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### Faithful Associate Friar's Report

#### Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

*So faith, hope, love abide, these three;  
But the greatest of these is love. – 1Cor13.*

Before our past year passed on we celebrated one of the two greatest feasts – the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ – Christmas Day. Some celebrate that day as a national holiday to express the one thing that all can give with joy – gifts. It is much more than that. It is the day of the great gift of God – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Besides this, it reminds us of the gifts our God bestows through Jesus upon His Church.

First, we receive the gifts of life through Virtue. We are graced with the gifts of Fortitude, Justice, Prudence, and Temperance. Holy is he who accepts the gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. We have the gifts of the Seven Sacraments. It is Faith and Hope that helps us grasp these treasures – but the greatest of these is Love.

Now with the beginning of a new year, by way of resolutions, the greatest gift that we can give is to accept each of these wonders and use them to the fullest. Our acceptance and gratitude can be manifest by passing on the fruits thereof to others, from family, to community, to the nation, to the world.

Begin, by taking to heart these reflections by the great Rock of our Church, St. Peter, in his second letter to the brethren (3-7).

*[The] divine power of [our Lord] has freely bestowed on us everything necessary for a life of genuine piety, through knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and power. By virtue of them He has bestowed on us the great and precious things He promised, so that through these you who have fled a world corrupted by lust might become sharers of the divine nature.*

*This is reason enough for to make every effort to undergird your virtue with faith, your discernment with virtue, and your self-control with discernment; this self-control, in turn, would lead to perseverance and perseverance to piety, and piety to care for your brother, and care for your brother, to love.*

Our “knowledge of Him” comes to us in many ways. Sometimes through Humor, as in a recent comic strip in *The Washington Times*, RB and Jamaal: *This rose is amazing in its delicacy, detail, and fragrance; when I think of all the wondrous miracles ... I don't understand why people deny God's existence; after all, He doesn't deny ours.*”

He may come to us through an ‘Awesome Song’: *O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder—consider all the works Thy hands have made ... . Or perhaps through the quiet Wisdom of a seven-year-old boy: in a second grade religion class of mine one boy wondered: how do I know there is a God? A second boy raised his hand and answered: If there was no God I wouldn't be here.*

God Himself, in the beginnings of His conversation through the Prophets, set forth what is regarded as rock-bottom truth. Since ancient times this has been referred as *Shema*.

***Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart,  
and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength.  
And these words which I command thee this day,  
Shall be in thy heart.***



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



Undeniably, the start of my term as Faithful Navigator went off course several times. At least, in this the New Year of 2018, I have a better grasp, and predict smooth sailing for the remaining voyage. The Color Corps had performed admirably last year and had added the requisite amount of “pomp & circumstance” to many proceedings. We have added only two Sir Knights this fraternal year and thus I make the personal entreaty for the membership to be alert to opportunities to augment our ranks. Attendance at meetings has picked up recently but I have difficulty attributing it to a certain cause. At present I got my choices narrowed down to either my superior oration or Bill Mauer’s & Mike Bronder’s cooking! Last month, brand new Sir Knight Lee “Bud” Dumais stepped boldly forward to fill the Faithful Comptroller position. In that regard, expect to see a mailing—soliciting this year’s membership dues—soon. Please be aware that on 18 January 2018 the Assembly will be conducting its Renewal of Obligations ceremony. Officers are to wear the social baldric and tuxedo for this special event. Brother Sir Knights are invited to do the same. The Master or Former Master conducting the ceremony has not been named. Finally, the Archdiocese of Washington District will conduct its second Exemplification of the Fourth Degree ceremony in April. Plan now on recruiting new members. Please note Council #2577 has resumed its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday meeting schedule. Thus, we at the Assembly have returned to meeting at 7:30pm on the third Thursday. I hope all my Brother Sir Knights had a great Christmas and will have a Great New Year! Vivat Jesus!

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