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Sir Knights:

Marv's Musings

[We] The people are the masters of both the Congress and the courts – not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it. - Abraham Lincoln

I ended with this quote last month. I feel compelled to pursue this thought further.

We are asked to 'stem the tide of irreligion, preserve the reign of God in this land, or see this republic perish.' One of our Founding Fathers, Thomas Jefferson, said, "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have." Is that where we are heading? Trillions of dollars in debt – potentially more trillions with Government health care; 'czars' running around Washington managing the auto industry, the banking industry, and, well you get the idea.

What is the last program the Federal Government took on that was a success? The moon landing, I suppose, but are we independent now of foreign oil? Washington has been promising that since the Carter administration.

The Knights of Columbus is not a political action group, and it is not my intent to turn the Assembly into one. If however, as individuals, we have any strong feelings of 'loyalty to the constitution,' perhaps it would be appropriate to let our Congress know what we think of their work. Emails to our Senators and Representatives might give them the support they need to truly represent us. That goes for your Assembly officers also. What would you like to see more of/less of? Let us know.

Fifteen people attended the prayer service on 16 July before our business meeting. Twenty Sir Knights attended the business meeting, and fourteen Sir Knights participated in the Corporate Communion at Holy Spirit – Thank you. By the way, the goal I set for the prayer service, business meeting and Corporate Communion this year is 25, 20 and 11 respectively.

There are two things I need to say to the Ladies, so guys, make sure your Lady sees this. First of all, when my dad died many years ago, my mom was disappointed that there were no Knights at his visitation or funeral. I realized, too late, that I had not contacted his Council. Please give me a call (number above) when/if disaster comes to your family.

Secondly, our best attendance at a prayer service is when the Ladies come – like before a social. This month we are departing from the norm - this month our social will be held on **Saturday**, 15 August. We will begin with a Corporate Communion at OLPH - 5:30 P.M. Mass and a Dinner/Dance at Council 610 Hall so please drag your favorite Knight to the Mass and Dinner and Dancing at the 610 K of C Hall for Prime rib and all the trimmings, BYOB, \$18/person advance notice and \$23 at the door. We must have RSVP from all who wish to attend – Call or Email me for reservations.

Sir Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Sir Knight Victor Williams for being named Sir Knight of the Month for August for consistent efforts to serve and promote Patriotism and the 4th Degree.

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual.

- Vince Lombardi

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Captain's Corner

Jesus told us to go into all the earth and spread the Good News. Jesus also told us to raise up our children in the way they should go and they will not depart from it. So let's talk about how we are doing. I have a Choose Life license plate on my car. I want my children to understand that I believe Life is important, important enough for me to spend extra money on a special license plate. I believe Life is important enough to display my belief for everyone I don't know to see. I believe I am spreading the Good News that the beginning, middle and end of Life is in God's hands.

I have mentioned days to fly your flag each month and have found out that 6 of our 200 members have a permanent flag pole displayed at our homes. Again, I want my children to understand that this country is important, that Patriotism is something worth displaying, worth fighting for, and worth preserving. All of my neighbors get the same lesson each time they drive by my house.

What lesson are you sharing with you children, with your neighbors? Nothing come to mind? You might well be sharing your faith each day with your children and your coworkers; and I applaud you for your efforts. Let me challenge you to reach further out into all the earth. Put a Choose Life license plate on your car for everyone to see. Display a flag at your home every day. After all, we are the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus.

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District Kickoff Meeting – Lenoir City

No doubt you will hear a recap from your Grand Knights at the Council level, but I want to share with you one very important item. Supreme reminds all Knights of Columbus that the Pledge of Allegiance has 31 words and ends with 'Justice for all'. Furthermore, Supreme asks us to cease saying the words Born and Unborn at the end of the Pledge. We were asked to pause after the pledge and say the words Born and Unborn in our hearts. The explanation for this directive is, first at our 1st and 2nd Degrees we agreed to abide by the leadership of our superior officers, and second, that we are in 2 lawsuits to keep the words 'Under God' in the Pledge. We want to keep the focus on the words Under God. Bill Gunter said if we said the words out loud we would not be suspended from the Knights, but we are reminded of our pledge to follow our Officers.

Upcoming Events – Please print our schedule of events and put it on the 'fridge so you can plan to attend some the exciting things this coming year.

Please RSVP to our FN Marv if you will be attending the August Social following our Corporate Communion at OLPH on Saturday evening. That is right we have changed the date and time of our August Corporate Communion and Social to August 15. We thought it was time we visit some of the families who attend Saturday Vigil Masses. So please let us know if you will be attending dinner with us at Council 610 so we can purchase the food.

Color Corp Information

We just received 6 more Drill Manuals. If you are interested in becoming certified and serving professionally at corporate communions please contact our FN Marv or our CCC Bill Cornwell to receive a manual. And don't forget to bring your sword to all business meetings as we will practice the first 15 minutes of every meeting.

Life Lesson

A lesson that should be taught in all schools . . . And colleges

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock , did something not to be forgotten.. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades..'

'No,' she said..

'Maybe it's our behavior.'
She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period.. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon television news crews had started gathering in Ms.Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it.

Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CHURCH	LOCATION	TIME
8/9/09	Officer's Meeting	St. Jude	Harwood "B" FLC-2 nd Floor	3:00 PM
8/15/09	Corporate Communion	OLPH	OLPH	5:30 PM
8/15/09	Social Meeting	N/A	610	7:00 PM
9/13/09	Officer's Meeting	N/A	TBD	3:00 PM.
9/17/09	Business Meeting	St Stephen	6099	5:45 PM
		Shepherd of the		8:00 AM
9/20/09	Corporate Communion	Valley	Shepherd of the Valley	CDT
10/11/09	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
		Shepherd of the		
10/15/09	Social Meeting	Valley	Dunlap	5:45 PM
				10:30 AM
10/18/09	Corporate Communion	Our Lady of Lourdes	South Pittsburg	CDT
11/09	Veterans Day Parade	N/A	Dalton, GA	TBD
11/09	Veterans Day Ceremony	N/A	National Cemetery	TBD

11/8/09	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
11/15/09	Corporate Communion	St. Augustine	Signal Mountain	TBD
11/19/09	Business Meeting	OLPH	OLPH PLC	5:45 PM
12/13/09	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
12/17/09	Christmas Social	St Stephen	6099	5:45 PM
12/20/09	Corporate Communion	St. Jude	Hixson	TBD
1/10/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
1/17/09	Corporate Communion	Sts. Peter & Paul	Sts. Peter & Paul	TBD
1/21/10	Business Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
1/22/10	Pro-Life Mass	St. Jude	St. Jude	7:00 PM
2/14/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
2/18/10	Social Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
2/21/10	Corporate Communion	St Stephen	St Stephen	11:00 AM
3/14/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
3/18/10	Business Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
3/21/10	Corporate Communion	Holy Spirit	Soddy-Daisy	8:00 AM
4/11/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
4/15/10	Business Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
4/18/10	Corporate Communion	OLPH	OLPH	10:30
	Armed Forces Day			
5/7/10	Parade	N/A	Downtown Chattanooga	TBD
5/9/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
				10:30 AM
5/16/10	Corporate Communion	Our Lady Of Lourdes	South Pittsburg	CDT
5/20/10	Business Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
5/31/10	Memorial Day	N/A	National Cemetery	TBD
6/13/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	3:00 PM
6/17/10	Social Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
		Shepherd of the		
6/20/10	Corporate Communion	Valley	Dunlap	8:00 AM

Please note that all Business meetings and Social meetings start with a Prayer service at 5:45 pm and the Business meetings start at 7:00 pm



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