



As I assume the highest mantle of Knighthood this year, I would like to thank all of you who have served and are serving their country. Reflect on the oath you took (and by extension your family took) on the mantle of defense of our country: *“I, (state name of enlistee), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers*

appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.”

The new Knights of the Square Table (KST) Executive Board for the year 2019-2020 is:

Grand Knight – Lady Sunny Wirth, TX
Immediate Past Grand Knight – Sir Marvin Weaver Jr, CO
Grand Knight Elect – Sir Paul DeSander, OE, MI
Exchequer – Sir Bill Billings Jr, OE, FL
Scribe – Sir Paul Siverson, OE, NC

It has been said “It’s easier to give money than time,” as time is so fleeting and expensive. So, take a part of your life and give it to someone. I challenge each one of you reading this to give 288 hours of volunteer time in the name of the Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA). That’s 12 days a year. This is not hard to do, if you need inspiration there are Knights volunteering to do all sorts of things:

- Cooking and serving meals for the homeless – many of whom are veterans
- Working in VA hospitals and clinics
- Visiting elderly veterans and spouses
- Attending ROTC/JROTC graduations
- Attending the burials of unaccompanied veterans
- Assisting in the Wreaths Across America program
- Riding in Rolling Thunder
- Attending Retiree Day functions and veterans’ recognition functions
- Assisting in Honor Flights
- Setting up and manning voter registration tables
- Working at sporting events - like Golf Tournaments hosted for Wounded Warriors
- Starting new chapters

For those who are on Facebook, I have created a KST Group. Please feel free to join and to submit pictures showing what you are doing and information about Knights. I have already received several positive comments about this action.

I also would like to encourage everyone to “Each One, Reach One.” So, let’s bring in one new member per knight. In addition, the Knights of the Square Table needs at least 25 new knights. Be looking at your chapter volunteers and those individuals who always help at conferences as

members-at-large. If we don't get a pool of knights, we won't have anyone to draw from for Order of the Sword or Order of Excalibur. Applications for knights need to be completed by the petitioner and endorsed by two knights – any level knight - and they do not have to go through your chapter. They are to be sent to the KST using the NCOA address (9330 Corporate Drive, Suite 708, Selma, TX 78154). Get them in as soon as possible, they are required to be there no later than 90 days prior to next year's conference. Don't wait until the last minute.

Knights, some of you need to look at the last time you paid your dues. Dues are due at end of conference every year, so if you haven't paid them for 2019 or prior to that - it is time. January 1, 2019 dues went to \$35 a year (except for Emeritus which are \$15), there are some advantages to paying for more than one year at a time. If you have any questions about your dues' status, you can contact myself, any Past Grand Knight, or anyone on the KST Executive Board.

The past few years have tested our diversity as our athletes, actors, politicians and American citizens have desecrated our President, our flag, our nation and our military services. As a patriotic veteran who believes in our country and what it stands for, I am appalled at those who would attempt to destroy it from within. As I begin my research into the upcoming elections, I will be extremely vigilant to ensure that the beliefs of those I am voting for support the beliefs of our great country and I ask you to do the same.

Strength in Unity!
The Voice of the Enlisted

Lady Sunny Wirth
Grand Knight