

September 2022

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Just like what our children and grandchildren are undergoing this month with challenges and new opportunity so be it with Assembly 3596.

I was reviewing last month's newsletter and notice I neglected to congratulate the Assembly's new incoming officers who were installed in July and will be guiding us through this Fraternal Year. I would also like to express my thanks to Father Barkett for remaining our Faithful Friar and an additional year. The Assembly understands this commitment will result in more time in his already busy schedule, and we thank him for making us a part of his ministry.

Let me remind all that the minutes from our meetings can be found on the Assembly website (www.assembly3596.org/). To get the password send me or the Scribe an email with a request.

We had one item of business that is carried forward to the Sep meeting which was the approval of the uniform stipend resolution. We all know that our Assembly can only be the visible arm of the Knights of the Columbus if we have enough participating members with the Official Regalia Dress (ORD). At the August 9th meeting I presented a resolution to offer a stipend for members who buy the new ORD and I hope to have final approval at the upcoming meeting. Come and voice your opinion with your participation and vote!

1. **CALENDAR:** The Assembly Calendar has been developed. The calendar is 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 (www.assembly3596.org) and will be continually updated – book mark it!
 - a. **Sep 6: ARCHDIOCESE OF MILITARY SERVICES MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. VINCENT CAPODANNO** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, D.C. 20017), Crypt Church. Muster at 5:00 PM. ORD—Social (No sword), or in Social Dress Uniform (with Social Baldric). Fr. Daniel Mode is the postulator for Fr. Capodanno's Cause for Sainthood, and authored an excellent book, "The Grunt Padre", which tells the story of his heroic life resulting in the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor for his service in Vietnam.
 - b. **STATE-WIDE EVENT - VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING:** On Sep 11, all Virginia Knights, family members and friends are invited to help clean the Vietnam War Memorial starting at 6:30 AM. Park anywhere along Constitution or Ohio. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the task at hand and the weather (event is on come rain or shine). Be prepared to get a little wet. If you have any questions about this event please reach out to the point of contact: District Deputy Phil Kennedy, <mailto:pkenn95798@comcast.net>, 703-585-9079.
 - c. **Sep 11: ANNUAL MASS HONORING MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS** at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, 22030). Muster at 10:30 AM. Uniform is ORD—Service (Swords will be worn, but must remain sheathed during Mass); all other

Sir Knights are encouraged to attend in either Principal celebrant is Bishop Burbidge; Bishop Loverde and Fr. Majka are among the Concelebrants. Let us honor our community's local heroes who serve us in the Armed Forces and our Police, Firefighters, EMT's, and other First Responders.

- d. **SEP 15: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, PARISH PATRONESS MASS** at 7:00 PM on Thursday at the ST Mary of Sorrows Church. HONOR GUARD REQUESTED BY Very Reverend Barkett a procession before and after mass. The Official Regalia Dress with sword will be the uniform for the night events. Any questions -- contact the Color Corps Command, Gerry Rutkowski, at grutkowski@gmail.com.
2. **DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION.** The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is forecasted for 29 Oct 2022 at All Saints (9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA). We are unsure what our Assembly goal for this year and must continually stress to our two councils that Assembly 3596 needs new strong members to carry on the work of our order. If the prospective Sir Knight is not a third-degree member, that is not a problem...all they need to do is attend one of the Council's periodic Exemplification to earn their third degree. So, BEAT THE DRUM loud and talk to parishioners you do not know about the Knights, they may have been waiting for someone to invite them to be our brother!
3. **COME TO A MEETING – GET INVOLVED:** As I stated at our last meeting that I believe that every Sir Knight should try to make at least one meeting a year. Because each of you have program ideas that are worth hearing. But I understand if you cannot make this goal. I hope you will email the trustees (trustees@assembly3596.org) or me (navigator@assembly3596.org) with your ideas on how we can improve the Assembly.
4. **CHARITY EVENT:** Last month I announced the Assembly's effort to do charity events as part of our effort to carry out the principals of the order of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. For the Sep meeting I ask all attendees to bring at least one of the following items to the meeting or drop them off at the Parish Center. These are the non-food items that are in high demand but low supply at the St Mary Food Bank. The only catch is that you send the Purser a list of non-perishable items you donate (or the amount of cash you donate for this purpose.)

I am looking for Charity events that will benefit the Parish or Community and that will build the unity of the Assembly. This program is not to draw volunteers away from Council 8600's charity events but will allow the Assembly to develop its own character. We still have a limited budget, so my goal is not to just to spend money; I want to do hands on activities.
5. **RECRUITMENT TEAM:** Gentlemen, I am still looking for two or three individuals to work with the Admiral and the Captain to chart a path toward recruiting success. Our first recruiting event is scheduled for 8 and 9 October. It is imperative that we aggressively recruit members of Council 8600 and Council 12963. Please email the Captain (captain@assembly3596.org) if you are interested.

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ASSEMBLY EVENTS FOR THE NEXT 60 DAYS:

Month	Meeting Date	Event Title	Start Time	Location	Event Description
Sep	6	Fr. Capodanno Mass at the BNSIC.	Report time 5:00PM, Mass is at 6:30PM	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC	This is a Calvert Province Event, the Master of the ADW needs RSVP by 25 Aug, all participants must RSVP to Virginia Marshal of your intent to participate. All Virginia Sir Knights in ORD with Service Baldric, Beret, white gloves, with no sword.
Sep	11	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Cleaning Event	6:30AM	Vietnam Wall Memorial 23rd St. NW & Constitution, Washington DC 20037	All Virginia Knights and Family members and friends are invited. Park anywhere along Constitution or Ohio. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the task at hand and the weather. Be prepared to get a little wet.
Sep	11	Mass honoring First Responders	11:00 AM	St. Leo's the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax 22030	Dress TBD
Sep	13	Assembly Meeting	7:00 PM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Dinner at 7:00 PM Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Sep	15	Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, Parish Patroness Mass	7:00 PM	St Mary of Sorrows, 10500 Zion Drive, Fairfax VA	HONOR GUARD REQUIRED Assembly: 6:30 PM Uniform: Official Regalia Dress (ORD). Procession Before and After Mass POC: Gerry Rutkowski (grutkowski@gmail.com)
Sep	17	Route 123 Cleanup	8:00 AM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Bring gloves and sturdy shoes
Sep	17	Free Spaghetti Dinner	5:45 PM - 8:00 PM	Farrell Hall, ST Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	Parish wide Free Dinner
Sep	18	Free Pancake Breakfast	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Farrell Hall, ST Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	Parish wide Breakfast
Oct	10	Columbus Day Ceremony		Union Station Washington DC	All Virginia Sir Knights in ORD
Oct	11	Assembly Meeting	7:00 PM	Old St. Mary of Sorrows Hall	Dinner at 7:00 PM Rosary 7:30 ish Meeting 8:00
Oct	11	Confirmation	7:00 PM	St Clair of Assisi, Clifton VA	Non-Honor Guard Event
Oct	8	Council and Assembly Recruiting Blitz	5:45 PM - 6:30 PM	Outside Church	After all Masses
Oct	8	Spaghetti Dinner	5:45:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Farrell Hall, ST Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Oct	9	Pancake Breakfast	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Farrell Hall, ST Mary of Sorrows Parish Center	
Oct	9	Council and Assembly Recruiting Blitz	09:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM	Outside Church	After all Masses
Oct	29	Virginia District Patriotic Exemplification	TBD	TBD	Exemplification of the 4th degree