

## **Rev. Robert T. Lawson Assembly 2826**

### **Major Events**

#### **Mass and Communion Breakfast**

- Event Description: Twice a year, usually in April and October, Sir Knights and their wives attend the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, then after Mass, meet at a restaurant close-by for lunch and comradeship.
- Duration: About 3 hours
- Assembly Role: Attend a Mass as a group in reserved pews to honor deceased Knights
- Required Attire: Sport coat and slacks or slacks and council shirt

#### **Fayetteville Veterans' Home Visit**

- Event Description: Twice a year usually in April and October, 12-15 Sir Knights and a 4-piece band visit the VA nursing home in Fayetteville NC. The visit starts with a sing-a-long in the Alzheimer's wing from 1-2PM where we entertain the patients with some of their old time favorites and the service songs representing the five military branches. From 2-3 PM we host a bingo party with another group at the home. Between 3-4 PM we serve a lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks to the bingo participants while the band plays some of the favorite songs.
- Duration (include travel time): We meet at the church at 9:30 AM, load up and begin the trip. We stop at McDonalds for lunch and usually arrive at the home by 12:30 PM. We generally leave the nursing home by 4 PM and arrive at the church between 6-6:30 PM.
- Assembly Role: Entertain the veterans living in the home.
- Required Attire: Casual with shorts or slacks depending on the weather and a collared shirt or an assembly shirt if desired.

#### **May Crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue for the Unborn**

- Event Description: Mothers' Day ceremony honoring our Blessed Mother for "Saying Yes" to God's call to her to be the Mother of Jesus. Ceremony includes:
  - Introduction and Welcome by GK
  - Opening Prayer "Celebrate the Gospel of Life" by Culture of Life Director
  - Crowning Ceremony with congregation singing "Immaculate Mary"
  - Rosary for the Unborn (Glorious Mysteries)
  - Presentation to all mothers in attendance
- Duration (include travel time): One hour
- Assembly Role: Color Corps escorts Grand Knight to statue for crowning
- Required Attire: Color Corps

### **Cookout for Coast Guard**

- Event Description: This annual event is usually held in mid-June at the Oak Island Coast Guard Station in recognition of the efforts of station personnel who protect the coastal waters from people intent on breaking the law as well as assisting boaters in need of help.
- Duration of the event is about 4.5 hours.
- Assembly Role:
  - The event coordinator and Sir Knight John Mattel travel to the Harris Teeter store in Leland the day before the event to pick up the food and beverages, which are taken to the church kitchen for storage.
  - About eight Assembly members meet at church the following morning at 9:30 to put the food in coolers and load them in the vehicles.
  - The team arrives at the station at about 10:30 a.m. to begin preparing the food and grilling the ribeye steaks, which are served at 12 noon.
  - The team serves between 35 and 40 meals to station personnel and Assembly volunteers.
  - Following clean up, members return to church to clean coolers and kitchen utensils and store materials in the Assembly's closet.
- Required Attire: Members wear white Assembly shirts, tan slacks or shorts, and fourth degree hats.

### **Southport Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony**

- Event Description: Raising of U.S. Flag at Intersection of Howe and Moore Streets before the start of North Carolina's Official 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Duration: Two hours
- Assembly Role: Faithful Navigator and Grand Knight escorted by Color Corps, carry U.S. Flag to intersection and raise it on flagpole
- Required Attire: Tux for FN and GK, Regalia for Color Corps (if weather threatening, khaki trousers and blue Council or Assembly shirt)

### **Southport Sundown Flag Lowering Ceremony**

- Event Description: Participate in the Summertime Sundown Flag Lowering Ceremony in Downtown Southport
- Duration: 30-45 minutes (ceremony takes about 5 minutes)
- Assembly Role: Team of four to six Knights lowering the flag while "playing" Taps on a bugle. Flag is then folded and marched to Oliver's for storage
- Required Attire: Assembly shirt, slacks and ball cap

### **Football Book Sales**

- Event Description: Buy/Sell Monday Night Football Raffle Books. Proceeds from sale of books used to pay for: (1) steak lunches we prepare for wounded active duty personnel at Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg; (2) steak lunches we prepare for active duty Coast Guard personnel stationed on Oak Island; and (4) bingo money prizes and hot dog snacks we provide to veterans living in North Carolina Soldier's Home in Fayetteville.
- Location: Sell before and after Masses on two weekends at Church.
- Duration (include travel time): One hour
- Assembly Role: Handle sells to people attending Mass.
- Required Attire: Attire you wear to church

### **Military Appreciation Day Outreach**

- Event Description: Sir Knights and spouses serve food to active duty military visiting Southport to take part in a day of deep sea fishing. Event takes place outside at the Southport Marina. Food provided by local vendors. Chance to meet and thank members of our military for their service.
- Duration: About two and one-half hours
- Assembly Role: Man the serving line and dish out food and conversation
- Required Attire: Assembly shirt and shorts (Event Tee Shirt provided that day and can be worn over the Assembly shirt)

### **Wives' Night Out**

- Event Description: Fine dining out with wives at the City Club in Wilmington . One hour pay as you go cocktail party followed by dinner in a private dining room. Entrees are normally a choice of meat or fish.
- Duration: About five hours which includes the drive to Wilmington and back
- Assembly Role: Opportunity for Sir Knights and their Ladies to meet and mingle
- Required Attire: Business Casual

### **Fort Bragg Cookout**

- Event Description: For the past 10 plus years the K of C Assembly has hosted a steak cookout for the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Bragg, NC. This is an annual event conducted on the Friday after the Columbus Day Holiday. The intent of this activity is twofold; First to express our appreciation to the troopers at Fort Bragg for their service, and secondly to show-case our Assembly in support of principal of Patriotism.
- Duration (include travel time): About ten hours
- Assembly Role: This is a cookout style event conducted 1130-1330 hours in the Transition Battalion cantonment area at Fort Bragg with all support provided by the Assembly except

for the grill (coordinated through our POC at the WTB Mr. Tony Pugh at Bragg.). The support team from the assembly is 10-15 Sir Knights (cooks, servers, salad prep, etc.) who are all volunteers.

- Required Attire: TBD

### **Camp Lejeune Cookout**

- Event Description: Conduct a cookout for the Wounded Warrior Battalion East.
- Duration: About ten hours
- Assembly Role: Prepare and serve food to the Marines who have been wounded in action.
- Required Attire: TBD

### **Veterans' Day Flag Raising**

- Event Description: Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony
- Location: Flag pole at the Church
- Duration (include travel time): One hour
- Assembly Role: Gather at flag pole – lower and raise flag.
- Required Attire: khaki pants/shorts and Assembly short sleeve shirt

### **Oak Island Christmas Parade**

- Event Description: Participate in Oak Island Christmas Parade (first Saturday in December)
- Location: East Oak Island Drive
- Duration (include travel time): 4-5 hours – 2.2 mile walk
- Assembly Role: Carry Assembly banner and the "Jesus is the reason..." banner along with the U.S. Flag and Papal flag along the parade route. Toss Tootsie Rolls to crowd along the route. Pre and Post-Parade social at home of Lady Angela Mignella
- Required Attire: Tux for banner carriers, Regalia for Flag carriers and escorts, Assembly or Council shirts for others

### **Oak Island Parade Dinner**

- Event Description: Dinner at a local restaurant or club after the Oak Island Christmas Parade
- Duration: Two-three hours
- Assembly Role: Socialize in celebration of the Christmas Season
- Required Attire: Christmas casual

### **Christmas Wreaths Across America**

- Event Description: A pre-Christmas wreath laying ceremony at the National Cemetery in Wilmington at 2011 Market Street attended by many local organizations and Wilmington city officials
- Duration: About four hours

- Assembly Role: Sir Knights and their Ladies witness the opening ceremony then participate in placing wreaths at all the gravesites
- Required Attire: Assembly shirts