



Knights of Columbus Rev. Robert T. Lawson Assembly 2826 May, 2019 Newsletter



“The Fourth Degree is dedicated to the virtue of Patriotism, fostering that spirit in all members and the community at large. The Fourth Degree is the most familiar to the public, identified by distinctive regalia and their participation in color corps and honor guards. They work tirelessly in their outreach to our nation’s military - active, in-firmed or retired. The Fourth Degree is a position of prestige and something for which all Knights should strive.”



Faithful Navigator’s Corner

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Officers - The following Sir Knights were elected to serve during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year:

Faithful Navigator - William Gutekunst

Faithful Pilot - Michael DiTullo

Faithful Comptroller - Rich Benson

Faithful Purser - Dave Lurix

Faithful Scribe - Pat Naughton

Faithful Admiral - Joe Volpe

Faithful Inner Sentinel - Thomas McAndrews

Faithful Outer Sentinel - Peter Vageli

First Year Trustee - Rich Chickillo

Second Year Trustee - Dave Poeppelmeier

Third Year Trustee - Rich Kunzier

Faithful Friar - Reverend Father Doug Lawson

Faithful Navigator's Corner

Officer Installation and Dinner - The Assembly will host this year's Installation Ceremony and Dinner on Saturday, July 20th in the Church Social Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass. The Assemblies from St. Brendan's and St. Mary's will join us. Dinner will be catered by Bella Cucina.

Uniform Policy Memorandum from Supreme Master SK Dennis J. Stoddard -

"Effective midnight June 30, 2019, the Order will officially retire the Fourth Degree Cape and Chapeau uniform. Continued use of said uniform is a direct violation of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree. Members of the Fourth Degree are instructed to review Section 38 of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, as revised in 2017, which prescribes the official dress uniform of the Fourth Degree. We expect that all members of the Color Corps, as Catholic Gentlemen, will comply with this policy". A copy of the complete statement has been forwarded to all members of the Assembly.

Fraternal Year 2018-2019 Star Assembly Status -

- Patriot Award application submitted and receipt acknowledged
- Civic Award application submitted and receipt acknowledged
- Six of Six Newsletters published
- Report of Officers Chosen for the Term submitted
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity submitted
- Annual Assembly Audit Report due June 30th
- The Assembly new member goal of 7% of members on the July 1st roster met with the Exemplification of nine new Sir Knights



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Patriotic degree of the Order.

Sir Knights in Action

May 4th Exemplification

On May 4th, the following Council members took their 4th Degree and were welcomed into the Assembly:

- SK Mike Chapman
- SK Marty Greco
- SK Ed Washa
- SK Matt Hanratty
- SK Rob Kirwan
- SK Duane Stuker
- SK Ken Eldredge
- SK Joe Corcoran
- SK Ed Baldzicki



Sir Knights in Action

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Forty Five members fo Sacred Heart Parish travelled to the Holy Land in May on a 10 day pilgrimage led by Father Vic. The following members of the Assembly made the pilgrimage:

- Rev SK Victor Gournas
- SK Joseph Apicella
- SK Jim Barkowski, PGK
- SK Kurt Chismark
- SK Michael DiTullo
- SK Richard Kunzier, PFN
- SK Richard Morchauser
- SK Steve Prout, PGK
- SK Robert Trzeciak, GK
- SK Joseph Volpe, FN
- SK David Lurix
- SK Donald Hackett



Faithful Officers' Duties

Faithful Friar

The Faithful Friar is the Spiritual Advisor of the Assembly. He is expected to make a report at Assembly Meetings on religious matters. The Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Pilot appoint a Priest annually in accordance with such rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese to serve the Assembly.

Faithful Pilot

The Faithful Pilot shall have charge of all properties of the Assembly excepts monies, accounts and record books of the officers, but including ceremonials; shall be responsible for arrangement of the Assembly Chamber and shall direct and be responsible for the activities of the Sentinels.

Assembly Event Primer

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 Southport Police Station for storage.
- Required Attire: Assembly shirt, slacks and ball cap

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 4th of July Parade.
- Duration: Two hours. **WARNING BE ADVISED DO TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN SOUTHPORT YOU SHOULD GIVE PLENTY OF TRAVEL TIME TO ARRIVE EARLY FOR PARADE START.**
- Assembly Role: Faithful Navigator and Grand Knight escorted by members of the Assembly carry U.S. Flag to intersection and raise it on flagpole.
- Required Attire: Khaki trousers and Assembly shirt

Good of the Order
Please keep them in your prayers

SK John Sullivan

SK Joe Kinzer

SK Jack O'Neil

SK Frank Holman

SK Paul Robinson

SK Alyn Sovak

Tom Samide brother of SK Mike Samide

Lady Nancy Flanagan, SK Brian's wife



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