

Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope each of you and your families had a safe and Happy Fourth of July as we celebrated the 243<sup>rd</sup> birthday of our nation and its independence! As Fourth Degree Sir Knights, remember our motto is PATRIOTISM! We understand that no place on earth will ever be truly perfect, but what a wonderful thing it is to be able to say that we are Catholic AMERICAN citizens!!!

Let me begin by thanking you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me as your new Faithful Navigator for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. I will strive to uphold that confidence as I follow in the footsteps of my many predecessors, including our most recent Past Faithful Navigator Nick Mattera. It is a great honor that Nick has decided to take on the role as the Assembly's Faithful Captain, in effect, serving as my second in command. He could have chosen to move into a less intense position, but chose to continue offering his skills and expertise in this most important role. Thank you, Nick.

The coming year will be very challenging as we move from the last seventy-ish years of proudly wearing our regalia towards use of the new uniform mandated by the Supreme Council. Each of us has our own thoughts and feelings about the "edict from above", taking away the regalia that many of us are so honored to wear. Know that I share the thoughts of most. Nonetheless, we've taken a vow to do what our superiors direct, so we will do our best to comply and move forward, yet fully understanding that doing so does not mean we agree with what we are doing.

I know that it is unlikely that anyone has (or plans to) purchase the new uniform. However, if you have done so, please let me know, just so I can keep an updated list of who does have it. We have been told by the Worthy District Master that Supreme is considering a discounted purchase program, especially for larger orders (such as multiple orders from an Assembly), but no details are yet available. It may or may not have any impact on what any of us choose to do in the future.

If you served in ANY branch of our military, please email me ([bobmitchellga@yahoo.com](mailto:bobmitchellga@yahoo.com)) to tell me which branch(es) you served in and during which months and years. I do not need additional details such as where you were deployed or for how long each deployment was...just the basics. Since the Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Order of the Knights, I'd like to begin compiling a list of those who served so proudly!

Finally, I invite each of you to our first Assembly meeting of the new Fraternal Year this Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at McGivney Hall on the campus of All Saints Catholic Church. The rosary is at 6:15 PM, dinner is at 6:30 PM, and our meeting will start shortly after 7:00 PM. Joe Inglima, the Worthy Warden of the All Saints Council, has promised us a delicious dinner that evening. Please remember to contribute \$5 to help offset the cost of the dinner that night. If you have not paid your \$30 Assembly dues, please bring those with you also. I hope to see many of you that night.

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