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NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Fraternally, Steve L'Etoile PGK, FN

Sir Knights, another month of winter has passed and spring training is beginning. It won't be long! I believe the forecast for February 22 is favorable so our meeting and dinner with our ladies should be held as scheduled without threat of interruption.

Lent has started and we'll be upon Easter when the next edition of The Patriot goes to publication. Tempus Fugit! Please pay attention to Color Guard and Honor Guard callouts to come, especially for Easter Services at your various parishes.

During the month of March I will form a nominating committee for the purpose of establishing a slate of candidates for the next Fraternal Year. I would like the vote to take place at our May meeting.

Of final note, on Saturday February 13 a service was held at the Cathedral, where seven Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate were instituted as Lectors in the Diocesan Diaconate Formation Program. Bishop Loverde presided at the service and Mass.

One of the seven candidates was our own SK Ken Galvin, a longtime member of our order and parishioner at St. John Evangelist Parish in Warrenton. Please congratulate Ken when you have the opportunity!

FRIAR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mark Moretti



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

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 Ed Cook, Faithful Scribe, PFN

March SK's Birthdays

March Spouses Birthdays

March Anniversaries

FAITHFUL COMPTRROLLER

Fraternally, Ray Payette

Report: Membership Forward 160, Suspension 1, Transfer 1, Honorary 1, Honorary Life 25, Disability Exemption 4, Obligatory

Dues Members 130, Due Paid 92, Dues waived N/A, Dues in Arrears 38, and New Balance of Membership 159.

Second dues notices" were mailed on January 31st.

THANK YOU for all those who have responded to the second notice. A total of \$ 2,285.00 has been collected thus far in dues revenue.

All Final notices will be coordinated with our Faithful Navigator and Trustees. If you are having hardships in paying your dues this fraternal year, please consult with our Comptroller or Faithful Navigator. Your consultation will remain in strict confidence.

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

SK's please **RSVP** if you are coming to our dinners to

SK Jon Anderson at jon@r3mktg.com

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
2/22	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies
3/28	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only
4/25	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies
5/23	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only



VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Fraternally, Stephen M. L'Etoile, FN

VETERANS FUNDRAISERS

Fraternally, Jon Anderson



COMMANDER'S CALL

SK Jon Anderson

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), plan to attend a certification (see dates below) to get officially trained and certified to serve in the Color Guard. Join your brother Sir Knights to represent the Assembly and the Order!

For any SK's interested in serving as Color Guard Commander or Assistant Commander (both positions are appointed by the Faithful Navigator), Commander certification follows the basic Color Guard certification on the same date in the same location.

Color Guard Certification Dates:

February 20th, Fr. Robert W. McDonald council home, Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, Henrico, VA

April 10th, Roanoke, location TBD

April 16th, Hampton, Assembly 1164

For an update on location information, contact Jon Anderson: jon@r3mktg.com

Council 5561 Fr. Veger

SK Joe Tullington

The Council Youth Free Throw Contest was conducted on 31 JAN, with 9 participants, and Council winners in 8 different age/gender categories!

The annual Father/Daughter dinner dance on 13 FEB was a huge success with about 50 sets of dads and daughters enjoying a pasta dinner and dancing

Our Ladies Appreciation Dinner was held on 20 FEB.

We will be hosting our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, 12 MAR.

We will be distributing food baskets for Easter to 140 families in the area. The success of our car raffle allowed us to increase the number of families being helped by 12% from the Christmas distribution.



Council 6328 John Cempre

SK Robert Beattie

The John Cempre Council is providing Fish Suppers on the Friday's of Lent before Stations of the Cross at Precious Blood Church.

We will also be leading Stations on one of the Friday's.

The Council is planning a bus trip to one of the Washington Capitals games.

Council 7771 John Jenkins

SK Jon Anderson

The Council held a very successful sale of sub sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday. As usual, the sandwiches sold out!

On the weekend of February 20-21, the Council will bake and sell our very popular cinnamon buns after all the weekend Masses. This is a great fundraiser to support ongoing charitable activities.

The next First Degree ceremony will be held on February 24th before the regular business meeting. The Council has finally purchased degree ceremonial, so will not have to borrow them from other Councils. Thanks to those Councils that have lent ceremonial to us in the past!

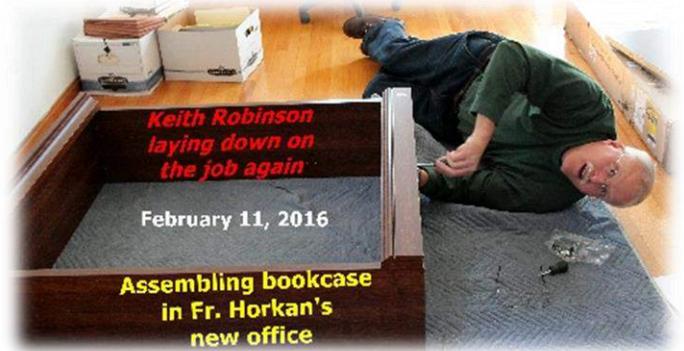


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Council 8393 Monsignor Heller

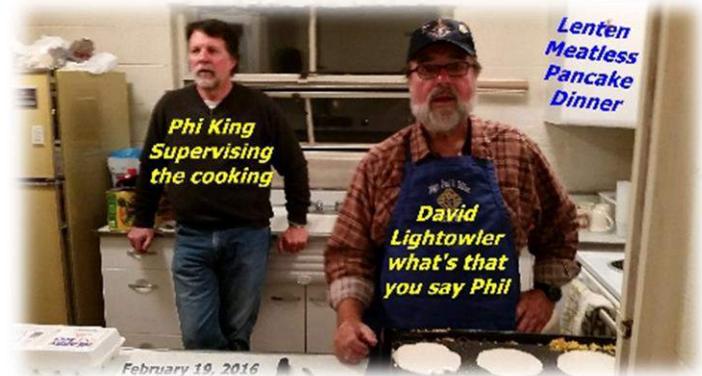
SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr. PGK, PFN, WE

Fr. Horkan led the opening and the closing prayers at our meeting. He asks for help on assembling some bookcases and file cabinets in his new office. Mr. Ed and Keith Robinson volunteer to do the job. They assembled the items on February 18th & 19th and Fr. Horkan took some pictures of their hard work.



It was decided that we will have some Lenten Meatless Pancake Dinner during lent and the first one will be February 19th. Phil Wirdzek, Tom Van Derveer, and Mr. Ed will start setting up at about 5pm and clean up afterwards; Burrous Snellings and David Lightowler will do the cooking and wash the dishes and clean the kitchen. Other Brother Knights that help were Jason Flatley, Phil King, and Don Evans.

We plan on doing them every other Friday, unless the demand is for more dinners. All Brother Knights and their family are invited. There will be a freewill offering jar for those who wish to contribute with donations going to our charity account. Hope that everyone who attends will stay for Stations of the Cross after dinner.



As part of the Diocesan wide program called "The Light Is On", Fr. Horkan will be offering educational presentations and confessions on Wednesday night during Lent. The talks, which will discuss great Catholic Americas, will be from 6:30 to 7:15 PM, confessions will be from 7:15 to 8 PM. All are invited.

Council 14755 Fr. Castillon

SK Bill Jarrett, PFN

Our February 13th Valentine's Wine and Cheese Saturday after Mass was a huge success and very well attended, including a 50/50 raffle and a 52 card raffle and a silent auction, with h'ordeuvres brought by Parishioners. Who says you must have a dinner for a successful evening fundraiser after the Saturday evening Mass!

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Our Council raised \$500 to donate to Brother SK Ed Kuta for VA Special Olympics Polar Plunge this weekend at Henrico for the Special Olympics VA. HOORAY!

Our Council's donation of \$500 to SK Edward Kuta's campaign on behalf of Special Olympics VA has become a challenge to Assembly 2888 Councils as SK Ed has raised \$3404 to date, and our Council \$500 brings it to \$3905, only \$1,095 short of his goal of \$5,000. Please encourage other

Assembly 2888 Councils to carry Ed Kuta over the top of his goal, which was set before he entered the hospital. GO, ED KUTA, GO!



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

SK Bill Boston

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

SK Burrous Snellings. PGK, PFN, FDD

Duties: The Parliamentarian speaks to the assembly only when requested and may provide explanation or advice, but may not make a ruling which is the duty of the presiding officer (Faithful Navigator).

On occasion, I will call a "point of order" in a meeting, not as the Parliamentarian but as a general member, as any member may do and should do if it seems that a motion or activity is out of order.

The Parliamentarian may assist the Assembly in the drafting and interpretation of bylaws and rules of order, and the planning and conduct of meetings. Sometimes the Parliamentarian will need to review the Assembly's governing documents and provide an opinion as to how to proceed within the rules. This may take some time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please keep the following and their families in your prayers: SK Ed Kuta, Catholic church, Pope Francis, priests, country, KC brothers and their families, our men and women in military service 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 any prayer requests for the newsletter to me at TheMr.Ed@comcast.net



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who

are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

PRO LIFE

SK Ray Payette

How to Defend Your Pro-Life Views in 5 Minutes or Less

By Scott Klusendorf

Suppose that you have just five minutes to graciously defend your pro-life beliefs with friends or classmates. Can you do it with rational arguments? What should you say? And how can you simplify the abortion issue for those who think it's hopelessly complex?

Here's how to succeed in three easy steps:

1) Clarify the issue. Pro-life advocates contend that elective abortion unjustly takes the life of a defenseless human being. This simplifies the

abortion controversy by focusing public attention on just one question: Is the unborn a member of the human family? If so, killing him or her to benefit others is a serious moral wrong. It treats the distinct human being, with his or her own inherent moral worth, as nothing more than a disposable instrument. Conversely, if the unborn are not human, killing them for any reason requires no more justification than having a tooth pulled.

In other words, arguments based on "choice" or "privacy" miss the point entirely. Would anyone that you know support a mother killing her toddler in the name of "choice and who decides?" Clearly, if the unborn are human, like toddlers, we shouldn't kill them in the name of choice anymore than we would a toddler. Again, this debate is about just one question: What is the unborn? At this point, some may object that your comparisons are not fair—that killing a fetus is morally different than killing a toddler. Ah, but that's the issue, isn't it? Are the unborn, like toddlers, members of the human family? That is the one issue that matters. (See the "Toddler Tactics" article for more on this.)

Remind your critics that you are vigorously "pro-choice" when it comes to women choosing a number of moral goods. You support a woman's right to choose her own doctor, to choose her own husband, to choose her own job, and to choose her own religion, to name a few. These are among the many choices that you fully support for women. But some choices are wrong, like killing innocent human beings simply because they are in the way and cannot defend themselves. 1 No, we shouldn't be allowed to choose that.

2) Defend your pro-life position with science and philosophy. Scientifically, we know that from the earliest stages of development, the unborn are distinct, living, and whole human beings. Leading embryology books confirm this. 2 For example, Keith L. Moore & T.V.N. Persaud write, "A zygote is the beginning of a new human being. Human development begins at fertilization, the process during which a male gamete or sperm ... unites with a female gamete or oocyte ... to form a single cell called a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual." 3 Prior to his abortion advocacy, former Planned Parenthood President Dr. Alan Guttmacher was perplexed that anyone, much less a medical doctor, would question this. "This all seems so simple and evident that it is difficult to picture a time when it wasn't part of the common knowledge," he wrote in his book *Life in the Making*. 4

Philosophically, we can say that embryos are less developed than newborns (or, for that matter, toddlers) but this difference is not morally significant in the way abortion advocates need it to be. Consider the claim that the immediate capacity for self-awareness bestows value on human beings. Notice that this is not an argument, but an arbitrary assertion. Why is some development needed? And why is this particular degree of development (i.e., higher brain function) decisive rather than another? These are questions that abortion advocates do not adequately address.

As Stephen Schwarz points out, there is no morally significant difference between the embryo that you once were and the adult that you are today. Differences of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency are not relevant such that we can say that you had no rights as an embryo but you do have rights today. Think of the acronym SLED as a helpful reminder of these non-essential differences: 5

Size: True, embryos are smaller than newborns and adults, but why is that relevant? Do we really want to say that large people are more human than small ones? Men are generally larger than women, but that doesn't mean that they deserve more rights. Size doesn't equal value.

Level of development: True, embryos and fetuses are less developed than the adults they'll one day become. But again, why is this relevant? Four year-old girls are less developed than 14 year-old ones. Should older children have more rights than their younger siblings? Some people say that self-awareness makes one human. But if that is true, newborns do not qualify as valuable human beings. Six-week old infants lack the immediate capacity for performing human mental functions, as do the reversibly comatose, the sleeping, and those with Alzheimer's Disease.

Environment: Where you are has no bearing on who you are. Does your value change when you cross the street or roll over in bed? If not, how can a journey of eight inches down the birth-canal suddenly change the essential nature of the unborn from non-human to human? If the unborn are not already human, merely changing their location can't make them valuable.

Degree of Dependency: If viability makes us human, then all those who depend on insulin or kidney medication are not valuable and we may kill them. Conjoined twins who share blood type and bodily systems also have no right to life.

In short, it's far more reasonable to argue that although humans differ immensely with respect to talents, accomplishments, and degrees of development, they are nonetheless equal because they share a common human nature.

3) Challenge your listeners to be intellectually honest. Ask the tough questions. When critics say that birth makes the unborn human, ask, "How does a mere change of location from inside the womb to outside the womb change the essential nature of the unborn?" If they say that brain development or self-awareness makes us human, ask if they would agree with Joseph Fletcher that those with an IQ below 20 or perhaps 40 should be declared non-persons? If not, why not? True, some people will ignore the scientific and philosophic case you present for the pro-life view and argue for abortion based on self-interest. That is the lazy way out. Remind your critics that if we care about truth, we will courageously follow the facts wherever they lead, no matter what the cost to our own self-interests.

Notes:

1. Gregory Koukl, *Precious Unborn Human Persons* (Lomita: STR Press, 1999) p. 11.
2. See also, T.W. Sadler, *Langman's Embryology*, 5th ed. (Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders, 1993) p. 3; Ronand O'Rahilly & Pabiola Muller, *Human Embryology and Teratology*, 2nd ed. (New York: Wiley-Liss, 1996) pp. 8, 29.
3. Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology* (Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company, 1998) p.2.
4. A. Guttmacher, *Life in the Making: The Story of Human Procreation* (New York: Viking Press, 1933) p. 3.
5. Stephen Schwarz, *The Moral Question of Abortion* (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1990) p. 18.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SK Fr. Edward Horkan

Because the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus especially emphasizes patriotism, it would be helpful to focus on the Catholic meaning of that virtue. In his last book *Memory and Identity*, a commentary on 20th century history, Saint John

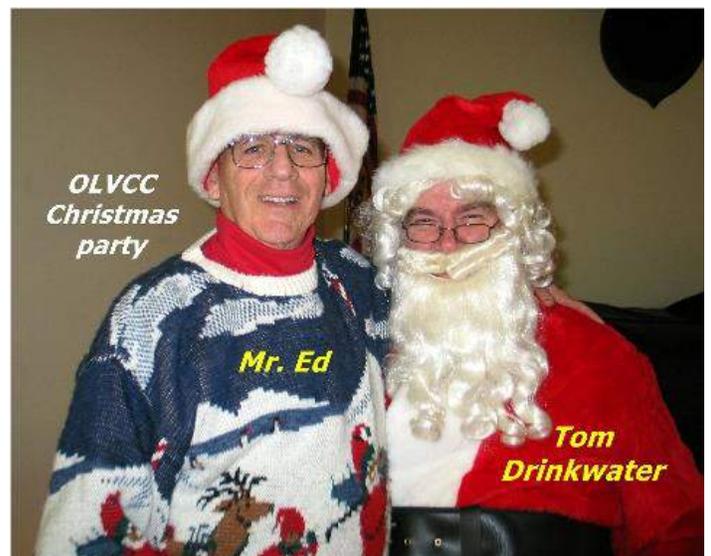


Paul II wrote "patriotism is a love of everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features" extending also "to the works of our compatriots and fruits of their genius." He portrayed the history of nations as a struggle to bring out the unique culture that God intends for them in opposition to things that would destroy them, whether decadence and tyranny within or enemies without. As Saint John Paul II wrote, "Freedom – a continuing conquest. // It cannot be simply possessed! // It comes as a gift, but keeping it is a struggle."

Thus, a patriot will fight for his country and appreciate her gifts, as for example the patriots of Ireland and Poland defended their nations' identity in the midst of centuries of foreign occupation. But a patriot also passionately desires to correct the flaws that keep his country from becoming the sacred land that God wishes her to be. As G.K. Chesterton pointed out, to say, "My country right or wrong" is like saying, "My family drunk or sober."

Someone who truly loves a person or a nation will not justify their faults, but rather try to overcome them.

Thus, the prophets were the greatest of Israel's patriots, for they defended God's vision for their nation against all foes, physical or moral. As St. Justin the Martyr wrote in a letter to the Roman emperor around 160 A.D., the persecuted Christians were the best of Romans, for they lived out the justice and order that had made Rome great. In the early 16th century England's greatest patriot was the Catholic martyr St. Thomas More, who defended the rule of law and virtue that England had stood for, when most others were fawning over King Henry VIII and praising his vices, and who died saying, "I am the king's good servant, but God's first." And likewise, a true American patriot will defend this country and all that is best in it. For this nation has received a unique calling in human history to defend human rights and dignity, a calling which is often observed most clearly by others. Thus, for example, the 19th century French social reformer Alexis de Tocqueville described in his classic *Democracy in America* many of our defining characteristics, including our defense of the rights and goodness of each person and a desire that all people have a good education and an opportunity for success. As Catholics, we oppose the culture of death, decadence, mediocrity, and relativism that would destroy this calling; and we work and pray so that this country will truly become a people of freedom under divine law, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."







The Lighter Side

SK Edward G. Dwyer, Jr. PGK, PFN



This is a stitch....gotta love Catholic humor..!!!!

A cabbie picks up a Nun. She gets into the cab, and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her.

She asks him why he is staring.

He replies: "I have a question to ask, but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that..."

1. You have to be single and

2. You must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says,

"Yes, I'm single and Catholic!"

"OK" the nun says. "Pull into the next alley."

The nun fulfills his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road,

the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," said the nun, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me, but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess,

I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin

and I'm going to a Halloween party!"

O Nooooooo!!!!!!

Parting Shot

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