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## The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

### ***From the Faithful Navigator...***

In October, we had a successful Chaplains Appreciation Dinner with about 40 people in attendance. Monsignor Anthony Frontiero, the Vicar General for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, was present and had a great time. We presented the Monsignor with 2 checks - one for the general support of the Archdiocese and one for Seminarian support. We also presented to him a chalice with the names of 13 Sir Knights:

- SK Michael Bennett
- SK Donald Peters
- SK Timothy Sulecki
- SK Richard Guevin
- SK Gregory Coleman
- SK Raymond Snedecor
- SK William Broderick
- SK William Neaton
- SK James Swanick
- SK Robin Parker
- SK William Meagher
- SK Mark Nunez
- SK James Latham

We have more names to go on another chalice once one is purchased. PFN and Faithful 3 Year Trustee John Cochran is working on that.

November has been a busy month so far:

- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony on November 4
- Honor Guard support for Bishop Knestout for the Installation of SK Father Eric Asamoah as the Pastor of St. Mark's on November 5
- The Chosen Ministry on November 6
- Veterans Day Parade on November 11

More information on these events will be presented in the Color Corps Commander report later in this newsletter.

**Fraternally,**

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## **Faithful Friar's Report...**

Dear Sir Knights,

*The month of November brings to mind the thought of concluding things, closings, endings. The liturgical year is coming to a close, and we are also invited to focus on what we call The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. It is not meant to be a scary time but a time to reflect on the things that really matter in life.*

*Death is the first thing to reflect on, again not in a sad way. In fact, the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints. This solemn feast reminds us that at the end of the day, so to speak, or better still, at the end of our lives, holiness is what we are called to achieve – in whatever vocation we are called. Holiness is a universal calling for all Christians. When I say “we are called to achieve,” I don’t mean that it is entirely up to us to grow in holiness. On the contrary, it is the work of God in our hearts and lives. It is us opening ourselves to the influence and the grace of God, allowing God to work in us. This takes time, that is why we have an entire lifetime to work in it.*

*Judgment: I have heard it said that God does not judge us, but that as we stand before the greatness of God and see how we have corresponded or not to God’s invitation to holiness, it is we ourselves who will see our unworthiness. Heaven is our goal, but nothing that is with any stain of sin can enter heaven. There is a state of purification we call Purgatory, which is part of our Catholic belief. Apparently the conditions of the state of Purgatory and Hell are similar, except that Purgatory has an end, while Hell does not.*

*Finally, Hell: Will God who is infinitely merciful allow anyone to go to Hell? That is a fair question to ask. I would submit that instead of dwelling on what it’s like to be in such a place, we ponder instead on the ways that will help us grow spiritually, to the stature of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Brother, our model, our Savior – our relationship with God, to whom Jesus introduced us, our life of prayer and Christian witness, our life of sacrifice and charitable deeds.*

*Finally, I hope each of our local Councils will also offer a Mass for our deceased brother and sir Knights during this month of November. It’s the least we can do to acknowledge their friendship and service within and outside our Order.*

*Vivat Jesus!  
Father René Castillo  
Faithful Friar*

## **Faithful Admiral's Report...**

Last month, we welcomed 5 new Sir Knights into our Assembly. This is a good start, but we have a quota of 15 for the year. Sir Knights, remember to talk to the Brothers in your councils about the Assembly. Encourage them to join the Patriotic Degree of the Order. Just as it is each Brother Knight to recruit more Catholic gentlemen into the Councils, we have the same responsibility to the Assembly. With all the active duty military and veterans in Hampton Roads, we shouldn’t have a problem finding Catholic gentlemen who want to support our Veterans and show our patriotic colors.



Upcoming Events:

### **November**

- Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach - 11/11

### **December**

- Color Guard support for Assembly Christmas Party at St. Mark's - 12/2
- Honor Guard support for Archdiocese of the Military Services Confirmation at JEB Little Creek Chapel - 12/3

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## ***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...***

### **Completed events**

- Chaplains Appreciation Dinner - 6 Sir Knights in ORD
- Special Olympics Opening Ceremony - 19 Sir Knights in ORD & NSDU performing Color Guard & Honor Guard support from multiple Assemblies throughout Hampton Roads
- Installation of Father Eric Asamoah as Pastor for St. Mark's - 9 Sir Knights in ORD and NSDU to perform Honor Guard support for the Mass with Bishop Knestout
- The Chosen Ministry - 5 Sir Knights in ORD and NSDU for Color Guard & Honor Guard support
- Veterans Day Parade - 33 Sir Knights in ORD & NSDU from 4 Assemblies & 3 Knights in Council Shirts

### **Upcoming events**

- Color Guard support for Assembly Christmas Party - December 2 @ Catholic Church of St. Mark after the 5:30 PM Mass
- Honor Guard support for Archdiocese of the Military Services Confirmation - December 3, JEB Little Creek Chapel - 12:15 PM show time

Faithful Sir Knights, thank you to those of you who regularly answer the call to serve as Color Guard and Honor Guard in the Color Corps. For those that have not done so recently, please consider dusting off the ORD or New Service Dress Uniform (NSDU) and join us. It is fun, rewarding, and projects a positive influence for our faith and in our society.

Speaking of the NSDU. Do you know what that is? Well, it is the authorized uniform for KofC social events and is an alternative for those without the ORD to serve as Honor Guard in Color Corps events. Here is the official guideline as passed down by Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton (a copy of this is posted on the website at Members Only, Assembly Documents Library).

### **THE NEW SOCIAL DRESS UNIFORM**

The new Social Dress Uniform is for Sir Knights that don't own the "Official Regalia Dress ." Below are the dress requirements for the new Social Dress Uniform:

- Standard Suit: Dark black, blue, or gray in color. Jacket and trousers are to match (same color).
- Dress White Shirt: Plain white shirt (no cufflinks), no pleats, no button-down collar, or French cuffs.
- Conservative Necktie: No bow tie.
- Black Footwear: Plain black shoes.
- Socks: Plain black in nature.
- 4th Degree Social Baldric: Worn under suit jacket from right shoulder to left hip over necktie.
- Name Badge: Worn on jacket pocket.
- 4th Degree Lapel Pin, PG-113: Only authorized pin; no other pins are allowed to be worn on the suit jacket and centered on lapel button hole.
- Miniature Medals: Can be worn on suit jacket, centered on the left front panel between the lapel and the left armhole seam with the bottom edge of the jewel(s) ¼ inch above the top of the jacket pocket.
- Jewels of Office: 3rd or 4th Degree jewels can be worn around neck.

**Vivat Jesus!,  
Wayne Phelps, CCC**

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## ***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.