

August 2022

A NEW BEGINNING!

Sir Knights, Brothers All!

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 September 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 reinstitute a stipend program and I hope to have final approval at the upcoming September meeting. The Assembly will be voting on whether to institute this resolution or not. Come and voice your opinion with your participation and vote!

- 1. The Assembly Budget:** The Assembly Budget was presented at the July meeting and approved at the August 9, 2022 meeting. The budget is posted to the website. It is now posted to the Assembly Website (www.assembly3596.org) for your review. Remember this is a living budget with a limited income.
- 2. CALENDAR:** The Assembly Calendar has been developed. The Parish Calendar, the Council Calendar, and the District Master's Calendar was used as the basis for our calendar. The calendar is reviewed and updated by the Faithful Navigator, so if you have something that you want added to calendar, please send me the information (navigator@assembly3596.org). The Assembly Calendar is posted to the web site and will be continually updated – book mark it!
- 3. STATE-WIDE EVENT - VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING:** On September 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.
- 4. 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.

5. **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 September 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.

6. **RECRUITMENT TEAM:** Gentlemen, I am still looking for a team of two or three individuals to work with the Admiral and the Captain to chart a path toward recruiting success. It is imperative that we aggressively go after the current members of Council 8600 at St Mary's and Council 12963. The recruiting goal will be 10 new Sir Knights. Please email the Captain (captain@assembly3596.org) if you are willing to interested.
7. **DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION.** The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is forecasted for the end of October. 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!
8. Remember the watch words of our order "Tempus Fuget" or "Time Flies", for our program to be a success we must begin now! Let's get going.

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