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NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Fraternally, Steve L'Etoile PGK, FN

FRIAR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mark Moretti

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN



I believe that all 15 new members will be joining our great Assembly by attending the next Exemplifications on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Westfield's Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA. For reservations: 800 236-2427.

I will be happy to come to any of your councils meetings to talk about the 4th Degree, just give me the date and time. God bless all.

PILOT'S LOG

Fraternally Tim Whitney, FDD

November's SK's Birthdays

Spouses Birthdays

Anniversaries

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

Fraternally, Ray Payette

Report: Membership 148, Honorary 1, Honorary Life 22, and Disability Exemption 4.

Dues statements will be mailed in December. For those who may be experiencing a hardship, please do not hesitate to speak to either our Worthy Faithful Navigator or Comptroller. Your notification will be kept in strict confidence.

CAPTAIN'S LOG

By Mr. Ed for Jon Anderson

SK's please **RSVP** if you are coming to our dinners to SK Jon Anderson at jon@r3mktg.com

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
10/26	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton w/Ladies
10/31	Exemplifications		Chantilly, VA
11/23	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only
12/6	Christmas Parade		Front Royal
12/8	Veterans Collection	9am	Luray, VA
12/12	Christmas Parade	5:30pm	Luray, VA
12/15	Veterans Collection	9am	Luray, VA
12/20	Bingo		VA Hospital, Martinsburg WV
12/28	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies



VETERANS FUNDRAISERS

Fraternally, Jon Anderson

We will be collecting for our Veterans at Walmart in Front Royal on November 7th & 14th and in Luray on November 8th & 15th.

Commander's Call

SK Jon Anderson

Recent Callouts: SK's

Mark Scanlon and Assistant

Commander Joe Tullington joined your

Commander to provide an Honor Guard for the Rosary Procession in Front Royal On October 4th.

PFN Ed Cook and Assistant Commander Joe Tullington represented the assembly at the annual Columbus Day Celebration at the Columbus Monument in Washington, DC on October 12th.

Future Callouts; The Assembly has been asked to again provide the lead Color Guard for the Christmas Parade in Little Washington on Sunday, December 6th. Muster will be at 12:30 p.m. Details to follow.

We have also been asked to provide the lead Color Guard for the Christmas parade in Luray on Saturday, December 12th. Muster will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, details to follow.

To SK's not in the Color Guard: If you would like to serve, please budget for your purchase of regalia (approximately \$450, not including tux), watch for certification dates (coming soon) and plan to get certified to serve in the Color Guard. Join your brother Sir Knights to represent the Assembly and the Order!

Council 5561 Fr. Veger

SK Stephen M. L'Etoile, PGK, FN

Council 6328 John Cempre

WHO



Columbus Day Celebration
Columbus Monument
Washington, DC

October 12, 2015

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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Council 7771 John Jenkins

SK Jon Anderson

Council activities during October included sponsorship of the Front Royal Pregnancy Center Walk for Life on 10/3, the St. John the Baptist rosary procession on 10/4, and cooking and serving breakfasts for the TMIY program (sixteen weeks in the fall and sixteen weeks in the spring).

In early November, the Council will help support the Assembly's efforts on behalf of Veterans causes by setting up and helping with the collections at the Front Royal Walmart on Saturday, 11/7 and Saturday, 11/14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. To sign-up to help with the collection, please visit the Council web site at www.kofc7771.com and click on the "Volunteer" tab or access the sign-up sheet directly by typing <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa4a92aabf85-help> in your web browser.

Later in November, the Council will be selling Christmas Cards as part of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program on the weekends before and after Thanksgiving, and will sponsor the annual Christmas Crafts Fair in Father Ruehl Hall on the weekend of 11/28-29.

Council 8393 Monsignor Heller

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr. PGK, PFN

We held our annual KOVA drive the weekend of October 10/11 at Walmart. The following Knights helped: GK Don Evans, Burrous Snellings, Paul Trowbridge, Keith Robinson, David Lightowler, Billy and Arron Starkey, Tom Van Derveer, Bob Fisher, and KOVAR Chairman Mr. Ed. We also a lot of help from school children: Sam and Troy Cave with Daulton Synder from PHS; Linda Erlanson from LHS, and Emmeline and Zander Snellings from Stanley Elementary School; Andrew, Austin, and Ayden Starkey from Luray Elementary. A total of over \$1253 was raised.



At our October 7th meeting we had a birthday cake for Mr. Ed whose birthday was that day.

We have scheduled a Polish dinner on Sunday the 25th of October.

We have voted in another new member that Mr. Ed

recruited. We now have two members waiting for their 1st degree which we will be taking them to soon.

OLVCC Loaves & Fished Backpack chaired by SK Burrous Snellings is again doing great. The 4th Sunday is the monthly collection for this program, cash or food.

We are signing Christmas cards for our military service members. We will be delivering the cards to veterans in local hospitals and will try to deliver to veterans at the VA hospital in Martinsburg WV.

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We have made arrangements with FAA for Santa to fly in to Our Lady of the Valley Christmas party on December 6th.

We will again be in Luray's Christmas Parade on December 12th with the Assembly's 4th Degree Color Guard leading the parade, our Nativity float, and Mr. Ed's barrel train that has our Council Sign on the engine.

Council 14755 Fr. Castillon

SK Jim Haley & SK Bill Jarrett, PFN

We will be taking Fr. Tuck for 3rd degree in Chantilly on October 24th, and the following Saturday October 31st to 4th degree also in Chantilly at Westfield Marriott Dulles Hotel.

Special thanks to Brother Fred Eggers and all participants in the Council organizing food pick-up and deliveries providing over 3½ tons of Food to Local Pantries in August, September, and October to date as part of Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project.

As part of the Fall recruitment drive, we brought in 4 new members in October.

The KofC Coats for Kids project included 24 coats delivered to County officials.

\$500 was donated in September to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center.

The NAMI Walk was supported by a Council donation.

We have had very successful KofC sponsored Saturday/Sunday after Mass socials.

Thanks to Councilor Felix Stenfels of Council 7771 coming to speak to our members about the KofC SQUIRES program for youth.

Remember Sir Knights to mark your calendars now to come and enjoy our annual little Washington Christmas parade this year on Sunday, December 6, starting at 1:30pm at 417 Warren Ave, where our assembly color corps will again lead the parade, and there will be twice as many fife and drum corps participants. Also Mr. Ed will have his barrel train in the parade.



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

SK Bill BostoOn

PRAYER REQUESTS

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr. PGK, PFN

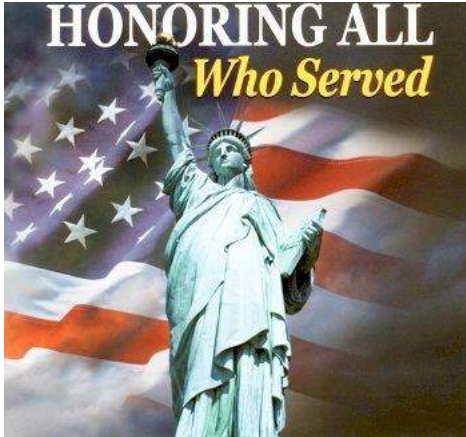
Please keep the following and their families in your prayers: David Lundblad, David Lightowler, Jim Bradecamp, Mat Hassan Family, Catholic church, Pope Francis, priests, country, KC brothers and their families, our men and women in military service

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to our country, all veterans both living and those who have given their all and are with the Holy family, "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them".

Please email me at TheMr.Ed@comcast.net with any prayer requests for the newsletter.



CHARITY

SK Jim Haley

Many, many thanks go out to all who so generously supported the Haley family for the NAMI Walks. The 5K Walk took place on a beautiful fall Saturday, October 17th, in Richmond. Each family member sported a green t-

shirt emblazoned with the theme for this year, "Never Give Up Hope" showing their support for NAMI Piedmont walking team. All NAMI Piedmont walkers took advantage of the opportunity to learn about many resources available throughout Virginia at the many displays and activities offered before the event.



The walk is the main source of NAMI Piedmont's operating funds for the entire year. Your support is tremendously helpful.

One in four adults and one in 5 children are diagnosed with a mental illness. The Haley Family walked to promote awareness and education, as well as, to help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. Should you ever need to talk to someone about a mental health challenge or concern, please feel free to call Jim or Jeanne Haley 540-636-4575. No one should have to travel a difficult road alone. NAMI Piedmont has many resources which can help. There is more information available at www.namipiedmontva.org.

PRO LIFE

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr., PGK, PFN

She Could Have Become
Miss America if
She'd Had an Abortion,
But She Chose Life Instead

Just over eight years ago, I became a dad for the fourth time. But things weren't easy for my son, Josh, on his first night.

In the first eight hours of his life, he stopped breathing six times. Four times he started back on his own; twice he was revived by staff members. The good news, the doctor would tell us later,

was that this was not an unheard-of situation and it would likely take care of itself.

Still, Josh was taken to the neonatal ICU (the NICU) for observation over the next several days.

Jenn and I made a lot of trips to the NICU during those five days. During one of those trips, I realized once again the value of what we do in pregnancy help ministry.

NICU families get a chance to visit with all of the nurses and physicians who take care of little ones and conversations often result. Such was the case one morning, when a nurse asked me, "What do you do for a living?"

I told her of my work with pregnancy help centers, and her response? "I had a feeling you did something like that," she said. Then, she had a story for me.

"There was a girl who won her state's pageant," she said. Actually, she told me the state but I'll leave it out here. "She was going to represent her state in the Miss America pageant. She had everything going for her; she was dating a football player and one day, they were going to get married."

My nurse friend continued. "But as her reign began and she was getting ready for the Miss America pageant, she found out she was pregnant."

I had no idea where she was going with this story.

"She could go on to the Miss America pageant if she wanted to, but she couldn't be pregnant," she told me. "So she had a choice."

No kidding, I thought. Can you imagine? This woman had an opportunity to be famous, to win the adoration of millions—if she would make one choice.

"But she wouldn't do it," Josh's nurse told me. "She went to the state pageant directors and relinquished her crown. She married the football player. She gave it all up to have that baby."

What a great story, I thought. But was it true?

"I'm glad she did," Josh's nurse told me. "That's my mom and dad. I'm the one she wouldn't give up."

I have no idea how many lives this nurse had a part in saving. Dozens? Hundreds? More?

But this isn't about numbers. It's about why we do what we do. Though she did not visit a pregnancy help organization, the mother of Josh's nurse chose life because of an inner strength in the midst of crisis. Not many have such strength.

To those we see, these decisions are just as difficult as the one faced by this nurse's mother. They may be struggling in a relationship, dealing with trying to get through school, or afraid of any one of dozens of scenarios.

We offer an opportunity for those who come in our door to breathe, to take the time necessary to gather up the courage to make a positive, life-affirming decision. The truth is, most who come in our door want to have this courage; they just need to know how.

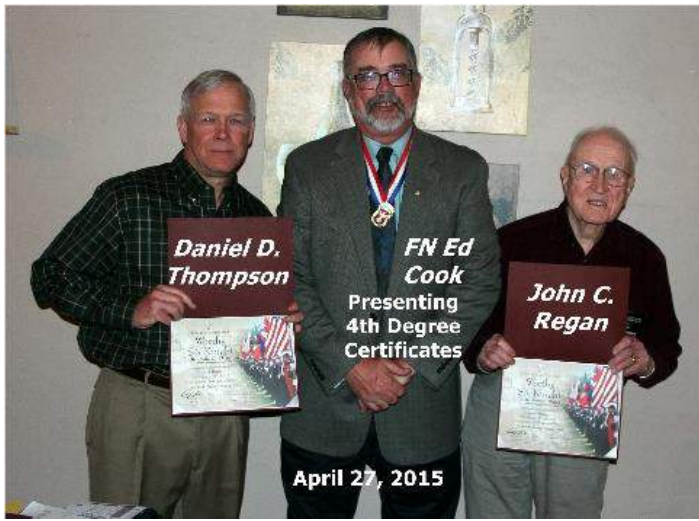
That's what we do, every day. And as time goes on, we continue to hear not just the stories of the moms and dads, but of the children too.

The story of Josh's nurse reminds me once again; what we do is not just about the moms and dads, it's also a story of the generation to come. Those few minutes now more than eight years ago help me to see a bright future for the sons and daughters of those who choose life today.

LifeNews Note: Kirk Walden is a senior writer with Pregnancy Help News, where this originally appeared, and an Advancement Specialist with Heartbeat International and author of *The Wall*.

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is Pro-Life.





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr., PGK, PFN

I want to clarify any confusion there may be, I offer the following as some guidelines that should be considered that was given to me by our Charter FN and by our 4th Degree Master. The preferable method of giving council reports should be in our newsletter "The Patriot", to help keep our meetings short and to the point. Please include some pictures if possible for "The Patriot". Please send the pictures as an attachment.

Examples of items that should be included are:

1. Degrees being conducted, first, second, third, or fourth.
2. Social events that Councils are having to which Assembly members are invited.
3. Events where the Color Corps is being requested or has rendered a service: i.e., wakes, funerals, officer installations.
4. Other events of interest to the Assembly membership, namely those deemed patriotic in nature in which the Council may be involved, fundraisers that other councils may want to consider, ideas on recruiting or keeping Knights from dropping out of the KofC.
5. Remember to take pictures of all events.
6. Remember to send me your PRAYER REQUESTS.

By having this information in The Patriot more of our members will be aware of what our Assembly is doing since only about 25% of our members come to our meetings and hopefully our meetings will not last so long. I know that I can count on your help with doing the reports this way.

The following Offices should have an article every month under their respected Title which will save a lot of time at our meetings:

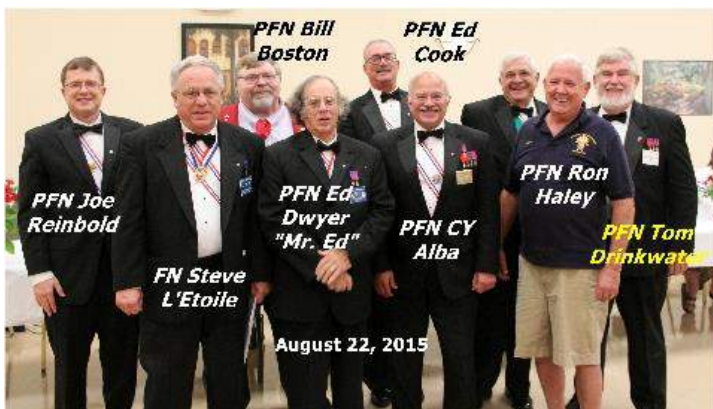
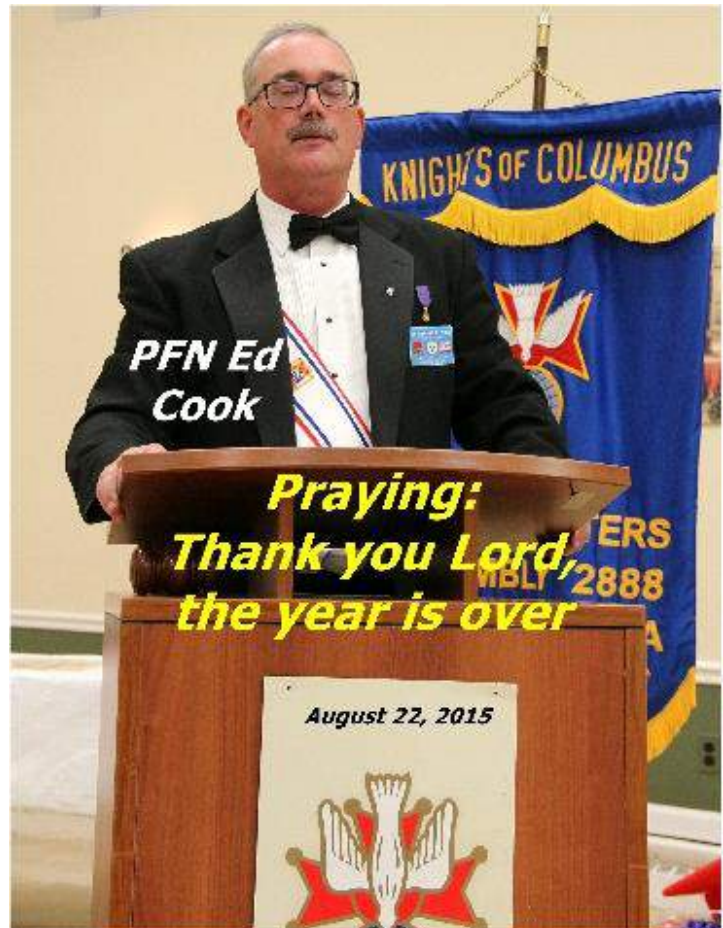
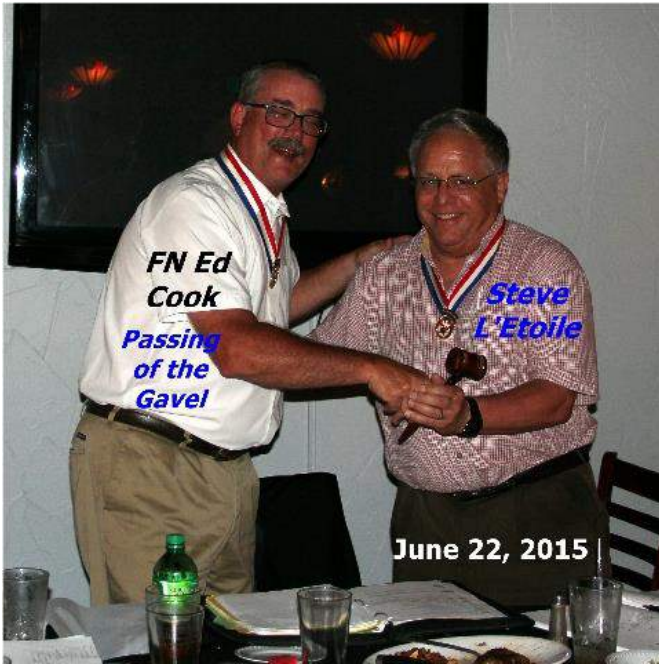
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Final note, The Patriot is your newsletter of what is happening in our Assembly and our Councils. It can only happen if each one of

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us do our job and give the Editor your input. Anyone can write something to be input to The Patriot, especially something for the Parting Shot or The Lighter Side. I am looking for someone to do an article on PRO LIFE and FOOD FOR THOUGHT. I hope that this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions. God Bless All Brother Sir Knights







The Lighter Side

SK Bill Jarrett, PGK, PFN

The Symphony was performing Beethoven's Ninth. In the piece, there's a long passage - about 20 minutes - during which the bass players have nothing to do. Rather than sit around that whole time looking stupid, some bassists decided to sneak offstage and go to the tavern next door for a quick one.



After slamming several beers in quick succession, one of them looked at his watch. "Hey! We need to get back!" "No need to panic," said a fellow bassist. "I thought we might need some extra time, so I tied the last few pages of the conductor's score together with string. It'll take him a few minutes to get it untangled."

A few moments later they staggered back to the concert hall and took their places in the orchestra. About this time, a member of the audience noticed the conductor seemed a bit edgy and said as much to her companion. "Well, of course," said her companion. "Don't you see? It's the bottom of the Ninth, the score is tied, and the bassists are loaded."



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TheMr.Ed@comcast.net Always in Christ, Mr. Ed



Parting Shot

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr. PGK, PFN



Many people confuse **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day**. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, **Veterans Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, **Veterans Day** is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

Remember **Veterans Day** is November 11th.

