

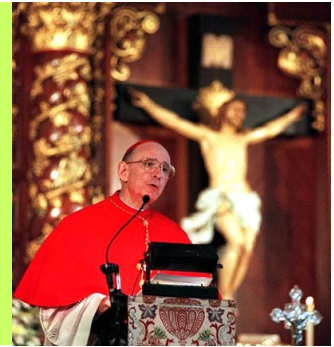


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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR NOTES

by SK Bob Raney

Brother Sir Knights,

Our meeting is at St Charles this month. Hopefully it will be the last time we have to move the meeting. I am planning on putting together the information on the Civic items for the Star Assembly Award in the next couple of months. The patriot part of the award will be the Flag retirement we do every year. We had a retirement in September where we retired over 1200 flags.

The last part for the award is membership. We need to increase our membership by about 10%. Everyone can help with this. There are plenty of degrees coming up in the next few months for Council members.

This year there are going to be several Patriot (Fourth) degrees. The next one is December 3rd at St Mary's on Xenia Ave Show time is 9:30 AM. After that there will be one at Council 500 on February 3, 2018.

Please talk with your Council members about becoming Fourth Degree members at these upcoming degrees.

The Elizabeth New Life Center in Kettering is in need of a new ultrasound machine as there's is wearing out. Please see the attached flyer for details on the ultrasound machine.

The Chapter Christmas Party is Saturday December 2nd at St Francis starting at 6:30. Please see the attached flyer for details for the Christmas party. The money raised at the party is probably going towards the Ultrasound machine

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Vivat Jesus

Knights Escort Fr. Ethan Moore at Family Rosary Rally, October 8, 2017



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PATRIOTISM



VA Activities

- October starts clothing drive for new hats, scarves, and gloves.
- Thursday, December 14: Gift giving, 7 PM VA hospital

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Denning	Oct 1941 - July 2016
Ron Christopher	Jun 1934 - Sept 2016
William Elliott	Mar 1930 - Oct 2017

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dea Bob Collins	Dan Goecke
Ed Hagerty	Jeff Hall
Roger Hesselbrock	Jim Marsh
Robert McDowell	Dea Bill Moore
Patrick O'Christie	Daniel Price
Paul Quolke	Joseph Rimkus
Calvin Romer	Paul Schwab
Larry Sweeney	

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

'Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.'

"INSPIRATIONS OF FAITH"

My Brother Knights,

My recent reading ("SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI" by G.K. Chesterton; "COMMON SENSE 101-- LESSONS FROM G.K. CHESTERTON" by Dale Ahlquist; and "NEW EVANGELIZATION - Passing on the Catholic Faith Today" by Cardinal Donald Wuerl), watching a movie series on EWTN about the life of St. John Paul II, and also listening to a few religious lectures I found at www.wordonfire.org has caused me to question the spiritual health of many of my fellow Catholics in today's world. The statistics are quite startling: more than 70 percent of "Catholics" are not attending Mass on a regular basis. Can it be that we are in the midst of a Spiritual Famine in our own society? By not going to Mass and not receiving Communion on a regular basis many Catholics are literally starving their Souls of the nourishment that Christ offers in the Mass and the Eucharist? Our human nature tends to gravitate toward worshiping something, but how is it that so many people now seek happiness by worshiping money, power, pleasure, and glory more than God? Therefore, I now find myself wondering what can be done to help inspire more people to participate in the Mass, to become more involved in Church related activities, and encourage more participation in the various programs offered throughout the year. What can be done to relieve this Spiritual hunger that is all around us? What can be done to make more people realize they need to feed their Souls on a regular basis and to make them feel welcome at Church? What can be done reach out to the Souls that are starving for God all around us? And just perhaps, this could make a difference in changing lives and preventing the many tragedies that seem to be so prevalent in society today. I have also come to believe that there is a fundamental need to help folks acknowledge and/or accept that religion is more than just a private affair. After all, do we not have a religious imperative to do unto others as we would have them do unto us? That cannot happen unless we get involved with our neighbors and live out our faith based moral and ethical values with one another in community. Perhaps we have all become complacent in acknowledging that religious traditions still permeate our culture and positively influence social structure. If so, how can we help our fellow Catholics realize/understand that there is more to being catholic than just attending Mass: there is a need to fully participate in the Mass and proclaim the Gospel in the way we live in society.

To help put some of these thoughts in perspective, I will borrow a few comments from a lecture given by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on what the Church and her moral teaching and her social teaching brings to modern culture today: early on in this lecture Cardinal Wuerl related a story from a previous presentation to an inter-faith gathering at Harvard University on what Faith brings to a modern pluralistic society, and a follow-up question from a self-professed atheist from the Harvard Law School (The Atheist asked: *"What do **you people** think you bring to our Society?"*) to which Cardinal Wuerl responded *"May I ask you a question?"* And the man said Yes. Then Cardinal Wuerl asks the following: *What do you think this world would be like if it were not for the voices of all those religious traditions that permeate our culture? What would it be like if you did not hear in the midst of all our communities things like you shall not Kill, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness? What would our culture be like if we had never heard religious imperatives like love your neighbor as yourself, do unto other as you would have them do unto you? How much more harsh would our world be if we hadn't grown up hearing blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers? What would the world be like if we were never reminded that someday we are going to have to answer for how we have lived in this world?"* Then Cardinal Wuerl said: *"And too his credit the man smiled very broadly and said: it would be a mess."* Cardinal Wuerl then continued on: *"And it would. What the religious faith, what the Catholic Church in her moral, in her social, and in her doctrinal teaching brings to the public square is what the church and faith has always brought, recognition of the spiritual dimension of human life, of our relationship to God..."* My Brother Knights our religion is much more than just a private matter; it is a necessary public expression of how to live and maintain a civilized society and has positively impacted the world for centuries. Let us not hide behind closed doors, but proudly live our Faith within our communities and demonstrate the Christian way of

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Fourth Degree members of Assembly 3056 escort Fr. Stephen Imbarrato in the Eucharistic procession and rosary at the abortion clinic on Saturday, November 4, 2017



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life in everything we do. We must not let the negatives created and sometimes perpetuated by human failings overshadow all the good. After all, religious truths have been instrumental and continue to help form the moral and ethical boundaries needed to have a truly free and modern society. Every society has rules and laws that guide daily living, without which there is chaos and religious truths and moral and ethical teachings are the foundation for living a Christian life. However, if we truly love our neighbor and will the good of the other, it is not prudent to permit our society to ignore core truths and degenerate into a mere battle of human wills because after all, we do believe “that someday we are going to have to answer for how we have lived in this world.”

If you wish to listen to more of Cardinal Wuerl’s talk (highly encouraged) it is the first lecture (about 10 min. in) found at www.wordonfire.org/resources/lecture/from-correlation-to-assimilation-a-new-model-for-the-church-culture-dialogue (June 23 2016), and you may also want to read the USCCB document on Forming consciences for faithful citizenship (a bit long) at www.usccb.org/issuesandactions/faithfulcitizenship. May God continue to give us the strength and courage to live our Faith through his Grace.

Vivat Jesus!

Danny Sprouse

COLOR CORPS NEWS by Jim Gehring

The first Confirmations in 2018 will be at St. Albert on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7 PM. Show time will be at 6:30 PM. Details on the other confirmations in 2018 will be published in the January 2018 newsletter.

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DON'T FORGET THE NOVEMBER 28 MEETING

