



# The Neumann News

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### Faithful Associate Friar's Report

#### Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

*There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Him, you love Him, and without seeing you now believe in Him, and rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory because you are achieving faith's goal, your salvation. 1 Peter: 6-9*

There comes a time to address this particular audience as "MEN". Lent is an especially good time. May one try? The Book of Proverbs tells us that God speaks to us that "men may appreciate wisdom and discipline, may understand words of intelligence; may receive training in wise conduct, in what is right, just and honest; that resourcefulness may be imparted to the simple; to the young may knowledge and discretion. Thus, we Knights are especially equipped to fulfill our special destiny as fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, Godfathers, uncles etc. We have roles "as men." Quickly St Paul warns us: *Never allow yourselves to be self-satisfied; if you pride yourself on your worldly wisdom, you will have to unlearn it all before you are truly wise.* The key the great Apostle placed into your palm: look to Jesus Christ!

The great Deacon, Saint Ephrem, expressed this so well: *The Word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches.* One of our greatest vocations as fathers of our own family is to be the guides and watchmen of our children. My children are my garden I planted with their mother. We looked to God as the Gardener to direct them in their growth. The "fruit" we pass on for Him is not only the way to live – the Ten Commandments, the Virtues – but also the Life of Christ through the Sacraments. We examine our conscience; while doing so we should

examine the "Conscience of our Family." Where, in spite of our teaching, have any of our children failed God? Lent is a time for us to reach out our hands in love to their forgetful things they did or failed to do.

Sometime one has to become personal in one's teaching to convey what is universal. Many years ago my son, a young lad, handed me three index cards. For me, he said,(and of course also for his mom). It was a simple poem; in his youthful hand a pearl. The other day I came across it, handed it to my son.

His eyes opened wide in recognition and remembrance. We both smiled in mutual acknowledgement.

*The Rose. It is only a tiny rosebud – A flower of God's design;*

*But I cannot unfold the petals, with these clumsy hands of mine.*

*The secret of unfolding flowers is not known to such as I*

–

*The flower God opens so sweetly, in my hands would fade and die.*

*If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God's design, Then how can I think I have wisdom to unfold this life of mine?*

*For the pathway that lies before me, my heavenly Father knows -*

*Just as He unfolds the rose. (Author unknown).*

I also smiled in gratitude. In reflection, the words of St. Paul to the Galatians (5:22-23) came to my mind: ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.***

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

# Faithful Navigator's Report

## Rob VanRite



**Please Pray for Those  
Serving US Today**

The Fourth Degree Assembly meetings got off to a slow start, but now, with Sir Knights showing up in droves, good things are starting to happen. A very successful fund raiser at an area Chick Fil A raised \$250 for the Master's fund. The Color Corps supported four events last month capped off with a Casket Watch for deceased Past State Deputy William C. Kuchmas and Color Guard for his funeral Mass at St. Ursula Catholic Church in Baltimore. The Faithful Navigator and Delegates Ed Fox and Duayne Driscoll will journey to St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on March 17, 2018 to attend the Biennial Meeting of the Archdiocese of Washington and Calvert Province. During this meeting nominations will be made for the position of Master of the Fourth Degree covering the next two years. Finally, the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be conducted on 7 April 2018 at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD. Sir Knights are asked to go all out for recruiting new members!

Viva 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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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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