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Faithful Navigator's Report

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Sir Knights: Marv's Musing

We had a great turnout for our first Saturday Corporate Communion and Dinner/Dance on 15 August. Twenty-four Sir Knights participated in the service at OLPH for the 5:30 Mass. Father Jim acknowledged our presence from the altar and mentioned our work with the MR Foundation and Wheelchair Program. Fifty guests enjoyed a prime rib dinner at Council 610 after Mass. Dance music was provided by our own DJ – Jan Rodriguez. We all had such a HOT time, the air conditioner was unable to keep up! We'll do this again!

Like a tune you just cannot shake, I feel compelled to pursue this thought further.

[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

Are your Congressmen supporting or perverting the Constitution? If the latter, then should you continue to have them working for you? The decline of the Republic begins when government hands out more entitlements than it has income. How many trillions of dollars of debt must we incur before we realize that the decline has begun? We must pray to return the reign of God to our society. Will you join me in saying the rosary every Thursday for this cause?

On a lighter note, we are planning a flag ceremony at the Columbus Day picnic. We plan to decommission several flags that have fallen into disuse - more on this in our October newsletter.

Check the schedule of events for September, and then join us!

Parting thought for September: What kinds of activities can our assembly engage in to leave the world in good hands? How about pray the rosary to preserve the reign of God in this land?

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Tempest Fugit, Memento Mori – Time Flies, Remember Death, we all remember this from our First Degree. I am especially reminded of these watchwords with the passing of Senator Edward Kennedy this week. Time, indeed, does fly and the memory of what we have done in our lives and how we affect the world lasts longer than our brief stay on this earth. Remember, Brothers, Death does come to us all. I will remember Senator Kennedy as the man who supported and helped establish homosexual marriage and the man who supported government supported abortion on demand. While you watch all of the media hype over the coming days about how great a man Senator Kennedy was, think to yourself, was he a great man, did he impact our world for the better? I believe that Senator Kennedy's family and friends truly grieve the lose of Edward; and I would ask you to pray for the Kennedy family, the repose of his soul and all the souls in Purgatory.

Let us all take note of what legacy we will leave when death comes to each of us. Let us be responsible for leaving this world better than we found it, not based on some self-indulgent goals, but let us make this world better by doing God's work while we have the time.

Now get your pencils ready to take notes. Sept. 13, Sunday, at Council 6099 there will be a Directors & Officers meeting immediately following the Second Degree at 2:00 pm. Our regular business meeting will be at Council 6099 on Thursday, Sept. 17 following our Prayer service and Adoration at St Stephen. Coming up Oct. 24, we will host the Bienville Province meeting and we have several opportunities to serve to make this event a success. First, we need members for an honor guard at mass with Bishop Richard at St Stephen. In order to present ourselves as the professionals we should be, we will have several practice sessions to make sure we do not embarrass our Bishop or ourselves. If you want to help, please contact our Color Corps Commander Bill Cornwell at 892-0865 to get the practice schedule. We will also need servers to work at the dinner following the 5:30 pm mass at St Stephen. The dinner will be at Council 6099 and we will need 5 men willing to dress the part and serve our guests. Please contact me for details if you are willing to help.

Worthy Sirs, it seems we constantly must revisit the same topics with each correspondence whether it be newsletter, email, or frantic phone call. Our Assembly Officers are trying to increase our positive impact on our community by our participation in parades, by replacing flags, and keeping you abreast of important political issues. In order to do these things we need two things, your participation and your dues. If you are behind with your dues, then we must find other ways to fund our flag replacement program. If you are behind in your dues then we must find other ways to fund our newsletters that are mailed to Brothers without email. Now the most important issue of this correspondence, what will happen to this Assembly after your current officers retire? This is not a rhetorical question; please let me know what you, as a member of this Assembly plan to do to keep the good works of our Order moving into the future. We

have open Directors positions, we do not have men stepping up to assume the responsibilities of the chairs, we have 51 Worthy Sirs with regalia and consistently only a dozen show up at corporate communions.

Are you an active member or a member in name only? – Step up and become an active member!

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Pilot's Points

The month of August was marked with the first social of the fraternal year. What made this social unique is that it was held on Saturday, 15 August – the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Never before in my memory has an assembly social been held on a Saturday. The social followed a Mass at OLPH. Nineteen Sir Knights participated at the Mass and then traveled to Father Patrick J. Ryan Council hall for an excellent prime rib dinner. After dinner, the fifty attendees - Sk's, their Ladies, Knights and their wives danced to the musical accompaniment of DJ (Sir Knight) Jan Rodriguez.

In order to do this kind of social in the future, we need to be aware that there are financial obligations associated with an event such as this. It cost money to purchase and prepare the food, and we can only control these costs to maximized value to our Brother Knights when we know how much food to prepare. When you agree to attend a function like this and then do not show up, food that has been purchased and prepared for you is not paid for. The income we were counting on is lost. We might sell it as a 'take home' at a discount, but we do not realize the income we were expecting.

We lost expected income for five such dinners last month. Certainly, we know that 'stuff' happens – a baby sitter is not available at the last minute, or some other emergency occurs. Please let us know as soon as you know when "stuff" keeps you from keeping your commitment – sometimes we can make some compensating adjustments. The consequence of not knowing is often the difference between 'breaking even or losing money.

Unlike Council events we cannot put the leftovers in the freezer and use them next week. We must throw any leftovers away; which is not good stewardship. We must purchase and prepare only enough food for the event.

Phil Daniel – Faithful Pilot

A quote from 1944..

Norman Mattoon Thomas
(November 20, 1884 - December 19, 1968)
was a leading American socialist, pacifist,
and six-time presidential candidate for the
Socialist Party of America.



The Socialist Party candidate for President
of the US, Norman Thomas, said this in a
1944 speech:

The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism.
But, under the name of 'liberalism,' they will adopt every fragment of
the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation,
without knowing how it happened."
He went on to say: 'I no longer need to run as a Presidential Candidate
for the Socialist Party.
The Democrat Party has adopted our platform.'

If you aren't scared, you're NOT LISTENING.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CHURCH	LOCATION	TIME
9/13/09	Officer's Meeting	N/A	6099	~3:00 PM
9/17/09	Business Meeting	St Stephen	6099	5:45 PM
9/20/09	Corporate Communion	Shepherd of the Valley	Shepherd of the Valley	8:00 AM CDT
10/11/09	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
10/15/09	Social Meeting	Shepherd of the Valley	Dunlap	5:45 PM
10/18/09	Corporate Communion	Our Lady of Lourdes	South Pittsburg	10:30 AM CDT
10/24/09	Bienville Province Mtg.	St Stephen	6099	5:30 PM
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	TBD
11/15/09	Corporate Communion	St. Augustine	Signal Mountain	10:30 AM
11/19/09	Business Meeting	OLPH	OLPH PLC	5:45 PM
12/13/09	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	TBD
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	TBD
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	TBD
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	TBD
4/15/10	Business Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
4/18/10	Corporate Communion	OLPH	OLPH	10:30
5/7/10	Armed Forces Day Parade	N/A	Downtown Chattanooga	TBD
5/9/10	Officer's Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
5/16/10	Corporate Communion	Our Lady Of Lourdes	South Pittsburg	10:30 AM 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	TBD
6/17/10	Social Meeting	TBD	TBD	5:45 PM
6/20/10	Corporate Communion	Shepherd of the 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