

December 2022

1. SAD NEWS: DEATH OF A SIR KNIGHT

On 4 December the Assembly lost a long time Assembly member, Larry Brindza. Larry was an active Assembly member serving the parish by leading the Rite for Catholic Initiation for many years and serving as a member of multiple Assembly's Honor Guard events. Larry Brindza's visitation will be at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home on Wednesday December 14, 2022, between 6:00 to 8:00 PM. His Mass of Christian burial will be Friday December 16, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at the St Mary of Sorrows Historic Catholic Church, 5612 Ox Road Fairfax, VA; with internment following in the church cemetery. An Honor Guard will be needed to support the family for all the events.

We pray "Our Lady of the Knights, we ask that you and Our Blessed Lord grace the Brindza family with your love and blessings."

2. HOT: NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 2022

For the December meeting, we are inviting Spouses and any Third Degree Knight that is interested in finding out about the Assembly. We will be having a short business meeting to pay any pending bills, explaining the Assembly to the potential new members, and sharing Christmas cookies and food provided by our Faithful Captain. Please spread the word. We will do the Rosary at 7:30, and the social meeting thereafter.

3. HOT: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA SUPPORT

We still need of several volunteers and active duty military personnel to support the Wreaths Across America ceremony that the Assembly 3596 is conducting to honor St Mary's deceased veterans on December 17, 2022. If you are able to support please either sign up on the Assembly website (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0944AAAC2FA4FF2-wreaths1>) or reach out to Thomas Komara (tgkomara0913@gmail.com). All Knights should be there by 11:00 AM as the ceremony will start exactly at noon at Old St. Mary's Cemetery and across the nation.

Active duty personnel are needed to represent their respective military service and present the wreath. But, if you are a Reservist or National Guard member and are interested in supporting this event in uniform, please reach to see if you service is filled. Military CLASS A uniform is required.

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

Gentlemen, we are still looking for new Assembly 3596 members. Discuss the attributes of the Assembly to the members of Council 8600 and Council 12963. The Spring Exemplification will be held in Roanoke. Form 4s are in the drawers at the Parish Center. It is imperative that we aggressively recruit members from both councils. If you have a candidate, have them complete a [Form 4](#). The candidate should email the completed form to the Faithful Admiral (admiral@assembly3596.org) and the Faithful Captain (captain@assembly3596.org).

The State District Marshall announced the Spring Exemplification will be held in Roanoke Virginia on May 20, 2023, at St. Elias Catholic Church.

5. 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 for more than 25 years, 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.

6. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY PARADE FREDERICKSBURG VA, January 15, 2022.

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.

7. VIRGINIA 2023 VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE, SCHEDULED FOR 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 web site for more information: (<https://marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life>).

8. WEB PAGE REDESIGN:

I need someone or a team to help redesign the Assembly webpage. Our page has been stagnant for four years and we need a new look and easier access to our information. The page needs to be redesigned. The team will work with the Faithful Captain, John Morgan, and the Faithful Pilot, Tony Vanderbeek, who will be heading up the redesign approval effort. If you want to help, email the Faithful Captain and Pilot (captain@assembly3596 and pilot@assembly3596.org to volunteer.

9. 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.

10. CALENDAR:

The Assembly Calendar is continually reviewed and updated by the Faithful Navigator, so if you have something to add to calendar, please send me the information (navigator@assembly3596.org). The Assembly Calendar is posted to the web site (<http://www.assembly3596.org/calendar.html>) and will be continually updated – book mark it!

11. 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.

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ASSEMBLY EVENTS FOR THE NEXT 60 DAYS:

Month	Meeting Date	Event Title	Start Time	Location	Event Description
Dec	1-20	Ongoing Christmas Tree Sales	Daily until Trees are gone	Old St Mary Hall	Contact - Henry Chalkley hchalkley@earthlink.net to sign up
Dec	10	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Dec	11	Pancakes Breakfast	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Dec	13	Assembly Meeting	8:00 PM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall (Meeting Open to Spouses and guests)	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Dec	17	Wreaths Across America	11:00 AM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Honor Guard and support will be needed
Dec	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS			
Jan	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR			
Jan	10	Assembly Meeting	8:00 PM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Jan	14	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Jan	15	Pancakes Breakfast	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
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	15-21	Hypothermia		Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	Support Needed
Jan	20	March for Life	TBD	Washington DC	Support Needed
Feb	1	Virginia March for Life		Richmond VA	12:00 pm March for Life Rally 1:00 pm March for Life
Feb	14th	Assembly Meeting	8:00 PM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Dinner at 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Feb	11	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Feb	12	Pancake Breakfast	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Feb	18	Polish Dinner	6:00 PM	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Feb-	24	Lenten Fish Fries Begin	Weekly	Farrell Hall, St Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	Dinner at 5:00 pm Future Dinners March 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st