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Faithful Associate Friar's Emeritus Report Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

*Give us strength in temptation, endurance
In trial, and gratitude in prosperity.
-Liturgy of the Hours Intercessions Wk. 4, Weds.*

In the Davidic Psalms (149.6), we Knights are faced with a challenge for our times in promoting the faith and defending virtue and morality:

*Let the high praises of God be in their throats and
two-edged swords in their hands ...*

This is close to our pledge as Knights, both spiritually and patriotically. We defend God, first, then country. It is to protect, not to vanquish. We see this in the roots of our great Land. It is why many of us, as soldiers, chose to protect IT, not to flee from our duty. Today we are called to this same duty to protect our Church, not with arms but with the two-edged sword of word and will. We must not only resist evil and immorality but the evil one's concepts that each is his own god and his own moral yardstick. In this fight the law of God is the patriotism of the soul. Recently (June 5th) in his letter to the people, Archbishop Wuerl warned us that we will, in our struggle, *encounter attempts to force us to accept contrary moral views or suggestions that the Church needs to withstand through Her teachings.*

These days have been characterized as 'a time of renewal.' By this, we mean a new restoration, not simply a time of change. It is a time to burnish gold, not to change it into plastic. It is not a time to mildly place down our spiritual armor, but to polish our Christ-like two-edged swords. *As Knights of*

Columbus we honor Wisdom and have learned to seek it and to apply it to our actions as citizen-servants of Christ. If we go with God within us we will achieve true renewal.

In the vast army of the Lord are many holy Christians who went forth as soldiers, and returned to sanctify their people: Abraham, Constantine, David, George, Ignatius, , John of God, Martin of Tours. Then there is Joan of Arc, personally called to service by our Lord. One list numbers over 500 such brave men, not to mention the many martyrs sent to Heaven in large groups in the many attacks upon Christians over the centuries.

Let us go into the fray behind our beloved saintly leader and general, Saint Peter. He advises us that the divine power of Jesus *has bestowed on us everything that makes for life, and devotion, through the knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and power.* He cautions us to first escape from the corruption that is in the world through evil desires. Finally, he gives us troops the call to victory:

... Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. (Second Letter, 2)

We have our God, we have our Church, we have our great Land. But most of all we have each other, because that is what all this is about.

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



Faithful Navigator's Report Rob VanRite

Worthy Sir Knights, the Assembly hosted the Archdiocese of Washington District meeting of the assemblies making up the Calvert Province on 9 June 2018. Worthy Outer Sentinel Romeo Paternoster, Faithful Comptroller Bud Dumais and the FN provided well-received breakfast staples and drinks to the twelve participating assemblies and District staff numbering about 50 Sir Knights. During the Exemplification of the 4th Degree at St Mary of the Mills parish we added 6 new Sir Knights to the Assembly's ranks: SK Duayne Driscoll; SK Father Scott Holmer; SK Bill Parent; SK Stephen Petersen (grandson of SK John Curreri); and SK Mike Mitchell. We end the fraternal year in the black as Faithful Purser SK Amancio Pascaran reported at the June 21, 2018 Assembly meeting we had a balance of over \$6,000. I will put this money to good use to support both our infrastructure and charitable endeavors. Faithful Comptroller Lee "Bud" Dumais also had a hand in our fiscal health by his timely submission of dues notices. Dues for the next fraternal year will remain @ \$25. Keep in mind the 28 July Installation of Assembly #1763 officers at St Elizabeth Seton parish in Crofton, MD with a reception following in Boswell Hall. The event is provided free of cost to all Sir Knight's in good standing. Watch your email for the flyer and further details. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

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.



The Fourth Degree Color Corps are the Visible Knights of

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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