

Fr. Thomas A. Casey Assembly #3596



Navigator's Log January 2023

Wishing a happy New Year to the best Assembly in the world from South America. Your kindness and generosity are beacons of light. May the coming year bring the Assembly everything it deserves. New Year's is a time to reflect on the things that made the Assembly's year special. All the time we spent together in 2022 means the world to me. Looking forward to everything we tackle next year. – Ann and Dave Sharp

1. **UPDATES: James Cella and Michael Mannion**

SK Michael Mannion, GK: Shortly after I sent the initial prayer request for Michael Mannion, yesterday Bill Crowder and I received word that he may be returning home soon. Please continue to pray for him and his family as he works through this difficult time.

SK James Cella, PGK: No updates on Jim Cella.

If you know of other Sir Knights or their family members in need of prayers for health, family, or personal issues, please obtain their permission to release their name to their brother Sir Knights. Once you obtain the Sir Knight's permission, please send me (navigator@assembly3596.org) their names and I will reach out to verify their permission and what information want to have released to their fellow Sir Knights.

Whether we know their name or not, I ask that we all pray for all of the Council 8600 and 12963 Knights and Assembly 3596 Sir Knights and their families. We pray "Our Lady of the Knights, we ask that you and Our Blessed Lord grace our Brother Knights and Sir Knights and their families with your love and blessings."

2. **NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2023**

Our January meeting will be a normal business meeting. The evening will start with dinner at 7:00, the Rosary about 7:30 pm, with the starting of the meeting at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be followed by a social period for those that want to stick around after the meeting.

3. **"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" REPORT**

I want to thank and congratulate Thomas Komara, his daughter Leah Reed and the entire "Wreaths Across America" planning team for a successful event. I also want to state my appreciation; for the many organizations from Fairfax County, and the parishioners that participated in this glorious event.

The following will be sent to the District Marshall and the State Deputy of Virginia reporting on our successful event.

“Fr. Casey Assembly 3596 of Fairfax Station, Virginia proudly hosted the 2022 “Wreaths Across America” event at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Cemetery on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Our guests included our pastor, Fr. Barkett, Virginia State Treasurer Robert Jones, and Fairfax County Braddock District Supervisor, James Walkinshaw, who gave an inspiring speech. A slew of Council and Assembly members supported the event ensuring its success. Over Approximately 200 other individuals representing the parish, the boy and girl Scouting organization of Fairfax County and others were in attendance. SK Tom Komara and his daughter, LTC (USA Ret) Leah Reid were the Masters of Ceremony. Various Sir Knights, their family members, and other members of the community represented each branch of the US Military Service (most of whom were in their Class A uniforms) presented a wreath for their respective service. The viewing audience participated in the event by placing wreaths on the approximately 80 veteran graves in the cemetery. Fr. Casey Assembly looks forward to participating in future “Wreaths Across America” event and honoring the Veterans buried at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Cemetery in years to come.”

4. ST MARY OF SORROWS – HYPOTHERMIA SUPPORT 15-21 JANUARY 2023

As in past years, St Mary of Sorrows Parish will be hosting the Hypothermia residents in our Church. A large group of parishioners are needed to support this annual event. Please watch the bulletin and listen to the church announcements on the volunteer activities and step forward to support this critical event.

The Council will be preparing a Spaghetti Dinner as well as hosting a bingo for the residents on Thursday January 19th. Please contact PFN Don Mailki if you are interested in supporting the Bingo.

Prior to the Bingo, the James Cella Spaghetti team will be preparing Spaghetti with meatballs and sausage and the normal sides for the residents. Please reach out to me if you want to help serve the dinner.

5. RECRUITING NEEDS TO CONTINUE – SPRING FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

Gentlemen, the Assembly is looking for new members. Discuss the attributes of the Assembly to the members of Council 8600 and Council 12963. The District Marshall announced that the Spring Exemplification will be held in Roanoke on May 20, 2023, at St. Elias Catholic Church. Form 4s are in the drawers at the Parish Center. It is imperative that we aggressively recruit members from both councils. Attached is an electronic version of the [Form 4](#). The candidate should email the completed form to the Faithful Admiral (admiral@assembly3596.org) and the Faithful Captain (captain@assembly3596.org).

6. UPCOMING STATE WIDE EVENTS:

a. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY PARADE FREDERICKSBURG VA, JANUARY 15, 2023.

The Virginia District Marshall is in need of Assembly member to support the Virginia Assembly support by marching in the Religious Freedom Day Parade on Sunday the 15th of January 2023.

The District Marshall needs a total of eight (8) SKs to carry colors... five (5) flag bearers, (U.S., Vatican, POW/MIA, Virginia, and the Order flags) and two (2) guards, (front and rear) plus a commander. Details to follow on exact times and locations.

b. NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON D.C. JANUARY 20, 2023.

In the post Dobbs environment, several events that the Assembly supported for the Nation March for Life in the past have been cancelled to include the George Mason Rally. Both the Washington DC Archdiocese announced that the Youth Rally and Mass for Life, which have taken place ahead of every March for Life, have been canceled.

We are not sure what the St Mary of Sorrows’ plans are for the main event, the March itself, so please watch for an announcement from the Parish and whether a bus will be provided like in the past.

c. VIRGINIA 2023 VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE RICHMOND VA, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

In the post-DOBBS, the focus of the March for Life is being center on the state legislatures by having pro-life marches in all 50 states to continue its fight to end abortion nationwide.

The Virginia March for Life is being held on February 1, 2023 and will be the biggest pro-life advocacy event in our state's history! We are focusing on making a statement in support of life that will be heard loud and clear by our legislators. Our message of love for unborn children and their mothers will be heard by every member of the legislature as they come to Richmond that day during the legislative session. Visit the Virginia March website for information: (<https://marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life>).

7. WEB PAGE REDESIGN:

Worthy Captain John Morgan and Douglas Frasier have accepted the task of redesigning the Assembly 3596 webpage. If you have any webpage redesign ideas for consideration, please contact the Worthy Captain (captain@assembly3596.org).

8. MINUTES:

The Minutes from our previous meetings can be found on the Assembly website (www.assembly3596.org/). To get the password send me or the Scribe (scribe@assembly3596.org) an email with a request.

9. CALENDAR:

Below is the Assembly 3596 Calendar and it projects the next 60 days of planned events. The Assembly Calendar is continually reviewed and updated by the Faithful Navigator. If you have something to add to calendar, please send the information to (navigator@assembly3596.org). The Assembly Calendar is posted to the web site (<http://www.assembly3596.org/calendar.html>) and continually updated – book mark it!

10. COME TO A MEETING – GET INVOLVED:

Some of you may have noticed that several of our most active Knights getting older daily and younger Knights need to step forward to help with some of the minor programs of the Council or Assembly. I am not asking you to step up and become the Grand Knight or the Faithful Navigator next year, but to step up and show some interest in the programs of the Council and Assembly. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to continue to support the needs of the Parish and our Community. To do this I am asking you to attend one Council and Assembly meeting a year. But I know commitments to your family, work, and future may not allow you to run a program, but there are programs where 1 hour make a big difference. Come by a meeting, Council or Assembly, and find out the latest goings on in the Council and Assembly. If you have improvements, email or talk to the Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, or any of the trustees to express your ideas on how we can improve the Council and Assembly.

Sir Knights, as always, sincere thanks for all that you do to dignify our Catholic Faith and serve your respective communities and each other.

David C. Sharp, PGK
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ASSEMBLY EVENTS FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS:

Month	Meeting Date	Event Title	Start Time	Location	Event Description
Jan	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR			
Jan	3	Council Business Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 it Meeting 8:00 pm
Jan	7	1st Friday Adoration	8:30 pm-9:00 am	Church	
Jan	14	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45 pm-7:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Jan	15	Religious Freedom Day Parade	1:55 pm	Fredericksburg VA	12:30 pm Assembly Train Station 1:30 pm Parade begins 1:55 pm Parade reaches Religious Freedom Monument
Jan	15	Pancakes Breakfast	7:00 am-11:00 am	Farrell Hall	
Jan	15-21	Hypothermia Week		Farrell Hall	Support Needed
Jan	17	Council Planning Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMH	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 is Meeting 8:00
Jan	19	Hypothermia Spaghetti Dinner	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Jan	19	Hypothermia Bingo	7:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Jan	10	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Jan	20	March for Life (https://Marchforlife.org/national-March-for-life/)	1:00 pm-4:00 pm (events all day)	Washington DC	Support Needed
Jan	22-23	Diaper Collection		Parish Center	
Feb	1	<u>Virginia-March for Life</u>	1:00 pm (events all day)	Richmond VA	(https://3-Marchforlife.org/virginia-3-March-for-life/) 12:00 pm March for Life Rally 1:00 pm March for Life
Feb	4	1st Friday Adoration	8:30 pm-9:00 am	Church	
Feb	4	Virginia Polar Plunge		Virginia Beach VA	Support the Council 8600 Polar Plunge Team with your donations! https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/team/454833
Feb	7	Council Business Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Feb	11	Route 123 Cleanup	8:00 am	OSMH	
Feb	11	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45:00 pm-8:00 pm	Farrell Hall	This may be moved to 18 Feb under discussion. Watch for bulletin notices.
Feb	12	Pancake Breakfast	7:003 am-11:00 am	Farrell Hall	

Feb	14	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Feb	18	Polish Dinner	6:00 pm	Farrell Hall	This may be moved to 10 Feb under discussion. Watch for bulletin notices.
Feb	21	Council Planning Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Feb	22	Lent Begins			
Feb	24	Lenten Fish Fry #1	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Feb	26	Diaper Collection		Parish Center	
Mar	3	Lenten Fish Fry #2	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Mar	3	1st Friday Adoration	8:30 pm- 9:00 am	Church	
Mar	7	Council Business Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Mar	10	Lenten Fish Fry #3	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Mar	14	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Mar	17	Lenten Fish Fry #4	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Mar	18	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45 – 7:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Mar	19	Pancake Breakfast	07:30 – 11:00 am	Farrell Hall	
Mar	21	Council Planning Meeting	7:00 pm	OSMHJ	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Mar	24	Lenten Fish Fry #5	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	
Mar	26	Diaper Collection		Parish Center	
Mar	29	Founder's Day			
Mar	31	Lenten Fish Fry #6	5:00 pm	Farrell Hall	