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FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings, Sir Knights.

Last week, as I exited the freeway into West Sacramento, there was a banner that announced and advertised the lighting of the City's Holiday Tree. Today at a local grocery store, the Salvation Army bell ringer greeted me a Happy Holidays. I am sure that many of your workplaces and other associations are having their annual Holiday Parties. I did not know that so many people are so taken both commercially and socially by New Years. When we say Seasons Greetings, are we greeting someone to have a wonderful autumn? I do not recall ever greeting someone Seasons Greetings when barbequing for a summer picnic. As Faithful Christians, are we offended if a Jewish person greets us a Happy Hanukah? All of my Jewish friends are not offended if I greet them a Merry Christmas. So my question to you during this Advent season into Christmas is why is society otherwise known as "Conventional Wisdom" afraid to offend people who have a problem with Christmas? Last I looked, we are still free to speak and greet each other.

What we are starting to see is a dichotomy in our society. Political correctness and Cultural Hypersensitivity are putting pressure on us greet each other in the most general and neutral of ways, and respecting things we find morally objectionable. My Christmas example is the tip of the iceberg as we are being questioned on our definition of Marriage or having debates on what constitutes what life is when discussing the issue of abortion. Yet, in the privacy of our homes, our church, and our voting booths, we see that most of us still respect or adhere to some light of morality and respect for the teachings of Christ. Why else do you think that even a Godless media still takes time to celebrate a holiday that falls on December 25th that you and I can call Christmas?

As we celebrate the Birth of Christ, we must resolve not fooling ourselves and greet each other a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Winter Solstice, Happy Canadian Boxing Day, Happy New Year, or whatever other holiday you wish to greet each other with. If someone takes offense to our resolve in our faith and our desire for good morals, we should not feel guilty for it, but rather pray for that individual that they be exorcised of whatever burden they may bear. The more we pray for the relief of such burdens, the better the world we will have in for our lives, the lives of the unborn, and the lives of our children like mine who will be born in July.

Please do not forget about our annual Christmas dinner on December 17, 2008 at 7PM at the 953 Hall. A special thanks also goes to those who participated in the Bishop's Retirement Mass.

Merry Christmas!

Mark P. Montemayor: Navigator

Faithful Friars Message

Prepare the way of the Lord,
(A homily on Advent)

In the 1st lection from St. Paul's letter to the people at Rome (chapter 15) he tells us that we are to have hope in the scriptures. Thus, the 2nd Sunday of Advent-Coming, in our preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birthday anniversary at Christmas, is often nicknamed, "Bible Sunday" since scripture engenders within us that hope which the ancients sensed in their long wait for the Messiah, Jesus.

(Messiah meaning the Jewish-Hebrew liberator, the one anointed with holy oil, The Christos, savior and leader; The Messiah anticipated, appeared as the baby Christ Jesus, both God and Man.) We grow up with hopes and plans; the closer these are to the freedom of Christ inside our hearts and minds, the more holy and Christ-like we may appear to be and the more we treasure and discover beauty and goodness all around us.

Individuals who look forward to spiritual hope as taught by the Bible, the hope that brings Jesus Christ into our lives more than does the materialistic coming of Santa Claus into our wallets, cupboard, tool shed or driveway.

We can foster peace and denounce terrorism more readily if we provision strangers with assets equivalent to our own. Indeed, mutuality in the gifts of love are longer lasting through caring relationships than are perishable "things". Our hope is curtailed when we look forward to presents for ourselves. Instead, realize that all the riches of life are gifts from God to us, to be experienced, shared and given away. Our observance of the four weeks of Advent-Coming is intensified when we contemplate ways to show others the humble arrival of the baby Jesus: so pure, so beautiful, so simple, so true. It is a tall order for us humans to radiate this sort of Christian witness. To celebrate the faith is phenomenal; to preach at people can sometimes be trite. St. John the Baptizer heard his call and grasped his mission. So must we.

Our worship and ministry is borne out through all the seasons of our lives. The Nativity-birth-Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ is our focus during Advent-Coming. This season has been lost on so many post-Christian misbelievers and is still at an O.T., not yet, future stage for our Jewish kin. It is more productive for us to look away selflessly to "the author and finisher of our faith". A theology of hope encourages us to recognize that if we keep searching out the "crib of hope" we will find more at the manger scene than just statues of the Holy Family, animals, shepherds and messenger-angels; a shed, straw, lights and other props. Our life is no act-game of theater.

The symbolic and limited, fires up the O.T. prophecies so that we may realize that God has fulfilled his

promises to us already. Yet, we have still to meet our privilege to "do him service". While we still have some time, let us attend hope anticipating the Kingdom of God. We are invited (after due preparation and serious repentance) to "taste and see how gracious the Lord is"; to search out "a sacred foretaste of His heavenly banquet". "For the altar is another Bethlehem; the Blessed Sacrament, a continual Christmas". May our recognition of Advent-Coming know that the Messiah is come; that His Spirit is amongst us now; and that we await our fulfillment in Him at the finalization of all things.

From:

Oration of Our Lady of the Nativity

Old Catholic Mission

December 09, 2001

Color Corps



Sir Knights and Color Corps,
The Color Corps was proud to be involved in Bishop Weigand's Retirement Mass on Sunday November 30th as he bade farewell to the parishioners of the Sacramento Diocese. There were eight Color Corps participants of which six were from our assembly, one member from Christ the King Assembly, and our Worthy Master. I would like to thank and acknowledge the Color Corps participants at this very special Mass: Master SK Romeo Quevedo, District Marshall SK JC Greco, former Marshall SK Bill Hancock, Color Corps Commanders SK Michael Langer and SK John Habr (from Christ the King Assembly), FN SK Mark Montemayor, SK Gary Hansen, and SK Jorge Fernandez. The Cathedral congregation were pleased to see the Knights of Columbus Color Corps lead the procession both at the start and conclusion of Mass of all the Bishops, Clergy, and Deacons throughout the Sacramento Diocese and Western United States participating in this Mass for Bishop Weigand.

Upcoming Color Corps activities:

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe event will be the 6:00 AM Mass on December 12th celebrated by Bishop Jaime Soto. Meeting time should be at 5:00 AM for final instructions. The meeting or

changing room is the Gallegos Room, next to the Cafeteria. Parking is a problem so plan time for it.

An Our Lady of Guadalupe procession is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Sunday December 14th in downtown Sacramento (weather permitting). Meeting time should be about 11:15 AM in the Gallegos room for final instructions. The procession last for about one hour followed by a mass.

(Optional only) An all night vigil guarding the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the 11th of December, eve of the feast. It will begin at about 11:00 PM and should target 10:00 PM as the meeting time. The changing room will be in the back of the church brick building next to the parking lot (Second floor council meeting room). The room can also be used for sleeping or resting so bring a sleeping bag--the room has carpet and restrooms are on the first floor. There should be hot chocolate throughout the night and into the early morning. The church will be open all night with special events throughout the night until the morning mass.

The church's address is 711 T Street in downtown Sacramento. Any questions for these two activities, please call either SK Jorge Fernandez via cell phone number at 916 269-6984 or myself. Take care...

SK Michael Langer
Color Corps Commander

Sick and Welfare

Prayers are needed for:

FDD Ben Romero; SK Robert Reavis

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Donations of \$5/per family will be accepted to help the Bishop Gallegos Home for Women

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SK Gary Hansen	Helmsman Editor

Upcoming Events

December 12, 2008 **Our Lady of Guadalupe procession**

December 14, 2008 Parade (Weather Permitting)

December 17, 2008 Inner/Outer Sentinels

Christmas Dinner/Party (S) 6:30 pm Cocktails

953 Hall 7:00 pm Dinner

A,B,C Pot Luck **Last Name Starts With**

A= Entre (meat or potatoes)

B= Side dish or salad

C= Desert (rolls or beverages)

Contact SK John Condon to co-ordinate 483-1732

No Business Meeting in December

January 5, 2008 7:30 pm Officers Meeting (S)

SK John Condon

January 24, 2008 **Walk for Life** San Francisco

January 26, 2008 **RBM/Right to Life Mass** (S)(T)7:30 pm FN/Faithful Friar - Pot Luck following

January 31, 2008 PFN Dinner (S) (Tux or Suit for members) Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Vince's **Must Call to pre-register** Check with SK John Condon for more details

February 2, 2008 Officers Meeting (S) 7:30 pm SK John Condon

February 7, 2008 **4th Degree Exemplification** 10:00 am Registration ---Rohnert Park

February 14, 2008 **Valentine/Ladies Night (S)** 953 Hall Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm SK John Condon/Sentinels

February 23, 2008 **RBM (T)** 7:30 pm 953 Hall

RBM – Regular Business Meeting – On dates where there is a RBM and another event such as the FN Dinner, Right to Life Mass, etc., the meeting will be abbreviated. Officers may be requested to show up early for a quick "pay the bills" meeting.

FN – Faithful Navigator
(S) – The Ladies are invited.
(T) – Tuxedo for Officers

VAVS

First of all I want to wish everyone a VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS. I also want to thank everyone that contributed to VAVS during the year; whether by purchasing a Brick for the Plaza of Honor, buying a raffle ticket for the annual fundraiser, or in volunteering their time at the VA Hospital at Mather. Some of our veterans are always in need and your generous support is greatly appreciated. On Veterans Day 5 of our Sir Knights were at the Mather Facility for the 3rd annual event put on jointly by the Northern California Health Care Services and the Rancho Cordova Community Council. Several of our Brothers had Bricks placed in the Plaza. The next event will be on Memorial Day and we already have a couple of Bricks that will be placed then.

I would like to remind you that you can donate or volunteer at any time during the year. I have the forms available and you can contact me either at joe2164@comcast.net or on my cell phone 916-769-6549. You may also donate useable clothes, or books, or any serviceable item that a homeless VET might use at any time throughout the year. Personal hygiene items are particularly needed for our homeless Vets

On another note we have wheelchairs available for Knights with a need. They were procured through the Wheelchair Foundation. If any of you is aware of a Brother Knight in need of a wheelchair please contact me.

Have a safe and happy Christmas Season

YBIC

SK Joe Galipeau

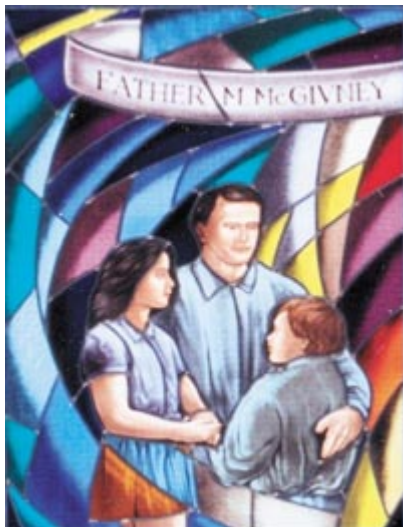
VAVS Chairman

Editorial

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Protector of Christian Family Life

Sent to serve the young of his flock, Father McGivney in turn "sent" the young men under his influence and direction into the world to become good husbands and fathers, true knights for God and country. His work with the young was but a steppingstone to the formation of strong Catholic families. His dedication to the ideal of Christian



manhood expressed so clearly in the founding of the Knights of Columbus was never allowed to obscure his ultimate goal of protecting the good of the entire family unit. Just a couple of years after the Order was established, he began to limit his involvement in the Knights to be available to his whole flock.

Though focused on the task at hand, he never lost sight of his ultimate purpose: to care for and strengthen Christian families. In a sense, the founding of the Knights of Columbus was a means rather than an end: a means to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in the faith and secure their material well-being.

A fragment of a sermon Father McGivney gave in 1884 was recorded in the New Haven Observer. It showed that he also regarded politics as a means to build a better society.

"My friends," Father McGivney told his parishioners, "the political campaign is rapidly drawing to a close and the time has come to decide which of the numerous presidential candidates shall receive your vote. In casting your ballots you should look well to the responsibilities under which every citizen of this free government is placed. Let not the soft or alluring words of tricky politicians, or the seductive dollar turn you a hair's breadth from your lawful path. Vote not as other men dictate, but rather like men with the interest of your country at heart. Vote according to the dictates of your own consciences."

Fraternal Survey 2008

Please take time to get this information to our Comptroller

1. Number of visits you made during 2008 to:

Sick _____

Bereaved _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2008 _____

3. Estimated hours of volunteer service during 2008:

Church Activities _____

Community Activities _____

Youth Activities _____

Habitat for Humanity _____

Miscellaneous Activities _____

(service in areas not outlined above)

4. Number of hours of fraternal service -

Household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____