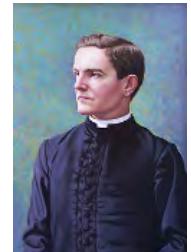




The McGivney Report Bulletin: June 2018



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Captain	SK Zach Vandongen	725-261-6300	Outer Sentinel	SK Nicholas Bulda	808-741-3337
Pilot	SK John Davis	702-490-2827	3 Yr Trustee	SK Tom Howerter	702-882-6498
Comptroller	SK Doug Barrett	702-658-4252	2 Yr Trustee	SK Benny Dornak	702-875-2296
Scribe	SK Tom Koch	702-485-4103	1 Yr Trustee	SK Dave Ginder	920-858-9377
Purser	SK John Geislanger	702-245-0162	Color Corps Cmdr	SK Zach Vandongen	725-261-6300

From the Faithful Navigator...

Greetings Sir Knights,

The Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony at the St. Joan of Arc's Feast Day Celebration on May 27th was brief but very nice. The flying of the flag in a very visible location is a beacon of patriotism that will inspire many. We had three Color Corp present. The Assembly also supported Council 2828 at the St. Joan of Arc Feasday Breakfast. The breakfast was provided by the Knights in both the excellent supply of food as well as the labor in meal preparation and serving.

The next meeting on June 14th 7:00 PM at Markich Hall (911 E. Ogden Ave). Unfortunately I will be out of town and will not be able to attend. The Faithful Captain, SK Zach Vandongen will conduct the meeting.

We conducted the Officer Elections during the May meeting. I congratulate the new officers and thank those who chose to support the Assembly by maintaining their positions. See the article below to view the results.

We will have our Installation of Officers on June 30th at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Please see notice below.

SK Steven M Ferris

Faithful Navigator

Vivat Jesus!

Remember in Our Prayers

If any member knows of anyone who is in need of our prayers, please let us know. Please feel free to contact any member of the assembly to let us know and the request will be included here. The Faithful Navigator's email address is: sassmf@gmail.com. The Comptroller's (Doug Barrett) email address is: dbarrett.fc2776@gmail.com.

Please pray for SK Gary Gilsdorf family, Fr. Vivona family, Mercadante Family, the Valentino Family, Darrell Paye and his family, Dave Ginder's wife Kathy

As always, we ask you to pray for Pope Francis and all our priests, that God may keep them in His care and guide them in their ministry. We also ask you to pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Birthdays

Harrell Edmondson	06/04
Vernon Koch	06/12
Steven Ferris	06/14
Brian Bien	06/14
Richard Philiposki	06/14
Br. Huber	06/23
Frank Mercadante	06/27



Service Anniversaries

George (Tom) Miller	06/01 (36 yrs)
Jack Panzarella	06/01 (37 yrs)
Father Albert	06/03 (12 yrs)
Hector Pelaez	06/03 (12 yrs)
Zach Vandongen	06/09 (11 yrs)

News

On the 1st Saturday of each month Br. John Galvin leads a Rosary after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. The date for the next Mass and Rosary is July 7th. Fellow Knights should come and support this great cause. This Rosary is in response to the Fatima request by the Blessed Virgin Mary that reparations be made in atonement for the sins of the world. If you have any questions contact SK. John Galvin at 702-977-3282.

Our Flag Pole Project for St. Joan of Arc is complete. The Dedication Ceremony with the Color Corps present took place on the St. Joan of Arc Feast Day on May 27th after the 8:00 AM Mass. There were three Color Corp present. Please see pictures below. If you are downtown, you are encouraged to see the flag at St. Joan of Arc, 315 S Casino Center Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

The State Convention took place on May 5-7 in Elko. The 4th Degree meeting occurs every other year. There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the new uniform for the 4th Degree. Supreme did not anticipate the number of uniforms that were ordered. Quite a few of the Assembly Color Corp have not received their new uniform. The District Master of the 4th Degree only serves

two terms of 2 years each. Our current Master is SK Dave Ryan. SK Dave Ryan has reached the end of his two terms. Three names were submitted at the State Convention to include SK Rick Sherman, SK Ken Sawyer, and a third candidate from Reno. The selection will be made before August 31 by Supreme.

The Diocese of Las Vegas currently has 6 seminarians studying to become priests. A priest must have a four-year university degree in philosophy plus an additional four to five years of graduate-level seminary formation in theology with a focus on Biblical research. Our seminarians are: Mauricio Espino, Rogelio Molina, Edmund Finley, Joseph Sales, Simon Tran, Nick Cipriano, and Ivan Lara. Muricio, Rogelio, and Edmund are studying theology. Joseph, Simon, Nick and Ivan are in college. Some exciting news – Fr. Miguel Corral was ordained to the priesthood on May 31st at Guardian Angel Cathedral. Fr. Miguel celebrated his first Mass on Jun1 1st at St. Anne's.

The Assembly conducted the Officer Election for Fraternal Year 2018-2019. We are happy to announce that we have a full slate of officers. See the report of the election later in this newsletter.

The Priest Shortage

I am sure you have all read about the shortage of priests. The situation in the United States is that the Catholic Church is unique among eleven of the largest Christian denominations in several areas: the dwindling supply of priests, the increasing number of lay people per priest, the declining number of priests per parish, and the increasing number of 'priestless' parishes. In the Catholic Church, the total number of priests has declined from 58,534 in 1981 to 52,227 in

1991, 45,713 in 2001 and 37,192 in 2015 (a 36 percent loss between 1981 and 2016). With the Catholic population increasing steadily and the number of priests declining, the number of lay people per priest has climbed from 875:1 in 1981 to 1,113:1 in 1991, 1,429:1 in 2001 and 2,000:1 in 2012 (a 130 percent increase). We all believe in the positive power of prayer – please pray for more priests.

Our Catholic Traditions

What is Conscience?

Meriam Webster defines conscience as: the sense or consciousness of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good. A person's conscience does not reside solely – alone – in the person. The conscience MUST exist alongside of truth. A person left solely to his conscience alone, with no relation to truth, is subject to moral relativism. St. Augustine wrote: "no one can be a friend of man unless above all he is a friend of truth". And Karol Wojtyla (Pop John Paul II) wrote: "Man is himself through truth. His relationship with truth decides his humanity and constitutes the dignity of the person".

A conscience may forfeit its original characteristic of witness to truth based on good and becomes a simple personal opinion which no one has the authority to judge.

From the Catholic Catechism:

Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

Conscience must be informed and moral judgment

enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings.

The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart.

In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.

Election of Officers

The Officer Elections were conducted at the May 10th meeting. Nominations were taken from the floor. If there were no additional nominees, the Assembly cast their vote. In each case it was a unanimous vote.

Faithful Navigator: SK Steve Ferris

Faithful Admiral: SK John Suchewski

Captain: SK Zach Vandongen

Pilot: SK John Davis

Comptroller: SK Doug Barrett (appointed)

Scribe: SK Mark Kiine

Purser: SK John Geislinger

Inner Sentinel: SK Brian Bien

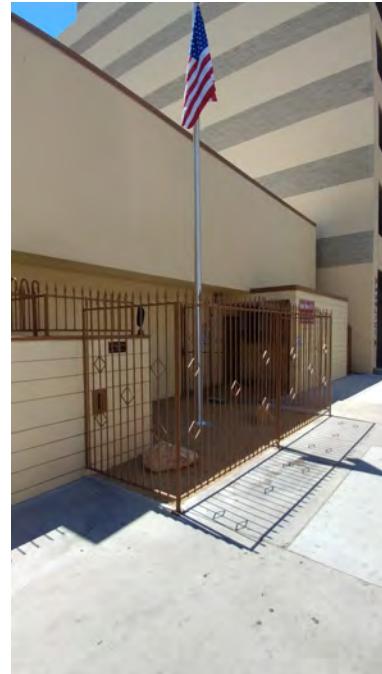
Outer Sentinel: SK Nicholas Bulda

3 Yr Trustee: SK John Galvin

2 Yr Trustee: SK Tom Howerter

1 Yr Trustee: SK Benny Dornak

May 27th - Flag Dedication - St. Joan of Arc



Upcoming Dates

- June 2, 2018 - First Saturday Mass and Rosary - St. Bridget's*
- June 14, 2018 - Regular Meeting at Markich Hall at 7:00 PM*
- July 7, 2018 - First Saturday Mass and Rosary - St. Bridget's*
- July 12, 2018 - Regular Meeting at Markich Hall at 7:00 PM*

Please direct newsletter corrections/queries to SK Doug Barrett (dbarrett.fc2776@gmail.com 408-887-4050)

Installation of Officers

When: June 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Where: St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
7260 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Who: All 4th Degree Assembly Officers

All Officers are required to attend. Dress is new 4th Degree Uniform, tuxedo with social baldric, or dark suit (black, dark blue, or charcoal gray).

Message from 4th Degree District Master, SK Dave Ryan:

FN Bob Sotelo has offered to host the installation of officers on June 30th at St Joseph, Husband of Mary Parish Hall. Installation will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by social hour and dinner. This is a family affair so bring your wife, children and friends. Please invite your assembly members to attend.

Cost of the dinner still to be determined. As more details are available an email will be sent out

