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Greetings Worthy Sirs, and welcome to the March version of the Navigator Notes (NN)

Participation for February: We held our Corporate Communion on Saturday, and the turnout was GREAT!! It just proves once again that when we include the ladies in our plans, we see an increase in participation of our Sir Knights.

Target	February Actual
Social: 47	43
Prayer Service: 25	41
Corporate Communion: 11	13 (plus 15 at the Bishop's Marriage Mass)

Sir Knight Mike Horten wanted to share information about a group he encountered recently that is customer focused – something we don't see all that often these days. He went to www.Buy4lesstuxedo.com to get some items. He requested two-day delivery on his order. Since their shipping department was closed down due to bad weather, they sent his package overnight in order to make good on their 2 day delivery commitment.

If you did not make it to our social last month, you really missed a treat. SK Karl Reddick provided the music and instructor for dance lessons. I don't think we who took lessons are quite ready for 'Dancing With the Stars', but those of us who persevered had a great time AND learned a few new steps to tryout at our next opportunity. We may just try this again!

We regularly get calls asking when and where our next meeting will take place, so rather than putting this notice on page two,

Our next meeting will be on 18 March following a prayer service at St. Stephen. Prayer service 5:45 – Business meeting at 6099 @ 7:00 PM. Bring your swords and service baldric for Honor Guard Training following the meeting. Our next Corporate Communion will be at Holy Spirit in Soddy Daisy on 21 March @ 8:00 AM. We need to begin preparations for our Color Guard for the Exemplification scheduled for 8 May. We need all of your help to make a good impression on the candidates as well as the observers.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the VA Center in Chattanooga. Please see me.

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; and Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of brotherly affection and love . . . particularly for their brethren who have served in the field."

- George Washington



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one, they get a good wage for their labor. If the one falls, the other will lift up his companion. Woe to the solitary man! For if he should fall, he has no one to lift him up.

Keep this scripture in mind as I ponder the coming year for our Assembly. No, I do not plan to quit my day job and become a prophet. By now we are all familiar with our Faithful Navigators goals to increase participation in all aspects of our Assemblies endeavors. (I applaud not only his goals, but his efforts to meet them). As you read the newsletter each month you get the same picture that I do – we have the same 20 people doing everything. I am not chiding anyone for lack of participation due to legitimate commitments (I have been absent for the last 3 meetings due to business travel). I am concerned that we have not seen some of our Brothers for over a year. What has changed to keep you absent from us? Has something changed in your lives? Some circumstance that we need to be aware of? Something we can help you with? After all we are Brother Knights, first and foremost we should display Charity and Unity. Has something in the Assembly changed to keep you away? Share your thoughts with us. The officers of 'your' Assembly are committed to Patriotism, and to the Knights of Columbus and to service to our community. We need you, and we need your participation.

We have talked a lot about the coming year and the need for Officers and Directors. Why as a matter of record we don't have all the positions filled for this year (or last). This year Marv will (the Good Lord willing) take on more responsibility than most of us can imagine (save Wes Bell). Also, this year (the Good Lord willing) I will become the Grand Knight of 6099. Taking on more responsibility than my wife thinks I should. This means the two men in the two top officer positions of the Assembly are going to be stretched beyond belief. I have no doubt that we will, (being frail humans that we are), we will stumble and fall. We will forget important events, commitments, and deadlines. We will not be able to attend every event due to other obligations. (Not for lack of trying, but we can only do so much)

Remember Eccl. 4:9-10, we need you to join us, this coming year, more than ever. We need you to lift us up when we fall short in our efforts to guide and lead 'your' Assembly. Join us at our next business meeting and show us you support our efforts. Join us by becoming an officer or director this coming year. At the very least, if you are not able to join us or serve with us – pray for us and all the officers of the Knights of Columbus.

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