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WORTHY FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR - SK ROBERT LIGHTFIELD

Dear Sir Knights, I want to thank you all for selecting me as your Faithful Navigator for this Columbine year. I will do my best to serve you as the leader of Christ the King Assembly. We have a wonderful group of Officers. I want to thank you all for stepping forward to serve Christ in fulfilling our obligations.

The installation of Officers and Color Guard certification at the Cathedral was a complete success, thanks to Sir Knight and Master J.C. Greco. The social following was excellent as we met many other Assembly members.



We have completed our audit, thanks to Bob Leach, Franck Newton, and Darren Furgerson. You will see we have many events in the future so please read the Assembly newsletter. Please try to attend our meetings on the third Thursday at 7:30 PM and make this Assembly the best in the District.

We have a challenge to double our inductees from last year. I believe the number was eighteen? We had an exemplification in October in Fairfield, and we have the annual exemplification in April. If we each recruit one new Sir Knight, we will have no trouble reaching this goal.

We are now into the new year and looking for some wonderful events in the coming year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend so that we may truly enjoy a vibrant and active Assembly brotherhood.

With Christ as our guide, as Darren would say "put the pedal to the metal" and move down the track to success!

Your Faithful Navigator,
SK Bob Lightfield

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Fr. Newbold has expressed his joy in being asked to lead our Assembly spiritually, and he intends to attend many of our meetings and functions.

"GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL"

WORTHY FAITHFUL ADMIRAL - SK JOHN HABR

Thank you all for your support and assistance throughout the prior Columbian year. Your encouragement and guidance throughout the year was beyond measure. We accomplished a number of good activities together, including hosting the 4th Degree Exemplification. None of it would have been successful without each of you.

SK John Habr
Worthy Faithful Admiral

WORTHY FAITHFUL CAPTAIN - SK RICHARD CASTLE

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to Christ the King Assembly #2797. I know that if you get involved, you will realize that we are a vibrant and active assembly with many opportunities to share your talents in support of our national heritage. I look forward to meeting each of you.

Yours in Christ,
SK Richard Castle
Worthy Faithful Captain

WORTHY FAITHFUL PILOT - SK CONDIT PARSON

The Pilot is the 'watchdog' for all Assembly property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Comptroller, Purser and Scribe. He is also responsible for setting up the Assembly chambers for meetings.

SK Condit Parsons
Worthy Faithful Pilot

WORTHY FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER - SK DARREN FURGERSON

Looking forward to another year of fellowship and camaraderie with my fellow Sir Knights!

SK Darren Furgerson
Worthy Faithful Comptroller

WORTHY FAITHFUL PURSER - SK FRANK NEWTON

The Purser is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining of records regarding all Assembly funds and accounts. The Comptroller turns over all monies collected to the Purser and receives a receipt for same. The Purser is responsible for depositing all money into the Assembly's accounts and provides the certificate of such monies to the Navigator. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses through a warrant signed by the F.N. and Comptroller.

SK Frank Newton
Worthy Faithful Purser

WORTHY FAITHFUL SCRIBE - SK RON PYLE

The Scribe is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Assembly and its correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book (#1403) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of meetings. A copy of the last meeting's minutes is reviewed by the executive at a meeting prior to the Business meeting.

SK Ed Clark
Worthy Faithful Scribe

WORTHY FAITHFUL 3-YR TRUSTEE - SK DONALD HARMATA

Ask another Catholic man to join the Order to become a part of the strong good of the Knights of Columbus. As Pierre Teilhard de Chadin SJ said “We are not so much human beings on a spiritual journey, as we are spiritual beings on a human journey.”

In Nomine Eius, vinces

SK Donald Harmata

Worthy Faithful Admiral

WORTHY FAITHFUL 2-YR TRUSTEE - SK ROBERT LEACH

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the Assembly and the Navigator who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the Comptroller and Purser, and with the Captain, serve on the Assembly’s retention committee. During Assembly elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving up to become two and one-year trustees, respectively.

SK Robert Leach

Worthy 2-Yr Trustee

WORTHY FAITHFUL 1-YR TRUSTEE - SK RICHARD SCHULTZ

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SK Richard Schultz

Worthy 1-Yr Trustee

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER - SK JOHN HABR

The Color Corps Commander is appointed by the Faithful Navigator to organize and lead the Color Corps for the Assembly, and is responsible for the training and deployment of the guard. The F.N. may appoint one or more Alternate Commander(s) to assist the Guard Commander.

The Color Corps meets at Christ the King Retreat Center on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3:30 pm.

SK John Habr

Color Corps Commander

VAVS

The Veteran system is VAVS (Veteran Administration Voluntary Services) - I represent Northern Calif. along with my Rep Joe Galipeau. The VAVS at Supreme (Knights Of Columbus) for Northern California, which includes these territories: Oakland; Martinez; Sacramento; Chico; Marysville/Yuba City; McClellan Park; VETS Centers; and, Redding. We meet At Mather Campus every other month with the board. If you miss three meetings, Supreme takes you off.

We and the Knights support the functions and fund raising etc. We have Knights of Columbus Wheel chairs in every center. Great! They are in need of more.

Let's not forget!! ...doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment. Remember our Veterans this year and all that are currently serving.

John Norwood
Ret CMSgt, USAF
God's Love Revealed



Greetings Sir Knights,

At the Christ the King Assembly Meeting, Worthy Master J.C. Greco proposed that our Assembly support the **Supreme Military Chaplains Program**.

Here are two links for information about the program:

- [Overview of the Supreme Military Chaplaincy Program](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/articles/militarychaplains.html)
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/articles/militarychaplains.html>
- [Military Chaplains Scholarships](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/chaplains.html)
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/chaplains.html>

I am willing to help facilitate the Assemblies' participation in the Military Chaplaincy Support Program.

Sincerely,

Bob Leach, Chairman
Christ the King Assembly
Vocations Committee

Current Information Regarding DD-214's

Please pass on to other vets. DD-214 discharge papers are NOW ONLINE. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following information. website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his/her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

Catholic priests in military face arrest for celebrating Mass

By Todd Starnes

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The U.S. military has furloughed as many as 50 Catholic chaplains due to the partial suspension of government services, banning them from celebrating weekend Mass. At least one chaplain was told that if he engaged in any ministry activity, he would be subjected to disciplinary action. "In very practical terms it means Sunday Mass won't be offered," Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services told me. "If someone has a baptism scheduled, it won't be celebrated."

The Archdiocese for the Military Services tells me the military installations impacted are served by non-active-duty priests who were hired as government contractors. As a result of a shortage of active duty Catholic chaplains, the government hires contract priests. Broglio said some military bases have forbidden the contract priests from volunteering to celebrate Mass without pay. "They were told they cannot function because those are contracted services and since there's no funding they can't do it – even if they volunteer," he said.

John Schlageter, general counsel for the archdiocese, said any furloughed priests volunteering their services could face big trouble. "During the shutdown, it is illegal for them to minister on base and they risk being arrested if they attempt to do so," he said in a written statement.

A well-placed source told me that a furloughed Air Force chaplain was threatened after he offered to forgo pay. The chaplain was told he could not go on base or enter his chapel offices. He was also barred from engaging in any ministry activity. The source told me the chaplain was told that if he violated those orders he and his supervisor would be subjected to disciplinary action – with the possibility of being fired.

Ron Crews, executive director of the Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty, called those developments disturbing. "Catholic military personnel should not have their religious liberties held hostage by this funding crisis," Crews told me. "I find it alarming that these priests cannot even volunteer to provide services without threat of arrest."

The archbishop said a priest at Joint Base Langley-Eustis was banned from officiating at the wedding of a couple he'd been counseling. "The wedding could be on the base, but the priest can't do the wedding," Broglio told me. A priest at the Naval Amphibious Base in Little Creek, Va., was told he could not celebrate Mass on base because of the government shutdown. So he discovered a way to circumvent the ban. "He's having Mass in a local park off base," the archbishop said.

The archbishop said it doesn't make any sense to forbid priests from voluntarily ministering to the troops. "Most of us don't look to see that we're going to be paid before we do something," he said. "They are not being allowed to volunteer even to meet the needs of the faithful."

Bill Donohue, of the Catholic League, told me he's not surprised by the decision to furlough Catholic priests. "In American history there has been no administration more anti-Catholic than the Obama administration," he said. "For them to deny Catholic men and women the opportunity of the sacraments and to deal with their prayerful vocations is really a stunning statement." Donohue chalked it up to meanness. "This idea of punishing Catholics in the military - denying them their priests - is consistent with the animus this administration has demonstrated," he said. It's not exactly clear who is the final arbiter in the furloughs – but I suspect it's the same folks who kicked school children out of the White House and elderly veterans out of the World War II Memorial. "It's difficult to know who exactly is making these decisions," the archbishop said. "I'm being told it keeps getting kicked up to a higher level." I called the Pentagon but no one returned my calls. I called the Air Force public affairs office and they told me to reach out to the local bases.

Surely there must be some way to compromise, to let Catholics practice their faith. I find it odd that the military was able to find enough cash to let their football teams play this weekend – but they can't scrounge up enough cash for weekend church services. "It's a sad contrast when we can let a football game go on but we won't let a priest go on base and celebrate Mass," he said. So in President Obama's world – college football players are essential but Catholic priests are not.

1938 IN AUSTRIA

America truly is the Greatest Country in the World.

~ By: Kitty Werthmann

What I am about to tell you is something you've probably never heard or will ever read in history books.

I believe that I am an eyewitness to history. I cannot tell you that Hitler took Austria by tanks and guns; it would distort history. We elected him by a landslide - 98% of the vote. I've never read that in any American publications. Everyone thinks that Hitler just rolled in with his tanks and took Austria by force.

In 1938, Austria was in deep Depression. Nearly one-third of our workforce was unemployed. We had 25% inflation and 25% bank loan interest rates.

Farmers and business people were declaring bankruptcy daily. Young people were going from house to house begging for food. Not that they didn't want to work; there simply weren't any jobs. My mother was a Christian woman and believed in helping people in need. Every day we cooked a big kettle of soup and baked bread to feed those poor, hungry people - about 30 daily.

The Communist Party and the National Socialist Party were fighting each other. Blocks and blocks of cities like Vienna, Linz, and Graz were destroyed. The people became desperate and petitioned the government to let them decide what kind of government they wanted.

We looked to our neighbor on the north, Germany, where Hitler had been in power since 1933. We had been told that they didn't have unemployment or crime, and they had a high standard of living. Nothing was ever said about persecution of any group -- Jewish or otherwise. We were led to believe that everyone was happy. We wanted the same way of life in Austria. We were promised that a vote for Hitler would mean the end of unemployment and help for the family. Hitler also said that businesses would be assisted, and farmers would get their farms back. Ninety-eight percent of the population voted to annex Austria to Germany and have Hitler for our ruler.

We were overjoyed, and, for three days, we danced in the streets and had candlelight parades. The new government opened up big field kitchens and everyone was fed.

After the election, German officials were appointed, and like a miracle, we suddenly had law and order. Three or four weeks later, everyone was employed. The government made sure that a lot of work was created through the Public Work Service.

Hitler decided we should have equal rights for women. Before this, it was a custom that married Austrian women did not work outside the home. An able-bodied husband would be looked down on if he couldn't support his family. Many women in the teaching profession were elated that they could retain the jobs they previously had been required to give up for marriage.

Hitler Targets Education - Eliminates Religious Instruction for Children:

Our education was nationalized. I attended a very good public school. The population was predominantly Catholic, so we had religion in our schools. The day we elected Hitler (March 13, 1938), I walked into my schoolroom to find the crucifix replaced by Hitler's picture hanging next to a Nazi flag. Our teacher, a very devout woman, stood up and told the class we wouldn't pray or have religion anymore. Instead, we sang "Deutschland, Deutschland, Uber Alles," and had physical education.

Sunday became National Youth Day with compulsory attendance. Parents were not pleased about the sudden change in curriculum. They were told that if they did not send us, they would receive a stiff letter of warning the first time. The second time they would be fined the equivalent of \$300, and the third time they would be subject to

jail. The first two hours consisted of political indoctrination. The rest of the day we had sports. As time went along, we loved it. Oh, we had so much fun and got our sports equipment free. We would go home and gleefully tell our parents about the wonderful time we had.

My mother was very unhappy. When the next term started, she took me out of public school and put me in a convent. I told her she couldn't do that and she told me that someday, when I grew up, I would be grateful. There was a very good curriculum, but hardly any fun - no sports, and no political indoctrination. I hated it at first, but felt I could tolerate it. Every once in a while, on holidays, I went home. I would go back to my old friends and ask what was going on and what they were doing. Their loose lifestyle was very alarming to me. They lived without religion. By that time, unwed mothers were glorified for having a baby for Hitler. It seemed strange to me that our society changed so suddenly. As time went along, I realized what a great deed my mother did so that I wasn't exposed to that kind of humanistic philosophy.

Equal Rights Hits Home:

In 1939, the war started and a food bank was established. All food was rationed and could only be purchased using food stamps. At the same time, a full-employment law was passed which meant, if you didn't work, you didn't get a ration card, and if you didn't have a card, you starved to death. Women who stayed home to raise their families didn't have any marketable skills and often had to take jobs more suited for men.

Soon after this, the draft was implemented. It was compulsory for young people, male and female, to give one year to the labor corps. During the day, the girls worked on the farms, and at night they returned to their barracks for military training just like the boys. They were trained to be anti-aircraft gunners and participated in the signal corps. After the labor corps, they were not discharged but were used in the front lines. When I go back to Austria to visit my family and friends, most of these women are emotional cripples because they just were not equipped to handle the horrors of combat. Three months before I turned 18, I was severely injured in an air raid attack. I nearly had a leg amputated, so I was spared having to go into the labor corps and into military service.

Hitler Restructured the Family Through Daycare:

When the mothers had to go out into the work force, the government immediately established child care centers. You could take your children ages 4 weeks to school age and leave them there around-the-clock, 7 days a week, under the total care of the government. The state raised a whole generation of children. There were no motherly women to take care of the children, just people highly trained in child psychology. By this time, no one talked about equal rights. We knew we had been had.

Health Care and Small Business Suffer Under Government Controls:

Before Hitler, we had very good medical care. Many American doctors trained at the University of Vienna. After Hitler, health care was socialized, free for everyone. Doctors were salaried by the government. The problem was, since it was free, the people were going to the doctors for everything. When the good doctor arrived at his office at 8 a.m., 40 people were already waiting and, at the same time, the hospitals were full. If you needed elective surgery, you had to wait a year or two for your turn. There was no money for research as it was poured into socialized medicine. Research at the medical schools literally stopped, so the best doctors left Austria and immigrated to other countries.

As for healthcare, our tax rates went up to 80% of our income. Newlyweds immediately received a \$1,000 loan from the government to establish a household. We had big programs for families. All day care and education were free. High schools were taken over by the government and college tuition was subsidized. Everyone was entitled to free handouts, such as food stamps, clothing, and housing.

We had another agency designed to monitor business. My brother-in-law owned a restaurant that had square

tables. Government officials told him he had to replace them with round tables because people might bump themselves on the corners. Then they said he had to have additional bathroom facilities. It was just a small dairy business with a snack bar. He couldn't meet all the demands. Soon, he went out of business. If the government owned the large businesses and not many small ones existed, it could be in control.

We had consumer protection. We were told how to shop and what to buy. Free enterprise was essentially abolished. We had a planning agency specially designed for farmers. The agents would go to the farms, count the livestock, then tell the farmers what to produce, and how to produce it.

"Mercy Killing" Redefined:

In 1944, I was a student teacher in a small village in the Alps. The villagers were surrounded by mountain passes which, in the winter, were closed off with snow, causing people to be isolated. So people intermarried and offspring were sometimes retarded. When I arrived, I was told there were 15 mentally retarded adults, but they were all useful and did good manual work. I knew one, named Vincent, very well. He was a janitor of the school. One day, I looked out the window and saw Vincent and others getting into a van. I asked my superior where they were going. She said to an institution where the State Health Department would teach them a trade, and to read and write. The families were required to sign papers with a little clause that they could not visit for 6 months. They were told visits would interfere with the program and might cause homesickness.

As time passed, letters started to dribble back saying these people died a natural, merciful death. The villagers were not fooled. We suspected what was happening. Those people left in excellent physical health and all died within 6 months. We called this euthanasia.

The Final Steps - Gun Laws:

Next came gun registration. People were getting injured by guns. Hitler said that the real way to catch criminals (we still had a few) was by matching serial numbers on guns. Most citizens were law-abiding and dutifully marched to the police station to register their firearms. Not long afterwards, the police said that it was best for everyone to turn in their guns. The authorities already knew who had them, so it was futile not to comply voluntarily.

No more freedom of speech. Anyone who said something against the government was taken away. We knew many people who were arrested, not only Jews, but also priests and ministers who spoke up.

Totalitarianism didn't come quickly; it took 5 years from 1938 until 1943, to realize full dictatorship in Austria. Had it happened overnight, my countrymen would have fought to the last breath. Instead, we had creeping gradualism. Now, our only weapons were broom handles. The whole idea sounds almost unbelievable that the state, little by little, eroded our freedom.

After World War II, Russian troops occupied Austria. Women were raped, pre-teen to elderly. The press never wrote about this, either. When the Soviets left in 1955, they took everything that they could, dismantling whole factories in the process. They sawed down whole orchards of fruit, and what they couldn't destroy, they burned. We called it The Burned Earth. Most of the population barricaded themselves in their houses. Women hid in their cellars for 6 weeks as the troops mobilized. Those who couldn't, paid the price. There is a monument in Vienna today, dedicated to those women who were massacred by the Russians. This is an eye witness account.

"It's true ... those of us who sailed past the Statue of Liberty came to a country of unbelievable freedom and opportunity.

America ... truly is the Greatest Country in the World. Don't Let Freedom Slip Away!

"After America, There is No Place to Go."

The author of this article (above) lives in South Dakota and is very active in attempting to maintain our freedom. I encourage everybody to read this article and pass it along. I see so many parallels in this country; are we going to sit by and watch it happen? Spread the word; also contact your congressional reps; vote them out if they don't do what they should. Google Kitty Werthmann and you will see articles and videos.

In case you are unaware of this!!

Tour boats ferry people out to the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii every thirty minutes. We just missed a ferry and had to wait thirty minutes. I went into a small gift shop to kill time. In the gift shop, I purchased a small book entitled, "Reflections on Pearl Harbor" by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Sunday, December 7th, 1941--Admiral Chester Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington, D.C. He was paged and told there was a phone call for him. When he answered the phone, it was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on the phone. He told Admiral Nimitz that he (Nimitz) would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Admiral Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command of the Pacific Fleet. He landed at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat--you would have thought the Japanese had already won the war. On Christmas Day, 1941, Adm. Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and navy vessels cluttered the waters everywhere you looked.

As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman of the boat asked, "Well Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?" Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice.

Admiral Nimitz said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America. Which do you think it was?"

Shocked and surprised, the young helmsman asked, "What do mean by saying the Japanese made the three biggest mistakes an attack force ever made?"

Nimitz explained:

Mistake number one: the Japanese attacked on Sunday morning. Nine out of every ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk--we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800.

Mistake number two: when the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow every one of those ships to America to be repaired. As it is now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to America. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships.

Mistake number three: every drop of fuel in the Pacific theater of war is on top of the ground storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply. That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make or God was taking care of America.

I've never forgotten what I read in that little book. It is still an inspiration as I reflect upon it. In jest, I might suggest that because Admiral Nimitz was a Texan, born and raised in Fredricksburg, Texas--he was a born optimist. But any

way you look at it--Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation and circumstance where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism.

President Roosevelt had chosen the right man for the right job. We desperately needed a leader that could see silver linings in the midst of the clouds of dejection, despair and defeat.

There is a reason that our national motto is, IN GOD WE TRUST.
Why have so many forgotten?



This 'Come Unto Me' sculpture depicts mortality to immortality.

It is a portrayal of an aged woman's body, returning to its symbolic prime, and back to the arms of our Savior.



Notice how the old woman is gazing back at the life that she is leaving...then passes through the veil of death into the open arms of the Savior.

The 'Come Unto Me' bronze sculpture took more than a year to make its first appearance. Unveiled in the year 2000; today, the original life-sized bronze monument stands in the grand foyer of the Spilsbury Mortuary in St. George Utah. It has become a scenic attraction, in addition to a comfort to countless families at a most tender time of their lives. It portrays the spiritual journey from mortality to immortality. It is a portrayal of an aged woman's body, returning to its symbolic prime, and back to the arms of our Savior.

Death is not the end. We all "have an eternal destiny" as 'Come Unto Me' portrays.

"What Faith Can Do"

Everybody falls sometimes
Gotta find the strength to rise
From the ashes
And make a new beginning

Anyone can feel the ache
You think it's more than you can take
But you're stronger
Stronger than you know

Don't you give up now
The sun will soon be shining
You gotta face the clouds
To find the silver lining

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do

It doesn't matter what you've heard
Impossible is not a word
It's just a reason
For someone not to try

Everybody's scared to death
When they decide to take that step
Out on the water
It'll be alright

Life is so much more
Than what your eyes are seeing
You will find your way
If you keep believing

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do

Overcome the odds
You don't have a chance
(That's what faith can do)
When the world says you can't
It'll tell you that you can

I've seen dreams that move the mountains
Hope that doesn't ever end
Even when the sky is falling
And I've seen miracles just happen
Silent prayers get answered
Broken hearts become brand new
That's what faith can do
That's what faith can do

Even if you fall sometimes
You will have the strength to rise

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Odd First Day of School

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.

Christ the King Assembly supports seminarians who are called for service as Military Chaplains.

- [Supreme Convention Resolution of Support for Armed Services](#)
- [Knights of Columbus Military Chaplain Scholarship Announced](#)

There is an acute shortage of Catholic Chaplains serving Catholic military personnel. The Order's Military Chaplain Scholarship program is intended to provide financial resources for the formation of men who are called to serve as Chaplains. It is a collaboration between the Archdiocese of Military Service and individual Dioceses Vocations Offices to encourage future priests to dedicate 3 to 5 years following ordination as military chaplains.

Christ the King Assembly hosted a dinner at [Leatherby's Restaurant](#) (Antelope Rd. and Sunrise Blvd.) on Thursday, September 26 between 5:00PM and 9:00PM. Leatherby's will rebate a portion of proceeds from Knights of Columbus and their guests to the Assembly for the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund.

Guests presented a [Christ the King Assembly flyer](#) at the time of ordering their meal for the Restaurant to record the appropriate rebate.

Many family members, Brother Knights, Catholic friends, and acquaintances joined together for a light-hearted and tasty dinner with ice cream for dessert at Leatherby's on September 26 for this vital cause. If you missed it, hopefully you'll be able to join us all next time?



Welcome to our new Brothers!!



Men who signed the Declaration of Independence

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying each holiday, including the 4th of July, and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

The SPARROW at STARBUCKS

The song that silenced the cappuccino machine.

It was chilly in Manhattan but warm inside the Starbucks shop on 51st Street and Broadway, just a skip up from Times Square. Early November weather in New York City holds only the slightest hint of the bitter chill of late December and January, but it's enough to send the masses crowding indoors to vie for available space and warmth.

For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right. Apparently, we were striking all the right chords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing. It was a fun, low-pressure gig - I was playing keyboard and singing backup for my friend who also added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments. We mostly did pop songs from the '40s to the '90s with a few original tunes thrown in. During our emotional rendition of the classic, "If You Don't Know Me by Now," I noticed a lady sitting in one of the lounge chairs across from me. She was swaying to the beat and singing along.

After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologize for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked. "No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing up front on the next selection?"

To my delight, she accepted my invitation. "You choose," I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?"

"Well, do you know any hymns?"

Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one."

"Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one."

"Okay," I replied. "How about 'His Eye is on the Sparrow'?"

My new friend was silent, her eyes averted.. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah. Let's do that one." She slowly nodded her head, put down her purse, straightened her jacket and faced the center of the shop. With my two-bar setup, she began to sing.

Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadows come?

The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. Even the gurgling noises of the cappuccino machine ceased as the employees stopped what they were doing to listen. The song rose to its conclusion.

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow And I know He watches me.

When the last note was sung, the applause crescendoed to a deafening roar that would have rivaled a sold-out crowd at Carnegie Hall. Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert! I just came in here to get somethin' to drink, just like you!" But the ovation continued.

I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!"

"Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said.

"Why is that?"

"Well..." she hesitated again, "that was my daughter's favorite song."

"Really!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," she said, and then grabbed my hands. By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual. "She was 16. She died of a brain tumor last week."

I said the first thing that found its way through my stunned silence. "Are you going to be okay?"

She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hands. "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing his songs, and everything's gonna be just fine." She picked up her bag, gave me her card, and then she was gone.

Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular November night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to walk into that particular shop? Coincidence that of all the hymns to choose from, I just happened to pick the very hymn that was the favorite of her daughter, who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it.

God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time, and it's no stretch for me to imagine that God could reach into a coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn an ordinary gig into a revival. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting God and singing the songs, everything's gonna be okay.

The next time you feel like GOD can't use YOU, just remember...

Noah was a drunk	Jonah ran from God
Abraham was too old	Naomi was a widow
Isaac was a daydreamer	Job went bankrupt
Jacob was a liar	John the Baptist ate bugs
Leah was ugly	Peter denied Christ
Joseph was abused	The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Moses had a stuttering problem	Martha worried about everything
Gideon was afraid	The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Sampson had long hair and was a womanizer	Zaccheus was too small
Rahab was a prostitute	Paul was too religious
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young	Timothy had an ulcer...
David had an affair and was a murderer	AND Lazarus was dead!
Elijah was suicidal	
Isaiah preached naked	

No more excuses now!! God can use you to your full potential. Besides you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY**BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY**

Aguon, Nicolas D	1-Jan	Westmark, Eric W	1-Feb
Scherrer, Mary Lyn	2-Jan	Vargas, Tony E	1-Feb
Maldonado, Kathleen	2-Jan	Rice, Giovanna	2-Feb
Peralta, Genoveva	3-Jan	Clark, Edward J	3-Feb
Navarrete Ruben R	4-Jan	Grgurich, Mark J	3-Feb
Dohman, William Rev Fr.	4-Jan	Ingle, Kenneth F	4-Feb
Clark, Susan	4-Jan	Sanchez, John P	5-Feb
Thompson, Rita	4-Jan	Westmark, Diane	8-Feb
Parsons Condit C	7-Jan	Mizerak, John S	10-Feb
Blanco, John D	9-Jan	Giusti, Barbara	10-Feb
Hayes Gary W	10-Jan	Silva, Peggie	11-Feb
Hager Valentine	11-Jan	Kiernan, Michael Rev Fr	11-Feb
Halla, John C	11-Jan	Garrett, Mark C	12-Feb
Costa Ronald P	15-Jan	Burke, Rachel	12-Feb
Gutierrez, Tony	17-Jan	Frausto, Thelma	12-Feb
Perella, Maurice	19-Jan	Jensen, Lenore	14-Feb
da Cunha, Joyce	20-Jan	Gruenberg, Lillie	14-Feb
Corl Ronald Rev Father	22-Jan	Habr, John J	16-Feb
Kraljevich, Thelma	23-Jan	Cummings, Diane	16-Feb
Grgurich, Linda	23-Jan	Castle, Richard E	19-Feb
Montoya, Daniel L	24-Jan	Donaker, James H	21-Feb
Rata Jovito D Rev Father	24-Jan	Howington, George V.	22-Feb
Gumapo, Polycario Rev Fr	26-Jan	Nwokoro, Ambrose N.	22-Feb
Barca George G	28-Jan	Bacon, Kenneth J	24-Feb
Ogalue, Barry C	29-Jan	Shamblin, Frances	25-Feb
Valdez Anthony J	30-Jan	Holeman, Herbert	27-Feb
Wilderman, Susie	31-Jan	Pajari, Henry A	27-Feb
		Donaker, Joyce	27-Feb

Wedding Anniversaries January / February

Nanjo Henry D	Michele	5-Jan
Greco, JC	Angel	14-Jan
Taylor, John A	Patti	17-Jan
Hronicek Mark	Irene	21-Jan
Huber, Eugene C.	Betty	26-Jan
Newton, Frank L Jr	Mary	27-Jan
Perla Gilmore	Rosario	29-Jan
Rice, Harold W	Giovanna	30-Jan
Kellermann William	Genevieve	4-Feb
Testa, John V	Elaine	6-Feb
Perella, Maurice	Judy	9-Feb
Kassis Michael G	Debbie	24-Feb
Brys, Gary A	Lynne	28-Feb
Ingle Kenneth F	Rosalie	28-Feb

Brothers, I would like to include more Wedding Anniversaries in The Messenger as well as the Birthday announcements. However, I only have a very few of the anniversaries identified in the official roster. Please send me an email message to – **skrcastle@live.com** – with your wedding anniversary – including the year. I have received a few responses – those that have responded, you don't need to do so again.

Thank you.

SK Richard Castle, Captain

Upcoming Events

Brother Sir Knights, please look over the upcoming events and mark your calendar and plan to participate in these worthwhile events planned by your Officers and Assembly Brothers. Your participation is crucial for the success of each of these events, and the success of your Assembly.

January

Walk-for-Life in San Francisco is Saturday, January 25th. Please consider supporting this event with your attendance. Many of our parishes will be filling buses. If these are full, car-pooling with your brother Knights is also a good option.

February / March

Christ the King Assembly #2797 will be kicking off our first fundraiser with a prepared Dinner-To-Go from Cattle Rustlers. We hope to have participation from all and great success in this easy and valuable fund raiser. Watch for more information and the opportunity to help out and participate.

April

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on April 5th at the Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento. Get out there and recruit a brother Knight to join our ranks as a Sir Knight!

Bowl-A-Thon with your family and friends - Join your Brother Knights, family and friends. Details will be coming soon!

May / June / July / August

Surf & Turf Dinner, Luau Dinner, Spring Father's Day BBQ, Leatherby's Ice Cream. Watch your messages for details for all the above events.

As you can see, we have a number of exciting activities and events planned for the remainder of the Columbian Year and beyond. Your participation is crucial to the success of the events and your Assembly. More information will be coming in The Messenger and in email announcements. Your Assembly will also be forwarding The Messenger to our brothers without email communication. *If you know of brothers in your council that might not be receiving updates, please assist them with a copy and also inform your Assembly Officers so that we can ensure they get information in the future.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**January 2013**

- 9 Jan: Officer Meeting – SK Ed Clark’s home located at 3906 Balverne Court, Antelope CA at 6:30 pm.
16 Jan: Assembly Meeting – Christ the King Retreat Center at 7:30 pm.

February 2013

- 13 Feb: Officer Meeting – TBD
20 Feb: Assembly Meeting – La Casa Room, Christ the King Retreat Center at 7:30pm.

HEADLINE NEWS FOR CATHOLICS

<http://www.headlinebistro.com/hb/en/index.html>



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Articles and Information for “The Messenger”

Please forward any appropriate articles **by the 15th of the month** for inclusion in the monthly issues of The Messenger. I look forward to receiving your input and will happily find space for any items you may create. If you find an interesting article elsewhere than can be republished, forward it also for inclusion.

Thank you,
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