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# The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

*September 2024*

## *From the Faithful Navigator...*

Sir Knights,

I want to begin by thanking SKs and PFNs Glenn Rodriguez, Toby Robillard, Frank Green, and Stan Schnell for joining me at the Veterans Assistance Volunteer Service (VAVS) event at the Tidewater Tides game on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. We had the pleasure of accompanying a number of veterans to the game, and while the Tides didn't win, a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Brother Glenn for ramrodding the event.

As you'll see below in the report submitted by the Color Corps Commander, there are several events on his calendar for the near future beginning with an Honor Guard and Chalice Ceremony in Cape Charles and the Past Faithful Navigators (PFN) Dinner here in Virginia Beach Saturday 7 September. Such a heavy schedule makes it imperative that the Assembly have a sizable Color Corps to "keep up with the demand." It should be noted that the Color Corps members going to Cape Charles are coming back to participate in the PFN dinner. As it stands now, the Assembly has a total of 14 Sir Knights who own the ORD and are thus available for Color Corps events. And while 14 might seem like a workable number, I need to point out that some members of the Color Corps are no longer physically capable of participating in some events, such as marching in parades. Having marched in my first two parades in the last year, I can easily see how some SKs would want to opt out of such events. Brothers, I urge you to consider making the decision to invest in the ORD so that you can take part in the visible Patriotic events in which the Assembly participates.

On the subject of visible and Patriotic events, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Assembly's Color Corps will help present the Colors at the final game of the Tidewater Tides baseball season. In addition, PFN Joe Burns will sing the National Anthem. This is a great opportunity to support the Color Corps and PFN Joe. Box seat tickets for the game are \$15.00. If you're interested in attending the game, please contact PFN Joe Burns at 757-620-4647.

Vivat Jesus!  
John Garcia  
Faithful Navigator 1505

## ***From the Faithful Friar...***

Fr. Nicholas Habets Assembly 1505  
Message for September 2024 newsletter

Dear Sir Knights,

I would like to begin by congratulating our newly installed officers for this Fraternal Year! My apologies for missing our last Assembly meeting. Let me just share a few thoughts with you.

In times past, September would be the month when our children of elementary and high school ages would return to their books and notebooks (and laptops!) In the last couple of years though school already started towards the end of the previous month. For those who are still actively earning, our work schedules were probably unaffected by the summer, save for a few days or weeks' vacation. For those who are actively retired, every day is a vacation, at least in theory.

Our spiritual lives though do not take vacations. We are constantly invited by the Lord and his word to grow in our relationship with Him. As I mentioned at our Assembly meeting, this is the year of Mission, the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival. Mission derives from the Latin *missio*, from the verb to send. After we have reflected and celebrated our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we are sent to bring the love of Christ to others, to promote charity through our words and deeds. This is in keeping with what our Lord Jesus Christ did when he said in the Gospel of John (Jn 6:51): *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* When Jesus said he is giving his flesh for the life of the world, we can sense a connection with the cross, that is, He gave himself up so that the world may live.

On September 14 we will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In the time of Jesus the cross symbolized humiliation and shame, the fate of criminals and insurrectionists. But for us Christians it becomes an honor to experience suffering in whatever form or intensity for the sake of the kingdom of God. It brings us closer to the image of Christ, who teaches us to take up our cross daily and follow him.

Vivat Jesus!

Father René Castillo  
Faithful Friar

## ***From the Faithful Comptroller...***

### **Yearly 4th Degree Membership Dues**

The membership dues year for Father Habets Assembly runs from Jan 1 thru Dec 31. Assembly dues are separate from your Council dues. Unfortunately, we have several members who have not yet submitted their payments after 8 months and five Comptroller requests for payment. Assembly dues

are vital to allow us to support various charities and veteran activities which the Assembly is committed to. Please pay your dues today if you are one of those who has not yet paid. Thank you.

Dues can be paid to the Comptroller via check and mail to the address on the dues assessment forms which have been sent, at Assembly meetings or online by following this process: 1) go to "[kofcassembly1505.org](http://kofcassembly1505.org)" 2) click the "MEMBERS ONLY" link on the left of the screen 3) enter your K of C member number (printed on your membership card) and your password, password is your birthday in mmddyy format 4) click on the "PAY YOUR ASSEMBLY DUES" link under the left side of the red banner. Your amount owed will be displayed 5) fill in the credit card information 6) click the blue "PAY \$ XX.XX" link at the bottom of the page.

If you have a question or do not know your member number, you can email the Comptroller at [1505comptroller@gmail.com](mailto:1505comptroller@gmail.com) and he will provide the required information. Membership cards will be distributed at Assembly meetings (7:30 PM on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Va Beach Prosperity Road site). You can also provide a stamped self-addressed envelope with your mailed check if you wish your card to be mailed.

## ***From the Color Corps Commander...***

### **Upcoming events**

- 07 Sep 2024, Chalice Ceremony and Honor Guard at Funeral Mass for SK Jim Weiner at 1:00 PM in St. Charles Borromeo Church located at 545 Randolph Av in Cape Charles. Father J. Michael Breslin Chaplain for the Msgr. Mickle Council will be the celebrant. Noon show time.
- 07 Sep 2024 Color Corps for PFN Dinner at Fr Habets Hall, 5:00 PM show time.
- 14 Sep 2024 Color Corps training at St Mark, 7:30 AM show time.
- 28 Sep 2024, CC for Va District Fall Exemplification at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA, Noon show time.
- 25 Oct 2024, Color Corps for Chaplains' Appreciation Dinner at Fr Habets Hall.
- 02 Nov 2024, Color Corps for Special Olympics opening ceremony at First Tee Golf.
- 04 Nov 2024, Color Corps for The Chosen at Holy Family (need to confirm)
- 11 Nov 2024, Color Corps for Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach.

*Welcome to a new feature in your assembly monthly newsletter. Have you ever had a question you wanted answered? Didn't know where to get the answer? We are introducing an 'Ask the PFN' column. If you have a question you would like to have an answer simply forward to Faithful Navigator John Garcia at [FN1505@yakofc.org](mailto:FN1505@yakofc.org). Each month we will answer a submitted question. To get us started we will answer two questions this month.*

### **What does a Past Faithful Navigator do?**

A Past Faithful Navigator has four more years of officer responsibility upon leaving office. He serves as Faithful Admiral, similar to Chancellor in the council, and then three years as a Trustee. Even though these responsibilities are done, his work is not. His main permanent responsibility is to act as an advisor to the current Faithful Navigator. No better place for the current Navigator to get counsel and advice than from someone who has already done the job.

### **When someone leaves an office, why is he sometimes called “past” and sometimes “former”**

While this seems confusing it really isn't. Any office that is elected carries the term past, ie Past Grand knight, Past Faithful Navigator. Any office which is appointed carries the title former i.e. Former District Deputy, Former Master.

## **Schedule of Assembly Events – September - October**

### **September 2024 ~**

- 07 - PFN Dinner – Columbian Club - Social starts at 6:00pm & Dinner at 7:00pm
- 14– Color Corp Training – Catholic Church of St. Mark, 1505 Kempsville Rd. 8:0AM – Emphasis on marching in parades
- ~~21~~22 – NAS Oceana Air Show
- 23 – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:30pm
- 25 – Assembly Business Meeting ~ **Msgr Mickle Council – Cape Charles** ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Meeting at 7:30pm
- 28 - Virginia District Fall Exemplification ~ All Saints Parish, Manassas, VA

### **October 2024 ~**

- 14 – **Columbus Day ~ Fly the Flag**
- 14 – Columbus Day Ceremony ~ Union Station, Washington DC ~ 9:30am
- 25 – Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner – Columbian Club; 6:00 pm Cocktails & Appetizers; Dinner at 7:00 pm
- 28 – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Columbian Club at 6:30pm
- 30 – Assembly Business Meeting ~ **Holy Family** ~ Rosary at 7:00 & Meeting at 7:30pm
- XX – State Quarterly Meeting & VKCCI Corporate Meeting – Newport News**
- XX – Eucharistic Procession ~ No Official Participation at Request of Father Steve of Star of the Sea**
- XX – Honor Flight – Salute Veterans returning from DC – Date and Place TBD**