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Fourth Degree
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Faithful Navigator's Column

November 19, 2010

Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

It's hard to believe that this is the December newsletter. It is actually the December 2010/January 2011 newsletter. We are combining newsletters for the holidays.

The Clergy Appreciation Night and the Mass for Deceased Sir Knights were very successful. Many thanks to all worked to make these events a success.

While I don't usually set New Years Resolutions, on page 2 I have listed a few goals that I believe the Assembly should pursue in 2011. Let me, or one of the officers, know if there is something that you believe the Assembly should be involved with. This is your Assembly and we appreciate and need your ideas and your participation.

We appreciate beginning the holiday season with our Faithful Friar's words of inspiration. The holiday pace is picking up. Before the pace becomes to overwhelming, I want to thank you for your support these past six months. I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner on the 9th.

Throughout the season, please remember that Lady Kathy, Beth and I wish you a

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Best wishes to all,

***Rick Alexander
Faithful Navigator***

2010 Christmas message from Fr Lawrence Tetch, C.S.Sp

"All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God" Ps 98: 3. (Read the entire psalm and the two psalms before it and after it!).

My brother Knights, we hear the above quotation and refrain very many times throughout and during the Christmas Season, the time of the celebration of the birth of the Son of God, the Ruler of the world and the center of History.

Christmas is certainly a time of joy, a time to celebrate the kindness of God to humanity: that God took flesh to participate in our humanity and lift humanity from its lowly state and condition to God's likeness and status: to save us. This is the whole idea of the mystery of the Incarnation.

The mission of Christ, and therefore of the Church on earth, is to continue this saving work begun by Christ. This is what the good news is all about: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and to announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people (Is 61:1-2).

We see immediately how the works of our Knights throughout the world is directly inserted and expressive of this scheme and project. When we support the Church in the various facets of its ministry whether in our parishes, diocese, nationally or internationally, be it in sponsoring the travels of the pope or helping peoples who have experienced natural disasters, or supporting charitable organizations or even donating chalices to priests with which to celebrate mass and the other ways we involve ourselves in such works, we are helping to relieve human suffering and hardship. In these and other ways we work for justice and peace among all peoples and extend the saving power of God to reach all corners of the earth. May we never relax in this noble mission. Happy Christmas to you all.

Fr Lawrence Tetch, C.S.Sp

Sir Knight's Birthdays December

	JAMES	BARTKOWIAK		12/1
	ERIC	LATTREZ		12/8
	CHARLES	SAUERS		12/8
	ANTHONY	ESCHER		12/9
	THOMAS	OESTERLING		12/10
	LUKE	KIPPENBROCK		12/10
	ELMER	DANCH		12/12
	RICHARD	STRAN		12/21
	WILLIAM	SZAJKO		12/22
	THOMAS	LESNIAK		12/24
	HARRY	MALSTAFF		12/26
	GERALD	PATRICK		12/27
	MATTHEW	HOVDE		12/27
	DAVID	TOWNER		12/28
	LOUIS	VALDERAS		12/29
	JOHN	LEHNER		12/29
	JOHN	STACKOWICZ		12/30

Sir Knight's Birthdays January

	JAMES	ANASTOS	JR	1/1
	AMOS	FRANCOEUR	JR	1/1
	GREGORY	TOWNER		1/1
DR	JOHN	TOEPP		1/2
	R	MERCKX		1/4
	ADAM	MATHEWS		1/7
	JOSEPH	STACKOWICZ		1/14
	PAUL	COUGHLIN		1/15
	PATRICK	HOLVEY		1/15
	CHARLES	SLOMSKI		1/16
	HENRY	CARROLL		1/17
	RONALD	LARMOR		1/19
	JAMES	GARRY		1/19
	JAMES	HOFFMAN		1/20
	MICHAEL	SEAGO		1/20
	KENNETH	GRIFFO		1/20
	JOSEPH	CISZCZON		1/21
	VINCENT	FECK		1/22
	ROBERT	WOLF		1/23
	KENNETH	KOERBER		1/25
	ROY	MOORE		1/25
	JOHN	SABO		1/26
	KEVIN	BOTKA		1/27
	HAROLD	HARRINGTON		1/31

At the Business Meeting: The position of Faithful Captain was filled with the election of Sir Knight Mick Linsdell to the position. We discussed the need to fill the Faithful Pilot position. The December meeting will be held at Council 553 on Thursday 12/4/2010.

Retirement of SK Larry Landy: Larry has served for many years as our Faithful Purser. Last month he told me that it was time to retire his calculator. Since this will be his last year as our Faithful Purser, we need to be thinking about filling this important position. The duties of the Faithful Purser, as reflected in the Assembly Bi-Laws are shown on page 4.

The new year goals: I have been thinking about what we as members of the Patriotic Degree should strive to accomplish in 2011. I've been at this Navigating business for six months now and I don't claim to have all of the ideas or solutions. However, here is what I believe that we should be looking at:

Faithful Purser: With Larry's retiring, we will need to find a candidate(s) to fill this position.

Committee Chairmen: The Assembly has committee chairs yet to be filled. From what I have seen, these positions do not take up much time and are necessary. These positions are another means to be visible in the community. Please step and become involved.

Business meetings: On a following page I discussed the conduct of the business meetings. I'll go into that further at the next meeting.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner: Seek a consensus from the Parish Pastors and the Assembly members regarding changing the time of the dinner.

Color Corps: The need for additional Sir Knights to participate in the Color Corps. is becoming critical. I believe that if we had at least 12 more members, our number would be 20. With this number of members, we could easily field a minimum of 8 SKs when the Color Corps is requested. SKs could participate as their schedule permits and they would not feel remiss if they could not participate.

Section 13. The Faithful Purser shall:

Be the custodian of all funds of the Assembly.

At each meeting of the Assembly, receive from the Faithful Comptroller all moneys whatever received by said Faithful Comptroller at such meeting, or between meetings, and give a written receipt to such Faithful Comptroller, specifying the fund to which the same shall be credited.

Deposit all moneys received to the credit of the Assembly in an approved bank or other secure institution of deposit, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees, or majority vote of the Assembly and obtain appropriate evidence of deposit.

No checks shall be issued without an order for check from the Faithful Comptroller countersigned by the Faithful Navigator.

Keep separate accounts of the moneys placed in his hands by the Assembly and be ready at all times to plainly show the amount of moneys in the funds of the Assembly, the dates received and disbursed and current balances, such accounts to be kept in books furnished by the Supreme Secretary to said Faithful Purser at the expense of the Assembly, which records shall be available and open for inspection by the Faithful Navigator and the Board of Trustees at all times.

Submit a report at each regular meeting, showing the total receipts and total disbursements since the last meeting and the current balances in the respective accounts of the Assembly.

Make available to the Board of Trustees by July 15th his books and records for the purpose of preparing the official annual audit.

Color Corps/Honor Guard Activities (October 20— November 20, 2010) -

The Color Corps/Honor Guard participated on November 18th at the Mass for Deceased Sir Knights. Participating in the Mass were: FN Rick Alexander, CC Mick Linsdell, SK Larry Spradlin, SK Ray Sommers, and SK Dave Towner. If interested in becoming a member of the Color Corps, you are asked to give Color Corps Commander Mick Linsdell a call at 574-210-5043 for further information..

Faithful Pilot: In response to our need to fill the Faithful Pilot position, I received an e-mail from SK George Adams offering himself as a candidate. At the December 2nd business meeting, I will appoint George to the position pending election. We will hold the election at the business meeting on January 6th. Per the bi-laws, nominations remain open until the election. Just before vote on 1/6, there will be one final call for nominations. Let one of the officers know if you are interested and would like to be nominated for the position. Thanks George for stepping up.

E-mail addresses: I would like to build a list of our member's e-mail addresses and telephone numbers as a means to quickly contact SKs. E-mail is a quick, efficient method to distribute information or contact Sir Knights. I don't know if you realize it or not, but the membership roster that I received as FN does not reflect telephone numbers or e-mail addresses. While I already have several e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of members, out of around 217 members I have maybe 40 e-mail addresses and/or telephone numbers. If you would, please send me your e-mail address and the telephone number that you wish to use for contact. I will add your info to the database. This will facilitate getting info to our members in between newsletters. If you would, please send your e-mail address and telephone number to me at ra_ka@sbcglobal.net. My thanks to each of you.

Health and Welfare: Please call **Sir Knight Thomas A. Lesniak, PFN** at 574-291-6797 if you know of anyone sick or in distress. If someone in the family does not call him about your situation, we won't be able to publish it. Please remember Mick Linsdell, and John Lehner in your prayers.

Mass honoring deceased Sir Knights and the November Social

– On Thursday, November 18th, the Assembly honored its deceased Sir Knights at Mass. Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Bill Schooler at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Lawrence Teteheh concelebrated the Mass. The honored Sir Knights were SK Oscar M. Schelstraete, Robert M. Andert, Robert A. Malkowski and George W. Webber. Please remember our deceased Sir Knights in your prayers. This is an annual Mass followed by our monthly social. It was a pleasure to see several of our newer Sir Knights in attendance. SK George Adams (5521), Joe Kamor (1878) and SK Larry Spradlin, Sr. (5570) joined our Assembly this past August. My thanks to SK Larry Landy for spearheading the Mass preparations and to our Faithful Captain and Lady Betty Zavor for their work on the dinner.

Clergy Appreciation Night: On Tuesday November 16th, the Assembly held its 34th annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. The event was held at the Ave Maria Council #5521. We were privileged to serve a prime rib dinner to 32 members of the clergy. Sir Knight Lee Slavinskias was the head chef and did his usual masterful job. It was a pleasure to see 5 of our new Sir Knights contributing to the success of the evening. Sir Knights Joe Kamor (1878), Larry Spradlin, Sr. (5570), Marion Pasierbowicz (553), Tom Oesterling (5521) and George Adams (5521) worked in the kitchen, served the meal and helped set up and cleanup Council 5521's hall. Here are the Sir Knights who worked to make this dinner a success: Lee Slavinskias (5521), SK Joe Kamor (1878), Bill Szajko (5570), Mike Huszar (5521), Rick Alexander (553), George Adams (5521), Ray Sommers (5570), Larry Spradlin, Sr (5570), J. R. Burger (1975), Dick Wasoski (5570), Marion Pasierbowicz (553), Tom Oesterling (5521), Dave De Vliegheer (5521) and Steve Filbert (553). Lady Diane Slavinskias prepared the dessert and the table centerpieces. She and Brother Knight Scott Slavinskias (5521) were also working in the kitchen. I want to extend our appreciation to Ave Maria Council Grand Knight Frank Malkewicz and the members of Council 5521 for being such gracious hosts. Successful events don't just happen. Many people are involved in making the Assembly's events successful and they should be recognized.

The last of the Exemplification receipts has arrived and been deposited. Below is an accounting of the income and expenses incurred. We had \$1116.05 in expenses for the exemplification. We sold \$1920 in advertising to businesses and Sir Knights. We sold \$10 worth of 4th Degree Baseball caps. The total income was \$1987 to the Assembly. After paying the bills, the Exemplification showed a profit of \$870.95. The final breakdown of income and expenses is reflected below. We would not have shown a profit without the dedication of many Sir Knights and Ladies. I *doplh* my Chapeau to each of you. Rick

Profit/Loss

Fm Sir Knights letters \$ 385.00

Fm Contract Packets \$ 1,535.00

Total Ad Sales \$ 1,920.00

Miscellaneous Income

Sale of 4th Degree Ball Caps \$ 50.00

Donations received \$ 17.00

Total Miscellaneous \$ 67.00

Total Income as of 11/11/2010 \$ 1,987.00

Total expenses as of 11/11/2010 \$ 1,116.05

Total Profit/Loss 11/11/2010 \$ 870.95

In a previous newsletter, each SK, Council and Business that took out an advertisement in the Exemplification Program/Ad Book was recognized. Here is a list of those who took out Patron Ads in the book.

Thank you to each individual listed below for your support of the Father Julius. A. Nieuwland 4th Degree Assembly #242.

Faithful Navigator Richard Alexander and Lady Kathy
 Past Faithful Navigator Paul Coughlin and Lady Geraldine
 Past Faithful Navigator Bernard L. Doyle
 Past Faithful Navigator Stephen Elek, Jr. and Lady Anna
 Past Faithful Navigator John J. Lehner and Lady Judith
 Past Faithful Navigator Thomas Lesniak and Lady Dottie
 Past Faithful Navigator Richard Wasoski
 Sir Knight Steve Filbert and Lady Mary
 Sir Knight John Shanley and Lady Katie
 Sir Knight Dave Towner and Lady Doris
 Lady Betty Zavor
 Mr. Robert Lehner

Conduct of Business Meetings: For several years now our business meetings have usually been conducted without the ceremonials. We've become lax in our 4th Degree traditions by dispensing with ceremonials at each meeting. I believe that we should return to the formal meeting protocol. I'm proposing that we observe the ceremonials at meetings held on odd numbered months beginning January 2011. More on this at the December Business Meeting.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner-Proposed Change: In November 2011 we will hold the Assembly's 35th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. What has always been a challenge is finding a way for parish priests to be able to fit the dinner into their schedule. A suggestion from one of the parish priests is worth consideration. In lieu of beginning the evening at 6:30 p.m., we could move the hour to 5:30 p.m.. This would mean we would have hors d'oeuvre at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. I outlined the proposal at the this years dinner and the clergy attending seemed to like the idea. Before any changes are made, the officers will need to weigh in on the idea. I will also be reaching out to the parish pastors to get a sense of their thoughts. I would be interested in your views regarding how we can insure that our parish priests are able to attend this dinner.

Newsletters: As you may know, the newsletter is prepared and forwarded to the printer at least 10 days before the end of each month. I transmit the letter to the printer in Adobe Acrobat via e-mail. On most months there are a few extra newsletters. Consequently, I usually have a few extra copies of the newsletters and I have each newsletter on the computer. If you happened to have missed a copy or need a prior copy, send me an e-mail at ra_ka@sbcglobal.net. I'll e-mail you the newsletter, in Adobe Acrobat format, for the months that you request.



Calendar/Officers/Committees For 2010/2011
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Father Julius A. Nieuwland Assembly IN - 0242

Calendar
2010/2011

At Council

AUGUST	
5 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
28-29 Exemplification	
SEPTEMBER	
2 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
16 (Th) Social	553
OCTOBER	
7 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
21 (Th) Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner and Social	5570
NOVEMBER	
4 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
16 (Tu) Clergy Appreciation Dinner	5521
18 (Th) Mass Honoring Deceased Sir Knights/Social	4263
DECEMBER	
2 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
9 (Th) Christmas Dinner	5521
<u>2011</u>	
JANUARY	
6 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
20 (Th) Social	1878
FEBRUARY	
3 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
17 (Th) Social	5521
MARCH	
3 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
17 (Th) Social	5570
APRIL	
7 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
28 (Th) Social (change due to Holy Thursday is on the 21st)	553
MAY	
5 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
19 (Th) Social	4263
JUNE	
2 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
12 (Su) Picnic	5521
JULY	
7 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
(W) K of C/Mason Golf Outing	
AUGUST	
4 (Th) Officers/Business Meeting	553
18 (Th) Social	1878

OFFICERS 2010-2011

Faithful Friar

Rev. Lawrence Teteh CSS
 574-287-1700
 (Our Lady of Hungary Parish)

Faithful Navigator

S.K. Richard Alexander (Kathy)
 574-302-6034

Faithful Captain

S.K. Mick Linsdell (Erika)
 574-210-5043

Faithful Pilot

Open

Faithful Admiral

S.K. James R. Burger, PFN (Judy)
 574-935-0283

Faithful Comptroller

S.K. Raymond Sommers (Shirley)
 574-288-4305

Faithful Purser

S.K. Larry Landy (Jeanette)
 574-272-9367

Faithful Scribe

Father Joseph Browne, C.S.C.
 574-631-5816

Inner Sentinel

S.K. Charles L. Baumgartner, Jr.
 (Elaine)
 574-232-8862

Outer Sentinels

SK. Thomas E. Arata (Patricia)
 574-674-9348

Trustees

S.K. William E. Szajko (Kathleen)
 574-233-8343

S.K. Stephen Elek, Jr., PFN (Anna)
 574-291-0550

S.K. John Lehner PFN (Judy)
 574-234-4580

This is a list of Assembly Committees and the current Committee Chairmen. If the Chair position is open, we haven't yet contacted the previous chairman or there is a need for a Sir Knight to step up and fill the position.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Meeting Programs

S.K. Mick Linsdell
 574-210-5043

Admission

S.K. Stephen Elek, Jr., PFN
 574-291-0550

S.K. Thomas A. Lesniak, PFN
 574-291-6797

S.K. David D. Towner
 574-272-1649

Retention

Open

Chalice and Memorials

S.K. Rick Alexander, FN
 574-302-6034

Welfare

S.K. Thomas A. Lesniak, PFN
 574-291-6797

Scouting and Youth

Open

Public Relations

Open

Right to Life

S.K. William E. Szajko
 574-233-8343

Christmas Dinner

S.K. Mick Linsdell
 574-210-5043

K. of C./Masons Golf Outing

S.K. Rick Alexander, FN
 574-302-6034

Operation Quiet Comfort

Open

Please contact the FN at ra_ka@sbcglobal.net or (574) 302-6034 for information regarding the open Chair positions. Contact the Committee Chairmen for information regarding their respective committee.


Faithful Master of Indiana District S.K. Dale Heger, PSD 812- 663-8650

Color Corps Commander S.K. Mick Linsdell 574-210-5043



December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4th Degree Bus. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. @553	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 4th Degree Christmas Din- ner—Ave Maria Council Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	
26	27	28	29	30	31	



January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6 4th Degree Bus. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. @ 553	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 MLK Day	18	19	20 Social— Mishawaka Council 6:30 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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