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Message from Faithful Navigator Joe Castrigno



The installation of Assembly Officers is scheduled for September 18 at 4:00 PM. We will start with Mass followed by Council 14222 installation and Assembly 3296 installation. The ceremonies should be finished by about 6:00 PM. Dinner in the Social Hall has

been opened to guests; all Knights, spouses and guests can attend. The cost is \$10 per person. Please let the Faithful Captain know if you will be at the dinner (Charles Fenstermaker, 610-574-0304, CFENSTY49@GMAIL.COM); we need a count for the caterer ASAP.

Officers elected for the 2024-2025 fraternal year are required to attend the installation. Everyone is invited to attend the installation and the dinner. The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Thanksgiving weekend in Orlando, but no details are available as yet. There are several Knights from Council 14222 who want to advance to the Patriotic Degree. Members of Council 13300 should determine how many members of that Council are eligible and how many wish to advance. We can attend the exemplification as a group. Paperwork must be completed by the end of October. We should also encourage new Assembly members to join the Color Corps. The Assembly reimburses \$300 toward the official 4th Degree uniform after participating in a call-out three times.

Initial planning for an Assembly Christmas Party has started. Last Christmas, about 15 of us met at a restaurant on the Epiphany for socializing and a shared dinner. A good time was had by all, so we are thinking of doing something similar for this coming Christmas season. Any thoughts and comments are appreciated.

On September 11th, there is a memorial service for our fallen heroes at St Mark's. The Color Corps will be there to show our support for first responders. If you can, please, be there at 10:00 AM for the ceremonies which last about two hours.

Presentation of US Flags to St Mark Parish

In a brief ceremony after the 12:00 noon Mass on September 1, Assembly 3296 together with Council 14222



presented two flags to the Parish. Two members of the Color Corps together with Michael Brooks, Grand Knight carried a new flag that was

accepted and blessed by Deacon Kevin Mukri, who is also a member of Assembly 3296.

After the flag was blessed, the old flag was taken down and the new flag raised. The gently used flag was given to the Women's Guild.

Knight of the Month - SKt Paul Martin

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In reviewing the service record of our current Officers, I find an average of 15 years credited service as an officer in one or more positions in any given



year. The range is from 51 years to 3 years counting both past and current positions. There are 7 officers who currently hold one position, five who hold two positions and two who hold three positions. As it turns out, the two officers currently holding three positions are the one with

the least service and the one with the most service. Five current officers have served as Grand Knight, two of the five as Faithful Navigator and one of the five as District Deputy.

Last month, SKt Bill Wirtz was recognized for his 51 credited service years starting in 2007 until today. This month, we recognize SKt Paul Martin for his



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willingness to assume responsibility for two elected positions as Deputy Grand Knight and Faithful Scribe and the appointed position of Program Director. Paul took on these responsibilities with no prior experience as an Officer but with a willingness to work for and contribute to the success of both Council 14222 and Assembly 3296. He is an example for all of us. Please prayerfully consider taking on responsibility as Paul did; most of our members have served in some capacity in the past in one way or another. I believe the service record of the current Officers is representative of all our members.

Congratulations to Deacon Kevin

Deacon Kevin Murki celebrates the 28th anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate on September 6. The Church recognizes transitional deacons and permanent deacons. Transitional deacons are those men who are on the path to ordination as priests. Permanent deacons are men who will remain in ministry as a deacon. Since they will not be ordained as priests, the Church permits men who are ordained to the permanent diaconate to be married. As part of his Ministry of the Word and as a Knight, Deacon Kevin attends both the Council and Assembly meetings and instructs us in many of the teachings and issues in the Church today. His lectures are always very interesting and enlightening. We are fortunate to have Deacon Kevin at our Parish and as a Knight.

August/September Honor Guard Activity

Color Corps Commanders Corner
September 2024

Sir Knights of the Color Corps:

During August we supported Funeral Masses for SK Jack Wilson (8/8/24), BK Michael Figurellis (8/19/24), BK Thomas Dietrich (8/20/24) and BK Charles Cornelius (8/31/24).

Completed CC Activities:

- Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Funeral Mass for SK John (Jack) Wilson at St. Vincent

dePaul Church. Nine Sir Knights were in attendance (5-2722; 4-3296).

- Monday, August 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for BK Michael Figurellis at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Eight Sir Knights were in attendance (6-2722; 2-3296).

- Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for BK Thomas Dietrich at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Seven Sir Knights were in attendance (5-2722; 2-3296).

- Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for BK Charles Cornelius at St. Vincent dePaul Church. Eleven Sir Knights were in attendance (6-2722; 5-3296).

Upcoming CC Activities:

- Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Silver Rose Prayer Service at St. Vincent dePaul Church.
 - Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 7:45 a.m. Silver Rose Mass and Prayer Service at St. Timothy Catholic Church.
 - Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. 9/11 Memorial Service at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.
 - Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for SK James Sinkewicz at St. Timothy Catholic Church.
 - Monday, September 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for SK John Lathrop at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.
 - Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Installation of Council 14222 and Assembly 3296 Officers at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.
- My thanks to all of the Sir Knights from both Assembly 2722 and 3296 who have participated. Stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally,

J. Michael Grindel/Clifford Miller Color Corps



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Lecturer's Reflection (Deacon Kevin Mukri): How to Follow the Two Great Commandments

Our Lord gave us His Two Great Commandments—to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

What must we do to follow these Two Great Commandments?

To love God, our neighbor, and ourselves, we must keep the Ten Commandments of God and of the Church, and perform spiritual and corporal acts of mercy.

Most people know the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Catholic Church. We review them when we examine our conscience before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Many people can't recite the corporal acts of mercy, but their hearts point them in the right direction. Our Assembly is very active in fulfilling the requirements of the corporal acts of mercy. The seven corporal acts of mercy are: Feed the Hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Visit the imprisoned; Shelter the homeless; Visit the sick; And bury the dead

But to love our neighbor and ourselves, the spiritual works of mercy are more important as they impact our eternal lives. They are: Admonish the sinner; Instruct the ignorant; Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful; Bear wrongs patiently; Forgive all injuries; And Pray for the living and the dead.

I would like to address two spiritual acts of mercy that are sometimes neglected.

To admonish a sinner does not mean to shame a person for their sin, but is an act of mercy because the correction is to right a wrong and draw out what is good. We are encouraging another to order themselves rightly to attain salvation.

Say for example, you have a friend skipping Sunday Mass without a good reason. This is a grave sin. Bringing this matter to your friend's attention is to draw out a good practice, attending Sunday Mass, and right the wrong of skipping Sunday Mass. It is an act of mercy.

Instructing the ignorant is so important as many don't understand the faith. Instructing a person to a complete understanding of what the Church teaches in an effort to bring virtue out of them is merciful.

While invincible ignorance may remove some culpability of sin, sin is offensive to God regardless of who commits it and why. So, it is not better to let them remain ignorant, but to teach them the truth so they too can be fully equipped to fight the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Following these Two Great Commandments are difficult, demanding, and require our full engagement. But if we strive to fulfill them, Our Lord will not abandon us and will give us the grace we need to stay on the road to salvation.

September Birthdays

JOSEPH F CHARLTON	Sep 06
BOGDAN JAKUBICKI	Sep 08
WILLIAM RYAN	Sep 10
FRANK R GIGLIO	Sep 13
PETER J BRACCHI	Sep 13
ROBERT E KANE	Sep 15
GERALD F BECKER	Sep 15
RONALD R DOUCETTE	Sep 15
THOMAS R CLARK	Sep 15
DENNIS MC MULLIN	Sep 20
GENNARO F REGINA	Sep 21
JOHN F RYAN	Sep 24
GENE VANDEVE	Sep 28



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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Start Time
01-Sept	Flag Presentation	St. Mark's	1:00 PM
18-Sep	Installation of Officers (mass, then council, then assembly)	St. Mark's	4:00 PM

Assembly Meeting 2024-2025 Social Hall

Date		Doors Open	Start Time
23-Oct	4 th Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
20-Nov	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
18-Dec	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM

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