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The Flag, Sword, and Cross Newsletter

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From the Faithful Navigator…

Faithful Sir Knights,

Please thank PFN Mike King and all officers and committees for their leadership and support over this past fraternal year. This team achieved remarkable recruiting numbers, among many other accomplishments. And if you know the new members, please reach out to them and invite them to assembly events.

On a personal note, I was coaxed into assuming officer roles in the Assembly and now you have elected me as Navigator. I pray to God that all goes well and that I don't let you down. This direction has been fueled by support from so many wonderful brother Knights, and I shall proceed forward knowing that you won't let me and this assembly falter. Thank you.

True to form, we have very active programs and plenty of events that have been recently completed as reported herein. Please keep it rolling and note the upcoming events. Volunteer for something, anything. And invite a fellow Sir Knight!

I hope to see you at the awards picnic on Saturday. And for those with ORD, we do need Sir Knights to assist as Honor Guards for three of our associated council officer installation ceremonies in July. And if you do not have ORD, we also need volunteers for monthly bingo and birthday celebrations for the Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach. News and events are detailed below.

Patriotically,

Wayne Phelps, FN
Assembly 1505

Officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year – Congratulations to our new officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year, who were installed during a joint installation ceremony held on 28 June 2026 at Father O'Keefe Assembly 1162, with St Paul's Assembly 1166, All Saints 2185 and Father Michael McGivney Assembly 2588. The installation ceremony was conducted by District Master Kelly Mortensen and Regional Marshal Ed Nettleton. Out of five southside assemblies, we had the best showing of officers and stand-ins.

Faithful Navigator	Wayne Phelps
Faithful Captain	Tom Wenthe
Faithful Pilot	Chris Meile
Faithful Admiral	PFN Mike King

Faithful Purser	Jim Snead
Faithful Comptroller	Lyndon Ramias
Faithful Scribe	Steve Caughlin
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Jerry Johnson
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Louis Lavore
Trustee for Three Years	PFN John Garcia
Trustee for Two Years	PFN Joe Burns
Trustee for One Year	PFN Ted Quinter

12th Annual Hope 4 Life Banquet – The Hope for Life Banquet was held on Saturday 13 June 2026 at St Matthews Catholic Church. Father Habets assembly was represented by twelve Sir Knights and their wives. Representing our assembly were: Faithful Navigator Mike King, PFNs Stan Schnell, Earl Reid, Ted Quinter and John Garcia, with Sir Knights Joe Sivak, Anthony Jackson, Steve Mezzapeso, Louis Lavore, Paul Vater, Dan Shaughnessy and Tom Mowry.

Assembly Budget for Fraternal Year 2026-2027 – Faithful Captain Wayne Phelps presented a draft budget for the Fraternal Year 2026-2027 to the assembly during the 22 April business meeting. The budget was approved during the 27 May business meeting and is posted on the website.

VAVS (Vets Admin Voluntary Service) – Our assembly visited the Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach on 4 June to support the veterans and to play BINGO with them. Thank you to the Sir Knights who participated. Please consider volunteering to help with the monthly BINGO at 10 AM on the first Thursday of the month at Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach. If you would like to participate, contact PFNs Glenn Rodriguez (gboy23454@gmail.com or 757-635-0061) or Stan Schnell (swschnell@cox.net or 757-618-7793).

Birthday Wishes to…

Happy Birthday to our brother Sir Knights born in July:

Wilfredo Balino	Deacon Vernon Krajeski
Buck Brownell	Michael Lemoine
James Burke	Jacob Loescher
Modesto Daroy	Robert Lueken
Douglas Foley	Thomas Wenthe
Frank Guido	Todd Solomon
Edward Halloran	Mark Stinard
Shawn Hutchings	Joseph Trovato
Robert James	Paul Trovato
John Johnson	

District Pre-Org Meeting – Faithful Navigator Mike King, Faithful Captain elect Tom Wenthe and Color Corps Commander Joe Burns (PFN) attended the district pre-Org meeting in Richmond, VA on Saturday 27 June. The meeting was for the District Master and his staff to inform the incoming Navigators and Captains of updates and what is coming up for the new Fraternal Year.

Father McGivney Guild - The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for Father McGivney's for sainthood. Father McGivney was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Membership in the Guild is free and open to all. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions. Follow this link: https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

From the Color Corps Commander…

12th Annual Hope for Life Banquet: The 12th Annual Hope 4 Life Banquet was held on Saturday 13 June 2026 at St Matthews Catholic Church. Faithful Navigator Mike King represented Father Habets assembly as part of a multi-assembly Color Guard for the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Color Corps Requests:

Honor Guard for Father Nicholas J. Habets Council #4632 installation on July 15 at the Columbian Club (1236 Prosperity Rd., Virginia Beach). Event is at 7:00 PM. Show time is 6:00 PM

Honor Guard for Kempsville Council #1505 Installation on July 19, 2026 at the Catholic Church of St. Mark (1505 Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach). Event is at 4 PM with showtime at 3 PM.

Honor Guard for Pope Leo XIII Council 10804 at Church of The Holy Family on July 25, 2026 at 7pm after the 530 pm Saturday Mass.

Official Regalia Dress (ORD) – Assembly members not currently owning the ORD are encouraged to consider purchasing the ORD. The ORD makes the 4th Degree more visible to the community / public. Having the ORD allows you to participate more fully in church and patriotic events in the Honor Guard and Color Guard of the Color Corps.

Confirmation – We provided a seven-member Honor Guard for confirmation at NAS Oceana on 7 June 2026. Thirty people were confirmed by AMS Bishop Spencer of the Military Archdiocese. Thank you to those who supported this event.

Completed Events

June ~

4 Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach –BINGO
7 Military Diocese Confirmation – Honor Guard - NAS Oceana
13 Hope-4-Life Banquet – St Matthews Catholic Church
19 Juneteenth
21 Father's Day
26 Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach – Birthday celebration
28 Southside Region Assembly Officers Installation hosted by Fr O'Keefe Assembly 1162

Looking Ahead:

July ~

2 Jones and Cabacoy Vets Care Center in Virginia Beach – 10 AM – BINGO
4 Independence Day – Fly your U.S Flag
4 Joint Father Habets Council 4632/Assembly 1505 July 4th picnic – 12 PM
11 Virginia State Council's Organizational Meeting
15 Honor Guard for Father Habets 4632 Officer Installation – 6 PM
19 Honor Guard for Kempsville 10515 Officer Installation – 3 PM
20 Officers Meeting – Columbian Club – 6:30 PM
22 Assembly Business Meeting – Columbian Club – Rosary 7 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM
25 Honor Guard for Pope Leo XIII Council 10804 – 7 PM