



**Officers and Directors**

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# Slate of Officers 2020/2021

**Faithful Navigator**

Sam Bastianelli

**Faithful Comptroller**

Vinnie Cipriano

**Faithful Captain**

Larry Simmons

**Faithful Admiral**

Frank Shea

**Faithful Purser**

John Gallo

**Faithful Pilot**

Jeffery Filippi

**Faithful Scribe**

Mike Burk

**Inner Sentinel**

Vinnie Alesi

**Outer Sentinel**

Ray Makovec

**Trustee -1 yr.**

Richard Pless

**Trustee -2 yr.**

Ernie Soller

**Trustee-3 yr.**

**Stephen Anzalone**

**Color Corp**

**Bob Hellner**

**Faithful Navigator**— ———**Larry Simmons**

**Faithful Comptroller**———**Vincent Cipriano**

**Faithful Friar**———**picked by the FNF**

**Faithful Captain**———**Jeff Filippi**

**Faithful Admiral**——— **Sam Bastianelli**

**Faithful Purser**———**John Gallo**

**Faithful Pilot**———**Mark O'Brien**

**Faithful Scribe**———**Marty Saia**

**Inner Sentinel**———**Mike Burk**

**Outer Sentinel**———**Ray Makovec**

**One year Trustee**———**John Joly**

**Two year Trustee**———**Richard S Pless**

**Three year Trustee**———**Ernest Soller**

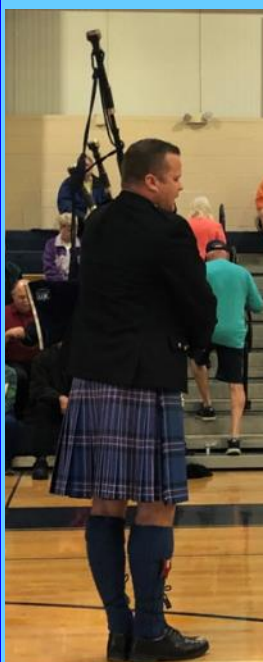
**Color Corp Commander**———**Robert Hellner**



## Tidewell Hospice March 7th

**2 Sir Knights and several Tidewell Hospice Volunteers participated in a large Group Pinning Ceremony at the Sarasota Military Academy's Veteran's Appreciation Day sponsored by Congressman Vern Buchanan.**

**The event started at 10am for the public. From 9:30-10:30, attendees were able to speak with Veteran representatives from the VA and other Veteran government agencies at various booths. At 10:30 there was a bagpipe player, Color Corp of Cadets for the Colors, and speeches including Vern Buchanan.**



**At 10:45 the Tidewell Hospice HONORS Program and Pinning Ceremony was introduced and explained by Stacy Groff MNM, Vice President of Specialized Services for Tidewell Hospice. We were then called up front, introduced ourselves and stated what branch of the military we were in. Veterans were then invited to come forward to receive their pin, be thanked for their service and saluted in their honor. There were 50-60 Veterans present who were pinned.**

**This activity was coordinated by DGK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Program Director and Tidewell Hospice Chair.**

**Our Brother Knights have now participated in 3 large Group Pinning Ceremonies to date and over 35 individual Veteran HONORS Program Pinning Ceremonies.**



L-R Tidewell Hospice Volunteer, SK John Joly, Congressman Vern Buchanan, Stacy Groff, VP SS, Tidewell Hospice, SK Fabian Robitaille, Tidewell Hospice Volunteer





## **Pope Francis**

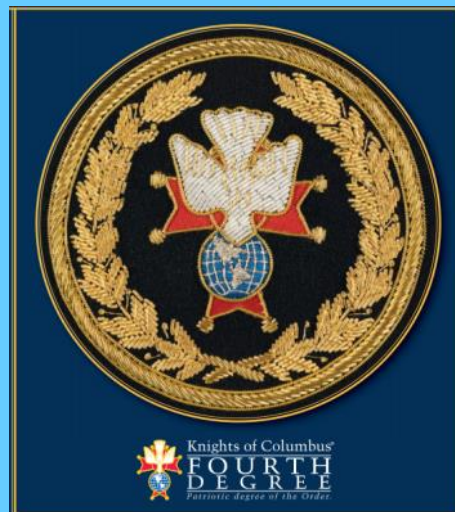
**On Easter Monday, Pope Francis offered solidarity and prayers to the people of the United States and other countries hard hit by Covid-19. He also singled out the crucial role women have played in combating the pandemic, comparing them to the faithful women of the Gospel resurrection accounts who bore witness to the risen Lord while the disciples were still in hiding.**

**He expressed his “closeness and affection” for “all those countries hard hit by the coronavirus, with a great number of persons infected and dead” and “in a special way, Italy, the United States of America, Spain, France.” He said “Do not forget that the pope is praying for you, he is close to you.”**





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**Faithful Navigator Notes:**

Many American churches are closed in response to the coronavirus. Now some church leaders are arguing that bans on public gatherings for worship constitute a violation of religious freedom. As NPR's Tom Gjelten reports, this is the latest turn in a religious liberty debate.

In a few cases around the country, church leaders have been so angry at being closed that they've sued local and state authorities, saying their constitutional right to religious freedom has been infringed, given that other businesses are still allowed to operate.