



# Knights of Columbus

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## The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

### From the Faithful Navigator...

Happy New Year Fr. Habets Assembly Sir Knights, families and friends. We just put a crazy year behind us where our faith and resolve were continuously tested. We had to cancel most of our events and did not have our normal physical presence in the community. Even in the midst of this pandemic, I am very proud of our Assembly as we supported funerals and events to the best of our ability. In addition, we saw many of our churches with decent attendance during the Christmas Season showing our reliance and faith in the Lord. We, as an Assembly, will continue to move in a very safe manner in an effort to keep our Sir Knights, their families and our community safe.

As of now we do not have any events planned for January and we will see if the environment changes for February. We have postponed the New Sir Knights Dinner planned for January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have a combined event for all New Sir Knights that joined our ranks the past year (going back to the last Fiscal Year). Please stay tuned for the Fish Fry that are scheduled to start in February, a final decision on the start and logistics will be made soon.

As a reminder we will soon be forming a nominating committee to fill the slate of officers for the next fraternal year 2021-2022. If you have a calling to do more in the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and serve your fellow Catholic Gentlemen in a leadership position – this is your chance! For our new Sir Knights, the coming year will be very busy as we transition back to a “normal” routine and your fresh ideas will be a welcome inspiration to your Brother Knights. See a Trustee or Faithful Admiral for more details.

As mentioned in the last month’s newsletter, our Faithful Comptroller has now sent out Dues notices. Please do what you can to get your dues turned into him in a timely manner. Your communication with him, vice him having to track you down will go a very long way. You can pay your dues via credit card on our Assembly Website, via check or cash, just contact our Faithful Comptroller to make arrangements. Thank you!

My family has now seen firsthand how the COVID virus can affect your health and thus our upcoming meeting in January will be held virtual. An email will be sent with the link for the meeting and then posted to the members area of our website Our next business meeting is Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Rosary 7pm, Meeting 730pm.

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



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or Like us on Facebook at:  
<https://facebook.com/frhabet.assembly>

## Good of the Order



### Rest of the Soul:

Betty Wemhoff  
Bob Canfield  
John Peterson  
SK Joe Costello

### Prayerful Intentions:

Lady Evalin Malana  
Lady Vivian Ramos  
Lady Jean Burke  
Lady Christine Avery  
Malia & Sierra Avery  
Lady Fran Saverese  
SK Louis Lavore  
SK Mark Nunz  
Schlossberg Family  
Barbara Covin  
Ruby Hammer

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.



### January Birthdays

wishes to these Sir Knights:

SK's Fred Napolitano, Shebl  
Abi-Nader, Bruce  
MacMaster Jr., GK Bill  
Sowers, PGK Ralph Orzo,  
Oscar Delostrinos, PGK  
Charles Kenison, PFN Ed  
Malana, Bill Dora, PFN Dave  
Wemhoff, Tim Henry, Marty  
Wood, Michael Martin, FC  
John Cochran, PFN Steve  
Cogan, Peter Langlands Jr.,  
FN Steve Schlossberg, GK  
Mark Nunez, Michael  
Williams, Fr. Rodrigo  
Mingollo, and Anthony  
Sortino, Brian Morgan,  
Peter Frothingham

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

Last year 2020 was definitely a difficult year for many. Over a third of a million people in the United States have died due to COVID-19. Many businesses have shut down, many people have lost their wages and therefore unable to pay rent or mortgage. Also, the most affected and afflicted were those who are marginalized, those discriminated against, the poor, the elderly, the immigrants. All this negativity in our society should make us determined not to allow the same conditions to plague our society in the New Year.



As Christians, we are called to continue our efforts to make society a little better in the New Year. Last month we had the opportunity to witness the beatification of our founder, Father, now Blessed, Michael J McGivney. He founded the Order to respond to a specific need at that time, a need that is still relevant in our time. We have the opportunity to respond to needs in our area that witness to the ideals of our Order. In spreading the love of God to others, we become witnesses to the reality that God is present in our world and works through us.

The opportunity is before us. Let us look forward to this New Year. It implies a positive outlook, a hopeful outlook. Let us eagerly work within our respective Councils to serve the people in our parishes. Let us rely on the grace of God and the help of our Brother Knights to reveal the presence of God.

May you all have a grace-filled New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Father René Castillo - Faithful Friar

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

The Slate of Officers for the upcoming Fiscal Year is upon us. Please consider a leadership position in the Assembly.

The next exemplification will be after Easter in 2021. More on this later as to whether it will be in person or virtual.

**Only 33 more to reach our goal.** (Spring 2021) Double the effort ☺

For more information contact: Faithful Admiral Toby Robillard:

[tobyrobillard@gmail.com](mailto:tobyrobillard@gmail.com) or 757-339-1376.

## 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.

## **USO Warrior Classic – Chair: SK Ted Quinter**

The 2021 USO Warrior Classic on Friday May 14, 2021 with a 9:30 shotgun start. The Tournament Committee will meet the third Thursday on the month until May 20, 2021. Locations TBD. We would appreciate your assistance in soliciting brother Knights to serve on the Tournament Committee. It would be good if we could get at least one or two from each feeder Council on this side of the bay bridge.

## **Fish Fry Planning Meeting – Chair: FC John Cochran**

Our annual Lenton Fish Fry Fundraiser kick off meeting went well. We had a good turn-out. The initial meeting was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 6:00pm in the Columbian Club. Great ideas and new suggestions were raised for consideration on how we can still operate with the current pandemic. Going full takeout at the start of the season is currently being investigated and discussed. First Fish Fry is currently scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please stay tuned for more information.

## **Assembly Shirts and Gear**

Assembly Shirts and other gear can be ordered through SK Pat Savarese or 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 Pat at: (718) 757-5521, or [pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:pat.savarese.kofc@gmail.com)

## **Color Corps Commander – SK Joe Burns**

Upcoming HG/CG events include: None at this time.

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

## **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.



### **Field Agents**

The Field Agents serving our Assembly are:

#### **SK Nick Abbate**

Serves Councils 4632, 8240, 10515, 10601, and 11984.

His phone numbers are:

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Serves Councils 9056, 12117, and 13467.

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#### **SK Adam Tumminelli**

Serves Councils 511, 3548, 6963, 10766, 10804, 12378, 13784 and 14263.

His phone numbers are:

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Cell: 757-352-7063

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

## **January Devotion: The Holy Name of Jesus (January 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. This feast is also celebrated on January 3. Here is an explanation of the devotion.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has associated entire months to special devotions. The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has been traditionally associated with the month of January, due to its celebration on January 3. The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: ". . . at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

*Prayer Source: Prayer Book, The by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954*

## **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

Pope Saint John Paul II  
Evangelium Vitae

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As Catholic Gentleman and Sir Knights, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place during the pandemic.

## **Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"**

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

For more information: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

# '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 ~

### January 2021 ~

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~ Holy Day of Obligation
- 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – KofC VA State Mid-Year Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – New Sir Knights Night ~ **POSTPONED**
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ *Fly the Flag*
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ **Virtual** at 6:30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Business Meeting ~ **VIRTUAL** ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Mtg at 7:30pm

### February 2021 ~

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day ~ Fly the Flag
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #1 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Business Meeting ~ Columbian Club ~ Rosary at 7:00pm & Meeting at 7:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #2 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm

### March 2021

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #3 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #4 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Officer's Meeting ~ Virtual at 6:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Parade ~ Participation TBD
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #5 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Business Meeting ~ St. John the Apostle (SJA) / Council 13467 ~ Rosary at 7:00 & Mtg at 7:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry #6 ~ Columbian Club at 5:00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Tenebrae Service at Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church, not an Assembly function, but FYI ~ starts at 7:00pm

## Report of the Third Degree ~

### Council 4632, Fr. Habets Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Wed, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>
- Friday Night Dinners, 6:30pm every Friday

### Council 6963, Eastern Shore ~

- No Report Provided

### Council 10515, Kempsville Council ~

- No upcoming events

### Council 10804, Pope Leo XIII Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Thurs, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

### Council 13467, St. John the Apostle Council ~

- Council Business Meeting on Tue, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

### Council 14263, Msgr. Mickle, Cape Charles ~

- No Report Provided