

THE PATRIOT'S CALL: *United for Faith & Freedom*

Assembly 1818



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Dear Brother Knights,

I wish to extend to each of you, and to your families and friends, my heartfelt wishes for a joyful, healthy, and blessed Christmas. May this holy season fill your homes with peace, love, and the light of Christ.

This past year, through our unity and dedication, we have honored our veterans both living and departed by giving them the respect they so richly deserve for defending our freedom. In doing so, we have lived out our calling as Knights, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten and their legacy continues to inspire future generations.

As Knights of the Fourth Degree, the patriotic arm of our Order, we are reminded that our faith and our love of country are inseparable. As the Magi traveled far to pay homage to the newborn King, so too do we journey in service guided by the star of faith, strengthened by fraternity, and committed to the ideals of liberty and justice.

Let us remember the words of Scripture: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). In honoring our veterans and serving our communities, we are peacemakers, carrying forward the mission of Christ while upholding the values that make our nation strong.

May the Christ Child bless our Order, our families, and our beloved country. May He continue to guide us in faith, charity, unity, and patriotism.

Merry Christmas, Brother Knights, and God bless you all.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

George Barbiero

Faithful Comptroller



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Annual Christmas Dinner

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of Assembly 1818, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us for our Annual Christmas Dinner.

From the warm fellowship at the cocktail hour and the welcome remarks by SK Anthony Hopfinger to the patriotic pledge led by SK Rick Anderson, and the opening ode "God Bless America" led by SK Bill Jagenow, the evening was filled with faith, unity, and joy.

Dinner was truly delightful, and we are grateful to Father Saji for blessing our meal and guiding us with his evening benediction.

The following are some highlights from this great evening:

- SK Tony Hopfinger & SK George Barbiero shared a recap of Assembly 1818.
- Faithful Navigator SK Bernie Lanza presented two service awards.
- Sir Richard Anderson was honored with the Patriotic Award, a tribute to his tireless efforts in supporting our veterans and embodying the true spirit of patriotism. His commitment stands as a shining example of faith in action.
- Sir Marty Reis was recognized with a plaque for Sir Knight of the Year, in appreciation of his outstanding participation and steadfast leadership as Color Corps Commander. His devotion and energy have enriched our Assembly and inspired all who serve alongside him.

- SK Chuck Woodrum read the Prayer List.
- SK Bill Jagenow led us in song with some favorite holiday melodies.

Together, these moments reminded us of the strength of our brotherhood, the joy of service, and the blessings of faith.

Thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and helped make this evening such a success. Your presence brought warmth and meaning to our celebration.

May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire us in our service and fellowship.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!











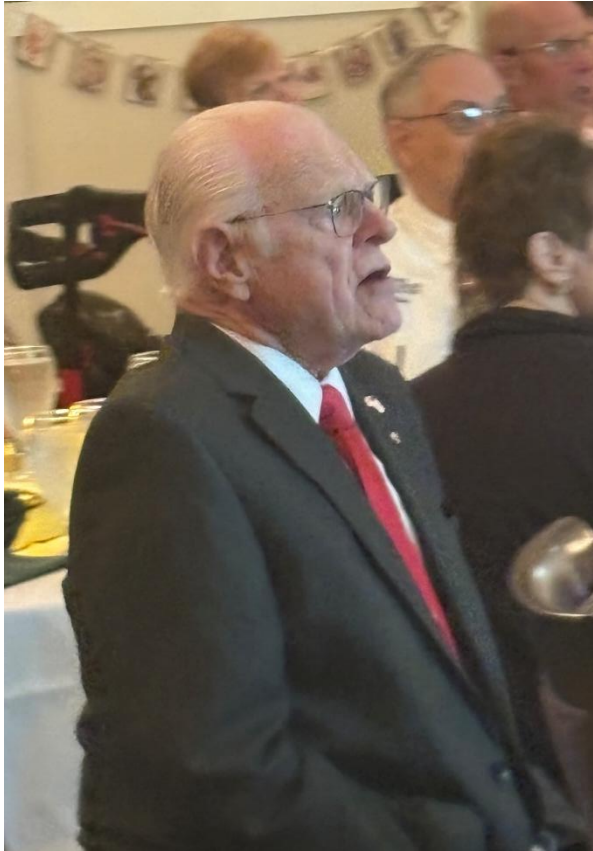














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