

Worthy Brother Sir Knights,

After returning from our last long trip just days beforehand, time got the best of me and I never expressed my hopes and best wishes that you and your families would have a very Happy Thanksgiving! My hope is that you each had the chance to spend quality time with family and friends over the past weekend!

Now that Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday are all behind us, we're already past the first Sunday of Advent, meaning that Christmas is just a few short weeks away. Please remember that Jesus Christ's birth is the reason we celebrate this season! With every retailer and website telling us something different, it's sometimes hard to keep the focus on Our Lord and the relationships he wants us to have with our own families and those who are close to us.

Regarding our December Assembly meeting, please remember that it is this Thursday, December 5th at St. Andrew in Roswell (rather than our normal second Thursday of the month), due to a conflict many of our members and officers have with activities taking place next week at All Saints. We will try to keep December's meeting as short as possible, since so many people have so many other commitments all month long. One important topic to be discussed is our annual donation for Wreaths across America. On a single day each year, volunteers lay hundreds of thousands of wreathes at the graves of US veterans in cemeteries, throughout the US and abroad. This year, December 14th is the designated day, and for several years, our Assembly has donated money to support the efforts of these volunteers. Please come to the meeting prepared to vote on a funding request. If you so desire, you can also bring a personal check to make an individual donation (the proper addressee information will be available at the meeting that evening).

Note that we will return to our normal business meeting schedule of the second Thursday night in January, with our meeting at All Saints McGivney Hall on Thursday, January 9th.

In closing, I want to express my thanks to those Sir Knights who stepped forward to serve in the Honoring Guard for the funeral mass for Eileen Webster, wife of our Brother Sir Knight Dave Webster of the All Saints Council, for the Veterans Day mass at St. Andrew, and for the memorial mass for our Brother Sir Knight Mike Feeney, which occurred just last week. The last two events alone brought out nine and 19 Honoring Guard members, respectfully.

Finally, Anita and I wish each of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy 2020!

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