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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

From the Faithful Navigator...

It appears that we may finally be turning the corner on the pandemic. We are seeing many people receive the vaccination and we are finally creating herd immunity. We will continue to monitor the environment and start to schedule events that were simply unsafe to conduct. With this in mind, I am still looking for Sir Knights to join the Activity Committee for our Assembly. This group will recommend a course of action to reignite Fr. Habets Assembly. This group will be able to review and recommend how we move forward with our events for the rest of this Fiscal Year and into the next. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this new and exciting group.

We have formed a nominating committee to build our slate of officers for the next Fraternal Year (2021-2022) and SK Earl Reid has accepted the role of Chairman. If you have an interest in serving as an Officer in the Assembly, please let SK Earl, or one of our current Officers know. There are still many positions open for nominees. These positions are not time or energy intensive. They afford you a unique perspective on how the decisions are made in running your Assembly. Training will be provided if you are not sure what a role entails or if you would like to express interest in an open position. We welcome your support and leadership in this Assembly. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

We have a virtual Exemplification scheduled for April 17th 2021. If you know of a Catholic Gentleman, who has taken his Third Degree, ask him to join the Fourth Degree and become a Sir Knight. Screenings and paperwork will need to be filled out prior to the April 17th event. Start the process early to guarantee a seat at the next Exemplification. We will be better off as an organization for inviting these men to join the Fourth Degree and they accepting our invitation.

While our activities are not at the normal level, we are still supporting the families of those who have lost a loved one. The Color Corps is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, confirmations and other Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. If you are not yet a member of the Color Corps, please join us.

Our next business meeting is Wednesday, March 24th, 2021, Rosary 7pm, Meeting 730pm. The location will be at the Columbian Club and Virtual. Link will be sent by March 19th and posted to the Members Area of the website.

Faithfully,
SK Steve Schlossberg, FN
Fr. Habets Assembly 1505



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Good of the Order



Repose of the Soul:

Lady Evelyn Malana
 Lady Beverly Mele
 Lady Betty Wemhoff
 Lady Jean Burke
 Connie Perry
 Bob Canfield

Prayerful Intentions:

Lady Vivian Ramos
 Lady Christine Avery
 Lady Beatrice Johnson
 Lady Fran Saverese
 Lady Ingrid Nicholas
 Family of SK Anthony Avery
 SK Mark Nunz
 SK Carl Wesolowski
 PFN Glen Rodriguez
 Rod Burley
 SK Gerald Elliot
 Malia & Sierra Avery
 Andrew Nicolas
 Tom Ingred

Our Military Deployed overseas, their families and loved ones. Our Military Veterans and persecuted Christians throughout the world. First Responders and those caring for COVID patients.

Lord, grant Your healing touch on these persons and grant Your peace to them and their families.



March Birthdays

wishes to these Sir Knights:

SK's Ray Snedecor, Jim Mulligan Jr, Tom Shoemaker, Mel Pritchard, Dick Conrad, Segundo Lazo, Lew Cabral, Philip DiGioia, John Freeman, Ted Quinter, David Foote, Tom Thatcher, Bruce McKenna, Randy Smith, Frank Green, Tim Ferramosca, Toby Robillard, Pat Savarese, Dan Sorady, Don Gordon, JD Criss, Anthony Agnelli, Andy Bair, Jim Martino, Pat Mayette, Matt Dooley, Anthony Avery, James Douglas IV, Daniel Nerino, and Pete Langlands III, Matt Favila

Faithful Friar's Minute... (Fr. René Castillo)

Prayer, fasting (or penance), works of mercy (or charity) – this is the three-point program of this holy season of Lent. St. Peter Chrysologus tells us, *“Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ears to others, you open God’s ear to yourself”* (from the Liturgy of the Hours, Office of Readings, 3rd Week of Lent, Tuesday).



There is a unity in these three ‘activities’ of Lent. They are interconnected because they draw from each other in an upward movement lifting us to God. This is not something that will take place automatically, as if the actions themselves will produce the desired effect. It is important that our motivation is sincere, an honest desire to open ourselves more and more to the Lord’s presence and will for us.

The season of Lent is a time of *sacrifice* in the original sense of the word, from the two Latin words *sacrum*, sacred, and *facere*, to make – that is, to make holy. It is a time to allow God’s Spirit to renew and transform us into the human being that is more and more an image and likeness of our loving God, that is, to make us holy.

We also celebrate the Solemnities of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Annunciation on March 25. Pope Francis dedicated this year to St. Joseph, whom we look up to as silently fulfilling the will of God in every circumstance. The Annunciation is that quiet event making known to the world that salvation is at hand in the coming in the flesh of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. These two solemnities beckon us to turn to silence and meditate on the marvelous works of God.

We end the month with Palm Sunday, which brings us next month to Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Let us take advantage of the riches of Scripture so that we may prepare ourselves for the great Solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Finally, let us pray for our new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly as he begins his role on March 1st. He continues the work that began with founder of our Order, Blessed Michael McGivney, to strengthen us in our witness of charity, unity, and fraternity among ourselves, to the Church, and to the world.

Vivat Jesus!

Father René Castillo - Faithful Friar

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 in your prayers. They need our help especially during these trying times.

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. Amen

Faithful Admiral's Report... (SK Toby Robillard)

SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION

This exemplification will be virtual and held on Saturday April 17th, 2021.

Eligible candidates must be a Third-Degree Knight in good standing. Fees are set at \$50 which includes the Social baldric, Fourth degree pin, and certificate.

Form fours must be read in by the Assembly; therefore, we only have the February and March meetings to vote on all applicants.

Get in touch with you Council brothers and offer them this opportunity to become Sir Knights.

Only 32 more to reach our goal. (Spring 2021) Double the effort. (;--)) 😊

FOR AN ONLINE FILLABLE AND PRINTABLE FORM 4:

<http://kofc1505assembly.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/117/2021/03/KofCForm4.pdf>

Please fill out online and send to tobyhrobillard@gmail.com.

For more information contact: Faithful Admiral Toby Robillard:

tobyhrobillard@gmail.com or 757-339-1376.

USO Warrior Classic – Chair: SK Ted Quinter

The 2021 USO Warrior Classic has been postponed. The event that was scheduled for Friday May 14, 2021 has been rescheduled tentatively for Friday, October 8th, 2021. More details to follow.

Assembly Shirts and Gear

Assembly Shirts and other gear can be ordered through SK Pat Savarese or SK Don Gordon. To order shirts, please obtain the order form on our Assembly website or at our Business Meeting and fill out both sides. The form can also be printed from the website and brought to our next business meeting! One will be turned in with your order, and the other will be kept to verify completed orders for accuracy. Please note, no orders will be submitted without payment up front, make checks payable to: Safeguard. For questions please contact SK Pat at: (718) 757-5521, or pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com

Color Corps Commander – SK Joe Burns

THANK YOU to all those that came out in support of Lady Jean Burke. We had 18 Sir Knights present at the funeral representing several of our Assembly Councils. This was an awesome showing of support for the family of PFN Jim Burke.

Upcoming HG/CG events include:

Chalice Ceremony for SK Dave Ray

- Monday, 8 March 2021 @ 7pm
- H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments located at 2002 Laskin Road in Virginia Beach

Please contact the Color Corps Commander at: cc1505@vakofc.org and let him know if you can assist or would like to join the Assembly Color Corps.



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If it has been a while since you talked to your Field Agent, or if you are interested in becoming an owner, looking to make a change to your existing policies, or perhaps start an annuity, long-term care policy, or even open a retirement savings account, please contact your Field Agent to set a meeting date.

Assembly Website

Please visit our Assembly website located at <http://kofc1505assembly.org>. We are posting all upcoming events, news and information on our website.

You can access the Members Only area from the top menu using your membership ID and birthday for entry. All Officer Reports and Meeting Minutes will be posted in that area. You can also enter any Prayer Requests that you would like to have read at the next Business Meeting, we will pull them the day of the Meeting and ensure they are put on our Prayer List. **Dues payments can now be made from the website using Stripe.**

If you have any questions about the website please reach out to either SK Dan Paterson, SK Wayne Phelps or FN Steve Schlossberg. Or use this form: <https://kofc1505assembly.org/p/contact-us/> Someone from the web team will reach out to you and ensure your needs are met.

Nominating Committee – PFN SK Earl Reid

Sir Knights, the Nominating Committee is looking for Sir Knights who want to serve as assembly officers for the next Fraternal Year. Whether you have, or have not, served as an assembly officer, the assembly needs your help. Please consider serving in one of the following positions: Captain, Pilot, Comptroller and Purser. You can contact the Nominating Committee members, PFNs Earl Reid (egreid3@cox.net), Anthony Avery (aavery4@cox.net), Manny Ramos (mramos6@cox.net) and Toby Robillard (tobyhrobillard@gmail.com) with any questions.

The Annunciation of the Lord (March 25th)

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission the Lord had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love the Lord has for us. Some of the Church fathers who wrote on this were St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Augustine.

Palm Sunday (March 28th)

The first Sunday of Holy Week is Palm Sunday, which remembers Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Jesus fulfills the prophecy from Zechariah when he says in Matthew 21:5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

As Jesus enters Jerusalem, the crowds of people lay down their coats and palm branches on the ground as he passes. They waved the palm branches in the air saying, "Hosana! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" (John 12:13) Palm branches were used in the ancient world as symbol of victory and peace. The act of laying down palm branches recognizes that Jesus is king, a king who will bring them peace.

We use palm branches on Palm Sunday to remember this event and its importance in Christ's life, but also to acknowledge that Christ's kingship was fulfilled by his death and resurrection. We celebrate this day with heavy hearts, knowing that Jesus is ultimately going to meet his death on our behalf. Although, he is welcomed as king he will later be crucified as a criminal. Jesus had to go to his death on the cross so that we could call him "King" for eternity. We also celebrate with hope, knowing that Jesus was victorious over sin and death when he rose from the dead on Easter.

'ROUND THE TABLE

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.



Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

Assembly 1505 Calendar of Events ~

March 2021

- 16th – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day Parade ~ Participation TBD
- 24th – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Hybrid at Columbian Club and Virtual ~ Rosary at 7:00 & Mtg at 7:30pm
- 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord
- 28th – Palm Sunday

April 2021

- 1st – Holy Thursday
- 2nd – Good Friday
- 3rd – Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil / Passover
- 4th – Easter Sunday
- 20th – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:00pm
- 28th – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Columbian Club ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Meeting at 7:30pm
- 30th – KofC VA State Annual Meeting ~ Herndon VA

May 2021

- 13th – **Ascension of Jesus ~ Holy Day of Obligation**
- 15th – **Corporate Communion & Ladies Appreciation Dinner** ~ Location TBD ~ Social 6:30 / Dinner 7:15pm
- 18th – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 26th – Assembly Business Meeting ~ St. Mark's / Council 10515 ~ Rosary at 6:30, Mass at 7:00pm, & Mtg at 7:30pm
- 31st – Memorial Day & Gravesite Visitation ~ *Fly the Flag*

Report of the Third Degree ~

Council 4632, Fr. Habets Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Wed, March 3rd
- Council Business Meeting on Wed, April 7th
- Friday Night Dinners, 6:30pm every Friday

Council 6963, Eastern Shore ~

- No Report Provided

Council 10515, Kempsville Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Fri, March 19th
- Council Business Meeting on Fri, April 16th

Council 10804, Pope Leo XIII Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Thurs, March 4th
- Council Business Meeting on Thurs, April 1st

Council 13467, St. John the Apostle Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Tue, March 16th
- Council Business Meeting on Tue, April 20th

Council 14263, Msgr. Mickle, Cape Charles ~

- No Report Provided