Assembly 2570 Fourth Degree

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The January monthly meeting was held via zoom due to the on-going COVID restrictions on the 28th.

In spite of the COVID restrictions, sir knights keep active with council activities and in support of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program. It has been reported by many that the COVID restrictions have caused dedicated prayer time, reflections on our many blessings and being thankful for family and friends.

The desire to get back to normal is very strong with some of our sir knights pushing for a return to live meetings. While this desire is fully understandable, we must, as the Fourth Degree community remain considerate of the most vulnerable members in our assembly and not put them in an environment of greater risk. Additionally, I have been encouraged not to schedule or promote activities that would give the appearance of being in conflict with state or local guidance or that issued from the Tyler Diocese. No matter our personal or political opinions, we must stay focused on the greater good of the entire Catholic faith community. We will get through this together.

The faithful navigator reported on purchase of personal and hygiene items for the veteran patients in the Dallas VA Hospital. He delivered the items through a drop-off system the hospital staff has implemented to contend with all COVID restrictions. The assembly received correspondence from the hospital director for patient services thanking the knights for their generosity and stating the items were greatly appreciated.

The faithful navigator reported on progress with assembly shirts. The order form was sent out again, but not all sir knights responded so the order deadline was extended. The option for having the sir knights name embroidered on the shirt was also announced. We continue to make progress to having a standard assembly shirt.

The schedule for the flag retirement ceremony on June 14th was also reviewed and the faithful navigator requested all sir knights planning to participate in that event to send an email/text to him indicating willingness to assist in that patriotic event. Sir knight Wray Morris will be in charge of collecting all the flags from the local VFW post for retirement during the ceremony. We are still planning a social gathering at a local restaurant after the ceremony is concluded.

The following article was highlighted in the Texas Knight and illustrates the efforts of the fourth degree members as they support the local councils in their charity activities.

 Clean Cars for Mobility and Warmth

After the rain stopped falling and the sky cleared, members of council 10524 in Athens, gathered their buckets and unleashed more water. The knights took advantage of the break in the weather to have a car wash which had been rescheduled several times due to COVID restrictions and unfavorable weather. Council 10524 has been conducting car washes in the St. Edward parish parking lot at least once a year to raise money for the Wheelchair Mission and Coats for Kids. The car washes have always been successful and this latest event was no different.

Event manager, council warden Freddy Hancock, indicated this was the best effort ever, in spite of all the restrictions and concerns regarding the COVID virus. The council received great support from community members who enjoyed getting a great car wash and being able to contribute financial support for these great programs. The council had a busy morning sharing fellowship with their brother knights while sending many clean cars and trucks back onto the streets of Athens. The council once again collected enough in contributions to fund their commitments to the Wheelchair Mission and Coats for Kids. In fact, this car wash was so successful the council was able to fund the purchase of more coats than originally planned. Over $1,000 collected! The coats were distributed to local area children in Henderson County through outreach programs including; The Peace Project, Henderson Help Center and The East Texas Crisis Center for Women. Well done council 10524!

Council 10524 Car Wash Captain Freddy Hancock checks the wash job on the last car through the line as team members look on approvingly. Members are, left to right, Chris Mix, Jim Curtis, Ron Clark, GK Bob Dietz, Tom Calderon and Albert Villalva. The car wash raised over $1,000 for the Coats for Kids and Wheelchair Mission projects.



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