

Worthy Sir Knights,

Let me begin with a huge "Thank You" to all who took part in the Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday night, sponsored jointly by the All Saints Council and the Father Charles J. Watters Assembly. Approximately 85 deceased Sir Knights and Council Brothers (as well as over 30 deceased spouses who preceded their husbands) were remembered in a very moving mass concelebrated by Brother Knights Msgr. Hugh Marren and Fr. Kevin Peek of All Saints. Brother Knight Deacon Rick Medina served with them on the altar. Deacon Rick's homily was especially moving and heart-felt!

The event included Sir Knights in blue blazers, dark gray slacks, and KofC ties in the congregation, serving as Acolytes on the altar (think, adult altar servers), reading the names of the deceased or lighting candles in their honor, preparing and serving food at the reception following in McGivney Hall, and, for the first time, an "Honoring Guard" of a dozen Sir Knights in tuxedos, social baldrics, and white gloves, providing an escort for the clergy and hand salutes as the names of the deceased were recited.

Before talking about this month's meeting, I need to announce date and venue changes for the November and December business meetings. Because of conflicts impacting several of our officers and other assembly members, dates of two upcoming meetings (and one location) have changed.

- **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, instead of November 14<sup>th</sup>, **at All Saints**, not at Mary Our Queen (meeting room is unavailable on our new meeting date at MOQ)
- **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, instead of December 12<sup>th</sup>, still at St. Andrew

Please note these date and location changes. Reminders will be sent prior to each new meeting date.

In the meantime, our next assembly meeting is this Thursday night, October 10<sup>th</sup> in McGivney Hall at All Saints Catholic Church, 2443 Mt. Vernon Road in Dunwoody. Please join us as we welcome some special (invited) guests that evening. The rosary starts at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner around 6:30 PM, and the meeting will begin shortly after 7 PM. Please remember to always donate at least \$5 to help offset the cost of the dinner on each meeting night. If you're drinking something besides water or soda with your meal, please make an additional donation to the host Council's separate kitty for the libations they've provided.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch. If anyone in your Council is interested in taking the degree that day, please contact Faithful Comptroller Dave Lemcoe ([dlemcoe78@yahoo.com](mailto:dlemcoe78@yahoo.com)) as soon as possible.

If you are one of the many who has not yet paid your assembly dues of \$30, please bring them with you to a meeting or send them to our Faithful Comptroller. Remember, council dues and assembly dues are **different and separate**, and **both** must be paid. At last count, roughly 30 Sir Knights are delinquent in paying dues this year, adversely impacting the financial wellbeing of the assembly.

I have asked every assembly member to inform me as to whether or not you have served in the military. To date, nearly 30 of 200 have responded. A list will be available at each Assembly meeting for you to add your personal details, or you can email me ([bobmitchellga@yahoo.com](mailto:bobmitchellga@yahoo.com)) to tell me that you did not serve or in which branch(es) you served 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 compile a list of those who served so proudly!

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