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NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Fraternally, Steve L'Etoile PGK, FN
Sir Knights,

This is the final newsletter message I will deliver as the FN of your Assembly. Next Friday is the start of a new fraternal year. A new group of officers takes over to guide us through 2016-2017. Please provide SK Jon Anderson and the other officers all of

the support they need and deserve. We have a great group of SK's within our Assembly. Please continue the good work by participating in "patriotic" opportunities at your parishes and communities.

Thanks to all SK's who participated in the past year's activities, particularly in Color Corps events and collections in support of our Veterans.

To the 2015-2016 officers thank you for stepping up and honoring your commitment to serve our Assembly.

One final note. Many of you know that our Faithful Friar, Fr Mark Moretti, is moving on from St John's just down the road a bit, to Precious Blood parish. Thank you Father for your guidance and service as our Friar these past five years. God Bless You at your new assignment.

A Pilgrim & Priest

Fr. Edward Horkan

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

As this country approaches

Independence Day, it is helpful to reflect upon the principles for which our Founding Fathers risked their lives, their fortunes, and their worldly honor. Fifty-five years ago, a very prominent American theological Fr. John Courtney Murray published a series of essays he had written in a volume entitled *We Hold These Truths*. In that series of essays, he described what he called "the American experiment" in political life. Fr. Murray outlined five principles of this experiment that have guided public life so that nation could be at the same time diverse, unified, and free. These principles are: (1) that nations and governments are themselves under the law of God; (2) that this law as applied to government can be established by reason, and is thus accessible to people of any faith; (3) that there are basic human rights based upon this natural law that are discernable by reason and a sense of history; (4) that government should be conducted by the consent and participation of the governed; and (5) that virtue is the necessary condition and the goal of freedom. After publishing this book, Fr. Murray would go on to be the lead advisor to Cardinal Francis Spellman, the Archbishop of New York, during the Vatican II Council. And in that role, he became very influential in the drafting of *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Vatican II decree on religious liberty.

With reference to the five principles of American government that Fr. Murray outlined, the secular press, the secular educational system, and certainly popular media and entertainment tend to reject them. But, as Fr. Murray argued, the nation would not exist without them. Thus, for example, he points out that

unlike the French and Russian Revolution, the American Revolution was largely sponsored by people of faith, as was the early American government. They knew the importance of the law of God. For example, the Declaration of Independence ends with the signers "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions" and confirming their "firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence." Fr. Murray likewise quotes many great Americans from different times, such as John Adams, Abraham Lincoln, and Dwight Eisenhower, who have consistently affirmed that this nation and all nations are meant to be governed by the law of God. Fr. Murray even cites the liberal Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglass, who wrote in his 1952 decision *Zorach v. Clauson* "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being."

This reliance on the law of God, however, does not mean that anyone is imposing a religion on the country, or upon anyone else. For, as Fr. Murray argued, this nation was also premised upon the idea that the law of God, as applied to government, is discernable by reason, and thus available to people of any faith. Many matters of religion are known at least in part by divine revelation, such as the Incarnation, the sacraments and Marian devotion. And thus someone who does not share the faith may have no way of holding them, or being certain of them. However, the truths that the government should uphold, such as the natural rights of humanity, the importance of the family and basic notions of justice, are discernable to anyone, regardless of faith. Thus, the Declaration of Independence says that the basic principles of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and governments controlled by the governed are "self-evident." By that term, the Founding Fathers did not mean that everyone agreed on those ideas, or that they were easy to discern. Rather, they are self-evident in the way that calculus or the laws of physics are self-evident, for they can be understood by people with the use of reason. And that careful use of reason is needed for this or any nation to prosper in freedom.

Fr. Murray then argued that the Founding Fathers of this country particularly emphasized two specific principles based upon the law of God and discernable to reason, namely the principles human rights and of self-governance. With regard to human rights, the Declaration of Independence says that among the self-evidence truths are the ideas that, "All men are created equal [and] that they are endowed by their Creator with certain Unalienable Rights, and that among these are the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The idea here is that, no government, not even a democracy, has any authority to eliminate these rights because they are given by God Himself. And thus, right at the beginning, the country adopted the Bill of Rights, not simply as a practical idea, but to set limits on the government and thus keep it from being tyrannical. And, as Fr. Murray would later

point out, freedom of religion is first among those rights that any good nation is bound to respect

And thus it is that even a democracy should not try to justify just any law on the grounds that the majority want it; a just law must still be consistent to the order of heaven. For the majority can be wrong, and can thus incur the wrath of God, as the prophets repeatedly warned Israel. Nevertheless, even though the people can fail, participatory government is central to the American experiment. As Fr. Murray put it, "The American consensus therefor includes a great act of faith in the capacity of the people to govern themselves. . . . The supposition was that the people could understand the general objectives of government policy, the broad issues put to the decision of Government, especially as these issues raised moral problems." In the classic *The Republic*, Plato had written that democracies would fail because the general public (the Greek term is *housi polou*) would neither grasp the deep truths needed to govern a people, nor carry them out in practice. Our Founding Fathers respected Greek philosophy, but on this point they disagreed.

Of course, in order for such a faith to work in practice, the general public must in fact be willing to understand deep truths and to apply them. And this point brings us to the final premise of this nation, that only a wise and virtuous people can truly be free. Thus, for example, in his Farewell Address, George Washington stated, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who would labor to subvert these two great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and citizens." Likewise, John Adams wrote in a 1798 letter to a military brigade, "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for any other." And in 1789, just after approving of the First Amendment, the First Congress promulgated the Northwest Ordinance, which governed much of what is now the Midwest. That act said, among other things, "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, Schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." In short, as Fr. Murray wrote, "It is not an American belief that free government is inevitable, only that it is possible, and that its possibility can be realized only when the people as a whole are inwardly governed by the recognized imperatives of the universal moral law."

Even in 1960, Fr. Murray recognized that this consensus, this understanding of the principles that formed the basis for the American experiment, were being threatened by an educational establishment and cultural trends that reject any truth above the fads and fashions currently in vogue among the public and among the powerful. In that context, he called upon Catholics to reaffirm their beliefs in the law of God, the goodness of humanity, and the ability of this nation to continue in virtue and wisdom to govern itself well. He understood that these Catholic beliefs are not only consistent with the American experiment, but essential to its survival. The wisdom that Fr. Murray tapped into over 50 years ago is needed now more than ever.



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Worthy Brother Sir Knights it has been an honor to serve again as your Faithful Admiral this past year. Please let's give all our support to the new officers who take over July 1st. God bless you all.

PILOT'S LOG

Fraternally Ed Cook, Faithful Scribe, PFN

July SK's Birthdays

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|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| <i>Ben Basham</i> | 7/23 | <i>Daniel Blessinger</i> | 7/30 |
| <i>Steve Chipman</i> | 7/24 | <i>Roy Francis, PGK</i> | 7/11 |
| <i>James Gannon</i> | 7/6 | <i>Fr James Gould</i> | 7/5 |
| <i>John Knight</i> | 7/13 | <i>Paul McCulla</i> | 7/31 |
| <i>Amadeo Tortorella</i> | 7/17 | | |

July Spouses Birthdays

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| <i>Donna Agostino</i> | 7/4 |
| <i>Marianne Boston</i> | 7/27 |
| <i>Eileen Drinkwater</i> | 7/9 |
| <i>Gisella Fackenthall</i> | 7/19 |
| <i>Sylvia Garcia</i> | 7/22 |
| <i>Mary McGinnis</i> | 7/25 |
| <i>Debbie Morneau</i> | 7/30 |
| <i>Cathy O'Malley</i> | 7/10 |
| <i>Karen Shea</i> | 7/5 |
| <i>Ruth Van Dyke</i> | 7/13 |



July Anniversaries

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| <i>Paul and Miriam Byers</i> | 7/5 |
| <i>Chris and Janis Hawks</i> | 7/1 |
| <i>John and Mary Clare Mazurkiewicz</i> | 7/11 |
| <i>Bob and Sue Taylor</i> | 7/23 |
| <i>Robert and Rose Ward</i> | 7/16 |



FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

Fraternally, SK Raymond Payette

Report: Membership Forward 163, Suspension 0, Transfer 0, Honorary 1, Honorary Life 25, Disability Exemption 4, Obligatory Dues Members 132, Due Paid 112 Dues waived N/A, Dues in Arrears 20, and New Balance of Membership 162.

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**

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | LOCATION |
|------|----------------|------|------------------------|
| 6/27 | Meeting/Dinner | 7pm | Warrenton SKs w/Ladies |
| 7/25 | Meeting/Dinner | 7pm | Warrenton SKs only |
| 8/22 | Meeting/Dinner | 7pm | Warrenton SKs w/Ladies |
| 9/26 | Meeting/Dinner | 7pm | Warrenton SKs only |



VETERANS FUNDRAISERS

Fraternally, Jon Anderson

Please make plans with your Council leadership to recruit Knights and their family members this fall to help collect funds to support the Assembly's veteran's charitable causes.

It would also be advisable to secure positions in front of high-traffic retail locations (Walmart, Chick-fil-A, etc.) on Friday, November 11th and /or Saturday, November

12th as soon as possible. Other organizations are now competing to line up spots in front of retailers to make similar collections. So let's make sure we have reserved good spots well in advance of Veterans Day and have lined up plenty of volunteers.

Those who have collected for Veterans in the past know that not only are people very generous in their contributions, but also very appreciative of our efforts to help those who have served our country.

COMMANDER'S CALL

SK Jon Anderson

SK Joe Tullington has agreed to serve as Color Guard Commander for the next fraternal year. Please convey to him your congratulations and best wishes.

The Assembly will have an opening for the Assistant Commander position when the next fraternal year begins. Anyone interested in serving in that position should let the Faithful Navigator know his intentions. The only requirement to serve as Assistant Commander is certification in a training session.

NOTE: The assembly has a full set of purple regalia available to loan, so purchase will not be necessary.

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

Commander and Assistant Commander certification follows the basic Color Guard certification on the same date in the same location. For an update on certification dates and location information, contact Jon Anderson: jon@r3mktg.com



Council 5561 Fr. Veger

SK Joe Tullington

A Religious Appreciation Dinner was held for the Parish Priests and Deacons on 11 June at the Pavilion. We also acknowledged two Sisters from the Dominicans who were in town for the Bible Study session.

The Council completed another successful KOVAR collection drive over several days in June. Thanks to Steve L'Etoile and the Team Captains for their hard efforts.

The Parish is holding a reception for Father Moretti's departure on Sunday, 26 June, 1:30-5:00, in Mercy Hall.

A pilgrimage to the Diocesan Holy Door at St Thomas Moore is planned for FRI, 24 June. Carpools/caravans will leave church parking lot at 10:30(?).

The Council hosted a Formation Ceremony/2nd Degree included 6 Brothers from our Council and 2 from Luray. Thanks to everyone that pitched in; a special thanks to Pete Conlan for providing the nourishment afterwards. Also, thanks to the Brothers that agreed to fill in for several positions on the Degree Team.

The Installation of Council Officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year will be on Saturday, 23 July, followed by the annual PGK Appreciation dinner.



Council 6328 John Cempre

SK Robert Beattie

Our Council has had their KOVAR drive and their annual membership drive within recent weeks.

We just finished our semi-annual yard sale. Our yard sales are our biggest fundraiser (other than KOVAR), so if you have stuff you should give away, please think of us between now and December.

We will join others for a trip to a Washington Nationals baseball game this summer, by bus which could undoubtedly stop in Warrenton. If interested, please contact worthy Knight Michael Watts.

Precious Blood will lose its 67-year connection to the Missionhurst Fathers in July, which means that Fr. Anselme will no longer serve as the Council's chaplain. However, Fr. Mark Moretti will be coming to Culpeper, along with Fr. Kevin Walsh, so we will undoubtedly have good pickings for a new chaplain.

Council 7771 John Jenkins

SK Jon Anderson

The fourth annual Vocations Celebration Dinner was held on June 11th. It was a great success as more than one hundred and fifty attendees celebrated the fact that ten young men and women from St. John the Baptist parish in Front Royal are now in formation!

The Council will sponsor two "Catholic Night" baseball games of the Front Royal Cardinals on July 1st and July 22nd starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening. All SK's and their families are invited to attend either or both games courtesy of Council #7771. Free entrance is provided for

each family by showing the flyer page in this newsletter. If you plan to attend both games just print a second copy of the flyer.

Come early to enjoy the evening's opening events, join in the 7th inning stretch and watch the children run the bases when the game is over.

Council 8393 Monsignor Heller

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Congratulations to GK Don Evans for receiving the Fr. Michael McGivney awarded at our April meeting.

Congratulations to Jason Flatley and Phil Wirdzek for taking the 2nd step toward full Knighthood. The ceremony was held at Warrenton and teaches a very good



lesson for us all to keep in mind.

Council 14755 Fr. Castillon

SK Bill Jarrett, PFN

Congratulations to Tom Junk who was elected at our June Council meeting as Grand Knight for the coming year. Many thanks to Bob Ward who has served as Grand Knight this past year. We are grateful for all that Bob has done. In the words of our Pastor Fr. Tuck, "The Knights have continued to build up the Parish community with 'second Sundays', picnics, dinners, and generosity to the Parish and many other outreaches. The Knights have continued to 'spearhead' our Parish efforts to feed the poor in conjunction with the Arlington Diocese St. Lucy project and our local Rappahannock Food Pantry.

We awarded the prestigious "Knight of the Year Award" to PGK Frederick J. Eggers by GK Bob Ward for his unending support, year after year, for the Catholic Charities' St Lucy Project, formerly known as CHOW. Fred has recruited and scheduled food pickups and deliveries for numerous years which support; Madison, Page, Clark, Culpepper, Fauquier and Rappahannock counties.

Fred and his wife Kathy are also very active in supporting Rappahannock's own Food Pantry. Fred is truly about helping and giving back to your neighbor in need with

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the St. Lucy Project Logistics, Food Source Developer, and Parish Outreach Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington.

Peter Stenner was escorted by Jim Haley and Bill Jarrett to the 3rd Degree on June 25th in Manassas, and will serve as Deputy Grand Knight during the coming year.

Our annual Parish Picnic was May 29th after Mass. Karl Zelzer transferred in and Tom Woolman was voted in at the June meeting.

Bernie Cieplak proposed and seconded by Tom Junk that \$1000 be allocated for the new Habitat for Humanity home currently under construction in Rappahannock Country. The official vote will take place at the July meeting.

Our Council Lector Bob Klaus gave a fascinating book report on "A DOCTOR AT CALVARY, The Passion



of Our Lord Jesus Christ as Described by a Surgeon", by Pierre Barbet, M.D. Check it out!

PRAYER REQUESTS

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Please keep the following and their families in your prayers: Marianne Boston, 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

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

I have a lot on my mind and heart.....so much that I have been praying about for quite a while, and even more currently so, I figure getting a prayer circle going with my Brother Knights wouldn't hurt.

Much love to everyone who reads this. I believe that when someone asks you to pray for them, you

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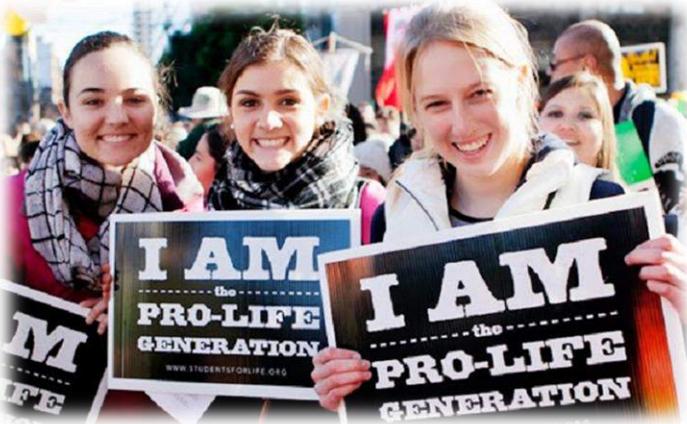
pray because prayers are free and should be given wholeheartedly! I decided to do this today because I'm standing in the need of prayer and so many others are as well. Let's pray for each other today, regardless of who or what your spiritual foundation! All prayers needed right now. I hope that you all will pray for all our Brother Knights to give them moral support. I did it for a friend and you can too. Praying for several families and people in need!

Praying for family and friends

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Can't say it enough...Many people think that a suicide attempt is a selfish move because the person just does not care about the people left behind. I can tell you that when a person gets to that point, they truly believe that their loved ones will be much better off with them gone. This is mental illness not selfishness. TRUTH: Depression is a terrible disease and seems relentless. A lot of us have been close to that edge, or dealt with family members in a crisis, and some have lost friends and loved ones. Let's look out for each other and stop sweeping mental illness under the rug. May I ask my family and friends wherever you might be, to kindly share this status to give a moment of support to all those who have family problems, health struggles, job issues, worries of any kind and just need to know that someone cares. Do it for all of us, for nobody is immune. This is serious people. Way too many suffer and they shouldn't have to. God bless all.



PRO LIFE

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Students for Life Groups Now Outnumber Planned Parenthood Campus Groups 4-1

Students for Life of America (SFLA) announced today that they now serve more than 1,043 college, high school, law and medical school, and young professionals pro-life groups across the United States, 568 of which were started by the SFLA National Field Team.

This means that Students for Life campus pro-life groups now outnumber pro-abortion groups nearly 4-to-1, with Planned Parenthood's last report boasting 275 campus groups.

"This enormous gap between pro-life and pro-choice students indicates that the pro-life message is resonating where it needs to the most, right where the abortion industry targets: college and high school campuses," said Kristan

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Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America. "We are meeting students where they are, having passionate and constructive conversations on campus, and changing hearts and minds.

"The passion of our students is evidenced by the sheer number of pro-life students willing to sacrifice their time and energy on behalf of women facing unintended pregnancies and their babies verses the pro-choice student groups whose only recourse against us has been to yell and scream and vandalize pro-life displays," continued Hawkins.

Since SFLA launched full-time just ten years ago, we've grown from a team of just one full-time staffer to over 29, including at least one person in every region of the country that works with area high school and college groups, and the number of student pro-life clubs has grown every single year, topping out in the 2015-2016 school year at over 1,040.

Follow LifeNews.com on Instagram for pro-life pictures and the latest pro-life news.

Every school year, SFLA tallies the number of current Students for Life groups, which are measured in terms of activity level. Activities include doing diaper drives and baby showers for pregnant moms on campus, bringing thought-provoking campus displays to the school, hosting qualified speakers, attending the annual March for Life and SFLA National Conference, and poll tabling, among other activities. All of the groups do at least one activity a semester but most do several and are positive forces on their campuses.

"Several years ago, NARAL president Nancy Keenan noted the high number of young people at the March for Life and was concerned about what she called the 'intensity gap' between young pro-life people and young pro-choice people," said Hawkins. "Well, Ms. Keenan, your fears have been realized. The intensity gap is alive and well and pro-life students are motivated now, more than ever before, to show women that there are other options besides abortion, that they can succeed in school and in life with a child, which is more than the abortion industry wants to concede. The pro-life generation is here to stay."

LIQUID SUNSHINE

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Who said...

If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.

There are three kinds of men:

The ones that learn by reading.

The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

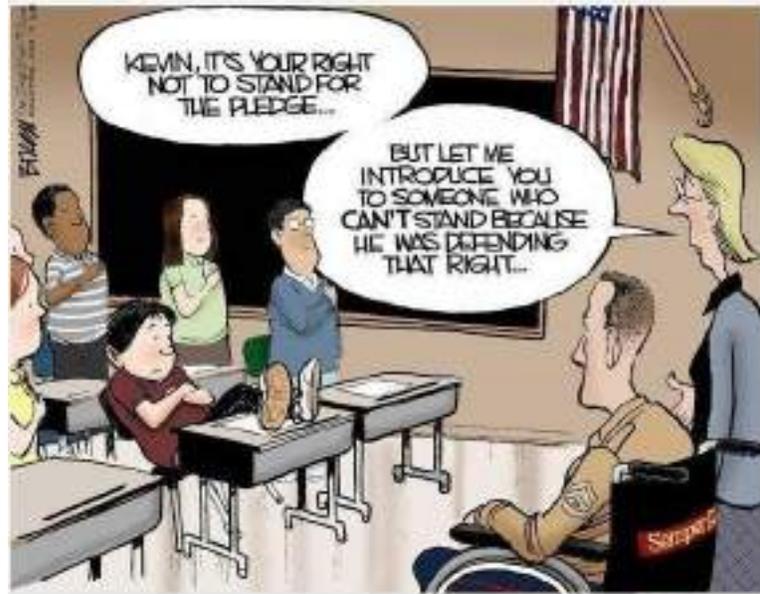
If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

... And Remember...in the words of treasure seeking

Mel Fisher... TODAY'S THE DAY!



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