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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

From the Faithful Navigator...

This will be the last issue of *The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter* with me as your Faithful Navigator (please hold the applause). It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Assembly in this position. There have been both positive and less than positive aspects to the last fraternal year. If you are reading this I thank you for valuing your position as a Sir Knight in the 4th Degree. I want to share some thoughts as I transition leadership of the Assembly to incoming Faithful Navigator Ted Quinter and Faithful Captain Joe Burns. Congratulations to them for answering the call to serve in these positions next year. I also congratulate the entire leadership team elected last week. Their names and positions are listed on page 3.

This year we tried to return to pre-pandemic activities. COVID is still with us, but we were able to return to some sense of "normalcy". However, the level of participation is down from what we saw in 2019, except for one activity, the Lenten Fish Fry. Number of patrons and meals served was up, and support from the Assembly and Councils working each week was sufficient to get the job done. I thank everyone who attended, everyone who worked, and especially the Kitchen Crew for all they do year after year (listed on page 3).

We cancelled a few events early in the year, but plan on returning to a full schedule of activities and events in the 2022-23 fraternal year, beginning with the 4th of July picnic. Look for details about the picnic in upcoming emails.

We are an aging Assembly and nothing manifests that more than the thirteen deaths of brother Sir Knights this year. We provided Chalice Ceremonies and Honor Guard when asked, but sometimes it was a struggle. Our Chalice Team is small and aging and we need new members on the Team. Although we have had a good mix of Honor Guard support in ORD and the Social Uniform, we continue to need more brothers to purchase the ORD so we can increase participation the "official" events that require the ORD. See page 4 for information about ordering the ORD.

Please check the Calendar on page 6 for information about the Officer Installation and the July Officer and Business Meetings. There are no meetings in June.

I hope to see more of you at our events and activities during the 2022-23 fraternal year.



Fraternally,
John Cochran
Faithful Navigator
Fr. Habets Assembly 1505



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Good of the Order



Repose of the Soul:

- SK James Latham
- SK William Meagher
- SK Mark Nunez
- SK Rob Parker
- PFN Jim Swanick
- SK Bill Neaton
- SK Bill Broderick
- SK Ray Snedecor
- SK Greg Coleman
- SK Dick Guevin
- SK Tim Sulecki
- SK Donald Peters
- SK Michael Bennett
- SK Paul Janiszewski
- Lady Teresa Delostrinos
- Lady Jean Burke
- Tom Alba
- Patricia Ann Ramos
- Alicia Reed
- Mike Quinn
- Kevin Reidel

Prayerful Intentions:

- SK Oscar Delostrinos
- SK David Hicks
- SK James Maher
- SK Raymond Kotwasinski
- Lady Vivian Ramos
- Lady Christine Avery
- Lady Elnora Jackson
- Lady Kirsten Lundquist
- Brittany Cochran Yokley
- Larry Guthrie
- Karen and Ally Gronski
- Al Burlamachi
- Matt Burns
- Jackie Chenard

Our Military Deployed overseas, their families and loved ones.

Our Military Veterans

Persecuted Christians

Ukrainian Refugees

Priests, Deacons, and Religious

June Birthdays

wishes to these Sir Knights:

- John Westman, Douglas Cyckman,
- Richard Carmazino, James Weiner,
- Reggie Batardo, Charles Schmidt,
- Robert Bell, Michael Flanagan,
- Duane Heidler, Wayne Phelps, Paul Beni,
- Tim Heil, Charles Kline, David Cahill,
- Michael Kreutter, Herb Yates,
- Glenn Rodriguez, John Tyson,
- Stephen Massingill, Frank Solosky,
- Louis Lavore, Kevin Kirwan

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

Dear Sir Knights,

The start of the month of June concludes the holy season of Easter with the 'Descent of the Holy Spirit.' It is commonly known as 'Pentecost Sunday,' which really does not mean much. Pentecost simply means fifty days, but it's important to highlight what we are celebrating on Pentecost Sunday, that is, the coming down of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, the Advocate, on the Church. The Ascension of the Lord Jesus was necessary so that the apostles would not continue to cling to Him. The coming down of the Spirit was necessary to strengthen the commitment of the Church to spread the Gospel of Jesus and make disciples, in accordance with the command of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 28 verses 19-20.

The birth of the Church means that the Church would have to grow. To achieve this the message of the Gospel needed to be spread far and wide; this is called evangelization, from the root word 'evangelium,' the good news, the Gospel.

Throughout the centuries the ways and methods of evangelizing have varied, depending on circumstances and conditions and cultures. We heard in the latter weeks of the Easter season that there was resistance in the synagogues to accept the Gospel, and so the apostles turned to the Gentiles, the non-Jews. In the more recent past, the notion of 'inculturation' was implemented by looking at the elements of a culture that lend themselves to the Christian message, among other tasks.

More recently, the Popes, among them St. John Paul II, emphasised the need to find new methods and ways of bringing the Gospel to others, Christian or non-Christian alike. The New Evangelization does not mean a new message, but new ways of bringing the message to the consciousness of people of present time.

This is a task the entire Church, not only the clergy and professional Church people. Let us reflect on the ways each of us can bring Christ's message to others, whether near or far.

Vivat Jesus!
 Father René Castillo
 Faithful Friar



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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.

... and remembering those that had May birthdays

John Lavra, Carl Wesolowski, Dick Crothers, Kevin Cassidy, Jack Molovinsky, Edward Hamilton, James Donnelly, Timothy Santo, Douglas Hayenga, Joseph Paschall, Brian Beaulieu, Joe Burns, Arthur Ehlers, William Weiss, Rod Burley, Jim Snead, Edward Stolle, Raymond Roenker, Jaime Posada

Congratulations to next year's officers

- Faithful Navigator – SK Ted Quinter
- Faithful Friar – SK Fr. Rene' Castillo
- Faithful Captain – SK Joe Burns
- Faithful Admiral – PFN John Cochran
- Faithful Purser – SK Jim Snead
- Faithful Pilot – SK Christian Chenard
- Faithful Scribe – SK Mike Alba
- Faithful Inner Sentinel – SK Jerry Johnson
- Faithful Outer Sentinel – SK Steve Mezzapeso
- Faithful One-Year Trustee – PFN Manny Ramos
- Faithful Three-Year Trustee – PFN Steve Schlossberg

SK Wayne Phelps has been assigned Color Corps Commander for next year.

We still need a Comptroller and Two-Year Trustee. Please let Faithful Navigator Elect Ted Quinter know if you are interested in filling either position.

Thank you to the Fish Fry Kitchen Crew

Year after year the unsung heroes of the Fr Habets Assembly Fish Fries are the brothers who prepare the fabulous food week after week. The **Kitchen Crew** doesn't seek recognition, but you should know who they are because without them there wouldn't be a Fish Fry. This year led by our Fish Fry Coordinator PFN Anthony Avery, the following brothers were **THE KITCHEN CREW**:

- PFN Tim McGrath (lead)
- SK Gary Zalas
- SK Andy Echevarria
- SK Ray Kotwasinski
- SK Tom Mowry
- SK John Kummers
- PFN Glen Rodriguez
- PFN Steve Cogan
- SK Blake Cahill
- SK Chris Kaczmarek
- SK Joe Burns

Thanks to all of you and everyone who made this year's Fish Fry season a success.

Assembly Shirts and Gear

You can order Assembly Shirts and other gear by going to the Member side of the Assembly Website and filling out the Fr. Habets shirts order form 2022. You can also copy and paste the following link into your browser to bring up the form.

<https://1505.patriotic.degree/wp-content/uploads/sites/117/2022/03/Fr-Habets-shirts-order-form-2022.xlsx>

You can also fill out the form at an Assembly meeting.

Contact SK Pat Savarese if you have any questions or need help with placing an order. Pat can be reached at 718-757-5527 or pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com. Check should be made payable to Don Gordon and must be received before the order will be places.

Disposal and Re-purposing of 4th Degree Regalia Capes

Thanks to Faithful Admiral PFN Toby Robillard for researching and providing the following information.

Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies (CBIB) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization committed to providing dignified burials for abandoned or indigent babies in Louisiana. Their dedicated team assist in the funerals and burials of the babies and in turn brings comfort and closure to their families. Their belief is that all life deserves respect and dignity. Their Mission is to raise awareness of the Safe Haven Law so babies will not be thrown away because the mother did not know there was a place to bring her child, with no questions asked. A dignified burial includes internment of the baby which has been placed in a small casket. This casket has been lined with a silk/satin material usually obtained through donations of wedding gowns and baptismal gowns.

CBIB has advised that they would gratefully accept donations of Fourth Degree regalia capes of any color (red, white, purple, green and gold). They will separate the satin lining from the cloth exterior and remove any Knights of Columbus insignia and then the cape liner will be used to line the inside of an infant's casket. The cloth exterior will be disposed.

If you have been wondering what to do with your cape, this is a great opportunity for it to be re-purposed for a great cause. More information can be found on their website cbibinc.com.

Chalice Ceremony and Chalice Team

The Fourth Degree Chalice Ceremony is the primary ceremony performed for deceased Sir Knights. The ceremony may be conducted immediately upon the death of the Sir Knight, either during the wake or prior to the Mass; at a convenient time after the burial when family members may be less stressed; or annually. Unlike the provision of an honor guard for all deceased Knights and their immediate families, this memorial ceremony should be provided to Sir Knights only.

There are three speaking parts. One part can be read, but the other two are more impactful if done by memory. There is also a need for an Honor Guard in ORD, including the Color Corps Commander. Honor Guard in ORD is also important for the Wake and Funeral Mass.

There are only a few brother Sir Knights on the Chalice Team, and none of them are getting any younger. Please consider joining the team to ensure we don't lose the ability to properly honor our deceased brothers. If you have done ceremonial work, you will find this very similar. Let the Faithful Navigator or Color Corps Commander know if you are interested in joining the Chalice Team or would like more information. You can also check the member side of the website to see the script.

In addition to needing more Sir Knights in ORD to be Honor Guard at Chalice Ceremonies and Funerals, we need help with events and parades. We are several years removed from the controversy that was created when the ORD replaced the cape and chapeaus. Please check the next page for information on ordering your ORD. If you need help with the cost of the uniform, let the Faithful Navigator know so options can be explored.

Link to page on Supreme Website for the Official Regalia Dress

<https://www.kofcuniform.com/uniform-packages/package/knights-of-columbus-executive-fit-uniform-package-uniform-package/>

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Knights of Columbus Executive Fit Uniform Package

UPC: 720345491621

SR#: KOC-PKG-02

Uniform Package™: \$449.00 USD 

Official Regalia of the 4th Degree Uniform Package Features and Details:

- Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons
- Official 4th Degree Gray Trousers
- Official 4th Degree Hand Embroidered Necktie
- Official 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge

Please contact the Color Corps Commander SK Joe Burns at cc1505@vakofc.org if you have questions about the ORD, the Color Corps, or would like to join the Fr Habets Assembly Color Corps.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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, June 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 June continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael 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. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Assembly 1505 Calendar of Events ~

The calendar for next fraternal year is still in draft, but please note the following for June and July.

June 2022 ~

- 11 – Organizational meeting for incoming Faithful Navigators - virtual
- 12 – Installation of Officers for next fraternal year – St Stephen Martyr – 1:30pm
- No Assembly Officer's Meeting
- No Assembly Business Meeting
- TBD – FY22 Audit (Faithful Comptrollers, Pursers, Trustees, Navigator & Captain)

July 2022 ~

- 04 – Independence Day Picnic ~ Council 4632 & Assembly 1505 ~ Pavilion from 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- 09 – State Organizational Meeting ~ St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Richmond
- 25 – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:00pm
- 27 – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Columbian Club Rosary at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm