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Holy Family Parish Hall

**Patient Carnival Saturday September 18, 2021 West Parking Lot at Elsmere VA
10:AM TO 1:00 PM** **Volunteers Needed**

We are continuing with our 14 part series on the "Fourteen Holy Helpers Saints" Page 3 features St. Christopher

We will also continue with working travelogues of the past.

Activities of Assembly as of this Edition still remain curtailed [as of the date of publishing]

The Assumption of Our Lady is celebrated on the 15th. What does that mean? There are secular meanings to the word 'assumption' and that won't be addressed. Many artists depict an Assumption as rising upward and that is well and good. Elevation is very positive. Our Mary bore the Christ Child and gave birth to Him and raised him. She lost her Son after 33 short years as The Son of God on this earth. He suffered a horrible death and His mother was hurt to her soul. She endured and what possible reward does she deserve as the Mother of God? Why not rejoin her Son in His heavenly home? She was guaranteed salvation. Her remains are not found on this earth. Her body and soul were summoned by God to paradise and peace. We Christians may "assume" this event to occur when the earthly life of Mary was over. You cannot be the Mother of Jesus who was also God and not be entitled to a heavenly reward. What son would leave his mother to be interred on this planet? As a side note, Mary has also come back to this earth many times to spread the message of her Son. Where did she come from? Not from an earthly grave but from her eternal home. She is the most powerful intercessor that Christians can ever have. HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN? BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB....JESUS.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ALL

Pope Francis, Bishop Koenig, Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, lay ministers, and seminarians,
all in the Wilmington Diocese and world wide.

- ◆ Those serving in the armed services, veterans, peace officers, EMT's, firemen & the President, and All K of C members and their families both living and deceased.
- ◆ All the sick and disabled faithful and those affected by the PANDEMIC VIRUS
- ◆ For all those mislead by hatred, rumors, lies and inuendo and succumb to violence as a result thereof.
- ◆ Pray for all expectant mothers that they may support the life of their unborn as God's Creation.
- ◆ Pray for the persecuted Christians in the Mid-East. Pray for peace on our cities.
- ◆ Our Faithful Master & the Vice Supreme Master

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

August also marks the Transfiguration of Our Lord. What is that? Read Mark 9:2-8

After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and his garb became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses and they were speaking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let's make three tents: one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say; they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him. "Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone by Jesus alone with them.

As they were descending the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what 'rising from the dead meant'...Mark 9:9-10

The Transfiguration is also one of multiple instances in which Jesus points to his disciples to His future resurrection.

The presence of Moses and Elijah shows how Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. In the Old Testament, the Levitical law was given to God's people as a temporary administration, demonstrating their need for a Savior. Later, the prophets told of a coming Messiah, who would mend the rift between God and man that had been caused by sin. Jesus was the only man able to satisfy the Law, the perfect, sinless sacrifice.

Mark tells us that God affirms Jesus as His Son, confirming His deity, and telling the disciples to listen to Him. Peter, James, and John now see a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. God the Son who reigns eternal and against whom the gates of hell shall not prevail. God the Father shows Himself as he appeared to the Israelites of the Old Testament; in a cloud, because His glory is too great to be witnessed. That same glory is reflected on Jesus, whose clothes became dazzling white. The event emphasizes both the mystery and necessity of the Incarnation—in order for man to be made right with God. God had to become a man, because we in our finite and sinful state are unable to behold His full glory.

In the July Edition, we “took the Preamble to the Constitution apart”, in a sense and tried to interpret and give opinion regarding the contents, mostly in context.

There were two items alluded to in that Preamble and they were worded:

SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTYAND PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE.

What does that mean? Let’s guess here because the phrases appear generic or innocuous at best. We cannot read the minds of the Founding Fathers.

Let’s take it word by word. To secure liberty and what liberty bestows. Who secures? The Federal Government or the States? The Preamble alone does not detail. The Constitution does provide detail. We may conjecture or assume SECURE means to protect. The Bill of Rights, Amendments and the body of the Constitution delineates the BLESSINGS or provisions or “gifts”. Some body politic has been entrusted to safeguard [secure] the “blessings” of freedom [liberty]. That duty has been traditionally been assigned to both Washington and the States, acting alone or in consort.

The Constitution grants “blessings” to the governed, it then has the duty to protect what it has, by consent of the governed, granted. The Federal defers in many cases, authority to the States to “secure locally” the “blessings” that the states many confer or grant. For further detail and erudition, I refer readers to the US Constitution and the individual States’ Constitutions.

Promote the General Welfare....and what do these words mean? Are there threads of redundancy evident? It seems like this term is covered by the rhetoric of the other words of the Preamble.

What is general? That would seem to imply “the population”, a cover-all term to include the citizenry.

What is welfare? At that time, welfare is not defined as politics and activism of today would have it! Genuine “welfare” at the time of the Founding Fathers would seem to mean.....safety, wellbeing, care, quality of life, etc. For a government to “promote”, it would seem that laws enacted would address legitimate needs and requests from the governed. That would be a broad subject in the 1700’s and that subject has evolved over hundreds of years and governments have adapted to “promoting the general welfare”.

Readers of these ‘opines’ are encouraged to follow history, geo-politics, Amendments, etc.

We must remember, in the late 1700’s, our Founding Fathers wrote in different English language idiom and the demographics of the time and the needs of a post-revolutionary, new “birthing of a new form of government” . They had to use the tools available at the time. To remind readers, a Preamble and its wording and its intent; was to introduce a new form of republic government and thus write a Constitution and that document would evolve over time by Amendments that would address timely and pressing needs of the governed.



Saint Christopher, one of the “14 Holy Helpers” and a martyr. He is venerated in the Latin Church, the Eastern Churches, Anglicanism, & Lutherans. He was canonized as pre-congregation. His feast day is July 25 in the Latin Church. His death is marked as c. 251.

Some records say he was killed by the 3rd. century Emperor Decius who reigned from 249 to 251 AD. There seem some mix up between Decius and Maximinus Daia who ruled from 308-313 AD and he therefore died in the reign of Daia. Christopher’s veneration only appears late in Christian tradition and did not become widespread in the Latin Church until the late Middle Ages. although churches and monasteries were named after him by the 7th. Century.

He is the patron of travelers. The most famous legend says he carried a child, who was unknown to him, across a river before the child revealed Himself as Christ.

Legends about his life and death first appeared in the 6th. Century and they spread to France by the 9th. Century.

Christopher was first named Reprobus. He was a Canaanite. While serving the King of Canaan, he wanted to serve “the greatest king there was” One day Reprobus observed the king make the sign of the cross at the mention of Satan. On learning the King feared Satan, Reprobus departed to look for the devil. He came across a mob of marauders, and one of them declared himself to be the devil, so Christopher decided to serve him. But when he saw his new master avoid a cross on the roadside and realized the devil feared Christ, he left him and began asking people where to find Christ. He met a hermit [Babala] who instructed him in the Christian faith. Christopher asked the hermit how he could serve Christ. When the hermit suggested fasting and prayer, Christopher said he was unable. The hermit then suggested that because of his size and strength, Christopher could serve Christ by helping people cross a dangerous river, where these people were perishing in the attempt, The hermit promised that this means of service would please the Christ.

After Christopher offered the river crossing service for a while, a small child asked him to take him across the river. During the crossing the river started to rise and the child seemed to be heavy, so much that Christopher could scarcely carry him and found himself in danger. When they got to the other side, Christopher said to the child “you have put me in great danger. I don’t think the whole world could have been as heavy on my shoulders as you were.” The child replied: “You had on your shoulders not only the whole world by Him to made it. I am Christ your king, whom you are serving by this work.” Then the Child vanished.

Christopher later visited Lycia and there comforted Christians. Christopher was brought before the local king and he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. The king tried to bribe him with riches and harlots. Christopher converted the women to Christianity along with thousands of others. He was then beheaded.

The Museum of Sacred Art at St. Justine’s in Rab, Croatia, claims a reliquary contains the skull of Christopher. According to tradition, the Bishop of Rab showed his skull from the city wall in 1075 AD to end the siege of the city by an Italo-Norman army.

St. Christopher Medals are popular worldwide. St. Christopher offered protection to travelers and against sudden death. He is usually depicted as a giant, with a child on his shoulder and a staff in one hand.

In England there are more wall paintings of Christopher than of any other saint, other than Mary.

The name CHRISTOPHER means “Christ bearer”. St. Remigius of Rheims was buried in AD 532 and was dedicated to Christopher. Pope St. Gregory the Great mentioned in his letters a monastery dedicated to Christopher. The Mozarabic Breviary and Missal of St. Isidore of Seville contains a special Office dedicated to Christopher. The proper of the Mass in his honor remains in the 1962 Roman Missal is still authorized for the Tridentine Mass. St. Mary’s Parish, Lydiard Tregoze, at Swindon, Wiltshire, UK, the statue head of Christopher was unearthed. It was hidden from Henry VIII’s rampages against the Catholic Church.

Another “working” travelogue . Many issues ago, I ran an article on the Shasta Hydroelectric Plants in Northern California. In the early 1990’s, I was assigned to check out OSHA and NIOSH compliance at a coal fired steam plant, specifically the G.G.Allen steam station in Gaston County, Belmont, NC. It is operated by Duke Power. The turbines produce 1.14 G Watts of power. The plant was operational in 1957, however due to environmental concerns, the site will be closed by 2024.

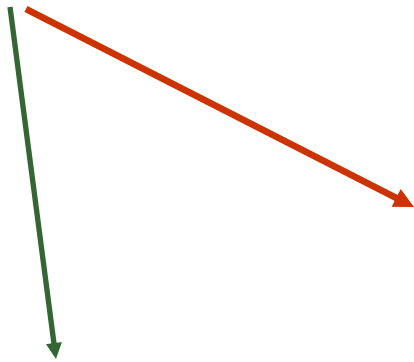


Coal is brought to the plant by either truck or train. It is washed and ground on site. I had to inspect the coal dust firing chambers and they are very high and very hot. Coal dust is blown into the burners from 4 corners. The fire is intense. That heat is brought to chambers to heat lake water and steam is produced and that steam is forced to the turbine fans revolving at 3,600 RPM to produce 60 cycle AC and each G.E. Turbine produces 9,400 volts, which power is sent to remote grid distribution yards.

There is much more to the process, however I simplified the operations as not to bore.

The boiler stacks exhausted white plumes of steam which is water. The burner stacks had arrestors which I inspected and found to have trapped ash and carbon particulates. However, coal ash had to be removed on a weekly basis and that was buried remotely in basins. That plant seem not to contaminate the air, but the coal ash residue was the problem. My job was a bit dangerous, very hot dirty. But that was a paycheck!

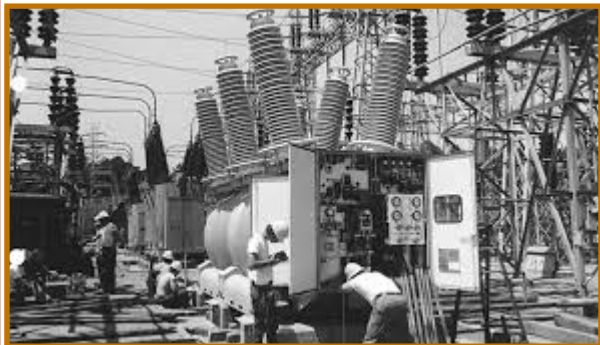
Here are some pictures from those days.



Control Room



Turbine Maintenance



Grid Yard



Coal blowers



L uella Wright, a Life Member of Auxiliary 2738 in Payette, Idaho, joined under the eligibility of her father, World War II veteran Frank J. Landerway. She is equally proud of her uncle, Joseph E. Mitchell, and his accomplishments during his years of service. His long military career coincided with another unprecedented time; this one specific to our military history.

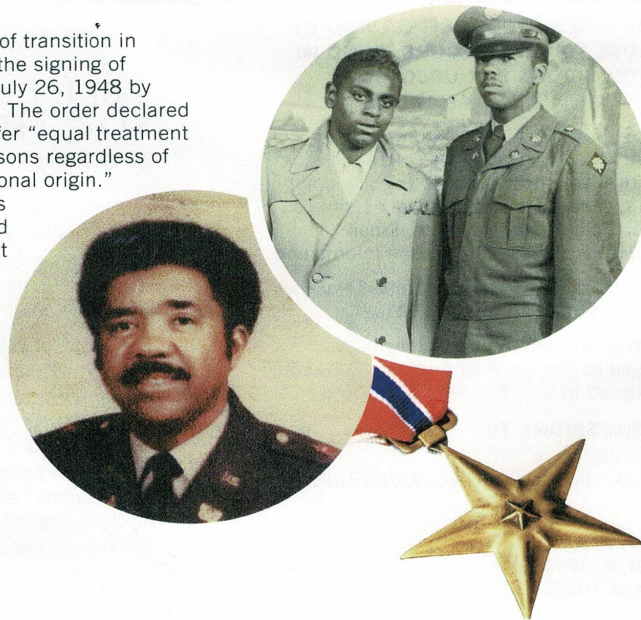
Mitchell, the youngest of 12 siblings, was born into a farming family in Preston Hollow, N.Y., and enlisted in the Army in 1950. Since he was a mere 17 years old at the time, his father was required to give parental consent.

Mitchell enlisted at a time of transition in the U.S. military following the signing of Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948 by President Harry S Truman. The order declared that the armed services offer "equal treatment and opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, religion or national origin."

The next year, Mitchell was transferred to an integrated engineer/mechanics unit at Fort Jackson, S.C. Once training was completed, he was deployed to Korea where his unit constructed Air Force fields.

Following the Korean War, Mitchell attended Airborne school and became a paratrooper.

He served with the 8th Infantry, the 173rd Airborne, completed a mission to Thailand with the Special Forces and spent two and a half years in Vietnam. Throughout his military career, Mitchell earned myriad medals, honors and recognitions including a Bronze Star and subsequently two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Commendation Medal. After 27 years of service, Mitchell retired with the rank of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3. He is currently enjoying his retirement in Charlotte, N.C. ★ MR



1776 HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED NOR SHOULD BE. IT WAS AN HISTORICAL REALITY THAT OCCURRED JULY 4 OF THAT YEAR WHEN THE COLONIES DEPARTED THE RULE OF GEORGE III, A BRITISH DESPOT.

HISTORY OF THE FREEDOM FLAG

On the evening of September 20, 2001, Richard Melito sat in his restaurant in Richmond, Virginia and sketched a symbol commemorating the events which occurred nine days earlier. His intention was to create a symbol for display on the wall within his establishment that would always remind his patrons of the tragedy and triumph of September 11, 2001. Sixteen months later the Freedom Flag became a part of Virginia history when it was designated by Executive Order the state's official symbol of remembrance honoring the victims and heroes of 9/11 by then Governor Mark Warner. Raising the Freedom Flag has become part of the traditional Patriot Day observation in schools throughout the Commonwealth. The Freedom Flag Project calls for schools to formalize an annual tradition of raising and flying the Freedom Flag below the American Flag on September 11th, creating a unique reminder to current and future generations of the victims, heroes, and survivors of that day.

The Freedom Flag Foundation, formed in 2002, is a non-profit organization with an active operating board made up of Richmonders, who are united in the cause of advancing the Freedom Flag Project. In order to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and to generate renewed momentum for the Freedom Flag Project, the Foundation is currently in the process of a \$2 million fundraising process to construct and maintain the Virginia 9/11 Memorial. The memorial will be located in Henrico County, Virginia, where the design for the Freedom Flag originated. In addition, the Freedom Flag Foundation has developed a substantial network of support through its relationships with many state and national educational associations and organizations. Numerous local, state and national government leaders have embraced the message of the Freedom Flag.

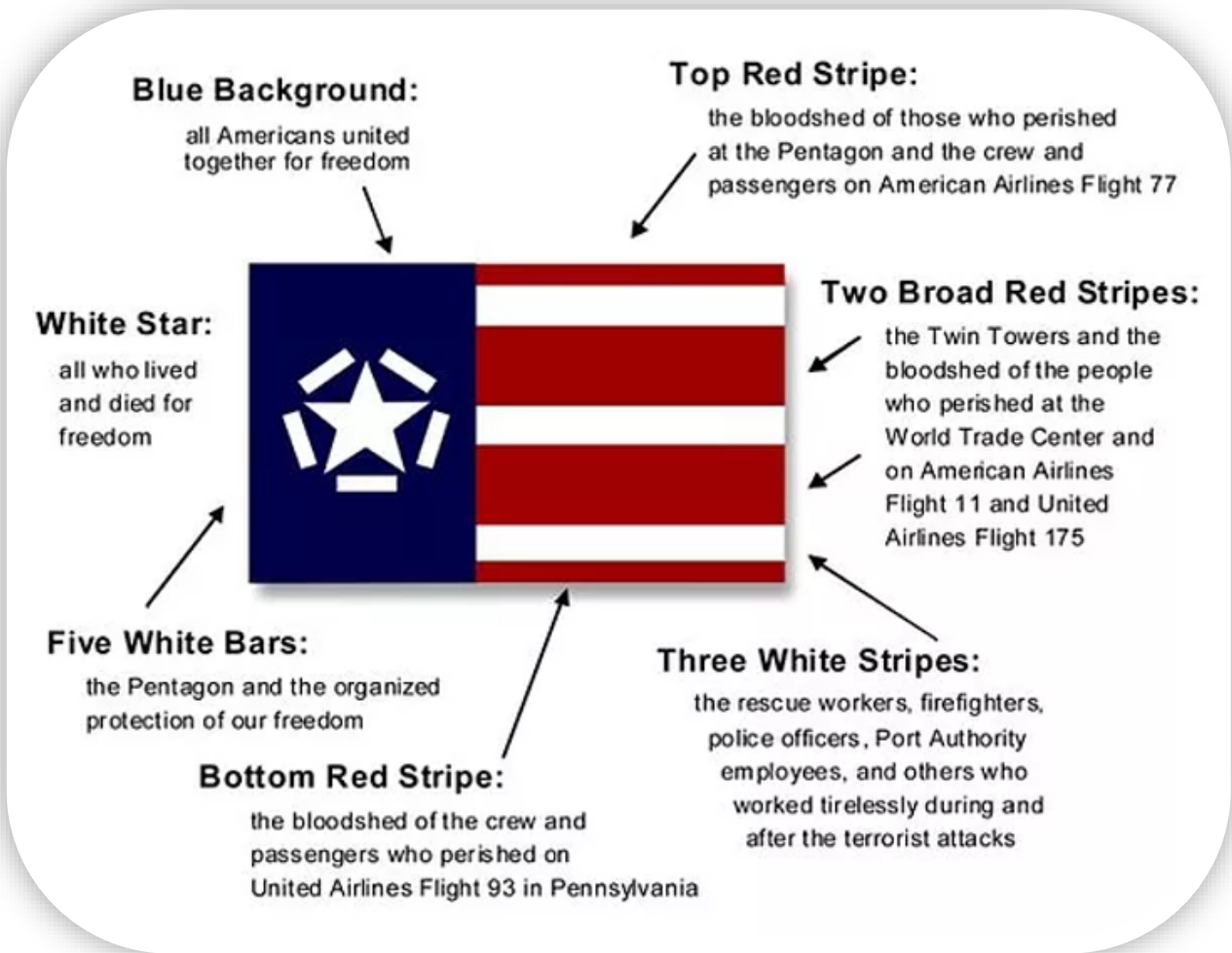
With your involvement and support, we can move forward to provide the Nation's school children the same learning experience available to students in Virginia, thus keeping the promise to honor the memories of 9/11 and teach a rising generation about the rights, obligations, and duties of citizenship in the United States of America. Together, we can transform the aftermath of September 11, 2001, into a positive learning experience that will empower our children as they become tomorrow's leaders.

The Freedom Flag Foundation is a non-profit public charity created to oversee the distribution of the Freedom Flag into schools, colleges, and universities and to work toward establishing an annual tradition of remembrance within the educational community that honors the victims, heroes, and survivors of September 11, 2001.

The Freedom Flag Foundation was first envisioned in November of 2001. This was a direct result of a recognized interest in the flag by the educational community. It became apparent that the Freedom Flag had a significant visceral effect on teachers who viewed it and requested copies of their own for use in their classrooms. This recognized acceptance and popularity of the Freedom Flag allowed Richard Melito, the

flag's designer, to expand on his purpose for the flag. By December 2001 it seemed obvious that the flag would need a vehicle through which its purpose could be directed. Groundwork began in January of 2002 for the formation of a non-profit foundation with an appropriate mission statement and goals to support its mission. The Freedom Flag Foundation was registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia in May of 2002 and received its initial status as a non-profit by the Internal Revenue Service in November of 2002. The Freedom Flag Foundation currently operates with non-profit status (*its 501c3 re-application to IRS pending*) and is comprised entirely of volunteers who reside in the metro Richmond area.

The Foundation generates revenue through donations and sales of Freedom Flags and related memorabilia. Funds are used by the Foundation to purchase inventory, administer the National Freedom Flag and World Trade Center Steel Educational Program, produce print materials, and offset some operational expenses.



Note of Irony here: Richmond VA was the capital of the C.S.A, 1861 to 1865. Confederate States ,where Jefferson Davis was the President and the city and region was subject to prolong sieges by the armies of United States.

“TATER PEOPLE”

Some people never seem motivated to participate but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called “**Speck Taters.**”

Some people never do anything to help but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called “**Comment Taters.**”

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called “**Dick Taters.**”

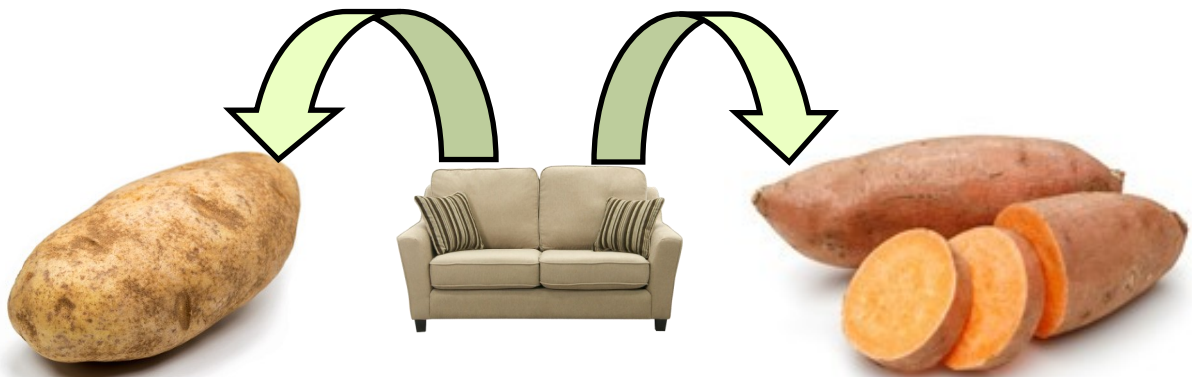
Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called “**Agie Taters.**”

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called “**Hezzie Taters.**”

Some people put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called “**Emma Taters.**”

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called “**Sweet Taters.**”

Be a **Sweet Tater**, and when your Navigator and/or officers or Brother Sir Knights ask you to become involved and/or volunteer in your Assembly -- just say **YES**



WE INTERRUPT THIS NEWSLETTER FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WHEN I SEND THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS OUT BY THE USUAL E-MAIL, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE INTERNET SERVERS SEND ME A NOTICE THAT WHAT I AM SENDING CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO CERTAIN IN-BOXES BECAUSE THOSE IN-BOXES ARE FULL AND CANNOT ACCEPT FURTHER TRANSMISSIONS. THESE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN REPEATED FOR THE SAME INDIVIDUALS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT THE RECIPIENT[S] DO NOT ATTEND THEIR E-MAILS AND THIS BECOMES A PATTERN.

I HAVE ONE RECOURSE AND THAT IS TO **REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM MY DATA BASE** AND THAT ADDRESSEE WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THE "GIBBONS MISSION". I HAVE NO TIME OR ENERGY TO MAINTAIN A PERSUIT OF ADDRESSEE PERSONAL PROBLEMS!

NOTE BENE !

FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THE NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN SENT [BCC]. THIS MEANS "BLIND COPY" DISTRIBUTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVER WILL NOT SEE WHO ELSE RECEIVES THE NEWSLETTER. I SEE WHO RECEIVES AT MY END HOWEVER. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF SUBSCRIBERS WHO ASKED ME TO SEND [BCC] AS THEY DESIRED NOT TO ALLOW OTHERS TO KNOW THAT THEY ALSO RECEIVED THE NEWSLETTERS. I APPRECIATE THEIR CONCERN AND MADE THE CHANGE FROM ORDINARY 'BROADCAST' PROTOCOLS. I USE G-MAIL, WHICH DOES HAVE SOME LIMITS ON THE MB/GB SIZE AND THE NUMBER OF ADDRESSEES WHICH ALLOWS ME TO USE MY G-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION FREE.

WHAT IS SENT MAY NOT GO EXACTLY OUT ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH, BUT A DAY OR SO EARLIER, AND PERHAPS A DAY LATER.

The Comptroller reports a membership of 230 in good standing. 158 individuals receive the Newsletter. In that number there are 7 individuals who are NOT members of Assembly 150. Therefore, 65% of actual members ae receiving the Newsletter. There maybe members who have declined to provide their E-mail address to my data base and that is their prerogative.

THANK YOU. S.K. ROBERT E. ZEIGLER, newrez38@gmail.com

August 12 is Blessed McGivney's birthday and August 13 is his Feast day
(if approved by local Bishops)

The membership of the Knights of Columbus is near two million, yet the membership in the Guild for Blessed Michael McGivney is only 100,000 members, plus or minus. What a sign of support for Our Founder to have more Knights join the Guild, It would be a great birthday gift to join his Guild!
It is FREE!

ABOUT THE GUILD

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received. Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities.

On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to his intercession. With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may report favors by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or order devotional items, click on the order form link. Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

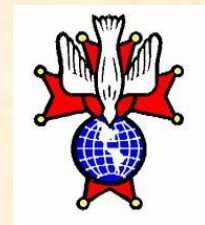
The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by completing and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:



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