



# The Navigator

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE  
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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

November 2011

Worthy Sirs, November is truly a month of reflection on all the we are thankful for. We began the month with All Saints day, then All Souls Day, followed by Veterans Day. And now, we're already preparing for Thanksgiving Day and Advent. We ask ourselves: Have we made a difference?

"Some day, you will be the guest of honor." John King and I, along with several other Sir Knights, were enjoying some lunch after the All Souls day Mass when he uttered that phrase which will rest on my heart forever: "Some day, you will be the guest of honor." No, we weren't talking about Bishop Steib presiding over the Mass at Calvary Cemetery or the nice comments he had to offer in recognition of our presence. "Some day, you will be the guest of honor." Rather, we were talking about a recent funeral for Sir Knight Michael Witek. I have no recollection of ever meeting Michael, nor did several of the Sir Knights who came for his Honor Guard, but we were there. Why? Because we are Sir Knights, the visible arm of the Order. Why? Because we are committed to being there for our family, our church, our country, and most importantly, our God, rain or shine, in good times or bad. In this month of reflection, I ask that you take a moment to reflect on your commitment as we give thanks to those who made their commitments before us so that we could enjoy today's freedoms.

As we move into the Advent season and celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior, please take a few moments to consider the commitments, and perhaps the resolutions, you will make for the coming year. Will you commit to being more active in your home parish, perhaps as an Usher or a Lector? Will you commit to being more active in your Council and Assembly? Will you commit to being more active in your faith by joining Fishers of Men or Cursillo?

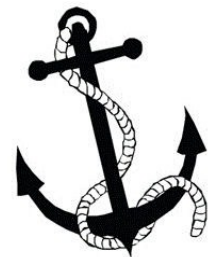
Perhaps you've heard a quote to the effect of, "Showing up is half the battle." Good start, but what about the other half of the battle? Are you just planning to show up or are you willing to make a commitment? We can always use some more help, but what we really need are more men committed to taking the lead and making things happen. My challenge, Sir Knights, it for each and every one of us to participate in at least one Honor Guard event and to help on at least one committee in the coming year. Some day you will be the guest of honor and your fellow Sir Knights will be there for you and your family. Can I count on your commitment?

Vivat Jesus!

*As the Patriotic Degree of the Order, we have a duty to honor those who have served our country and to help educate our next generation. Sir Knight'is more than a title. It's an honor.*

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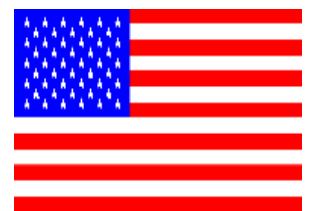
## ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC 16TH!

This year's Assembly Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, **December 16th, 2011** at **Church of the Nativity**, Bartlett. Social hour begins at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM.

*Please RSVP to FC Les Harter ASAP so we have a good count for the caterer!*

In honor of the birth of Jesus, we are again asking that Sir Knights and Ladies bring a gift for Birthright such as newborn baby clothing, baby-care items, diapers, and monetary donations. Those not attending but still wish to donate can drop-off gifts at Nativity the day of the event or forward them to me or to Faithful Comptroller Les Harter.

We will also have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Each couple/participant is asked to bring a wrapped gift of \$10/less for the event (appropriate White Elephants welcome!).



*Ecclesiastes 9:10*



“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.”



On Columbus Day 1961, President John F. Kennedy, a Knight of Columbus, receives a plaque commemorating the addition of the words “under God” to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance from Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart.

<i>Faithful Friar</i>	<i>Fr. James Clark</i>
<i>Faithful Navigator</i>	<i>Bill Brickhill</i>
<i>Faithful Captain</i>	<i>Gary Tircuit, PGK</i>
<i>Faithful Admiral</i>	<i>John King, PGK, PFN, FM</i>
<i>Faithful Pilot</i>	<i>Richard Thompson, PGK</i>
<i>Faithful Scribe</i>	<i>Jim Montgomery</i>
<i>Faithful Purser</i>	<i>Hank Coccozza, PGK</i>
<i>Faithful Inner Sentinel</i>	<i>Jose Ibarra, Jr.</i>
<i>Faithful Outer Sentinel</i>	<i>Charles Belak</i>
<i>Faithful Comptroller</i>	<i>Les Harter</i>
<i>Faithful Trustees: One-Year</i>	<i>Ike Davidson</i>
<i>Two-Year</i>	<i>David Zwissler, PFN</i>
<i>Three-Year</i>	<i>Don Edwards, PGK</i>
<i>West TN Marshal</i>	<i>Pat Casey</i>
<i>Co-Color Corps Commanders</i>	<i>John Haluska, Roger Peck, &amp; Terry Glaser</i>
<i>Church Committee</i>	<i>Joe Seago &amp; Michael McCusker</i>
<i>Communications Committee</i>	<i>John Duffy, Jim Montgomery, &amp; Mike Rominski</i>
<i>Country Committee</i>	<i>Ed Wiseman, Don Edwards, Pat Casey, &amp; Richard Thompson</i>
<i>VA/Wheelchair Committee</i>	<i>Ike Davidson, CJ Burti, Jim Alberding</i>
<i>Social Committee</i>	<i>Barton Joseph, Tom Zavodny</i>
<i>The Order Committee</i>	<i>Armando Velarde, Trustees</i>

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Church** – We are currently supporting one Seminarian, David Orsak, and are looking for one more for our Assembly to support.
- Color Corps** – November was busy: Two Funerals, and Honor Guards for the All Souls Day Mass with Bishop Steib, Veterans Day Parade downtown Memphis, and the Veterans Mass and Breakfast at St Francis. Many thanks to the Sir Knights who have come out to represent our Order. We also have “Loaner Regalia” to allow more participation.
- Communication** – We’re looking for help in managing the web site and newsletter.
- Country** – The 2011 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest is underway. 8th grade at St Ann and St Francis schools and 9th-12th at St Benedict HS are participating. We will be needing help reviewing and grading essays to determine the winner at each grade level (and recipient of the \$100 prize!). Details to follow.
- Veteran’s Administration & Wheelchair Foundation** – VA Christmas Parade coming in December. Volunteer Services is in need of travel-size toiletries to include in the ditty bags given to homeless veterans.
- Social** – Save the Date! Assembly Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec 16th at Church of the Nativity. Gifts for Birthright will be collected. There will also be a Dirty Santa gift exchange. RSVP to FC Les Harter to reserve your seat.
- The Order** – Arrange a Fall and Spring Corporate Mass, Visit the sick and infirmed Knights, Maintain an Active Sir Knight of the Month recognition program. Spring Social event?
- Be more involved—Join a Committee and make a difference in our Church and Community!**

*Religiously Devoted.*

**NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Communications:** Be sure to visit [www.DeaconLeeRHurst.org](http://www.DeaconLeeRHurst.org) and join us on Facebook.

**Honor Guard:** Thanks to all who came out for All Souls Mass at Calvary Cemetery, Veterans Day Parade, and Veterans Mass and Breakfast at St. Francis! Got Regalia???

**Country:** Awards for K of C Essay Contest—Formal vote on \$100 per grade winner

**Wheelchair/VA:** The VA Med Center is now issuing the wheelchairs to veterans and using them in the hospital. Thanks to Ike Davidson for all his great work in getting the program rolling! VA Christmas Parade coming soon: Travel-sized toiletries requested.

**Comptroller:** 2012 Dues Statements coming soon. Please pay promptly!

Do you have additional items to add to New Business? Be sure to send your inputs to the Faithful Navigator or Faithful Captain by the 1st of the month for inclusion in the Newsletter or Agenda.

**REPORTS OF THE THIRD DEGREE COUNCILS**

**Edward J. Kitts Council #7170**— Great turn out for Trunk-or-Treat, Rosary on Weds evenings. Doing fundraiser for Bartlett PD Canine division (bullet-proof vests for dogs)

**Timothy J. Coyle Council #9317**— Art Auction Nov 5th—Super event! Veterans Mass & Breakfast on Nov 13th, “Tryptophan Classic” golf outing coming on Nov 25th! MR Drive this month!

**Pope Saint Pius V Council #14041**— “Nametag Sundays,” sponsoring Seminarian David Orsak, St. Ann/Nativity Men’s Retreat held Nov 5th, Altar Server pizza party Nov 13th.

**St. Phillip’s Council #14482**— Car Show and Night of Southern Elegance raised money for Fayette Cares.

**HONOR GUARD LAPEL PIN—SHOWING THE COLORS**

Assembly members participating in five or more Honor Guard events this fraternal year will receive one of these lapel pins for their service.

Many opportunities in the coming months!

Recipients: Bill Brickhill, Pat Casey, Dr. David Crowder, DDS, John Haluska, Les Harter, Emmet Kimble, John King, Byron Nestler, Roger Peck, Gary Tircuit, Armando Velarde, Ed Wiseman and David Zwissler.

Add your name to this distinguished list!



**GOOD OF THE ORDER AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray for our servicemen and women as they safeguard our freedoms and protect us from all enemies foreign and domestic and our public safety personnel who protect and serve us at home, especially Sir Knight MCPO Robert Edwards and who is deployed to Afghanistan and the Southwest Asia AOR .

Pray for our Sir Knights Pat Jansen, Jerry Orcholski, Les Harter, Frank Taylor, Bill Higdon, Gino Bernardini, Katlyn Zazarra (daughter of SK Michael Zazarra), Pat Kitts, Brother Knights, Parish members and families.

Pray for the repose of the souls of those departed members and families.

*Please keep our Seminarian David Orsak, and all Seminarians and others called to the Vocations in your prayers.*

*Remember your First Degree pledge to keep Our Mother’s Rosary in your heart and to pray it often.*

*Patriotically Proud.*



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."  
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy -





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 27 - First Day of Advent (Day of Obligation)
- November 28 - *Assembly Meeting at St. Francis 7:30 PM***
- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 8 - Immaculate Conception of Mary (Day of Obligation)
- December 16 - *Assembly Christmas Dinner (Church of the Nativity, in lieu of meeting)***
- December 25 - Christmas: Rejoice! Our Savior is Born!
- January 1 - Mary Mother of God (Day of Obligation)
- January 10 - Officers & Committee Chair Meeting, 7 PM at SFA
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- January 23 - *Assembly Meeting at St. Ann 7:30 PM***

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# DEACON LEE R. HURST ASSEMBLY

## NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, 7:30 P.M.

ST FRANCIS, CORDOVA, TN

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