

Faithful Navigator's Report – February 2020

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our first (and maybe only) snowy weekend of the winter is behind us, which means that Lent must be just ahead of us. Ash Wednesday is on February 26th, just a couple of weeks away. This signals the beginning of our Lenten preparations for the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday and resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. Councils are starting their Fish Fries and Fish Dinners, and it's a busy time for all of us as we prepare for the forty days of lent and Holy Week in April.

Our next assembly meeting is this Thursday night, February 13th at Mary Our Queen in Peachtree Corners. Please join us. 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 each meeting night. If you're drinking something besides soda with your meal, please make an additional donation to the host Council's separate kitty for the libations they've provided.

At this meeting, we will expect to vote to accept the transfer of a new member to our Assembly, read in the names of six to ten Brother Knights wishing to be exemplified into the Fourth Degree and be admitted as Brother Sir Knights to our Assembly, discuss the upcoming Fourth Degree ceremony later this month, as well as make plans for our Assembly to be represented at the biennial meeting of the Fourth Degree in April. Our Nominating Committee will also talk about Assembly elections, which are slated for later this spring.

If you are one of the nearly 100 Sir Knights who has not yet paid your assembly dues of \$30 (roughly ½ of our assembly's membership), please bring them with you to this week's meeting. Alternately, they can be sent to our Faithful Comptroller Dave Lemcoe. He has several payment options for you, including cash, checks, and PayPal. Contact Dave at dlemcoe78@yahoo.com or 678-687-5707 with any questions. Remember, paying your council dues has nothing to do with also paying your assembly dues. Many members are confused by this fact.

Second dues notices have already been sent to delinquent Sir Knights, and following a final dues notice later this month, those who fail to pay their 2020 dues shall become members "Not in good standing". These Sir Knights will be subject to suspension, leading to the termination of their membership in the Fourth Degree of our Order. This is a step that neither the Faithful Navigator nor the Faithful Comptroller wants to take against any member. Please, if you have not already paid your dues, please do so promptly to avoid suspension and, ultimately, termination of your assembly membership!

In closing, let me note that our April business meeting would normally be scheduled for the second Thursday night of the month, on April 9th. However, since Holy Thursday is the second Thursday this year, the officers have decided to move the meeting date to the first week in April, to allow Sir Knights to join their families at Holy Thursday mass and the ritual of the washing of the feet. Therefore, the April business meeting will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at All Saints in Dunwoody. Please update your calendars and plan to join us.

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