



# Knights of Columbus

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## The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

### From the Faithful Navigator...

Happy February and start of Lent! We are still under the cloud of COVID but can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. While some places are opening and trying to return to business as usual, we are still navigating through the restrictions to ensure everyone remains safe. If you did not read my email notice, the Leadership of the Assembly met and unanimously agreed to cancel this year's fish fries. This decision did not come easily, but ultimately CDC guidance, Commonwealth rules, and the desire to keep everyone safe trumped the need for fraternal activity and the service we provide during Lent. Positive cases are on the rise, and the mutations are spreading, so in the leadership's opinion the risks far exceed the benefits of doing the fish fries.

As a result of the shutdowns and restrictions, our Assembly has not been able to do much as a fraternal organization. I have discussed with many of you the need to get our Assembly back to a more active group, especially as we near the end of the pandemic. I have also heard from many of our older and newer Sir Knights that we need to investigate new activities for our Assembly, even during this continuing trying time. To help facilitate the need for action, at the last Business Meeting I discussed the formation of a new Activity Committee for our Assembly. The pandemic has caused us to back off of many of the events and activities we have enjoyed for over 50 years. The past year we have had very limited interaction, with even more limited public relations. We are the public facing and patriotic arm of the Order and need to find ways to safely interact and become active again. We are actively soliciting volunteers for the Assembly Activity Committee. This group will recommend a course of action to reignite Fr. Habets Assembly. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this new and exciting group!

While our activities are not at the normal level, we are still supporting the families of those who have lost a loved one. The Color Corps is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, confirmations and other Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. **If you are not yet a member of the Color Corps, please join us.**

The Chalice Team performs the Fourth Degree Chalice Ceremony, an honor reserved only for those Sir Knights who are laid to rest and were in good standing at the time of their departure. Primary roles outside of the Guards of Honor, who adorn the head and foot of the casket and the Honor Guards, is the Commander, Chief Lector, Poet, and Chalice Bearer. If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact the Color Corps Commander, or myself and we will get you more information

Our next business meeting is Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Rosary 7pm, Meeting 730pm. The location for now is TBD based on the current environment. A decision for a hybrid meeting will be made by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Faithfully,  
SK Steve Schlossberg, FN  
Fr. Habets Assembly 1505



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## Good of the Order



### Repose of the Soul:

Lady Evelyn Malana  
 Lady Beverly Mele  
 Lady Betty Wemhoff  
 Robert Earl James  
 Connie Perry  
 Bob Canfield  
 Antony Noce Sr.

### Prayerful Intentions:

Lady Vivian Ramos  
 Lady Jean Burke  
 Lady Christine Avery  
 Lady Beatrice Johnson  
 Lady Fran Saverese  
 Lady Ingrid Nicholas  
 SK Mark Nunz  
 SK Carl Wesolowski  
 SK Joe Burns  
 Malia & Sierra Avery  
 Barbara Covin  
 Ruby Hammer

Our Military Deployed overseas, their families and loved ones. Our Military Veterans and persecuted Christians throughout the world. First Responders and those caring for COVID patients.

Lord, grant Your healing touch on these persons and grant Your peace to them and their families.



### February Birthdays

wishes to these Sir Knights:

SK's William Meagher, Tom Hostutler, George Daria, Steve Moffett Sr, Daniel Brennan, Pete Perry, Gene Destefano, Andy Echevarria, Tim McGrath, Fr. Anthony Morris, Craig Zombar, Arnold Pon, Jerry Johnson, John Kummers, Steven Winter, Earl Reid III, Melchor Lazo II, Richard Girard, Steve Mezzapeso, William Broderick

## Faithful Friar's Minute... (Fr. René Castillo)

The month of February presents two significant liturgical events, one fixed and the other movable. The first is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on the 2nd of the month, which we will already have celebrated by the time you get this newsletter. In the Jewish tradition, forty days after birth the child is to be presented to the Temple. The child Jesus was brought by Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem, where they dedicate the holy Child to God. We know that, in the case of Jesus, this is a mere formality, because Jesus is already totally dedicated to God his Father. This event reminds us that we have belonged to God since the day we were baptized.



The second is the holy season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent, too, together with the Easter season, reminds us of our baptism. Baptism is only the beginning of our lifelong relationship with God. Lent reminds us of the great and two-fold commandment – to love God and our neighbor – and to give it priority in our lives. The three traditional practices of Lent, prayer, fasting (or penance) and works of charity (or almsgiving), are means of growing in love of God and neighbor. Let us then take the time to deepen our relationship with God through prayer and spiritual reading. Let us fast from things (= food, entertainment, gadgets, etc.) that may not be really necessary. Let us take the time to reach out and help someone, perhaps spend time with, encourage, assist, give a kind word.

May the Lord bless you abundantly! Let us pray for each other.

Vivat Jesus!

Father René Castillo - Faithful Friar

## Faithful Admiral's Report... (SK Toby Robillard)

### SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION

This exemplification will be virtual and held on Saturday April 17th, 2021.

Eligible candidates must be a Third-Degree Knight in good standing. Fees are set at \$50 which includes the Social baldric, Fourth degree pin, and certificate.

Form fours must be read in by the Assembly; therefore, we only have the February and March meetings to vote on all applicants.

Get in touch with you Council brothers and offer them this opportunity to become Sir Knights.

**Only 32 more to reach our goal.** (Spring 2021) Double the effort. (;--)) 😊

For more information contact: Faithful Admiral Toby Robillard:

[tobyhrobillard@gmail.com](mailto:tobyhrobillard@gmail.com) or 757-339-1376.

## Prayer List

Please continue to pray for the sick in our assembly, councils and parishes. Ask God to grant his healing touch to those in need of healing. Remember our Priests, Deacons and Religious in your prayers. They need our help especially during these trying times.

Lord, grant Your healing touch on these persons and grant Your peace to them and their families. We also pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

## USO Warrior Classic – Chair: SK Ted Quinter

The 2021 USO Warrior Classic has been postponed. The event that was scheduled for Friday May 14, 2021 has been rescheduled tentatively for Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. More details to follow.

## Assembly Shirts and Gear

Assembly Shirts and other gear can be ordered through SK Pat Savarese or Don Gordon. To order shirts, please obtain the order form on our Assembly website or at our Business Meeting and fill out both sides. The form can also be printed from the website and brought to our next business meeting! One will be turned in with your order, and the other will be kept to verify completed orders for accuracy. Please note, no orders will be submitted without payment up front, make checks payable to: Safeguard. For questions please contact Pat at: (718) 757-5521, or [pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com)

## Color Corps Commander – SK Joe Burns

**THANK YOU** to all those that came out in support of Lady Evelyn Malana. We had 21 Sir Knights present at the funeral representing four our Assembly Councils. This was an awesome showing of support for the family of our Faith Comptroller Ed Malana.

We had 3 SK provide Chalice Ceremony for SK Denny Davidson on January 7<sup>th</sup>. This was done with only 3 days' notice. Thank you PFN Frank Green, PFN Dave Wemhoff and PFN Glen Rodriguez.

Upcoming HG/CG events include: None at this time.

Please contact the Color Corps Commander at: [cc1505@vakofc.org](mailto:cc1505@vakofc.org) and let him know if you can assist or would like to join the Assembly Color Corps.

## Assembly Website

Please visit our Assembly website located at <http://kofc1505assembly.org>. We are posting all upcoming events, news and information on our website.

You can access the Members Only area from the top menu using your membership ID and birthday for entry. All Officer Reports and Meeting Minutes will be posted in that area. You can also enter any Prayer Requests that you would like to have read at the next Business Meeting, we will pull them the day of the Meeting and ensure they are put on our Prayer List. **Dues payments can now be made from the website using Stripe.**

If you have any questions about the website please reach out to either SK Dan Paterson, SK Wayne Phelps or FN Steve Schlossberg. Or use this form: <https://kofc1505assembly.org/p/contact-us/> Someone from the web team will reach out to you and ensure your needs are met.



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If it has been a while since you talked to your Field Agent, or if you are interested in becoming an owner, looking to make a change to your existing policies, or perhaps start an annuity, long-term care policy, or even open a retirement savings account, please contact your Field Agent to set a meeting date.

## Current Assembly Events

As already stated, we have canceled or delayed all events that were set to occur before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Here is the current rundown of events:

- 2021 Lenten Fish Fries are canceled
- The new Sir Knights Dinner scheduled for Jan 16<sup>th</sup> has been postponed – day/time/location TBD
- Chaplains Appreciation Night scheduled for Feb 5<sup>th</sup> has been canceled
- USO Warriors Classic Golf Tournament has been postponed with a tentative date of Oct 8, 2021

Please monitor the Assembly website and email for updates.

## Presidents Day (February 15<sup>th</sup>)

Presidents' Day, officially Washington's Birthday, in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

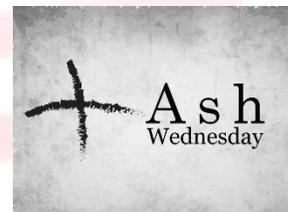


Past presidents have seen God and religion as an inherent part of Americans' rights and freedoms. "The idea that our rights come from God and that religion has a role to play in our nation's public life is not partisan or sectarian, it is quintessentially American. Presidents Day is an excellent opportunity to remind Americans that God is – and has always been – foundational to this country and to our system of ordered liberty."

- Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, February 16, 2020.

## Ash Wednesday (February 17<sup>th</sup>)

Ash Wednesday is a little over a week away. It is not too soon to begin to think about what the Lord wants you to do during the season of Lent to prepare to celebrate more spiritually the pascal mystery. Lent is not a cookie cutter from one year to the next. It is a new grace moment that the Lord gives us so that we can die and rise with Christ in a new way this Easter. The traditional three prong focus of the Church is prayer, fasting and almsgiving. How does the Lord want you to experience these during the penitential season of Lent? What is your prayer time before the Lord look like now and what is he asking of you? Does fasting involve only food and drink or does it also involve areas of sin in our lives? What specific almsgiving does the Lord have in mind for you this Lent? As you go before the Lord, be attentive to the "new" insight or awareness he may wish to give you.



## Fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church historically observes the disciplines of fasting and abstinence at various times each year. For Catholics, fasting is the reduction of one's intake of food, while abstinence refers to refraining from meat (or another type of food). The Catholic Church teaches us that all people are obliged by God to perform some penance for their sins, and that these acts of penance are both personal and corporeal. Bodily fasting is meaningless unless it is joined with a spiritual fast from sin. St. Basil of Caesarea gives the following exhortation regarding fasting: "Let us fast an acceptable and very pleasing fast to the Lord. True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting."

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (no meat). Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

# 'ROUND THE TABLE

## Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

## Assembly 1505 Calendar of Events ~

### February 2021 ~

- 14th – Valentine's Day
- 15th – Presidents' Day ~ Fly the Flag
- 16th – Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- 17th – Ash Wednesday
- 18th – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 24th – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Columbian Club or Virtual (TBD) ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Meeting at 7:30pm

### March 2021

- 16th – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day Parade ~ Participation TBD
- 24th – Assembly Business Meeting ~ St. John the Apostle (SJA) / Council 13467 ~ Rosary at 7:00 & Mtg at 7:30pm
- 28th – Palm Sunday
- 31st – Tenebrae Service at Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church, not an Assembly function, but FYI ~ starts at 7:00pm

### April 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Holy Thursday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil / Passover
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Columbian Club ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Meeting at 7:30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> – KofC VA State Annual Meeting ~ Herndon VA

## Report of the Third Degree ~

### Council 4632, Fr. Habets Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Wed, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Friday Night Dinners, 6:30pm every Friday

### Council 6963, Eastern Shore ~

- No Report Provided

### Council 10515, Kempsville Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Fri, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

### Council 10804, Pope Leo XIII Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Thurs, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

### Council 13467, St. John the Apostle Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Tue, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

### Council 14263, Msgr. Mickle, Cape Charles ~

- No Report Provided