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Faithful Associate Friar's Report Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. He that loves not knows not God; for God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

Years ago, when the month of June burst upon our lives, we (for in those days everyone sang even to themselves) and every radio echoed with the tune “*June is bustin out all over ...*”.

We valued the worth of simple, earthly joy, and its exhilaration. We also valued that other, inner, joy that was spiritual. There was the earthly love that nurtured the things of this world and the spiritual love that inspired noble action.

Where do we look for that kind of love? A whimsical check in Scripture: a bible of 1620 contained the word ‘love’ 310 times; a bible of today contains the word 531 times. Have we grown in realizing its importance, or is it perhaps we search deeper because of its illusiveness. As S. Holmes would say “we cut to the chase”! Our opening quote makes us realize we can find much fruit in the First Epistle of John. Our knowledge of love of all kinds comes from our knowledge of God, for “God is Love.” A remarkable thought from the diary of great Catholic writer Flannery O’Connor: *Two people remain “in love”--- only if their common desire for each other unites in a greater desire for God --- i.e. they do not become satisfied but more desirous together of the supernatural love in union with God. A Prayer Journal, at 5/4/1947.*

Our love of God is evinced in our neighbor for it reflects the divine love. As St. John tells us: If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? [The merry humorist Mark Twain, on the question of friendship, quipped: It

takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you: the one to slander you, and the other to bring you the news.]

Once upon a time, a preacher, who for thirty years had spread the Word of the Lord to hundreds of people, was challenged “everything you say is only your opinion.” He thought about this but could not come up with an adequate reply. Later he was inspired to seek beyond mere ordinary words and sought the answer in the speech of poetry. A ‘psalm of reflection’ by an unidentified poet expresses in a simple manner the essence of the love of life.

**I awoke in the sublime warmth of a womb
With only a sense of feeling ‘I am.’
Where? When? Thoughts are nowhere here.
Feeling surrounded by a warm wet cover,
Life seemed to suddenly win me over.
I nestled, I was loved, I was comforted, fed.
My life was simple, one of quiet and peace.**

**In time my fine feeling of life made a stir.
It was a while since those early silent stirs.
I began to be aware that I could feel a garment,
A moist robe surrounding my alertness.
I felt a twitch, a sudden touch of my being.
Something real had entered this comfort zone.**

**I somehow await the warmth of the four hands
That made me and the fresh golden breath
From the tender glance of the God who made us.
Whose plan of life and love cannot be set aside.**

This June let us pause and look to the Lord for a real renewal of that splendid emotion and virtue, and gift from God. Perhaps we could begin with our own beginnings, before we even knew its power.

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

Faithful Navigator's Report Rob VanRite

Worthy Sir Knights, elections were held at the last Assembly meeting. I present to you a list of officers elected for the 2018 – 2019 Fraternal Year:

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3rd Year SK Ed Fox, PFN

I also provide for your consideration, two dates: 16 June 2018—the final Exemplification of the 4th Degree for this fraternal year at St. Mary of the Mills, Laurel, MD & 28 July the Installation of Assembly #1763 officer at St Elizabeth Seton parish in Crofton, MD. The Assembly meets on the third Thursday of the month (14 June for this month) @ 7:30pm. A wonderful opportunity for food and fellowship follows the meeting courtesy of SK's Bill Mauer and Mike Bronder. 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.



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Stationed in Spokane, Washington

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Son of Jerry Scheidhauer
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Son of Mike & Mary Jo Sierco
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"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself Forgotten." - Calvin Coolidge

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