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Faithful Associate Friar's Report Deacon Andrew J. Nosacek

As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. The one who speaks is to deliver God's message. The one who serves is to do it with the strength provided by God. Thus, in all of you God is to be glorified through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11a

Tin-Pan-Alley had a way of sending out into the very ends of America songs that evoked its innermost thoughts, desires, and memories. A classic that is still heard above the clouds of memory set the stage for most of what we did or were about to do. If you don't recall it ask your Dad (or maybe Grandpa). It went: "For it's a long, long time from May to December, but the days grow short when you reach September."

Leaving aside any romantic reveries this might conjure, it reminds us that if we are going to do anything for the Lord, perhaps we should do it now. We know our mission as Knights, and, in a surer way, as Sir Knights. Perhaps the words of that wonderful French Servant of the Lord Elizabeth Leseur might be a beginning:

Consoling and joyous meditation on those words of Christ, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled. (Luke 12:49). That fire is charity, the total, exclusive, and zealous love of God, and, through Him, of all humanity. But who will be holy enough to make others understand what this charity is, and how this fire is to be kindled? Each one of us can work at this great task, and I have seen clearly what I can do in my own milieu. (Journal and Daily Thoughts, 1901).

How are we to set our own special fire? The charge to this worthy associate friar is to "provide, when

possible, spiritual guidance and solace to the members of this assembly; to inspire the members and officers to do at all times that which is right, not necessarily that which is popular; since all authority, civil or fraternal, comes from God, to provide guidance to the officers to assure their actions are true and just and in accord with the teachings of Holy Mother Church." Fifteen years of this service leads one to conclude that it has been a success. This assembly can stand patriotic and spiritual muster.

The fire in our hearts and souls is kindled by the Holy Spirit, but it is stoked by our own actions. As husbands, we must lift our love for our wives to the level of the biblical Song of Songs. As fathers, we must place ourselves on a high level of love that peers into the eyes of our children and advises them that they are our children, but God's first. Ourselves, (as in turn children of God and members of His Church), must fill our short time on earth in daily devotion (Mass, prayers, scripture reading, quiet meditation). As members of the family of God we must endeavor to be charitable in our thoughts, words, actions, and gifts of love. As patriotic Knights and Americans (without modifying adjectives) we must serve our land when called upon, and to do all we can to preserve it in moral and civic virtue by our own determined actions of love and service.

St. Padre Pio pulls us along our pilgrim way: *Every Christian who is a true imitator and follower of the Nazarene can and must call himself a second Christ and show forth most clearly in his life the entire image of Christ. . Oh, if only all Christians were to live up to their vocation, this very land of exile would be changed into a Paradise.*

We are not alone. Do not ever forget that we each have our Guardian Angel beside us. [cf. Matthew 8:10; St. Thomas Aquinas Summa Ia Qq. 113].



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

Faithful Navigator's Report Rob VanRite

Just when you thought it was safe to go into the Fourth Degree Meeting this happens. "This" is the Supreme Council initiative to do away with the Color Corps regalia. That's right. No more cape. . . no more chapeaux. I had just ordered a full set when the email from Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree Mike Thumm announced that the regalia were being replaced with a blazer, beret, and slacks. The Supreme Master has set July 2018 as the point of no return. Meanwhile, the regalia will continue to be used. The issue was debated at the last meeting held on the third Thursday of the month @ 7:30pm. In other news, the tickets for the Wagon of Cheer are going on sale soon. The \$1,000 raffle tickets are already available from SK Luther Holley, PGK PFN. More on this later. The 4th Degree sponsored Patriotic Breakfast is slated for the 4th of November 2017. A guest speaker has been chosen and a few surprises await participants. This is the premier event for the Assembly during the Fraternal Year. I would very much like a good turnout to support this very worthy event. I congratulate all the officers of the Assembly and give a special thanks to Rose Billings who very sweetly acquiesced to SK Del Billings shouldering the responsibilities of Color Corps Commander for the Assembly.



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Son of Bob & Jeanne Burkhardt
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Stationed in Twentynine Palms, CA

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Son of Claudio & Eva Poiani
Stationed in Spokane, Washington

Col Greg Scheidhauer, US Army
Son of Jerry Scheidhauer
Assigned to U.S. Capitol from Pentagon

Col Michael Sierco, USAF
Son of Mike & Mary Jo Sierco
Air Force War College, AL

Lt Dawn Weaver, USN
Grandchild of Bruno & Martha Seppi
Stationed in Mediterranean

*"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself
Forgotten."* - Calvin Coolidge



**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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Columbus and frequently are seen
at Religious, Patriotic, and Civic
Functions.*

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