth Degree functions. They probably recruited members into the Assembly too.

We owe it to them to communicate with them. You should get a list of all members from Assembly #209 from your Financial Secretary, who are on your Council’s current roster, and try to communicate with them, so you know who they are. Recently a Sir Knight passed, and no one in his Council knew him, even though he was a Fourth Degree knight for 43 years. I got a response that he was not active the last 10 years. When I am 90 I hope someone remembers me, even if I could no longer drive, be half blind, and lived with my friend, as my family was gone. Please remember them!

Being that The Fourth Degree is The Patriotic Degree of the Order, our Assembly has asked for a voluntary donation of $5.00 from every member to be donated to The Veterans Fund. This money has been used to run Bingo at the Illinois State Veterans Home at Manteno, IL. as well as host a picnic for the 300 veterans there. It also supported donations to Illinois Honor Flight, for WW II and Korean War
Veterans to visit monuments in Washington D.C. I would like to thank you for your support in this endeavor, for all those who risked their lives for our Freedom. Thanks to all of you for making this year as Comptroller a memorable one. God Bless you Guys!

Vivat Jesus,
Terry Folliard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL IS BACK

The Assembly will once again be doing Honor Guards at ILLINOIS BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY home Football games. Please see the Assembly Website for dates and times, or Contact Faithful Purser Steve Orzech at 630-739-9106.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join with your fellow Sir Knights, Family and Friends at The Annual Dr Dooley Night at the Races on Friday June 3rd. The cost for this year’s event is $34.00. Please contact Sir Knight Frank Cale at 630-226-5643 for additional information or tickets.

ASSEMBLY PICNIC

The Assembly Picnic is into the planning stages. It will be held on Sunday July 24th 2016 at the Clarendon Hills Park District. Sir Knight Mike Calteaux Grand Knight of St. Joachim Council 15296 has secured the reservations. The pavilion is at the South end of Prospect Park on Norfolk Avenue between the children’s playground and Baseball Diamond. The picnic should start about 11:00am and the cost is $10.00 per person or $20.00 per family. There are many nearby parking spaces along Norfolk Avenue next to the pavilion. Prospect Park is a 23 acers and is located between Chicago Ave, Prospect Ave, Norfolk Ave and Oxford Ave.

If any member is in need of the Royal Blue Assembly Shirt please contact D. Thurman by phone 630-642-2618 or by email d21thurman@gmail.com. The shirt cost is 30.00 dollars. I would need the name wanted on the shirt and the size to place the order. I am at most assembly meetings and can take orders after the close of our meeting.

Welcome to the New Sir Knights of the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly #209 Exemplification Feb. 21, 2016 and April 16 2016

Christopher Agdeppa, Nicholas Alfano

MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Memorial Mass for the Dr Thomas A Dooley Assembly will be held on November 12th 4:30 pm Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westmont. We need as many Sir Knights as possible to come out to this annual Mass and Remember our Brother Sir Knights who have passed away to their eternal reward this past year. Contact Sir Knight Frank Rossi at 708-508-3297 for details.
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HISTORY OF THE DR. THOMAS A DOOLEY ASSEMBLY

The article below is for the benefit of not only our new members’, but serves as a reminder for all our members as to Legacy of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley

He looked like the ninety-seven pound weakling. He was always around, hitting the books and content to be a student at Notre Dame and surrounded by good company. He was in pre-med, a young kid, but so serious, so thoughtful. His name was Tom Dooley. He died of cancer the day after his 34th birthday. By that Dr. Tom Dooley was internationally famous as the medical missionary in Southeast Asia.

This was the inspiration, this was the challenge, this was the man for whom the new Assembly was named, Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Assembly was formed June 24th, 1962, from a group of councils that included Father McDonald of Elmhurst, Mayslake of Hinsdale, St. John of Downers Grove/Westmont, Father Gaffney of West Chicago, and Wheaton.

Ron T. Tallon was Master of the Northern Illinois District at the time.

He called together Fourth Degree members from the above councils for the purpose of electing officers for the new assembly. Charter Officers were installed by Master Tallon on Monday, July 9, 1962 with Sir Knight Leon Heidgen of Elmhurst being selected as the Charter Faithful Navigator.

Dr. Dooley Assembly has grown from 6 councils in 1962 to 23 councils in 2016 with a total membership of close to 1000 Sir Knights. Over the years Dr. Dooley Assembly has had a program of moral and financial support for seminarians. Currently, we are providing support for a seminarian with a modest stipend, which can be used to pay part of his personal expenses. Dr. Dooley Assembly also has supported the Joliet Diocese Chapter as a leading contributor each to the Chapter's seminarian purse program for the Joliet Diocese.

For a full history of the Dr. Thomas A Dooley Assembly, visit our web site at http://drdooleyassembly.com

Dr. Thomas A Dooley with one of his first patients in Viet Nam.
For updates on all Honor Guard Requests and Assembly events, please visit the Dr. Thomas A Dooley Website at http://drdooleyassembly.com.