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NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Fraternally SK Jon Anderson, PGK, FN



In my first message of the new fraternal year I want to let everyone know how much I have appreciated receiving the many expressions of good will and support. I also want to congratulate all of the new officers this year, as well as those who agreed to serve in either the same or another office. Lastly, thanks are in order for all those who have agreed to lead program committees and serve as Council Liaisons. All of the above names are listed elsewhere in this publication. If anyone is listed incorrectly, please let me know at jon@r3mktg.com or call me at 540-671-3033.

SOMETHING IS MISSING

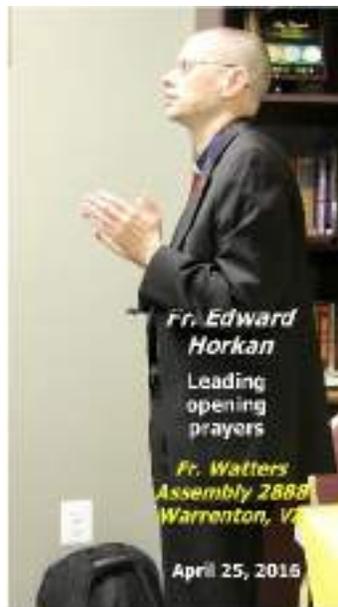
Over the past few years, I have noticed that something has been missing from the Council/Assembly chamber. I'm curious to know if anyone else has noticed. Hint: it should be on one of the walls. If you have noticed as well and send me the correct answer (email and phone listed above) before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 7/25, I'll buy you the drink of your choice before dinner that evening. There is no penalty for wrong guesses.

CHAPLAIN'S WORDS

Fr. Edward Horkan

FAITH AND REASON: BOTH NEEDED FOR CIVILIZATION

In the West, we are facing two dangers that seem to be unrelated, but that come from a common source: (1) the denigration of faith in politics, culture, and secular academia; and (2) the increase in violence and terrorism both from ISIS and from other radical movements. To understand the relationship between these threats to real civilization, it is helpful to recall Pope Benedict XVI's prophetic address at Regensburg University in Germany ten years ago. Five years and a day after the 9/11 attacks in America, Pope Benedict returned for a



symposium at the university where he taught prior to becoming Archbishop of Munich. In his speech to the participants, Pope Benedict commended the alliance of faith and reason that has historically been at the heart of the idea of a university. He recalled with fondness his early days of study when people of different faiths or no faith could come together and discuss reasonably their different world views.

However, Pope Benedict warned, increasingly, there has been a severance of faith and reason that has led to violence, tyranny and a decline of thought and dialogue in general. He pointed out that Christianity providentially began at a time when Jewish theology and Greek philosophy were in full scale dialogue with each other. With the union of these traditions, the evangelists and early Christian teachers such as St. Justin the Martyr in the first century, St. Augustine in the fourth and fifth century, and Boethius in the sixth century were able to explain the faith to all cultures of the known world. After Europe became Christian this experiment rose to new heights as the university system came to fruition in the High Middle Ages. This university system was meant to unify the different approaches to the truth, and see faith and reason as allies in the building of real culture. As Pope Benedict said, "This inner rapprochement between Biblical faith and Greek philosophical inquiry was an event of decisive importance not only from the standpoint of the history of religions, but also from that of world history . . . [T]his convergence, with the subsequent addition of the Roman heritage, created Europe and remains the foundation of what can rightly be called Europe."

However, as he pointed out, both within the Church and without, there have been reactions against union of faith and reason. First, within Christianity, in the late Middle Ages and then the Reformation Era of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, there was an attempt to deny the role of reason in faith. Not realizing that the Christian faith has included Greek philosophy from the beginning (as with St. John's emphasis of "the Word of God," a Greek concept), many people tried to "purify" faith from any influences of philosophy, thinking of them as foreign elements. In this view, the Bible alone would guide faith and evangelization for Christians with no emphasis on philosophy. And likewise, in the Islamic world, there have been many tendencies to downplay reason in favor of a view that revelation in the Koran is the only standard. The problem in that, if religion does not engage reason and philosophy, there is no common ground to dialogue with people of other

faiths. And from that lack of common ground, there is a tendency to try to convert people by force or use violence against outsiders, which has led to religious violence in many countries. Pope Benedict did not say that Islam is a violent religion, as many in the press and politics falsely claimed. Rather, he rightly pointed out that, when Islam is violent or tyrannical towards non-Muslims, the lack of emphasis on reason and philosophy that can be shared by all is a central reason, as it is central to religious strife generally.

Pope Benedict also had a sharp critique for tendencies in the Western world to believe that all real truth must come from science, mathematics and other fields subject to empirical laboratory-like analysis. This approach would dismiss philosophy and relegate religion to a merely subjective sphere of taste, thus undermining the firmest foundation of the objective morals needed to restrain human desires. As Pope Benedict pointed out, “by its very nature this method excludes the question of God, making it appear an unscientific or pre-scientific question. Consequently, we are faced with a reduction of the radius of science and reason, one which needs to be questioned.” By excluding matters of faith from the pursuit of truth at universities and elsewhere, modern western culture ignores the deepest longings of the human heart, the longings of faith, of love, of the sense of the sublime; and without a sense of the divine, there can be no dialogue with the religious traditions of the world. As Pope Benedict observed, “the world’s profoundly religious cultures see this exclusion of the divine from the universality of reason as an attack on their most profound convictions. A reason which is deaf to the divine and which relegates religion into the realm of subcultures is incapable of entering into the dialogue of cultures. . . . For philosophy and, albeit in a different way, for theology, listening to the great experiences and insights of the religious traditions of humanity, and those of the Christian faith in particular, is a source of knowledge, and to ignore it would be an unacceptable restriction of our listening and responding.”

In this context, Pope Benedict encouraged a renewed dialogue between faith and reason and their union in both religion and fields of study. He commended the rightly advances in science and technology, saying, “The positive aspects of modernity are to be acknowledged unreservedly: we are all grateful for the marvelous possibilities that it has opened up for mankind and for the progress in humanity that has been granted to us.” But science and technology likewise need faith and religion to make them truly humane. A renewed dialogue among the different approaches to truth, the various cultures of the world will allow their different faiths and worldviews can come together and open up protection interactions in the context of reason. Pope Benedict criticized universities and the education systems generally for failing in recent decades to bring about this true dialogue between the different ways of thought and he proposed a new union that would lead to authentic peace and real progress in the ways of truth. As

Pope Benedict declared, “While we rejoice in the new possibilities open to humanity, we also see the dangers arising from these possibilities and we must ask ourselves how we can overcome them. We will succeed in doing so only if reason and faith come together in a new way, if we overcome the self-imposed limitation of reason to the empirically falsifiable, and if we once more disclose its vast horizons. . . . Only thus do we become capable of that genuine dialogue of cultures and religions so urgently needed today. “



PILOT'S LOG

Fraternally Ed Cook, Faithful Scribe, PFN

August SK's Birthdays

<i>Burrous Snelling</i> 8/3	<i>Richard Hall</i> 8/7
<i>John Regan</i> 8/8	<i>Chris Winston</i> 8/9
<i>Felix Hernandez</i> 8/10	<i>Rev. Horace Grinnell</i> 8/12
<i>Stephen Wolfe</i> 8/13	<i>Rev. Phillip Cozzi</i> 8/14
<i>Ronald Haley Sr.</i> 8/14	<i>Sterling Guinn</i> 8/20
<i>Scott Lloyd</i> 8/22	<i>William ackenthall</i> 8/23
<i>James Dobbins</i> 8/25	<i>Kevin Kelley</i> 8/26
<i>Jason Snellings</i> 8/26	<i>Gene Cuomo</i> 8/28
<i>Frank Marinello</i> 8/28	<i>James Downey</i> 8/29
<i>Ray Young</i> 8/29	

Spouses Birthdays

<i>Sandy Hall</i>	8/12
<i>Jean Jones</i>	8/16
<i>Mary Clare Mazurkiewicz</i>	8/16
<i>Amy Benyo</i>	8/18
<i>Jamie Snellings</i>	8/19
<i>Cindi Chapman</i>	8/29



Anniversaries

<i>Bruno and Barbara Graziano</i>	8/4
<i>Wilbur and Diana Smith</i>	8/6
<i>Chris and Janet Winston</i>	8/6
<i>Keith and Debbie Morneau</i>	8/7
<i>Paul and Barbara McCulla</i>	8/7
<i>Frank and Peg Quarto</i>	8/7
<i>Thomas and Susan Monaco</i>	8/8
<i>Ken and Chris Galvin</i>	8/9
<i>John and Maggie Gwynn</i>	8/9
<i>Robert and Amy Benyo</i>	8/12
<i>Stephen and Cindi Chapman</i>	8/16
<i>Richard and Sandy Hall</i>	8/19
<i>Bill and Jeanne Marie Jarrett</i>	8/19
<i>James and Patricia Downey</i>	8/27
<i>Matt and Candy Weden</i>	8/29
<i>Mike and Cathy O'Malley</i>	8/31





FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

Fraternally, SK Raymond Payette

Report: Membership Forward 162, Suspension 1, Transfer 0, Honorary1, Honorary Life 25, Disability Exemption 4, Obligatory Dues Members 131, Due Paid 113, Dues waived N/A, Dues in Arrears 18, 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 Joe Tullington

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
7/25	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies
8/22	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only
9/26	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs w/Ladies
10/24	Meeting/Dinner	7pm	Warrenton SKs only

April 25, 2016



COMMANDER'S CALL

SK Joe Tullington, PGK

Welcome from your new Assembly Commander. I'm looking forward to coordinating Honor Guard and Color Guard events within the Assembly, as well as other area events this year. First, everyone needs to check the expiration date of their Honor Guard certification card. All members of the Honor Guard must keep their certifications current. Renewing your certification requires attendance at a 3-hour Training session. The first available session is November 12 at St Leo the Great in Fairfax – stay tuned for more details and more opportunities. Anyone

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interested in joining the Honor Guard (i.e. the guys in regalia), please let me know. Additionally, I will be offering some informal practice sessions throughout the year. If you would like a practice session at your Council, just let me know.

TRUSTEES'S REPORT

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Our annual audit is done and will be signed at our meeting on July 25; I will bring copies for all to sign. I want to thank the following SKs for their work on doing the audit: Ray Payette and Jim Florin for keeping accurate records; Will Smith for compiling their information and penciling it on the form; Jim Florin for typing the form up; Roy Francis, Ed Cook, and I reviewing the audit to be sure everything is okay. Again thank Sir Knights and God bless you all.



Council 5561 Fr. Veger

SK Joe Tullington

New Council officers took their positions this month: GK JR Gearhart, DGK Dan Thompson, Chancellor Woody Berzins, Warden Bill Anzenberger, Advocate John Guyant, Recorder Pete Conlan, and Trustee Joe Tullington. Remaining in position include FS Ed Cook, Treasurer Neil Althoff, Trustees Steve L'Etoile and Ron Hayley, Inside Guard Steve Chipman, and Outside Guard John Mazurkiewicz.

Six Council brothers joined the ranks of full Knights, completing their Knighthood Ceremony at George Brent Council last month.

The parish welcomed Father Kevin Fimian with a light reception hosted by the Council.

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

Council 6328 John Cempre

SK Robert Beattie

Council 7771 John Jenkins

SK Jon Anderson

On Friday, July 22nd, the Council sponsored their second "Catholic Night" of the summer at Bing Crosby Stadium when the Front Royal Cardinals played the

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Harrisonburg Turks. The Council offered free admission to everyone who brought a flier that was in the previous Sunday's church bulletin. Flyers were also distributed online and sent along with last issue of The Patriot.

The crowd was huge at the first "Catholic Night" on July 1st. Fifteen hundred fans were on hand. It was one of the largest crowds in recent memory at Bing Crosby Stadium. Many of St. John's parishioners participated in pre-game activities:

George Dominguez and Andrew D'Andrea from the Squires youth group of the Knights presented the American flag and Papal flag.

Chris McMahon and the "Once in Awhile Singers" a men's group from the parish, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" before the game and also "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch.

"The Clark Team Athletics" all boys from the parish who won the 2016 Front Royal Little League Minor's Division championship ran on the field with the Cardinals when the Front Royal starting lineup was introduced.

Jim Clark, Jim Kelly, and John Echaniz who played together for 20 years on the St. John's men team in the now defunct Front Royal Church League threw out the first pitch.

After the game, the kids were allowed to run the bases a very popular post-game activity.



Council 8393 Monsignor Heller

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

The following Knights were elected at our June meeting as officers for the 2016-2017 year:

Grand Knight: Donald F. Evans

Deputy Grand Knight: Jason Flatley

Chancellor: Billy Starkey

Recorder: Keith Robinson

Treasurer: No nominations were made from the floor; position held open at this time.

Warden: David F. Lightowler

Inside Guard: Tom Van Derveer

Outside Guard: Aaron Starkey

1 year Trustee: Dave Lundblad

2 year Trustee: Paul Trowbridge

3 year Trustee: Phil King

Advocate: Steve Gray

Grand Knight Delegate: Donald F. Evans

Past GK Delegate: Burrous Snellings
 Alternate GK Delegate: Jason Flatley
 Alternate Past GK Delegate: Edward G. Dwyer, Jr.

At the July 6th meeting GK Evans gave Jason Flatley his third degree certificate and sated the following:

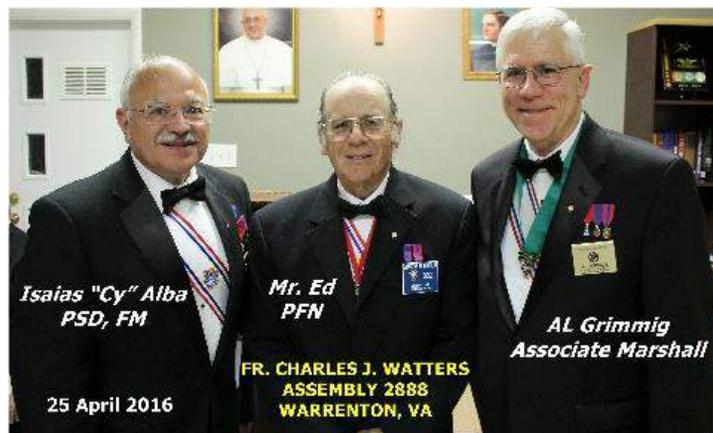
Eight new Knights have joined the Council over the last two years

Trustees are taking on the Treasurer's role for the time and are looking at the allocation of existing funds

Thanked Ed Dwyer for his twelve years at Treasurer, his three times as Grand Knight, and his forty years of service as a Knight

That over one ton of food has been delivered since Sept. 2015: 1686 pounds to Page One and 341 pounds to Loaves and Fishes

District Deputy's Report: Bill Boston thanked Don for taking on the Grand Knight role for the third year, thanked Ed Dwyer for his years of service and congratulated the new officers.



Council I4755 Fr. Castillon

SK Bill Jarrett, PFN

Incoming Grand Knight SK Tom Junk began the new KofC year by thanking outgoing GK Bob Ward and his officers for a very successful year of service to the St. Peter Church Parish and Rappahannock Community.

Our newest 3rd Degree (see picture escorted in June with SKs Jim Haley and Bill Jarrett) Pete Stenner is now the Deputy Grand Knight and is actively involved in the "PHILOKALIA" meetings on Mondays. Contact him at the Parish if you have interest.

SK Bernie Cieplak was pleased to have his motion for \$1000 passed for the new Habitat for Humanity home under construction in Rappahannock County.

Prayers were made on behalf of SK Jim Haley for his upcoming surgery.

The Parish will have a "Healing Mass" on Saturday, July 23rd at 5:00pm. All are invited.

Also, there will be a Churches & Community Picnic at the Rappahannock County Park on rte. 211 on Sunday,

July 24th, from 4pm to 7pm. All families and friends are invited to attend...come and bring a covered dish or dessert.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Fridays

PRAYER REQUESTS

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Please keep the following and their families in your prayers:

SK John Regan is still in INOVA Fairfax Hospital. He had pacemaker put in last week and is expected to come home

on Monday, 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".

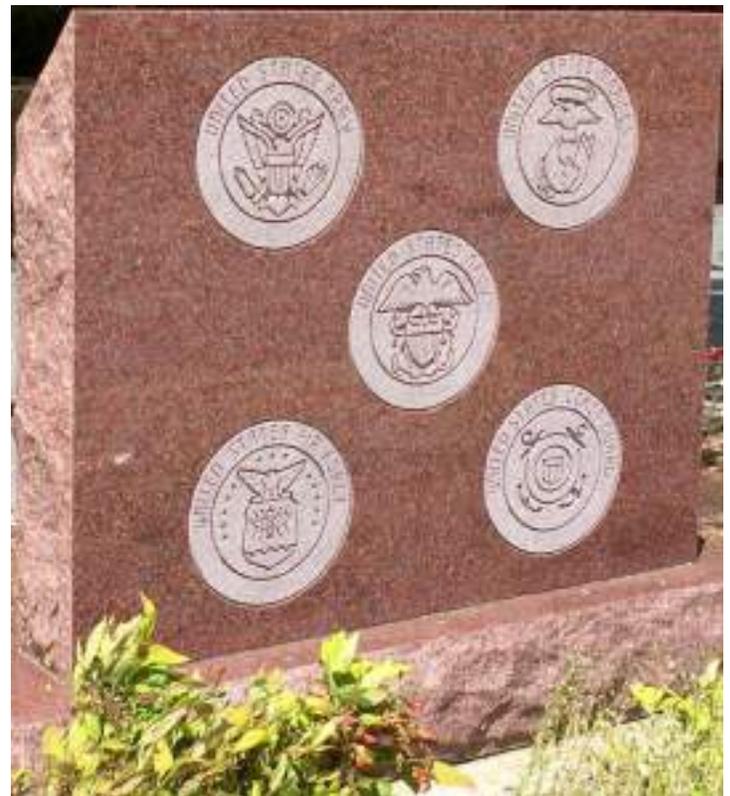
Please email any prayer requests for the newsletter to me at TheMr.Ed@comcast.net

PRAYER

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

Prayer For Those with Profound Disabilities
Lord Jesus Christ,

You know the pain of brokenness, You took our weaknesses upon Your shoulders and bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters whose bodies fail them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Implant a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find You in their weakness, and console You in our care for them. For You are Lord, forever and ever. Amen



Every Friday At The Pentagon

I was not aware of this practice until a few years ago. I am pleased that it happens, and am astounded that it does happen, given the political situation that exists in our government today. It really breaks my heart to know that we didn't know this goes on every Friday, instead, I guess the media feels it's more important to report on Hollywood stars as heroes. I hope this article gives you a sense of pride for what our men and women are doing

for us, very day, as they serve in the armed forces here and abroad.

IT HAPPENS EVERY FRIDAY! WERE YOU AWARE?

Mornings at the Pentagon

By JOSEPH L. GALLOWAY

McClatchy Newspapers

Over the last 12 months, 1,042 soldiers, Marines, sailors and Air Force personnel have given their lives in the terrible duty that is war. Thousands more have come home on stretchers, horribly wounded and facing months or years in military hospitals.

This week, I'm turning my space over to a good friend and former roommate, Army Lt. Col. Robert Bateman, who recently completed a yearlong tour of duty in Iraq and is now back at the Pentagon.

Here's Lt. Col. Bateman's account of a little-known ceremony that fills the halls of the Army corridor of the Pentagon with cheers, applause and many tears every Friday morning. It first appeared on May 17 on the Weblog of media critic and pundit Eric Alterman at the Media Matters for America Website.

It is 110 yards from the "E" ring to the "A" ring of the Pentagon. This section of the Pentagon is newly renovated; the floors shine, the hallway is broad, and the lighting is bright. At this instant the entire length of the corridor is packed with officers, a Report Advertisement few sergeants and some civilians, all crammed tightly three and four deep against the walls. There are thousands here.

This hallway, more than any other, is the 'Army' hallway. The G3 offices line one side, G2 the other, G8 is around the corner, all Army. Moderate conversations flow in a low buzz. Friends, who may not have seen each other for a few weeks, or a few years, spot each other, cross the way and renew.

Everyone shifts to ensure an open path remains down the center. The air conditioning system was not designed for this press of bodies in this area.

The temperature is rising already. Nobody cares. 10:36 hours: The clapping starts at the E-Ring. That is the outermost of the five rings of the Pentagon and it is closest to the entrance to the building. This clapping is low, sustained, and hearty. It is applause with a deep emotion behind it as it moves forward in a wave down the length of the hallway.

A steady rolling wave of sound it is, moving at the pace of the soldier in the wheelchair who marks the forward edge with his presence. He is the first. He is missing the greater part of one leg, and some of his wounds are still suppurating. By his age I expect that he is a private, or perhaps a private first class.

Captains, majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels meet his gaze and nod as they applaud, soldier to soldier. Three years ago when I described one of these events, those lining the hallways were somewhat different. The applause a little wilder, perhaps in private guilt for not having shared in the burden ... yet.

Now almost everyone lining the hallway is, like the man in the wheelchair, also a combat veteran. This steadies

the applause, but I think deepens the sentiment. We have all been there now. The soldier's chair is pushed by, I believe, a full colonel.

Behind him, and stretching the length from Rings E to A, come more of his peers, each private, corporal, or sergeant assisted as need be by a field grade officer.

11:00 hours: Twenty-four minutes of steady applause. My hands hurt, and I laugh to myself at how stupid that sounds in my own head. My hands hurt. Please! Shut up and clap. For twenty-four minutes, soldier after soldier has come down this hallway - 20, 25, 30.. Fifty-three legs come with them, and perhaps only 52 hands or arms, but down this hall came 30 solid hearts.

They pass down this corridor of officers and applause, and then meet for a private lunch, at which they are the guests of honor, hosted by the generals. Some are wheeled along. Some insist upon getting out of their chairs, to march as best they can with their chin held up, down this hallway, through this most unique audience. Some are catching handshakes and smiling like a politician at a Fourth of July parade. More than a couple of them seem amazed and are smiling shyly.

There are families with them as well: the 18-year-old war-bride pushing her 19-year-old husband's wheelchair and not quite understanding why her husband is so affected by this, the boy she grew up with, now a man, who had never shed a tear is crying; the older immigrant Latino parents who have, perhaps more than their wounded mid-20s son, an appreciation for the emotion given on their son's behalf. No man in that hallway, walking or clapping, is ashamed by the silent tears on more than a few cheeks. An Airborne Ranger wipes his eyes only to better see. A couple of the officers in this crowd have themselves been a part of this parade in the past.

These are our men, broken in body they may be, but they are our brothers, and we welcome them home. This parade has gone on, every single Friday, all year long, for more than four years.

Origins: In 2007, Joseph L. Galloway, a syndicated military correspondent for McClatchy Newspapers, wanted to run something special for that year's Memorial Day column. He appealed to a friend, Lt. Col. Robert Bateman of the U.S. Army, for permission to publish his essay about a regular Friday ceremony held at the Pentagon at which wounded service personnel are brought in from D.C.-area hospitals and feted with a luncheon. The original article was syndicated by McClatchy on 23 May 2007 and was republished (under the title of "Fridays in the Pentagon") in the Washington Post on 19 September 2008.

Editor's Note. Brother Sir Knights, family members and friends who read "The Patriot" I hope you enjoy this article and "The Patriot". God Bless ALL, Mr. Ed



PRO LIFE

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

On a voice vote at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland Ohio on July 18th, GOP delegates from every state and territory in the nation adopted what pro-life advocates consider to be the strongest pro-life platform the Republican party has ever adopted.

Historically, the party has been a champion for the right to life, with its platform recognizing “that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.”

The new platform calls for an end to taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood and a ban on the use of aborted babies’ body parts in research.

The new GOP platform also would condemn the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision to overturn a Texas law that required abortion clinics to meet basic health and safety standards, according to the report. It also calls for new Supreme Court judges who will reverse the decision and uphold the right to life for unborn babies, the report states.

These would be additions to the current Republican Party platform, which supports a human life amendment to the Constitution, recognizing unborn babies as human beings with equal rights under the Fourteenth Amendment. It also opposes taxpayer funding for abortions and groups that do abortions. Read the current pro-life platform here.

Susan B. Anthony List president Marjorie Dannenfelser responded to the news in an email to LifeNews.com saying:

“The Republican platform has always been strong when it comes to protecting unborn children, their mothers, and the conscience rights of pro-life Americans. The platform ratified today takes that stand from good to great. Firstly, it is reflective of Donald Trump’s pro-life policy commitments to appoint pro-life Justices, to advocate for and sign into law the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and to defund America’s largest abortion business Planned Parenthood.

“The platform committee went on offense to call out Democrat extremism on abortion, adding language calling for both federal and state laws stopping late-term abortions after five months, abortions based on disability, and abortions for the purpose of sex-selection. The platform also seeks to strengthen protections for babies born alive after a failed abortion and addresses dismemberment abortions, the baby body parts trade, and informed consent issues raised by the undercover videos released last year by the Center for Medical Progress. Notably, Republicans moved to advocate for the codification of the Hyde Amendment, longstanding bipartisan legislation which protects the conscience rights of taxpayers by ensuring public funds are not used for abortion on-demand. The new Democratic Party platform, on the other hand, supports repeal of this consensus policy.

“We are thankful to the hardworking committeemen and women who advocated for this language, and to Rep. Virginia Foxx and Governor Mary Fallin for their leadership throughout the process.”

Billy Valentine, director of government affairs at the Susan B. Anthony List, told Politico that the new Republican Party language could be “the strongest pro-life platform yet.”

“The life language that came out of the constitution subcommittee is even stronger than the 2012 language,” Valentine said.

Several strong pro-life leaders are in charge of drafting the new Republican Party platform. The Hill reports U.S. Sen. John Barrasso is the chair the Republican platform committee. Barrasso, who represents Wyoming, has a 100-percent pro-life

voting record from the National Right to Life Committee. His appointment as chair signaled a strong party commitment to restoring unborn babies’ right to life.

There was some speculation that presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump would attempt to weaken the party’s pro-life position. In April, Trump said he “absolutely” wants to change the current pro-life platform to promote abortions in cases of rape and incest.

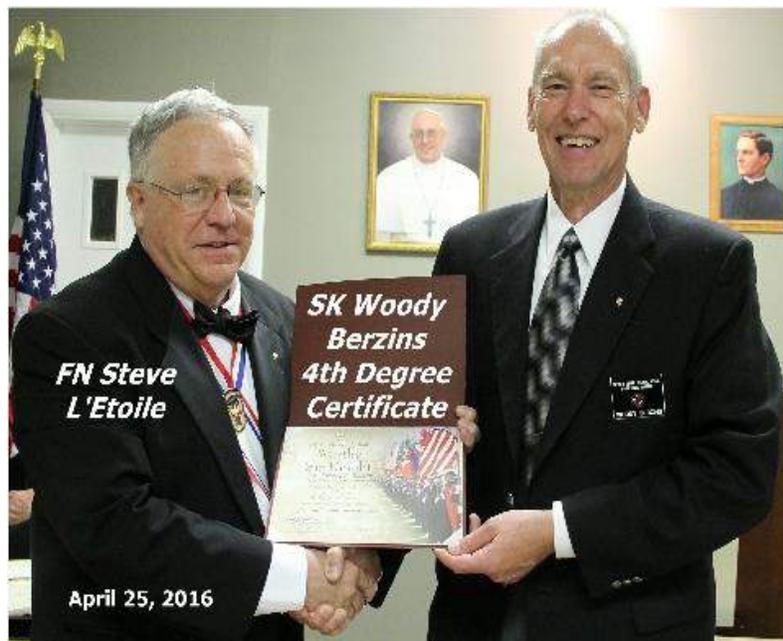
However, new reports indicate the party will not be swayed from its pro-life position. Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, who also is serving on the platform committee, confirmed in an interview with CNN last week that the party will “remain pro-life.”

“[Trump] will have representation — he’s going to be the presumptive Republican nominee — and certainly he will have a voice with his people, who will make recommendations, too,” Fallin said. “But in the end, this platform is driven by grassroots Republican people throughout the nation who will represent the very values and principles of the Republican Party.”

Some of the new Republican Party language appears to be in direct response to the radical new pro-abortion proposals in the Democratic Party’s platform.

The proposed Democratic Party platform this year is more extreme than it has ever been, calling for a repeal of the Hyde Amendment and full-fledged taxpayer funding of abortion. It also specifically names the abortion giant Planned Parenthood and calls for support of its work. The current Democratic Party platform already supports legalized abortion on demand for any reason up until birth.

The new Democratic proposals are so extreme on abortion that even some of its own party members are getting uncomfortable. Taxpayer funding of abortion and unlimited abortions up until birth are extreme positions that grate against most Americans’ views on the matter. However, the Democratic National Committee officially rejected an effort by pro-life Democrats in 2012 to get the party to include them in its platform.





The Lighter Side

SK Mr. Ed, PGK, PFN, WE

An Irishman is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water, Subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, I am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, Have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found Jesus!" The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, Brother?" The drunk answers, "No, I haven't found Jesus!" By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love Of God, have you found Jesus?" The drunk staggers upright, wipes his eyes, coughs up a bit of water, catches his breath, and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

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Scribe	Bill Anzenberger	
Inner Sentinel	Eric Anderson	551-0099
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