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Faithful Associate Friar's Report Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

*... everything is useful which contributes
to fix us in the principles and practice of virtue.*

Jefferson, Monticello, Aug. 3. 1771 A.D.

While one of the great co-founders of our country was referring to the reading of fiction, which he characterized as “improving and amusing” he also applied this dictum to literature and reading in general (and in good governance). We, as Sir Knights, should apply this thought to what we make use of as Sir Knights. The first two choices in what books we carry should be the Bible and the Constitution; certainly the choice of one who is both Knight and lawyer.

In our dual roles as Catholic and Patriot, we should position ourselves well by studying these two documents so as to protect and preserve them as citizens.

This is not a call to Politics (the promotion of self) but politics (good governance).

This has become more necessary in our time when the very First Amendment is twisted and turned: *Congress shall make no law restricting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: that is, the right to be free of government interference in anyone's personal religion.* Today this ‘commandment’ is ignored by government functionaries who find every opportunity to ‘restrict’ its practice or the free speech protection attached to it. From time to time each of our amendments has been the subject of potential ‘restriction’, interference, and even opposition.

Our duty as Knights is to both protect and promote our Faith, and our Country. In our proud prayer to Mary, Queen of the Knights, we ask her intercession to *“win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.*

Our Lord left us two parables that seem to have been providentially passed on for our times. Both involved important servants who came to task before their masters; they were compelled to give accounts of their stewardship. Each solved the problem in a different way, yet each is described in Scripture as “unjust”. The one faced his “financial problem” by victimizing and oppressing the master’s debtors by demanding satisfaction (or jail) from his own debtors (Matt 18:21-35). The other attempted to solve his “financial problem” by lessening the master’s debtors of obligations they owed their master (Luke 16:1-13). The one by intimidation to fill his own coffers; the other by bestowing gifts of remission of money that was not his. The Lord condemned both these evil men. They abound in our time in civil and social matters. So we must warn of them in our time.

In our efforts let us call to mind the “golden message” described by a great present day preacher, Father Leo Clifford, OFM, from the wisdom of St. Paul: *He whose power is at work in you is powerful enough and more than powerful enough to achieve His design in all you hope and dream. He has a design for you and for me. We must believe in Him. We must trust in Him.*

**God bless you in the Knighthood you
pledged to Him!**

**THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR
GRACES AND BLESSING**

Faithful Navigator's Report

Rob VanRite



**Please Pray for Those
Serving US Today**

Worthy Sir Knights, the fraternal year is drawing to a close, but a few details need to be transacted before we can call it a day. The recently concluded Biennial Conference at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Northbeach, MD saw all AWD Assembly's in attendance to act on matters before the District. After voting, three names were proffered to Supreme to fill the position of Master of the Fourth Degree: Micheal Thumm, Joe Feakes, and Joe Massimini. Selection is to be made shortly. Also three resolutions were put before the AWD for consideration: two were honorifics that were accepted on voice vote and one dealing with the adoption of the "new" regalia. The latter resolution tendered by Curley Assembly received lively floor debate and overcame being initially tabled after an amendment was offered. Motion to forward the resolution in amended form was accepted. As we go through this month, the first event on the radar is the Exemplification of the 4th Degree on April 7, 2018, at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD. All Sir Knights are urged to attend. Showtime is 0900 with a start time of 1100. Multiple events involving the Color Corps are planned throughout the month. See the current issue of the Neumann News for a complete listing. Be sure to make this month's meeting on 19 April 2018 @7:30pm as nominations for Assembly officer positions will be made. Hope to see you there!

Vivat Jesus



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR
DEPARTED BROTHERS AND
FAMILY MEMBERS OF SIR
KNIGHTS, ESPECIALLY,
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
AND RECOVERING,**

If you know of a SK or SK's family member who is ill, has died, or is in need of our prayers, please contact the Faithful Pilot.



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*Columbus and frequently are seen at Religious, Patriotic,
and Civic Functions.*

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*"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself Forgotten." -
Calvin Coolidge*

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