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NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Fraternally, Steve L'Etoile PGK, FN

By the time you read this newsletter we will be well into Holy Week. I hope that each of you have had a productive Lenten season and are prepared for the glorious feast of Easter.

My wife Susan and I wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday.

There are four more months remaining in this fraternal year and preparations are underway to assemble a slate of candidates for officers for the next Fraternal year 2016-2017. We need to publish the slate and vote at the May meeting. Our nominating committee has been asked to solicit candidates for office. If/when you are approached please answer the call and consider becoming an officer in YOUR assembly.

The second 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled for this year, a one day event, will take place in Roanoke, VA on Saturday April 9, 2016. A number of candidates voted into the 4th degree, recently and in past years, still need to take the degree to become an official Sir Knight. They will be contacted and hopefully will be able make the trip to Roanoke.

At our April meeting the Assembly will participate in the "Renewal of Obligations" ceremony. The ceremony will be conducted by Cy Alba, the immediate Former Master of the Provence.

Please remember that our second visit to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg WV is scheduled for May 15. This will allow us another opportunity to spend an afternoon assisting with the BINGO games for the resident VETS.

In closing and on a sad note, SK Bob Fisher passed away Wednesday March 16th. Please pray for his soul and keep his wife and family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

FRIAR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mark Moretti



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

April 9th will be here before we know it and that is when the last 4th Degree Exemplification for this Fraternal year will be held. Hotel/Lodging at Comfort Inn Airport 5070 Valley View Boulevard



(Route 101) Roanoke, VA 24012,
540-527-2020 Reservations: 888-217-5551 Website:
choicehotels.com/Virginia/Roanoke/comfort-inn-hotels/va302
Hopefully all those candidates who have submitted their application will be attending. Sponsors, those who recruited these gentlemen into our assembly should have contacted those candidates by now, if not please do so ASAP. God bless all.

PILOT'S LOG

Fraternally Ed Cook, Faithful Scribe, PFN

April SK's Birthdays



William Sholar III	4/1	Robert Beattie	4/3
John Adams III	4/5	RC Garcia	4/6
Michael Dennis	4/9	David Van Dyke	4/9
Robert Forrest III	4/14	Don Evans	4/16
Geoff Grambo	4/17	Ken Garlem	4/23

April Spouses Birthdays

Stephen L'Etoile's wife Susan	4/11
Timothy Whitney's wife Patricia	4/12
Sandy Newman's wife Valerie	4/13
Robert Ward's wife Rose	4/15
Scott Lloyd's wife Ann	4/20
Robert Forrest's wife Deborah	4/29
Frank Quarto's wife Peg	4/29

Happy Birthday



April Anniversaries

Sandy and Valerie Newman	4/2
Jarl and Magdalene Blank	4/5
Stephen and Susan L'Etoile	4/11
Felix and Chrissy Hernandez	4/18
Timothy and Patricia Whitney	4/25
Jon and Nancy Anderson	4/26
Robert and Glenda Fisher	4/30



FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

Fraternally, Ray Payette

Report: Membership Forward 160, Suspension 0, Transfer 0, Honorary1, Honorary Life 25, Disability Exemption 4, Obligatory Dues Members 130, Due Paid 103, Dues waived N/A, Dues in Arrears 27, and New Balance of Membership 160.



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

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

SK's please **RSVP** if you are coming to our dinners to [SK Jon Anderson at jon@r3mktg.com](mailto:jon@r3mktg.com)

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
3/28	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only
4/9	Fourth Degree Exemplification		Roanoke
4/25	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies
4/29-5/1	State Convention	Herndon	VA at Hyatt Hotel
5/23	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only
6/27	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies



VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Fraternally, Stephen M. L'Etoile, FN

VETERANS FUNDRAISERS

Fraternally, Jon Anderson

COMMANDER'S CALL

SK Jon Anderson

Kudos to PFN Bill Jarrett for attending the both the Color Corps and Commander training sessions on February 20th in Henrico.

REMINDER: SK's wishing to serve in the Color Guard, not only need to be initially certified by attending a training session, but then also need to be re-certified every two years. Color Guard members, if you forgot when you last attended a training session, check your certification card for the expiration date.

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 tax), 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:

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

Our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance was held on Saturday, 12 March. About 100 people enjoyed great food including the standard corned beef, cabbage and Irish soda bread; and then fun dancing to the music provided by Carl Bowman of Family DJ. The group was also treated to a dance recital by the Boyle School of Irish Dancing, from Manassas.

The Lenten Fish Fry was held on 18 March for the parish community.

The Feed the Hungry food basket distribution for Easter was completed on 19 March. Once again a great turnout of Brothers and their families resulted in preparing the baskets quickly.

Eight Council Youth Free Throw contestants earned the honor to compete at the State championships on 19 March.

The annual final Fairfax Wildlife Club Turkey Shoot of the season (held 19 March) benefitted the Curley family! The Council donated \$500 towards the benefit.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, 26 March, for all children of the parish.

Brother Dr. Jim Dobbins conducts a weekly Catholic discussion session following the Sunday 9:00 mass. His presentation "The Meaning of Divine Mercy" has been posted to the Council Website, under the Groups Tab (Catholicism Discussion Group).

The Council will conduct our Spring Recruitment drive the weekend of 9-10 April.

A Pasta Dinner will be held for parish community on 16 April; proceeds will be given to St John the Evangelist School library to purchase new books.

Council 6328 John Cempre

SK Robert Beattie

Council 7771 John Jenkins

SK Jon Anderson

Key dates for coming events:

April 16-17: Roadside clean-up

May 7: First Saturday Mass

May 7-8: Parish Food Drive

Also, mark your calendar for June 11th, when the Council will host our 4th Annual Vocations Celebration Dinner. Details on tickets and location will follow next month.

Council 8393 Monsignor Heller

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

March 13th all the Irish in the Parish attended our St. Patty's dinner. The food was outstanding as usual and we had some beautiful door prizes to give away thanks to GK Don Evans.



Everyone had a great time socializing with other members of the parish. Mr. Ed was all dressed out in his Leprechaun outfit.

Our 2nd Lenten Meatless Pancake Dinner was held on March 18th. Phil Wirdzek, 2 LDS Missionary, and Mr. Ed started setting up at about 3:30pm; Burrous Snellings and David Lightowler did the cooking and washed the dishes and cleaned the



kitchen again. Other Brother Knights cleaned up after the dinner.

All Brother Knights and parishioners were 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.



Wednesday night March 16, 2016 we lost another great Catholic Man

SK ROBERT BOSWELL FISHER

September 11, 1937 – March 16, 2016

Bob was outstanding Knight and a Volunteer for many things. Whenever I needed help for a KofC or Page One project, Bob always answer the call. He and his lovely wife Glenda helped many nights on the Luray Evenings on Main Concerts cooking for the Knights or Page One. They also volunteer every Tuesday morning at Page One food pantry. Every year Bob helped collect money for KOVAR and Veterans at Walmart. Below is the last picture I have of Bob which was published in Page News & Courier on March 17th, which he never saw.



There was a wonderful memorial mass for Bob on Saturday March 19 at OLVCC. Bob's two daughters, Tereasa and Deena, and daughter-in-law Paula gave some very remarkable facts and stories about Bob. I was asked by the family to say a few words about Bob's involvement in the Knights. A funeral service was conducted on Monday March 21, at St. Ignatius Church in Oxon Hill, Md., with interment at Resurrection Cemetery next to his Mother. Bob may you Rest In Peace.

Council 14755 Fr. Castillon

SK Bill Jarrett, PFN



Our March Council Meeting followed the 7:15pm Rosary was our last Tuesday meeting as Worthy Grand Knight Bob Ward held the vote as expected and all unanimously voted to return to the original 2nd Monday of the month schedule to begin at 7:30pm following Rosary. In attendance was our newest 2nd Degree Brother Peter Stenner who had traveled to Winchester with Jim Haley and Bill Jarrett for the ceremony with 5 other applicants. Congratulations, Brother



Peter! We were honored at our Council meeting with the attendance of District Deputy Bill Boston. Our Lector Bob Klaus gave an informative talk about the history of the two church calendars. Our Pastor SK Fr. Horace Grinnell gave inspiring words reminding us of the Easter activities ahead. VIVAT JESUS.



PARLIAMENTARIAN EPORT

SK Burrous Snellings. PGK, PFN, FDD



TRUSTEE'S REPORT

SK Will Smith, PFN



In a couple of months we will be voting for officers to serve the Assembly for the next fraternal year. At our last meeting the Faithful Navigator delegated the Trustees to be the nominating committee for selecting a slate of candidates to be voted on to serve as our new officers. All members in good standing are eligible to serve as officers. If any member desires to be

a candidate he is asked to notify any one of the Trustees (SK Will Smith, SK Roy Francis or SK Bill Jarrett) of his interests. You may be a candidate for any position but in particular we need candidates for Pilot and Scribe. The primary duty of the Pilot is to set up the chambers for our meetings. The Pilot also becomes the leading candidate to move up to Captain and then to Navigator in succeeding years. The primary duty of the Scribe is to document minutes of our meetings. We solicit your interest in becoming candidates for officers and look forward to presenting a strong list of nominees to be voted on by the Assembly at our May meeting.



Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Please pray for the soul of SK Robert Fisher that he may be accepted quickly into paradise by our Lord and keep Bob's widow Glenda and the entire Fisher family in your prayers that they be given strength during this very difficult time. Please keep the

following and their families in your prayers: Brother Jim Bradecamp is in hospital, Brother Bill Folgelberg's wife Bonnie has been diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer, 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 & Dead

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen.

Most merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I pray you by the agony of your most sacred heart, and by the sorrows of your Immaculate mother, to wash in your most Precious Blood the sinners of the world who are now in their agony, and those who have died.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

This story should keep us all thinking. This is a true story of something that happened just a few years ago as USC. There was a professor of philosophy there who was a deeply committed atheist. His

primary goal for one required class was to spend the entire semester to prove that God couldn't exist. His students were always afraid to argue with him because of his impeccable logic. Sure, some had argued in class at times, but no one had ever really gone against him because of his reputation.

At the end of every semester on the last day, he would say to his class of 300 students "If there is anyone here who still believes in Jesus, stand up!" In twenty years, no one had ever stood up. They knew what he was going to do next. He would say, "Because anyone who believes in God is a fool. If God existed, he could stop this piece of chalk from hitting the ground and breaking. Such a simple task to prove that He is God, and yet He can't do it." And every year, he would drop the chalk onto the tile floor of the classroom and it would shatter into a hundred pieces. All of the students would do nothing but stop and stare. Most of the students thought that God couldn't exist. Certainly, a number of Christians had slipped through, but for 20 years, they had been too afraid to stand up.

Well, a few years ago there was a freshman who happened to enroll. He was a Christian, and had heard the stories about this professor. He was required to take the class for his major, and he was afraid. But for three months that semester, he prayed every morning that he would have the courage to stand up no matter what the professor said, or what the class thought. Nothing they said could ever shatter his faith...he hoped. Finally, the day came. The professor said, "If there is anyone here who still believes in God, stand up!"

The professor and the class of 300 people looked at him, shocked, as he stood up at the back of the classroom. The professor shouted, "You FOOL!!! If God existed, he would keep this piece of chalk from breaking when it hit the ground!" He proceeded to drop the chalk, but as he did, it slipped out of his fingers, off his shirt cuff, onto the pleat of his pants, down his leg, and off his shoe. As it hit the ground, it simply rolled away unbroken. The professor's jaw dropped as he stared at the chalk. He looked up at the young man, and then ran out of the lecture hall. The young man, who had stood, proceeded to walk to the front of the room and shared his faith in Jesus for the next half hour. 300 students stayed and listened as he told of God's love for them and of His power through Jesus.

You have two choices:

1. Pretend you never read this
2. Pass this along to your Christians and non-Christians friends, giving them encouragement we all need every day

When you choose option 2, you have chosen to STAND UP. In light of the many jokes we tell to one another for a laugh, this is a little different. This is not intended to be a joke, it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.....

Isn't it funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Isn't it funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Isn't it funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says? Or is it scary? Isn't it funny how someone can say "I believe in God" but still follow Satan (who, by the way, also "believes" in God)

Isn't it funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Isn't it funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of Jesus is suppressed in the school and workplace? Isn't it funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week? Are you laughing?! Isn't it funny how when you go to tell someone this, you won't, because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you



for telling them. Isn't it funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me?

WILL YOU pass this on? I DID



A Pilgrim & Priest

Fr. Edward Horkan

THE DICTATORSHIP OF RELATIVISM VERSES THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

As you may have heard, Bishop Loverde is asking all Catholics and people of good faith to pray, especially on First Fridays, for the Little Sisters of the Poor and their defense of religious liberty. The prayers are particularly timely as the Supreme Court considers their appeal against the contraception mandate handed down by this Administration. Given that request, a little background may be in order.



First, freedom of religion is the very first freedom guaranteed, not only by the Bill of Rights, but also by the Magna Carta, the foundation of the Anglo-American system of political rights. So important is religious freedom that Thomas Jefferson's gravestone puts his defense of it alongside the Declaration of Independence, reading "Here lies Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom and founder of the University of Virginia." Recognizing the importance of this right in the face of the modern regulatory state, Congress passed the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act by a unanimous vote in the House of Representatives and a 97-3 vote in the Senate. With President Clinton's signature, the act provided that no federal law could impose a substantial burden on a person's religious belief unless doing so necessary to protect a compelling state interest.

Unfortunately, in the time since, that consensus to protect religious liberty has eroded because of demands, not only to permit, but even to fund licentious practices. There are many examples of this erosion of religious liberty in the face of what Pope Emeritus Benedict called just before his election "the dictatorship of relativism." One egregious example comes from the contraception mandate that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a regulation under the 2010 Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare. This regulation mandates that all health care plans cover all forms of artificial contraception, including such drugs as ella, which can lead to abortion if the contraceptive purpose fails. (In what can only be read as hostility to Catholic morals, the mandate does not cover counselling for natural family planning, which the Catholic Church supports.) The only exemption from this regulation is for churches themselves, and entities directly connected to them. And so the mandate requires coverage of all forms of contraception through health care plans run by all businesses and even religious

nonprofits, such as schools, hospitals, and charities, including the homes for the elderly that the Little Sisters of the Poor run.

Rightfully, many business and nonprofits filed lawsuits, saying that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act forbids this sort of regulation. And, in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, the Supreme Court held by a vote of 5-4 that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act does prevent the regulation from mandating that closely held businesses cover contraception if the owners morally object to it. In response to that case, and overall outrage over the regulation, the Obama administration has created several versions of a so-called opt out provisions for nonprofits and closely held corporations. However, the latest version of this so-called accommodation does not protect religious liberty. In that version, if a company or a nonprofit objects to contraception, then they have to file a form with the federal government to that effect. That form alone would not be the problem. However, under the regulation, the government sends the form to the insurance company that covers or administers the health care plan. And then, in an Orwellian twist of logic, the organization's very objection to contraception becomes a mandate that the insurance company provide free contraception to all of the people covered by the health care plan. In theory the insurance company is supposed to pay for the contraception itself, but of course such a company would consider this cost when it sets its premiums. The Little Sisters of the Poor and other religious nonprofits and businesses clearly cannot cooperate with this mandate for it would involve making their health care plans a conduit for the immoral distortion of human fertility, and even for drugs that can work as abortifacients. The only alternatives would be to cancel the insurance coverage for their employees (and pay an annual \$2000 per employee fine for doing so) or keep the health care plan without contraception and pay a crippling fine of \$100 per day per employee.

It is ridiculous enough that artificial contraception as medicine. For contraception does not cure or preserve the body as real medicine does, but rather make it malfunction; and in the case of ella, it can even kill an unborn child. Contraception does make the body function as the user wants, but then again so do tobacco and steroids that build up muscles; and we do not consider that



medicine. But even if a person considered contraception to be real medicine, he should recognize that it is easily available in stores. One would not mandate that an employer who believes in organic food, or health food generally, violate even his convictions on culinary matters by serving unhealthy food at business functions. One would not mandate that an employer who opposes gambling include Las Vegas or Atlantic City in the destinations for conventions. Surely Catholic sisters who care for the elderly should receive even more protection.

Sadly, an appellate court ruled against the Little Sisters of the Poor, as several other courts did to other religious organizations, although one appellate court supported religious liberty with regard to the contraception mandate. But then last July the Supreme Court placed a hold on the regulations until it could hear the case, which it did on March 23. Not only Catholics, but all people who believe in religious liberty should pray and work that the Court and the American people support these courageous nuns in their fight for faith and freedom.



PRO LIFE

SK Ray Payette

Intercessory Prayers: Children - Born and Unborn

Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." -*Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

For orphaned children throughout the world, and especially those who are abused or neglected: that we might work to save them;

We pray to the Lord: For children who are unwanted by their parents: that God's grace might send others to love and care for them;

We pray to the Lord: For the children of our country, especially those who are forgotten or neglected: that their presence might remind us of the infinite value of human life;

We pray to the Lord: For every little child: That we might accept and preserve each one as a sign of the infinite love of God for us;

We pray to the Lord: For all unborn children: that our love for them may keep them safe until the joyous day of their birth;

We pray to the Lord: That the Lord, who rescues the life of the poor from the power of the wicked, might send an Angel to guard and protect all unborn children;

We pray to the Lord: For every little child, and especially for those who live in their mother's womb: that they might grow in the image and likeness of the God who made them;

We pray to the Lord: For the littlest child in her mother's womb: that in her life we may see the infinite love of God;

We pray to the Lord: That through the intercession of Saint Vincent who spilled his blood for the defense of the Gospel, the lives of unborn children may be spared;

We pray to the Lord: For all children who have died from abortion: that God might cradle them in his arms and grant them eternal peace with him;

We pray to the Lord: For every child who lives in the womb: that God might send an angel to guard and protect the innocent and defenseless;

We pray to the Lord: For all unborn children, and especially for the babies of unmarried mothers: that God might send an angel to protect them;

We pray to the Lord: For the children who have died from abortion in our nation, and for their mothers and fathers: for mercy, peace and the loving embrace of Christ;

We pray to the Lord: For little children, who await the birth of a brother or sister: that they may learn to cherish the child in her mother's womb?

We pray to the Lord: For all little children, and especially for toddlers: That we might lead them to what is holy and true;

We pray to the Lord: For children who have been abandoned or abused: that God might teach us how to heal and protect them;

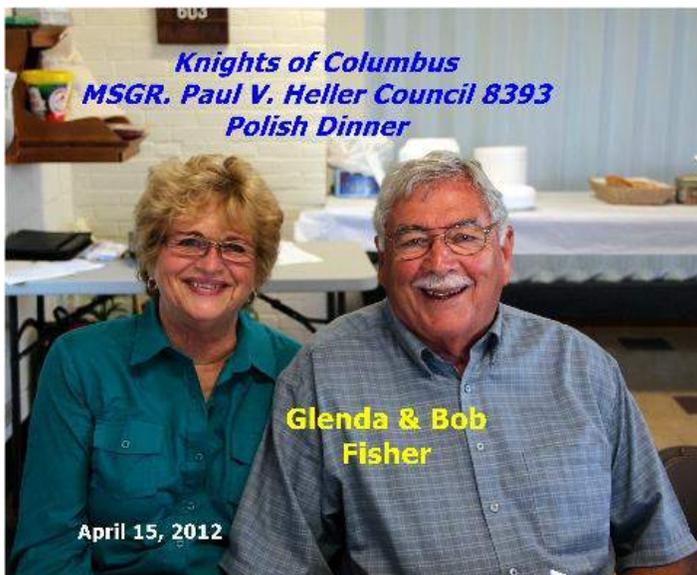
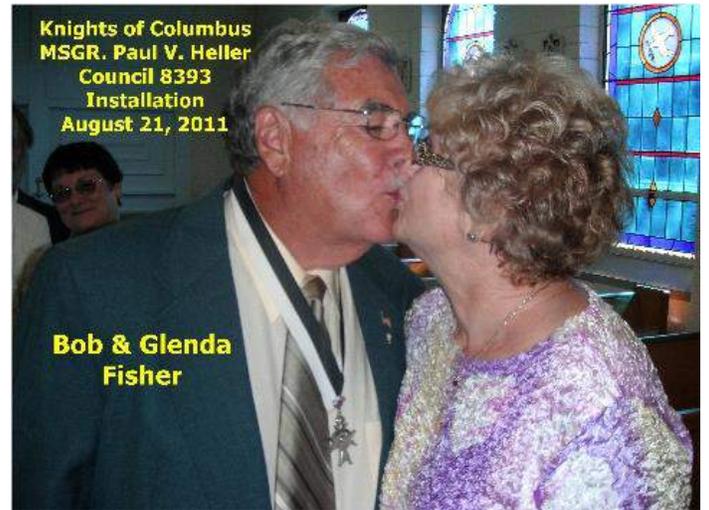
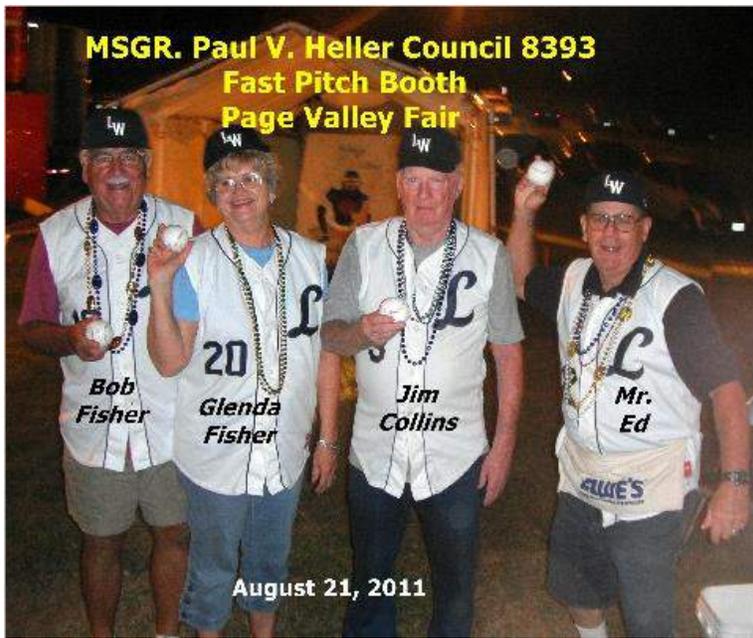
We pray to Lord: For all children born today: that we might receive them as a sign of hope and of God's never-ending care;

We pray to the Lord



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The Lighter Side

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Parting Shot

SK Jim Haley

This is Molly, I bought her as a surprise present for my wife but it turns out she's allergic to dogs. So



Unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for her, and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help?

Her name is Jeanne she's 52, great at cooking and baking, handy in the garden and enjoys housework.



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