KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BISHOP JAMES R. HOFFMAN ASSEMBLY #807



THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber

I must begin with a big thank you to our Lady wives for that great dinner on our last meeting date, February 14th, Valentine's Day. Everything was perfect!

I have never been fond of February. It has always been the month that carries winter too far. Now that March is upon us, we get to feel snippets of spring! We have also entered the Lenten season.

We prepare for the coming of our Savior with a sincere prayer life. A challenge was issued by my parish priest, Fr. Adam Herzfeld, to not think of this time as a time of denial, but as a time to change us for the better. Don't simply give something up, but take on a new challenge to be a better Catholic. Do something to make the area, state, country, world, a better place.

We can look right here in our area and find things to do. Say extra prayers for the unborn, those near death, or for others in need. Go to the abortion facility (I can't call it a clinic) and silently pray for the workers and women. You can stand in the lot across the street and offer your time to the One who gave everything to you. Coming up is the 40 Days for Life. You can sign up for the "Knight" Prayer Vigil, for one 4-hour period, starting Monday, March 16, 7PM, through Tuesday, March 17, 7AM. Contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice and the coordinator for this special event at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-244-6711, ext. 4933. He needs four Knights per shift.

The push for new members is on. As per my discussion at our last meeting, we are back to the same atmosphere that precipitated the start of the 4th degree. Catholics are seen at best as, "not Americans and not relevant." All of us learned what Catholics did for our country, and what our country has done for us. It seems that the current generation does not realize what is happening. I for one am a proud Catholic American citizen! Please talk to your councils about becoming a 4th degree member. We need more Knights to continue the fight and focus on the worthy causes for Patriotism that envelope what the Assembly level was created to promote.

To the volunteers who agreed to represent us at the biannual meeting, I extend my gratitude and thanks. This event will go a long way in deciding our next Master.

You will find within this newsletter the 2020 4th Degree Exemplification forms for both Registration and Hotel. Note the deadlines on each. Please get them filled out and sent in a timely fashion. I hope you all plan to attend.

In February's Navigator newsletter, I put out a request for an Assistant to help SK Ray Darr put together and send out this monthly newsletter. I'm asking again for someone to assist, learn and work with Ray Darr. He is not going to dump on you. Ray wants to show you the how and why. We really need a Knight to step forward to fulfill this important task.

Vocations Are *Everybody's* **Business**

From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber continued

One last reminder . . . Friday, March 13, 2020, is our next regularly scheduled meeting. AND, it is also our OPEN HOUSE! I encourage all of you to continue promoting our 4th Degree level to any and all potential candidates! Keep in mind you can also enlist your spouse to help share the many positives of joining the Patriotic level to potential candidates and their wives as well.

<u>The location of our Friday, March 13, 2020, meeting and Open House</u> is at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Holy Family Center (Crites Room – Second Floor), starting at 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Rosary.

God keep our country safe and healthy. Vivat Jesus!

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Hennepin Province, Ohio - District 2			
BISHO	BISHOP HOFFMAN ASSEMBLY 807 Associated Councils:		
386	Monsignor O'Connell Council (St. Martin de Porres, St. Adalbert, St. Hedwig, St. Hyacinth)		
2850	Swanton Council (St. Richard)		
3122	West Toledo Council (Secor Road - Christ the King, Blessed Sacrament, St. Pius X)		
3904	St. Jude Council (OLPH)		
4169	St. Lawrence Council (St. John the Baptist)		
5628	Immaculate Conception Council (St. Joseph - Sylvania)		
13636	Rev. Gary Miller Council (St. Clement)		
14155	St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Council		
15043	Holy Trinity Council (St. Mary's Assumption)		
15905	St. Joan of Arc Council		
16264	Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Council		
17113	St. Patrick/Louis – Grand Rapids Council		

From Faithful Captain Phil Stanchin

February is just about over and spring is right around the corner. I hope everyone has had a good February and a good start to Lent.

The February meeting had a big surprise for the men from the Ladies of the Knights, who cooked a wonderful Valentine's dinner after our meeting. In February the Knights and the Ladies enjoyed the movie Call of the Wild with Harrison Ford, which had a good showing of 21 attendees.

Our next officer's meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at Rocket's Café on Reynolds Road. Our next general meeting is on March 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Holy Family Center (Crites Room – Second Floor). This meeting is an open house meeting for all new candidates.

Looking forward to seeing everyone then. God bless. Vivat Jesus.

A Word from Lady Melody Garber

Important updates to our Assembly 807's 4th Degree Exemp Ladies'

<u>Basket raffle</u>: the red fold-up wagon has started to accumulate a few pieces. Please bring in your garden-type items for our "basket" to the March meeting! Our theme is, "*Spring Fling*." Here is a reminder of the kind of things to include: gardening tools, seed packets, gloves, stool, spray water bottle, kneepad, decorative garden stone, garden signage, sunscreen, Miracle Gro, etc. If you cannot attend the March meeting, feel free to contact me and make arrangements to drop off your donations for our basket at my home.

<u>Basket raffle tickets</u> can be purchased now! This year we have a real Winner and I just know you'll want to get your own basket tickets purchased as soon as possible! Within this newsletter, you will find a sheet of tickets for you to copy and use. **One ticket for \$1.00; Six tickets for \$5.00.** Feel free to encourage duplicate and triplicate sales to family and friends, too!

<u>Registration, which includes the Ladies Luncheon, and the Hotel forms</u>: Please note the deadline dates and encourage your Knights to get those completed forms sent in or emailed in a timely manner. <u>Registration form</u> deadline is March 20, 2020, to avoid late charges. <u>The Ladies Luncheon costs \$20.00</u>. All <u>Hotel reservations</u> must be made <u>no later than March 17, 2020</u>. The rate for either a standard double or king-size room is \$109.00 plus tax. When you call for your hotel reservation, please mention the reservation ID "*Knights of Columbus*," to obtain that special hotel room rate! A complimentary breakfast is included.

Ladies' Luncheon: Believe me when I say it will be worth your time to attend! The entertainment is a **presentation on A.L.I.C.E. Training** conducted by a Command Officer from the Lucas County Sheriff's Office. This timely program touches on what you need to be aware of and can do in case you find yourself in a Mass Shooting situation. Today, no place is immune! You've heard of mass shootings at theatres, malls, workplaces and schools. It seems the latest target now has reached churches. It really will be a worthwhile topic to hear directly from a law enforcement expert. Ladies, this is a presentation only. You will not be participating in the exercise portion that normally would follow this particular talk.

We continue to ask for <u>cancelled stamps</u>. Lady Sarah Zbikowski is still collecting them for the missions.

A few social events to pass along from the feeder Council level for our 807 Assembly Ladies to consider:

1. <u>Ladies Night Out</u>: Saturday, April 4, 2020, doors open at 5:05pm. Cost is \$30/person. The Ladies from Knights' Council 7978 sponsor this event. Contact Chris Kaiser at 419-662-1847 or email Chris at <u>chrisik54@yahoo.com</u>.

<u>A Ladies Tea</u>: Saturday, April 25, 2020. The Ladies from Knights' Council 14155 sponsor this event. Contact either Donna Darr at <u>dd271@aol.com</u> or Phyllis Szymanski at <u>nd-irish@bex.net</u> for more details on this fun event!
 <u>Fish Fry Time!!!</u> Lent provides a great opportunity to check out many of our feeder Councils' fish fry dates. You can get a complete list by typing in the Search area: <u>"Toledo Diocese 2020 Fish Fry dates."</u> You will find a complete list of locations, dates, times and costs provided.

March is APPETIZERS month! Note that this evening is also our **OPEN HOUSE** for our 4th Degree candidates and their Ladies. I know our talented Ladies won't disappoint with an array of finger-type appetizers normally enjoyed. Therefore, again I ask our Ladies for assistance in bringing an appetizer of your choice to share, and extend a warm welcome to our new 4th Degree candidates' Ladies.

The upcoming March 13 meeting will be held at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Holy Family Center (Crites Room – Second Floor) starting at 7:00 PM.

For those who have questions on any of the above items, you can contact me at <u>melodygarber@live.com</u> or 419-304-0911.

From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littelmann

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, (Please read this slowly and carefully: I just got back from vacation!!!!)

By the time we get this we'll be already into Lent this year; but I'd like to propose a Lenten practice that would still be able to help a lot of us live this very precious time in the liturgical year. We have Lent to help us prepare for the most important celebration of our faith; the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus our Lord and Savior!

I'm proposing that we can get a bunch out of this holy season if we can take a moment to select a *particular* focus for our growing in faith and love and closeness to Jesus. So pick a special virtue you'd like to get better at, for example daily prayer (morning, noon, bedtime), whatever, then look for a "new" thought as often as you can, and see how the Holy Spirit will broaden your concept of that virtue to really influence others by good example.

Or, we can choose a particular temptation that picks on us too much, eg. anger, self-centeredness, sexual preoccupation, overeating, overuse of alcohol, gossip, sloth (there's a bunch, eh?) that gets us being distractions from rather that attractions to the Lord.

Then when we've chosen something, ask the Holy Spirit to give us a plan, a clue, a tool, a better interest to make the moves that we'll enjoy getting used to as Lent progresses and we'll see ourselves growing.... WE even get to witness to our growth as we share with fellow Knights and/or Ladies when the opportunities knock. Whatever our choice, we can celebrate Easter and its whole holy season in deeper love, not only with the Lord our God but even with one another and also new friends this will bring us.

One final little thought: for years I've had the practice of choosing a virtue I can keep growing in AND choosing to give up something I just **love** to get back!!! Go for it and FLOURISH!!!

Vivat Jesus in our hearts!!!, Faithful Friar Skipper

Assembly Apparel

Ordering Assembly apparel is now as easy as1,2,3!

- 1) Go to <u>assembly807.com</u> and click on the Apparel Tab.
- 2) Find the items you want, and fill in the specifications.
- **3)** Pay for the order!

There are more than 10 items for men and women, and more to come! If you don't see what you want, contact Mitch Kahl at 419-360-9859 or <u>mitch@alwayspromoting.com</u>.

Your shipments will arrive 10 working days from the date of the order. (Orders that are shipped will incur additional days.)

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS LIKE A FAMILY ... SO ASK ANOTHER FAMILY TO BE PART OF OURS.



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE

2020 Toledo Diocese Exemplification

Weekend Schedule

Patriotic Degree of the Order

April 17-19, 2020

Radisson at the University of

Toledo, Ohio

Toledo

FRIDAY, April 17, 2020

Hotel Check-in & Hospitality Room open	3:00 PM
Exemplification Registration and Ticket Pickup in Pre-function Area thru Lobby	3:00 thru 8:00 PM
Exemplification Practice in Elm/Maple/Oak Ballrooms	6:00 to 7:00 PM
Exemplification in Elm/Maple/Oak Ballrooms	7:00 to 8:30 PM
Karaoke in Birch Ballroom	- 8:30 thru 11:00 PM

Hospitality Room open until Midnight (Quiet time after 11:00 PM)

SATURDAY April 18, 2020

Complimentary Breakfast for Exemplification hotel guests in 3100 Restaurant	7:00 thru 9:00 AM
Late Candidate Registration with Diocesan Registrar in Pre-function Area thru Lobby	
Candidates Assemble with Diocesan Marshall in Elm Ballroom	9:15 AM
Candidate's Family Members pin Candidate in Elm Ballroom	9:15 thru 9:30 AM
Ladies' Meet & Greet in Faculty Club	9:30 thru 10:30 AM
All Sir Knights dressed per Dress Code below in Maple/Oak Ballrooms	9:45 AM
Exemplification Ceremony begins in Maple/Oak Ballrooms	
Ladies' Lunch and Program in the Salon A	11:00 AM
Class Picture taken after Exemplification	12:00 PM
Hospitality Room (Faculty Club) opens after Exemp	12:30 thru 3:00 PM
Exemplification Mass in Grand Ballroom (All must be seated by 3:45 PM)	4:00 PM
Individual Photos taken	5:00 thru 6:45 PM
VIP Lineup for Banquet	6:45 PM
Banquet and Program Salons A, B & C (Dress Code Below)	7:00 PM
Dress Code for Exemplification Ceremony is as follows:	

Sir Knights in 4th Degree Uniform, Tuxedo or dark suit with white shirt, dark tie, matching socks and polished shoes.

Candidates in dark suit with white shirt, dark tie, matching socks and polished shoes. **Dress Code for Banquet is as follows:**

Sir Knights in 4th Degree Uniform, Tuxedo with Social Baldric or dark suit with social baldric, white shirt, dark tie with matching socks and polished shoes.

Ladies - cocktail attire

Non-Sir Knights in dark suit with white shirt, dark tie with matching socks and polished shoes.

DRINKS FOR DINNER CAN BE SECURED IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM FROM 5:00 to 6:45 PM Hospitality Room opens upon completion of the evening's events until Midnight (Quiet time after 11:00 PM) Hospitality Room will be closed during the Exemplification, Ladies' Luncheon, Mass & Banquet

SUNDAY April 19, 2020

Complimentary Breakfast for Exemplification hotel guests in 3100 Restaurant 7:00 thru 9	:00 AM
Hotel Check-out by 11	:00 AM



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The Patriotic Degree of the Order



April 17-19, 2020

Radisson at the University of Toledo-3100 Glendale Avenue-Toledo, OH 43614

Registration Form

Personal Info:		
Title:	Sir Knight	Make Check Payable to: Toledo Diocese 4 th Degree
Name:		Send to:
Address:		SK Bob Bidwell
City/State/Zip:		303 Queensland Blvd.
E-Mail:		Perrysburg, OH 43551-1737
Phone:		
Assembly#:	807 - Bishop James R. Hoffman - Toledo	
Lady's Name:		
Lady's E-Mail:		
Lady's Phone:		
Wheelchair	Choose an item.	

Dinner Menu: Choice of the following-

- Mediterranean Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Braised Beef Roast with carrots, celery & onion in a beef gravy with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Seasoned Salmon with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Eat Right Pasta (Vegetarian) Whole wheat pasta tossed with olive oil, spinach, peppers, onion, tomatoes & asparagus All Dinners include Betty's Salad with Rolls & Butter
 - Apple or Peach Pie, Non Dairy Sorbet Dessert if needed, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Regular or Decaf Coffee

Ladies Program Menu: Choice of the following-

- Chef Salad with choice of Ranch, Italian or Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing, Rolls & Butter
- Veggie Wrap of tomato, zucchini, yellow squash, onions, red bell peppers, Portobello mushrooms, drizzled with basil aioli in a wrap. Served with Fruit Cup. Dessert is Angel Food Cake with Strawberries or Non-Dairy Sorbet Dessert if needed. Choice of Iced tea or Water

If not attending the banquet, simply enter 0 in the Quantity Column

Item	Description	Quantity	Item Price	Amount
Sir Knight Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Lady's Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Priest Candidate Fee:	Saturday Dinner not included	0	\$25.00	\$0.00
Priest Candidate Dinner:	Dinner Choice-Not included with Fee	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Candidate's Fee:	Dinner Choice-Included with Fee	0	\$70.00	\$0.00
Spouse's Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Late Fee:	Fee per dinner if ordered after 3/20/20	0	\$5.00	\$0.00
Ladies' Program:	Lunch Choice for Program	0	\$20.00	\$0.00
		-	Grand Total	\$0.00

To avoid LATE CHARGES, please return this form by 3/20/20. Absolute Deadline is 4/1/20. PAYMENT can follow within 10 days. If you are attending any portion of the weekend, we need you to register

Exemplification & Banquet Attire

Sir Knights' (required) – 4th Degree Uniform or Tuxedo and Social Baldric or Dark Suit (Black, Navy Blue or Dark Gray) with white shirt, Social Baldric, dark tie, dark socks and polished shoes.

Ladies' Program (Suggested) – Church Attire

Ladies' Banquet (Suggested) – Cocktail Attire

Please print this form and mail it with payment to the address listed at the top right of this form.

Knights of Columbus 2020 Toledo Diocese Exemplification FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic Degree of the OrderHotel Room Reservation FormApril 17-19, 2020Radisson at the University of ToledoToledo, Ohio

Hotel Reservation Information

Room Types Available

Туре	Nightly Rate
Standard King (NS)	\$109.00 plus tax
Standard Two Double Beds (NS)	\$109.00 plus tax

<u>All room types available subject to prior reservations</u>. Room numbers and locations are determined at check-in. Please note that requests for specific floors, room numbers, adjoining rooms, etc. are requests only and cannot be promised or guaranteed at time of booking. Every attempt will be made to honor your requests when at all possible and will be based on availability at check-in.

For reservations, please call 419-381-6800 When making reservations, please reference Reservation ID: Knights of Columbus

Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 11:00 AM.

Additional Info

- All reservations must be made by March 17, 2020 to guarantee the rate.
 Reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only after the cutoff date.
- If you spend the night, you will receive a ticket good for a complimentary breakfast for the room occupants.
- We understand individuals will make their own reservations by calling the numbers listed above. Rates will not be guaranteed at the lower rate if the guest fails to mention the reservation ID <u>Knights of Columbus</u>.
- □ All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.
- □ Valid Photo Id required atcheck-in.
- Should you need to cancel a guaranteed reservation, you must cancel 24 hours in advance to avoid a penalty charge of one night room rate & tax. "No-Show" reservations will be charged for one night room & tax. This cost will be billed to the credit card.



Assembly 807 Ladies – 4th Degree Exemp Basket Red wagon and garden items ... "Spring Fling!"



BUY YOUR BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS NOW! \$1.00 for 1 Ticket \$5.00 for 6 Tickets

Bring sold tickets and money to Melody Garber. Thank You!!

Basket Drawing : \$1 each or 6 for \$5	Basket Drawing : \$1 each or 6 for \$5
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S









More . . . Valentine's Day pics !



Assembly 807 Ladies provided a wonderful Valentine's Day dinner, February 14, 2020, that followed the regular 4th Degree monthly meeting. A special match game was also enjoyed by everyone. What cute kids we all were! Many thanks to our lovely Ladies for the dinner, and also to Marge Dell for putting together the match game.



February 26 - April 5 400AYS FORLIFE.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN TOLEDO!

ALL "KNIGHT" PRAYER VIGIL

Monday March 16th 7 P.M. through Tuesday March 17th 7 A.M.

- Calling all Knights of Columbus Councils in the Diocese of Toledo, and all men yearning to be Knights for our current culture to stand in witness for life, all night, at our local abortion facility.
- We are hoping to have at least four "Knights" each hour to take one-hour shifts from 7 p.m. through the night until 7 a.m. to pray and witness to the value of life by being a light in the darkness.
- Is God calling you to be a "KNIGHT" for Life?

Here's how to take part in the all "Knight" Prayer Vigil:

> Contact: Sign up with Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice and 40 Days for Life leader at

prange@toledodiocese.org; 419-244-6711 ext. 4933

- Vigil location: Outside Capital Care Network, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo
- Vigil hours: 7 pm to 7 am
- Learn more: Visit our website:

40daysforlife.com/toledo

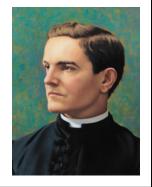
Happy Birthday and Congratulations

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to these people celebrating a special day this month!

March Birthdays			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Elena DiNuovo	1	Lori Pasienza	18
Sandra Gratop	2	Carmen Janicki	20
Tyrone Campbell	6	Sharon Meyer	20
Dog Sallows	7	Red Stone	24
Tom Keogh	8	Susan Westrick	24
William Mitchey	9	Jim Rybarczyk	25
Meganne Boyer	11	Kim Sallows	25
Paul Hood	11	Larry Albrecht	27
Robert Kovach	14	Sean Weirich	27
Ray Olejniczak	14	Mike Cherry	29
Mary Alice Gustwiller	15	Teresita Palma Gil	30
Pamela Burns	17		

March Anniversaries		
Name	Date	
Cliff & Jan McIntire	5	
John & Terry Owczarzak	11	
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The Knights of Columbus began in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, in 1882, when Father Michael J. McGivney called together a small group of pioneering Catholic laymen and founded a society designed to provide financial assistance for widows and orphans of members. March 29 marks the 131st anniversary of the Order receiving its charter from the State of Connecticut. The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration.



Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue to his work of caring for the needy and outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless the USA

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's, but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and a 155mm howitzer.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low. He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away ' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

He is paying the price for our freedom as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

As you go to bed tonight, remember this . . . A short lull, a little shade and a picture of loved ones in their helmets.

Prayer Wheel

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

The Natural Choice is Life

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- March 10 6:00 PM Officers Meeting @ Rocket Cafe
- March 137:00 PM Business Meeting @ St. Pat's
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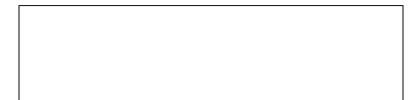


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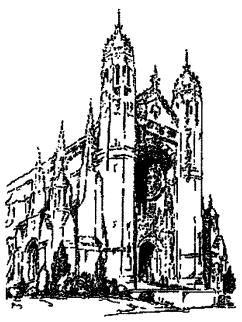


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