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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

From the Faithful Navigator...

Well, brother Sir Knights, another calendar year has come and gone. This year has been quite eventful.

During PFN Ted's reign, we had a record setting Fish Fry - in total number of meals served and income. I need to thank everyone on the team who made that happen. We have the best fish fry dinners in town and the best group pulling it off - especially the kitchen team and Buzz. They made my job much easier. I suspect this year's event will be extremely successful with the team we have.

We've had many Color Guard and Honor Guard events. Faithful Color Corps Commander Wayne Phelps does a great job managing these events. He's also working with the District & Regional Marshals to try to get more Color Corps training available in Hampton Roads. By our records, we have 14 Sir Knights with the ORD. It would be great to get more. Please consider stepping up to the plate so more people will be available for Color Guard at all our special events, Honor Guard for special Masses with the Bishops (Richmond Diocese and Military Archdiocese), and state functions.

We have had a number of Chalice Ceremonies this year. Unfortunately, that means we have lost more Brother Sir Knights. Please keep them & their families in your prayers.

This year, we were honored with a visit by the Vicar General of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Monsignor Anthony Frontiero. We were able to present him with 2 checks for the diocese and an engraved chalice with the names of 13 deceased Sir Knights.

As if all the Color Corps duties haven't kept our Commander busy, we also were required to move our website due to the shutting down of Grassroots Hosting. Wayne and fellow webmaster Dan Peterson, along with assistance from PFN Steve Schlossberg, have done a great job of moving us back to UKnight.

This year, the Color Corps Commander and I have had some discussions with the Regional Marshall and others about expanding the role of Knights in Parades. For starters, we're wanting to have multiple Assemblies and Councils to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We also want to work on improving the recognition of the Knights in the parades. Since we don't have capes and chapeaus anymore, we need to do more work to be recognized.

Let's continue to build our Assembly and may everyone have a great 2024.

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Faithful Friar's Report...

Dear Sir Knights,

Have you ever noticed the initials "A.D." before or after a year, for instance, A.D. 2024? This is indeed a Christian custom. It is an abbreviation of the Latin words *Anno Domini*, which is translated as "in the year of the Lord." It is a wonderful way to think about the New Year, how God can and should be a vital part of the year ahead, just as God should have been in the years past. It reminds us to entrust the days of this coming year unto the Lord, that we share the Lord's goodness to those we encounter.

This year 2024 is another opportunity of grace given to us by God, another 365 days to witness to the Spirit of the Lord Jesus and the values He taught us. We ought to think of time then as moments of grace, as opportunities to share our faith with others, by our lives and also by our words. This New Year is a gift from God. Time is a gift from God. Let us always use it well for God's glory!

May God bless us all in the New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Father René Castillo
Faithful Friar

Faithful Captain's Report...

Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will begin on Friday, the 16th of February 2024 and continue every Friday evening through Lent, ending on March 22. There will be no dinner on Good Friday.

The initial Fish Fry Planning Meeting was held on December 11, with 17 Sir Knights attending, including the Faithful Navigator and Captain. Among the items discussed at that meeting was the tentative working schedule, which is as follows: 2/16, 1505 Father Habets Assembly; 2/23, 4632 Father Habets Council; 3/1, 13467 St. John the Apostle; 3/8, 10804 Pope Leo XIII; 3/15, 10515 Kempsville Council; and 3/22, 1505 Father Habets Assembly. Dessert Tables will be supported by the ladies of the Council working the floor, with the exception that one Council will support the Dessert table for two evenings.

The Captain and Faithful Navigator are comparison shopping to determine the best prices / suppliers for our needs.

The second and final Fish Fry Meeting will be held at the Columbian Club on January 15th at 6:30 PM. If you're interested in supporting this event and making this season as successful as past seasons have been, please join us. We'll be finalizing the working schedules, ticket prices, working out logistics items, etc. As always, many hands make for light work.

Fraternally,

JJG

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



Upcoming Events:

January

- Fish Fry Planning Meeting 2 - Columbian Club - 1/15
- New Sir Knights Dinner - Columbian Club - 1/20
- Officer's Planning Meeting - Columbian Club - 1/22
- Monthly Membership Meeting - Columbian Club - 1/24
- Renewal of Obligations - Columbian Club (During Meeting with Master) - 1/24

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Faithful Admiral's Report...

NEW SK DINNER. The New Sir Knight's Dinner is scheduled for January 20 at the Columbian Club starting at 6:30 PM. The traditional purpose of this dinner is to welcome new SKs and their Ladies to the Assembly and honor them as a couple. In catching up from the Covid years there are 25 new SKs on the invitation list from multiple years. It would be a real shame if an equal or greater number of members did not attend to make the new couples feel welcomed! Reservations have been open on the Assembly website for over a month with only a couple registered. PFNs please make reservations to attend and get as many SKs from your Councils as possible to attend. The dress for the evening is ORD Social or the Social Dress Uniform (dark suit and tie, white shirt with social baldric over tie), cocktail attire for the ladies. Dinner tickets are required and are complimentary for all new SKs and their ladies; all others are \$20 each or \$40 per couple, payable at the door. However, in order to properly plan food and beverage we must have good reservation numbers no later than Friday January 12 th . Please sign up as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT. Father Habets Assembly welcomed five new Sir Knights to the fold on September 30 th . Our membership goal for the fraternal year is 15, so we need at least 10 more new prospective members to sign up for the spring Exemplification of the 4 th Degree. All SKs of the Assembly are strongly encouraged to engage your fellow Council 3 rd degree members and personally invite them to join the 4th degree. The spring 2024 exemplification will be somewhere other than Tidewater or Roanoke; the exact location and date have yet to be announced. Contact Faithful Admiral Ted Quinter (ted.quinter@gmail.com or 757-390-6719) for information, questions or Form-4 Applications. Let's get 10 or 12 new members signed up by February 29, 2024.

Prayer List

Please continue to pray for the sick in our Assembly, Councils and Parishes. Ask God to grant his healing touch to those in need of healing. Remember our Priests, Deacons and Religious Leaders in your prayers. They provide us with our Spiritual Nourishment.

Lord, grant Your healing touch on these persons and grant Your peace to them and their families. We also pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased. Copies of our Prayer Lists can be found on our webpage: <http://frhabetsassembly1505.org>.

Color Corps Commander...

Vivat Jesus and happy new year! In addition to the latest report below for Color Corps events, please note:

- Signup for CC events is done on the Website under "Color Corps Events." If your name is not on the Color Corps list, or has any errors, just call or send an email to me (cc1505@vakofc.org). In the Color Corps listing, and until we get certifications updated, those with ORD will show as Color Guard and those without ORD (wearing NSDU) will show as Honor Guard.
- Color Corps training is still on my radar, but the schedule is still unknown.
- See me if you need a 4th Degree Lapel Pin (PG-113) or Drill Manual.

Completed events

- 12/3/2023, HG for Military Diocese Confirmation Mass at Little Creek Chapel. Seven Sir Knights participated: FN Joe Burns, Frank Green, John Cochran, Ted Quinter, Dave Wemhoff, Stan Schnell, CCC Wayne Phelps.
- 12/5/2023, Chalice Ceremony for SK John Westman. Five Sir Knights participated: Stan Schnell, Glenn Rodriguez, FN Joe Burns, Stephen L Zeeryp, CCC Wayne Phelps.
- 12/16/2023, Wreaths Across America at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Portsmouth. Five Sir Knights participated: FN Joe Burns, FAdm Ted Quinter, John Cochran, Bob James, CCC Wayne Phelps.

Upcoming events

- 1/20/2024, New Sir Knights Dinner at the Columbian Club - CG & HG Support - show time is 6:30
- 1/24/2024, Renewal of Obligations with District Master during Membership Meeting

Wayne Phelps, CCC

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