



FATHER ANDREW WHITE ASSEMBLY #377 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

St. Mary, Mother of Christ Queen of the Knights





The Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney Founder of our Beloved Order

January 2017

#### Faithful Navigator's Message

Happy New Year to you and your family. 2017 is upon us. We have a busy year ahead of us and lots to do in order to achieve our goals. We continue to hear of violence against our law enforcement members. Consider the prayer on page 7 that I came across while attending mass at St Joseph's parish.

Keep SK Chester Allen and family in your prayers. Chester passed away on 30 December 2017. Services will be at St Cecelia Church on Friday 13 January from 5-8 PM with prayers at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be 14 January at 10:00 AM at St Cecilia's Church as well. Friday evening Color Corps will render honors, join the Council in the Rosary then conduct the Chalice Ceremony.

Thank you for providing mailing addresses of our widows. Eighteen Christmas Cards were mailed to widows.

If you were not able to join in December's festivities, continue reading the newsletter to see pictures of the Volunteers at Charlotte Hall Veterans home for the Winter ball, the Assembly Christmas party and Wreaths Across America. Even though I was unable to attend, I have included pictures from prior years.

Once again, we will be holding our Mardi Grass dinner party. This year's hosts are Jim and Cecilia Cooney. The date is 25 February and the location is St George's Parish Center. Sign up and bring a friend. Jimcooney13@gmail.com

Last but not least is recruiting 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Time is running out. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Immaculate Conception on 27 January so bring your best recruits so we can sign them up that evening. Remember to register yourself as well as solicit ads for the Exemplification program book. Exemplification on 25 March, 2017. See the AWD website to download the forms:

http://www.awddistrict.org/index.php/exemplification

One Knight can make a difference, every member counts! Paul J Zimmerman

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Master of the Archdiocese of the Washington District

One area where I encourage your participation is in volunteering at the Veterans facilities in the district. The Veterans Hospital in Washington, DC, and the Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall are always in need of volunteers. Lady Patti and I just became volunteers at the DC VA Medical Center. We will work on Tuesdays. Patti will be a greeter in the atrium of the hospital, working to get others to volunteer. I will be a driver of the enclosed 8 passenger golf carts around the hospital, bringing people to the main door, or back to their vehicles.

One other area where volunteers are greatly needed, is out where we live, to have drivers who will bring patients in for appointments. The VA Medical Center provides the vehicle and stages it out in the areas, if they have enough people to drive. They then tell you who they have for transportation on a given day when you volunteer. Please consider doing this! Especially needed in St. Mary's and Montgomery Counties.

Mike Thumm, Master of the Fourth Degree Archdiocese of Washington District "Patriotically Promoting our Faith, Walking Humbly with God"

Volunteer Driver & Golf Cart Driver Qualifications:

- Current Driver's License
- Vehicle Insurance
- Current Driving Record
- Clear Physical (provided by VA)

For more information and/or to schedule a Volunteer Interview please contact Cybil Mewborn at 202-745-8320 or <u>Cybil.Mewborn@va.gov</u>.

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### Wreaths Across America 2016

Arlington Cemetery is reverend place every day of the year. Never more so when thousands of individuals from all walks of life come to pay respects to service men and women they never met. Just look, feel and say a prayer of thanksgiving. Next year, make plans to be a part of this patriotic event.







The next time you travel, stop and enjoy the journey. Don't be in such a rush to get where you are going. Thanks to my wife, Dora, this Christmas holiday trip, at her request I turned the car around to backtrack and see what we drove past. In Palm, PA we found a memorial to the 9-11 victims courtesy of American Legion Post 184.



The inscription reads: World trade Center: Height 1362 and 1368 ft., Ground breaking August 5, 1965, opened 1970, Destroyed Sept 11, 2001. Not a piece of steel... but a piece of our hearts.



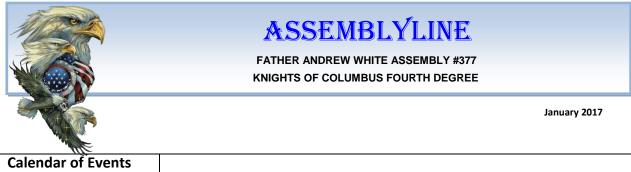
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Winter Ball 2016 at Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, together with members from

Lord Baltimore Assembly.



Calendar of Events	
everyday	Recruiting!!!
14 January 2017	AWD Meeting, 10:00 AM,
19 January 2017	Assembly Meeting, Immaculate Conception, 7:30 PM
16 February 2017	Renewal of Obligations, St Michaels, Ridge, tuxedo or suit
25 February 2017	Priest Exemplification, JPII Center
25 February 2017	Mardi Gras, St George Parish Center
25 March 2017	Colony South 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

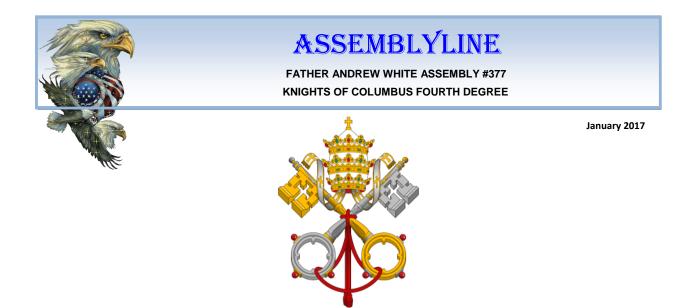
#### **Support Our Veterans:**

You can support our veterans by assembling a small comfort kit that will be forwarded to the Veterans hospital. The cost is less than \$10. Pick up the following items at Walmart or other store and bring it to the next Assembly meeting. We will ensure it is delivered to someone in need.

The men's kit includes: (travel size) tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, comb and body lotion.

The woman's kit: (travel size) tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, comb, body lotion, q-tips, tissues.

**4**<sup>th</sup> **Degree Exemplification** will be Saturday, 25 March 2017 at Colony South Hotel and Conference Center. Now is the time to ask 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members to join the Assembly. Details can be found at the following website: <u>http://www.awddistrict.org/index.php/exemplification</u> as well as online registration.



## Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

**Christian Unity.** That all Christians may be faithful the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

## Prayer for Policemen

O Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal Wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all policemen and Law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments.

Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Please God, grant us this wish.

**God** grant me the **serenity** to accept those things I cannot change, the **courage** to change those things I can and the **wisdom** to know the difference.

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Christmas Party 2017

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