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 27th.

In spite of the COVID restrictions, sir knights keep active with council activities and in support of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program. The faithful navigator reported on plans to provide support to the veterans in the Dallas VA Hospital. Face to face visits are still not possible; however the assembly will purchase personal items for the patients and deliver them to the hospital staff for distribution. The faithful navigator is in the process of confirming the shopping list and the date for delivering the items.

The faithful navigator also reported the art work (graphic emblem) for the shirts has been approved and the shirt order form will be sent out again to all sir knights via email. We are getting closer to having a standard assembly shirt.

The schedule for the flag retirement ceremony on June 14th was also presented. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled to start at 5 PM on the TVCC campus park area adjacent to the Athens Fire department. The Boy Scout district leader has been contacted and has committed to participate in the ceremony. After the ceremony, a social gathering over dinner at a local restaurant is planned.

A draft budget for the assembly has been sent to the officers for review and input. The major focus of the budget review process is to ensure expenses do not exceed revenue, all patriotic programs are funded as needed, and the allocated money for the memorial program, formerly the chalice program, is adequate and committed and identified in the financial records. The memorial committee continues to work on developing new guidance and procedures for the assembly Memorial Program. It will be the intention of the assembly to have all sir knights enrolled in the assembly program with the required contact information and any “last rites” requests.

The assembly still doesn’t have an official color corps as there are only two sir knights with the new Fourth Degree uniform. We will continue to work on increasing our numbers of members with the uniform. Sir Knights are encouraged to visit the supreme web site at kofc.org and review the procedures for ordering the new uniform. The vendor for the uniform has made an installment plan available for the purchase of the uniform.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th with the location to be determined by COVID restrictions. If the restrictions prohibit a live meeting we will be forced to stay with the zoom format.

As we approach the Lentel season, please consider supporting our local councils as they attempt to get back to normal in their support of our parish priests.

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