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Faithful Associate Friar's Report

Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

*It was You who took me from the womb,
Entrusted me to my mother's breast.
To You I was committed from my birth,
From my mother's womb you have been my God.
Psalm 22*

Thus we began in the hands of God. From the beginning we ask ourselves, who is this who created us, who is this God who receives us in His hands at our birth? Going back a long way we find the beginning of the answer.

In the early days of the recordings of our times, of who we are, who we come from, Scripture takes us within a few feet of a miraculous event.

An early man of God encountered this God whom we seek. Moses, a man tending sheep in the pastures of a strange land, encounters a strange sight: a bush ablaze yet not consumed by fire. He hears a wondrous voice setting forth His message for the people of Israel. Moses asks God: 'who are you?'

God said to Moses, **"I AM WHO I AM."** *And He said, say to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'. God also said to Moses, 'say this to the people of Israel, the God of your fathers ... has sent Me to you; this is My name for ever, and thus I AM to be remembered throughout all generations.'* -Exodus 3:14.

St. Peter reminds us that "Christ suffered for you and left you an example, to have you follow in His footsteps. He did no wrong, no deceit was found in His mouth. When He was insulted, He returned no insult. When He was made to suffer, He did not counter with threats. Instead, He delivered Himself up to the One who judges justly. " 1 Peter 2:23

How do we proceed? There are hundreds of tips from the Fathers. One of the simplest and yet most profound

suggestion comes from that great early Doctor of the Church, Saint Isidore, in his succinct *Book of Maxims*: *Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible. ... If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection. By reading we learn what we did not know; by reflection we retain what we have learned.* Reading Scripture is paramount; followed by dips into the writings of The Doctors of the Church.

One thing to remember when we follow Jesus Christ: if you weave in circles you will never wind up with a straight carpet. Here we call to mind the ultimate concern of that great English Bishop and Martyr St. John Fisher, that when called before the Lord He will say: ***Why did you not give a true and just account of My money, that is to say, of the learning I gave you, with which you should have taught the people my laws.*** Commentary on Psalm 50 [51].

While we try to reorganize our lives, along the path of the Lord, let us spend our Pentecostal thoughts with a reminder of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit each of us has been so profusely given (Isaiah 11:2-3): wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. If we use them the garden of our soul will be blessed with His fruits (Galatians 5:22-23): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We can answer our God at that final moment when he asks, 'are you a faithful Son of Mine?', each of us can answer: "I am" [lower case].

During this month of Mary let us hear within our hearts the words of the Blessed Mother, at the Wedding Feast of Cana, to the servants (and to us): ***"Do whatever He tells you."*** John 2:5.

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR GRACES AND BLESSING

Faithful Navigator's Report

Rob VanRite

Worthy Sir Knights, the Fraternal Year has all but run its course and thus it is time for a respective and some updates. On the plus side, attendance at meetings has measurably improved. This has been helpful both from a standpoint of camaraderie and the passage of information on Assembly happenings and commitments. The Color Corps (CC)—though small—has made a seminal presence at several ADW events to include the celebration of the completion of construction on the Trinity Dome of the National Basilica. A strong showing at the Patriotic Breakfast; a wreath laying at the Old Bowie Veteran's Memorial Park; and the dedication of a statue at St Edward the Confessor parish are among this fraternal year's highlights. Paying final tribute to departed brother Knights on several occasions including PSD William C. Kuchmas demonstrated the CC commitment to professionalism and service. By way of update, the meetings in May and June are most important as the nomination and election of officers for the next fraternal year will be conducted. The Assembly meets on the third Thursday of the month (17 May 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.



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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