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Message From Faithful Navigator Joe Castrigno

As the new fraternal year begins, we congratulate those Officers re-elected and the newly elected Officers. Their fellow Knights wish them well and give them full support. Although the elected officers take up their responsibilities on July 1, the installation of officers will be held in early September at the request of Fr Rafal because of parish vacations and other absences during July and August.

We are facing several challenges in the coming year, the first being the election of a Faithful Comptroller. The duties of the Comptroller are of great importance to the Assembly. Their overall responsibility is the smooth running of the assembly from a financial perspective We cannot function without a person with a rudimentary knowledgeable in finance and somewhat computer savvy. On the plus side, we have several members who are Past Financial Secretaries and/or Past Faithful Comptrollers who can help and most if not all of the forms can be filled out and submitted on-line. There are several handbooks and other specific information to explain the duties of the Comptroller. See, for example https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/officers/fchandbook.pdf.

Our Past Faithful Comptroller, SK Chet Sedke, also wrote and published the monthly Council and Assembly newsletters. This is not a defined duty for this office; the hardest part is collecting suitable information and photos for publication. We need a volunteer with working knowledge of Microsoft Word (Office 365) and its functionality. As I am sure many of you would agree, we had an outstanding newsletter which should be continued.

The Comptroller also served as head of the nominating committee and was especially good at preparing a slate of candidate officers. The new candidate for Comptroller can serve as the appointed head of the nominating committee.

SK Mario Acevedo performed several functions related to service to our veterans such as collecting gently use clothing for distribution to vets and preparing gift bags for hospitalized vets. He also purchased and sold American flags at St Mark's on patriotic holidays. SK Gerry Becker assumed responsibility for the flags, but we need a couple of volunteers to continue the service projects that Mario championed.

See the meeting agenda for additional detail about the duties of the Faithful Comptroller. Please give prayerful consideration to assuming the responsibilities of this office.

Consider also leading the other activities mentioned and perhaps proposing new activities geared toward service projects and fund-raising.







Message From Dcn Kevin Mukri

The Papacy is a Sign Christ is with Us

As we come shortly to the end of the Easter Season, it is important to always realize that Christ is now in heaven, but he never abandons us. One of the signs of His presence with us is the papacy.

Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scriptures demonstrates that Christ left us His Vicar till He comes again in glory. In addition, the Council of Vatican I declared that Christ made Saint Peter the visible head and chief pastor of the universal Church.

He made Saint Peter--Pope, which derives from the Latin for father.

The pope's formal title is Supreme Pontiff, derived from the Latin to "to build a bridge." This title was given to the pope by Emperor Gratian in 375 as the supreme pontiff bears the distinction of being the only bridge builder between God and man.

Supreme Pontiff is not the only title for the pope.

Other titles include Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State of Vatican City, and Servant of the Servants of God.

In addition, with the development of mass communication, the pope also has an enormously important internation role, as a visible symbol of the unity of the Church and as a universally acknowledged spokesman for justice, world peace, morality, and the Gospel of Life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ and as pastor of the entire Church, has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church. The Roman Pontiff is not just the leader of the Catholic Church, but the pope of all people.

Perhaps the pope's most important title is Servant of the Servants of God. He serves us, the servants of God, by preserving Christ's truth for all generations.

As we close the season of Easter, let us thank Our Lord for not abandoning us to the wolves, and leaving us His Vicar, who represents Christ on earth until Our Lord comes again in glory.

Let us always pray for the Holy Father, who has the weight of the world on his shoulders and sits on this lonely throne, the chair of Saint Peter, and who has the responsibility to keep us all on the narrow path to heaven.

Saint Peter, pray for us.







Message From Color Corps Commander Cliff Miller Jr

Completed CC Activities since last report:

Sunday, May 5: CC acted as honor guard at the 12 noon Mass at St Marks Church and led the procession to the grotto afterwards for the May Crowning of Mary. Seven SKs attended.

Tuesday, May 14: CC acted as honor guard at the funeral mass for SK James Sparaco at 10 AM at St Timothy Church. Eleven SKs attended: 7 from Assembly 2722 4 from Assembly 3296

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 23: Funeral mass for SK Gerald Dye at St Mark's at 10 AM. CC will assemble at 9:30 AM

Friday, May 24:: CC will participate in a Patriotic Rosary conducted at St Vincent de Paul Church. Practice is at 10 AM with the rosary at 11 AM. Since patriotism is the 4th degree, everyone should make the effort to attend. It might prove to be uplifting.

Thursday, June 27: Installation of Officers of Council 13300 at St Vincent de Paul Church at 3 PM

Wednesday, July 10: Installation of Officers of Council 10034 and A 2722 at St Timothy's Church

Tuesday July 23 - Tuesday, July 30: Installation of St Joseph Icon at St Vincent de Paul

My thanks to the SKs who have sacrificed personal time to attend these events. Your continued commitment is deeply appreciated

Vivat Jesus