



**July 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News Letter: from the desk of Faithful Navigator, Rick Garcia**

Vivat Jesus,  
Brother Knights,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am your new Faithful Navigator, Rick Garcia for Assembly 522. As your Navigator I will do my very best to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities. Putting my introduction aside and get to the good news.

I want to thank all of my brother Knights and their lovely Lady Knights for all of the work that you all did to make our golf outing a great success. In spite of the thunder, lightning and heavy rains, that didn't keep our golf teams away.

The good news is that we will be presenting to a disabled veteran an all-terrain power wheelchair. We will be announcing the winner at a later date.

I also want to thank all our Ladies and Knights for their help in bringing a side dish for our Ladies Steak Fry.

In closing, I want to thank our past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Larry Ehinger for this past year of hard work. It is my hope that I can do as well as he and all our past Navigators have done.

Finally a reminder to our Color Corps of a call-out for Corporate Communion on July 29<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00am mass at Holy Family in Decatur. Please arrive a half hour early to dress in your regalia. I hope to see as many of you in attendance as possible. Please don't let me down.

Yours in Christ,

Your Faithful Navigator,

Rick Garcia

From your past Faithful Navigator, Larry Ehinger

The old sayings, where did the time go, and time flies when you are having fun – are very appropriate at this time. Two years is only a break-in period for a Faithful Navigator. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree is the patriotic degree for the Order of the Knights of Columbus. We celebrate the American Spirit of Unity, Fellowship and Patriotism. Unity is the united effort of all members and their families to come together for the many charitable projects we are known for, and in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and His holy church. Fellowship is the social part of our order, where we come together for a meal and program that allows us to know who, what and where our membership is and what is going on in their lives. It is an opportunity to grow and learn, to understand what needs are out there, and how we might sustain and assist our brothers and sisters in their time of need. (Editor's Note: We must have to wait for Patriotism in the next newsletter).

I would like to thank all of my Officers for their undivided attention and service to our Order, an all of our members for their participation. It is the sacrifices that you make that brings us success and we have certainly achieved that. At our golf outing, a joint project of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree and the Paw Paw post of the American Legion has netted enough to purchase a TRACK CHAIR for a disabled veteran, and a search is in progress for a candidate to receive it. The beginning price for a chair is about \$13,000.

It is my hope that a compromise may be forthcoming on the Regalia for the Color Corps so that all Assemblies may continue in their efforts to maintain an active Color Corps.

Please support our new Faithful Navigator, Rick Garcia, in executing the duties of this important office, in growing the membership numbers and the prosperity of the Patriotic Degree of Assembly 522.

Vivat Jesus, Larry Ehinger