



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

June 2017

#### Faithful Navigator's Message

This is my final Assemblyline as your Faithful Navigator. I pray that I served you and our Assembly well. It was truly an honor. Thank you for the opportunity.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers particularly Navigator Elect Charlie Tennyson, Captain Elect Nick Powers and Pilot Elect Dave Adams. I trust you will give them the support you gave me.

There is still time to make progress on our three goals for the year. 1. Expand the Color Corps: we welcomed three new Color Corps Members: John Krznarich, Bernie Graves and Justin Casselman. We still need more members to help with the 70+ events we support each year. 2. Conduct our flag education program, we visited St Michael's in Ridge on 19 May. It was a large success as we spoke to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. I look forward to expanding the program next school year to other Catholic Schools. 3. Set the missing man table at each of our dinners to remind us of those who cannot join us. 4. Re-engage with Charlotte Hall Veterans Home: we served the Winter Ball and Memorial Day Lunch. 5. Continue Voter Registration Drive which was completed before the General Election. A bonus this year was the renewal of our newsletter and website. Both are up and operational otherwise you would not be reading this!

There is more to do. Law enforcement needs our support. Weekly there are reports where our police are targeted in shootings. Likewise, Christians are being persecuted around the world, solely because of their religion. Our prayers and support are needed both here at home and abroad to combat these forces in our world today. United we stand, divided we fall.

In closing, please join me on 14 June to celebrate 240 years of our great flag and 66 years of service by our Assembly. (See the complete listing of Faithful Navigators on our website. Can you name them in order?)

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

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## ASSEMBLYLINE



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## Master of the Archdiocese of the Washington District

"We believe that to truly honor our lost veterans, we must remember them as people – not as numbers or political fodder, and in a way more meaningful than sharing a post on Facebook. Real people gave their lives – for us – and this can be easy to forget. In fact, a poll in 2000 showed that only 28 percent of Americans knew what Memorial Day was for (other than being the unofficial start of summer). In response, Congress established the National Moment of Remembrance to be observed at 3 p.m. local time every Memorial Day as an act of national unity. Will you join me in taking one moment this Memorial Day to reflect on the sacrifices these brave men and women have made?

If you'd like to do more, nearly every community has a veterans' cemetery nearby. Why not pay your respects in person? Some people bring flowers, or flags, or other mementos. But you don't need to. One simple thing we do when we lay wreaths on graves on National Wreaths Across America Day each December is to say the name of the veteran out loud. It's been said that a person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken. By saying their name aloud, we keep their memory alive.

We seem to be at a time in history when Americans are having a hard time **agreeing on anything. We're divided in so many ways. But at the heart of it,** most of us can agree on one thing: We are Americans. This Memorial Day, **let's honor those who have given their lives for the country we all love, and who** have made it possible for us to live freely and peacefully together – no matter our faith, our politics or our backgrounds."

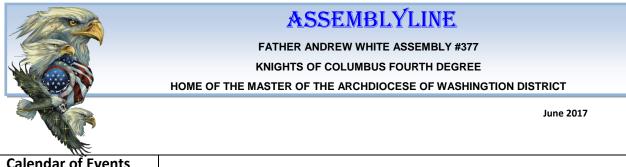
~ Karen Worcester - Executive Director Wreaths Across America

Mike Thumm, Master of the Fourth Degree Archdiocese of Washington District ASSEMBLYLINE



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Past Faithful Navigator and Flag Day Dinner June 14 2017 St Francis Xavier Parish Center Begins at 6:30 PM Cost is \$30 per person, \$55 per couple Catered by Ginger Quade RSVP by 7 June to Jerry Dipreta, 301-904-1924 Please bring a dessert.



Calendar of Events	
Everyday	Recruiting!!! Tick Tock Tick Tock
10 June 2017	Officer Training
14 June 2017	PFN and Flag Day Dinner
17 June 2017	Blue Crabs Ballgame
22 July 2017	Assembly Installation of Officers
28 Oct 2017	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

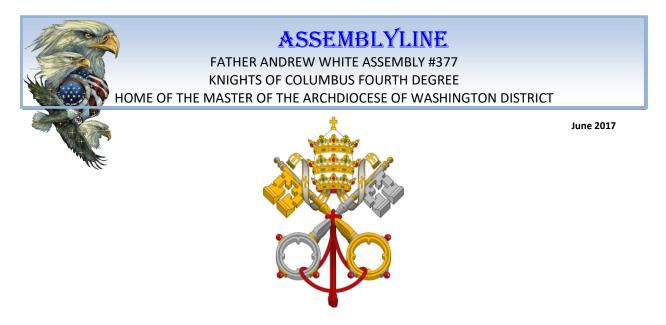
#### Support Our Veterans:

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, 28 Oct 2017 in Olney, MD. 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 in Africa.** That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

## A Prayer for Our Nation:

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**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.

1994 - 1995 International Winner of the To Be a Patriot Award, Five Gold Eagle Awards, Three Bellissimo Patriotic Awards Home Assembly of the Master of the Fourth Degree AWD