



The Patriot

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Faithful Navigators Message:

The Knights of Columbus is a group of Catholic gentlemen who, along with their families, friends and fellow parishioners, strive to put into action our faith as we practice the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We seek to support and enhance our families, our parish and our community through these efforts.

We of the order of the Fourth degree by our District Master have adopted this theme: **“Being a 4th Degree Sir Knight is not about the Title, it is about the Honor”**.

Pray for your persecuted Christian Brothers and Sisters. Also see **‘News and Announcements’** on our Assembly website on Persecution.



The Fourth of July

On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress convened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's [Declaration of Independence](#) resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The Declaration of Independence became the official document of United States of America.

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MAY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Memorial Day Celebration

May 31, 2016

**I hope everyone had a Memorial weekend
Honoring the Fallen Heroes that gave their lives,
So that we may enjoy the liberties that we
have today**

JUNE EVENTS & MEETINGS

Deacon Ordination

Location: St. mark Catholic Church

When: June 4th

Time: 10:00 am

Assemble time: 9:30 am

Bishop attending

Regalia is requested

Priest Ordination

Location: St. mark Catholic Church

When: June 18th

Time: 10:00 am

Assemble time: 9:30 am

Bishop attending

Regalia is requested



*The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to*

Barber, William E.

- Organization: Captain U.S. Marine Corps, commanding officer, Company F, 2d Battalion 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.).
- Place and date: Chosin Reservoir area, Korea, 28 November to 2 December 1950.
- Entered service at: West Liberty, Ky.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as commanding officer of Company F in action against enemy aggressor forces. Assigned to defend a 3-mile mountain pass along the division's main supply line and commanding the only route of approach in the march from Yudam-ni to Hagaru-ri, Capt. Barber took position with his battle-weary troops and, before nightfall, had dug in and set up a defense along the frozen, snow-covered hillside. When a force of estimated regimental strength savagely attacked during the night, inflicting heavy casualties and finally surrounding his position following a bitterly fought 7-hour conflict, Capt. Barber, after repulsing the enemy gave assurance that he could hold if supplied by airdrops and requested permission to stand fast when orders were received by radio to fight his way back to a relieving force after 2 reinforcing units had been driven back under fierce resistance in their attempts to reach the isolated troops. Aware that leaving the position would sever contact with the 8,000 marines trapped at Yudam-ni and jeopardize their chances of joining the 3,000 more awaiting their arrival in Hagaru-ri for the continued drive to the sea, he chose to risk loss of his command rather than sacrifice more men if the enemy seized control and forced a renewed battle to regain the position, or abandon his many wounded who were unable to walk. Although severely wounded in the leg in the early morning of the 29th, Capt. Barber continued to maintain personal control, often moving up and down the lines on a stretcher to direct the defense and consistently encouraging and inspiring his men to supreme efforts despite the staggering opposition. Waging desperate battle throughout 5 days and 6 nights of repeated onslaughts launched by the fanatical aggressors, he and his heroic command accounted for approximately 1,000 enemy dead in this epic stand in bitter subzero weather, and when the company was relieved only 82 of his original 220 men were able to walk away from the position so valiantly defended against insuperable odds. His profound faith and courage, great personal valor, and unwavering fortitude were decisive factors in the successful withdrawal of the division from the deathtrap in the Chosin Reservoir sector and reflect the highest credit upon Capt. Barber, his intrepid officers and men, and the U.S. Naval Service.

Faithful Navigator's Closing Message:

In Closing, God Bless America, God Bless our Men & Women who are serving our Great County, the United States of America and God Bless you, my brothers.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Paul T. Britton, FN

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Minutes of the Meeting

May 16, 2016

St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville

May 16, 2016 Meeting

16 members attended.

Comptroller Report: None

Friar Report: None

Communications: Thank you letter from SK David Onofrio, District Master for hosting Mini-Exemplification.

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Mini-Exemplification was very successful. 59 candidates became S/K's. We prepared 159 meals, and impressed all State Delegates. Special thanks to Dennis Maroney, Steve Wisniewski, Steve Romeo and Ron Cortopassi for being available for all preparations, ceremony and clean up. Also, thanks to all Knights, and Ladies Auxiliary that made the ceremony so successful.

Purser Report: April: Beg Bal: \$7,613.47; Income: \$795.00; Expenses: \$2,023.95; End Bal: \$6,384.52

Committee Reports:

Color Guard Reports:

St. Therese – 2 Confirmations: 6 S/K's and 4 S/K's for two Masses.

F/N appointed SK Dennis Maroney as New Color Guard Commander

SK Jerry Jacobus resigned as Color Guard Commander.

St. Mark – June 4 Deacon Ordination/ June 18 Priest Ordination.

Holy Spirit – 6 S/K's for Confirmation. 5 S/K's for First Communion.

Dinner Committee (Social Events)

May 22nd for 'Past Faithful Navigators/Grand Knights Dinner'. We will have a communal Mass at 11:00am at St. Mark. Meal to follow at Carrabba's (pay for own meal). Dress is 'Sunday best' (business casual or Knights golf shirts and slacks).

Veteran's Committee:

VAVS – 3 S/K will visit VA Hospital in Salisbury meeting with Mitch Miller and Tom DuPree in April. Everyone is welcomed to join.

May 28 – 5K Welcome Home Vet Run – Mooresville.

May 30 – Field of Flags (Mooresville). Contact Jim Kiger or Mooresville Exchange Club website for purchasing flag for display (\$35/flag).

VA Building #42 – Vets with worse injuries who will never leave hospital. They are in need of puzzles, games, visitors etc. Asking for help.

Membership Committee – No Applications. 25 new S/K's from Mini-Exemplification.

Website Committee – All information and meeting minutes are current. Photos from all events all welcomed and expected. Please forward to FN Britton.

Awards Committee : No Certificates were awarded this Month.

Trustees Report:

By-Law Changes – Submitted by F/C Steve Wise. Ordered copies of updated By-Laws.

Officer Voting for 2016-2017 – Only one nomination was presented for each office, so all positions was accepted by acclamation. Congratulations to the following Officers:

- a. **Faithful Navigator** – **Ron Cortopassi**
- b. **Faithful Captain** – **Robert Pearson**
- c. **Faithful Pilot** – **Bob Collucci**
- d. **Faithful Admiral** – **Paul Britton, PFN**
- e. **Faithful Scribe** – **Dan Szajko**
- f. **Faithful Purser** – **Chip Marshall**
- g. **Faithful Controller** – **Steve Wise**
- h. **Inner Sentinel** – **Ed Baud**
- i. **Outer Sentinel** – **Bruce Milstead**
- j. **Trustee 1 Year** – **Jim Kiger**
- k. **Trustee 2 Year** – **Michael Karn**
- l. **Trustee 3 Year** – **Jim Barbara**

Unfinished Business:

Coupon Project – Please keep them coming.

New Business:

1. Donation for Vets in Building #42: Motion made to donate \$200/quarter. Motion was approved and seconded. Vote couldn't be made since total amount exceeds \$500/year. Motion will be publicized to all S/K's and brought to vote at next meeting.
2. Welcome Home Vets – June 4 field trip to Blowing Rock, sponsored by Oasis.
3. Shawls for Vets – Holy Spirit is making 125 shawls for Vets, all materials donated by local businesses.
4. July 2 – Troutman 4th of July Parade. Knight help is requested, but not in parade.
5. Bob Johanson's widow donated his chapeau, but its need of cleaning. Motion made to purchase box for chapeau and cover all cleaning costs, as well as 're-chroming' of sword.
6. Color Guard Commander opening was filled with SK Dennis Maroney accepting the position.
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Future Regalia/Honor Guard Events:

St. Therese:

None

Holy Spirit:

May 30 – Memorial Day Mass and Patriotic Rosary – 9:00am Mass, breakfast afterwards.

Assemble time: 8:30 am

St. Mark:

June 4 (Saturday) – Deaconate Ordination – 10:00am Mass.

Assemble time: 9:15 am

June 18 Deaconate Ordination – 10:00am Mass.

Assemble time: 9:15 am

Upcoming Council Events: Report for the Third Degree

St. Mark:

May 21 (Saturday) – KOFC Rummage Sale.

June 12 (Sunday) – Blood drive after all Masses.

Holy Spirit:

May 30th Mass – Patriotic Rosary recital at 9:00am. Breakfast to follow, **Regalia requested.**

St. Therese:

June 5th– Pancake Breakfast

Good of the Order:

SK Don Richmond

SK Pete Motenero

Wayne Johnson

Johnny Ziats

SK Victor Wisniewski

Rich Carey

All Active and retired Servicemen and women

Next Meeting: **June 20 at ST. MARK (Huntersville)**

Vivat Jesus,

SK Dan Szajko, Faithful Scribe

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