

JUNE 2022



THE PATRIOT



Faithful Sir Knights, Brother Knights, and Fellow Parishioners,

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our newest Sir Knight David Schallmo who was exemplified on Saturday, May 21st, at St. Edward's in Richmond, VA. We look forward to seeing David at our meetings and participating in Assembly events!

I would like to graciously thank all the Sir Knights of our Assembly, Regional Marshal Dave Case, District Secretary Brian Ripple, District Master Steve Raschke, and Vice Supreme Master Mike Thumm for your support of The Fathers Cilinski Assembly for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year.

On paper, we're one of the smallest Assemblies within the District of Virginia. However, our devotion to our Catholic Faith, involvement in Provincial/District/Local activities, and Love for the United States of America make us one of the strongest.

I want to take this opportunity to celebrate some of our accomplishments this Fraternal Year.

Monthly Assembly Newsletters (Email Distro and Uploaded to VA KofC Website)

5 New Members (3 Exemplified / 1 Reinstatement / 1 Transfer-In)

Color Corps Re-established (3 Members as of June 2022)

14 Certificates of Appreciation Presented on behalf of the Assembly

3 Sir Knights attended Color Corps Training

Presented U.S. Flag to Father Eversole at St. Matthew Church for display at the Parish Center

Knighthood Sir Knight's Deacon Dick and Deacon Aaron at St. Jude's Parish

Participated as part of the Honor Guard for the Military Services Memorial Mass for Servant of God, Father Vincent Capodanno at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington D.C.

Participation at the Virginia March for Life, Richmond, VA (Fall 2021/Spring 2022)

Participation in the Honor Guard for the University of Mary Washington Catholic Campus Ministry Eucharistic Procession

Relief Fund Committee provided \$100 to a Sir Knight in need

Sponsored 5 Wreaths (\$75) for Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

Flags for Headstones at Quantico National Cemetery

Spotsylvania Courthouse Battlefield Clean-Up Event

Featured in KofC Columbia Magazine - May 2022 Edition

Operation Gratitude - Honoring the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

In closing, I ask that you provide Faithful Navigator (Elect) Stuart Lunsford the same level of encouragement and respect you have shown me this past year. I'm fully confident that we'll have a great 2022-2023 Fraternal Year under Stuart's leadership.

May God Bless All of You and God Bless the United States of America!

Fraternally,

Ryan E. Pysher

Faithful Navigator

The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568

Prayer for Religious Freedom

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of life and for the freedom to love and worship You. Through the power of the Holy Spirit inspire us to be your witnesses. Grant us the courage to boldly and joyfully stand in protection of our freedom. In your mercy, guard our religious freedom so we may continue to live out our faith and transform the world in which we live.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flag Day (6/14/2022)

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

Historical Dates in June

- 1st – (1862) Gen. Robert E. Lee appointed commander of the Army of Northern Virginia
 - 6th – (1862) Battle of Memphis, Tenn.
 - 8th – (1862) Battle of Cross Keys, Va.
 - 9th – (1863) Battle of Brandy Station, Va.
 - 10th – (1864) Battle of Brice's Cross Roads, Miss.
 - 11th – (1864) Battle of Trevillian Station, Va., begins.
 - 14th – Flag Day
 - 15th – (1864) Petersburg Campaign begins.
 - 17th – (1775) Battle of Bunker Hill, Mass.
 - 18th – (1812) U.S. declares war on Great Britain.
 - 19th – (1862) Lincoln signs a law prohibiting slavery in the Western Territories.
 - 25th – (1862) The Seven Days' Battles begin at Oak Grove, Va.
 - 27th – (1862) Battle of Gaines' Mill, Va. / (1864) Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Ga.
 - 29th – (1862) Battle of Savage's Station, Va. / (1864) Battle of Reams Station, Va.
 - 30th – (1862) Battle of Glendale (Frayser's Farm), Va.
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