Faithful Navigator's Report - March 2021

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Lenten season is well underway, with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter less than a month from now. A few Councils have been fortunate enough to host fish fries, including our Brothers at St. Andrew. If you haven't dropped by already, they serve a drive-thru, takeout only fish fry from 5:30 to 7 PM each Friday night. The menu is limited, but still well worth the trip. Please support their efforts.

Elections for Assembly officer positions will take place during the May meeting, and the Nominating Committee needs to present a slate of candidates no later the April Assembly meeting. Please contact one of the Trustees or me, if you are interested in serving as an officer. Other than two Trustee positions and that of Faith Friar, all other positions will be contested.

Our March meeting will take place this coming Thursday, March 11th in the former sanctuary at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, 6260 The Corners Parkway, in Peachtree Corners. The huge room permits easy social distancing, to keep everyone safe and healthy. **The recently-appointed District Master, Brad Burnett, will join us this Thursday**, and be available for questions. He is well aware of the controversy with the new uniforms and will share his views on this matter. He is fully supportive of our efforts to provide Honoring Guards at appropriate events.

Masks are required for those attending the meeting in person. The entrance to the meeting area is through the covered walkway opposite the entrance to the new church. Once inside, immediately turn right into the former sanctuary. Parking is available in the same parking lot we previously used when attending meetings in Kiernan Hall.

We are still limited to prepackaged snacks and beverages, so dinner will not be served. In-person attendance has grown slowly, with attendance currently around fifteen. With the District Master attending, I hope for a larger attendance this week. For those unable to join us in person, Steve Strong will continue to provide us with the capability of attending virtually. Look for his email with instructions on how to connect via your computer. Roughly fifteen have joined online each month. I hope you will join us, in person or online.

We will start with the rosary at 7:00 PM, led by our Faithful Scribe Lou Hlad. After a ten to fifteen minute break for pre-packaged snacks and beverages around 7:15-7:20 PM, we will start the business portion about 7:30 PM. If you have anything for the Good of the Order, please email that information to both S.K. Lou Hlad and to me in advance. Officers – please confirm whether or not you plan to attend.

For those who have not yet seen the interior of the new Mary Our Queen Sanctuary, S.K. Mike Baylot will provide a brief tour of the new facility, immediately following Thursday night's meeting concludes. The church is strikingly beautiful! Please stick around, if you are interested in seeing it.

Since All Saints remains unavailable for meetings, we will use return to St. Andrew on April 8th. MOQ will host the May 13th (officer election) meeting, and St. Andrew will host again on June 10th, to conclude the fraternal year. We remain optimistic that later this spring, we may be able to return to All Saints. The schedule of meeting locations might be modified, if this occurs.

Vivat Jesus,

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