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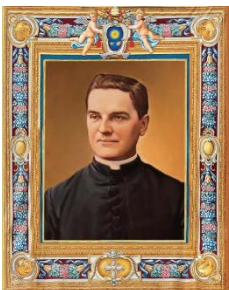
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From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber

Welcome to November . . . the month of Thanksgiving. As your Faithful Navigator, it gives me great pleasure and a feeling of pride on behalf of the Bishop Hoffman Assembly 807 to receive notification that we have two Award recipients honored from this year's 4th Degree Exemplification. As you know, the live 4th Degree Exemplifications in 2020 have all been turned into virtual events. As a result, all award recipients were instead presented their award through their home Assembly. It was fortuitous for our Assembly that October was also the first time our group finally was able to hold an in-person meeting. Faithful Captain Phil Stanchin coordinated that effort to schedule the October, and upcoming November, meetings at St. Clement's parish community hall. Everyone in attendance was very conscientious of the COVID mandates of masks and social distancing.

After recitation of the Holy Rosary, Faithful Admiral Rob Malone was asked to present the following awards. To Sir Knight Ray Darr in recognition of his many years of active service within the Knights of Columbus, he received the **2019-2020 "Outstanding Service to the District" Award** by a member. Ray certainly has earned this prestigious award with his many years of active service as part of the Knight's organization. He even stepped in to fill the duties of Master once again this past summer for the Installation of Officers. A man of many talents for sure. Our second recipient I have to say I have a very close relationship with as she is not only my wife, but my quiet strength in the storm, my dear Lady Melody. Faithful Admiral Rob Malone bestowed not one, but two awards to Melody. Rob started with reading the inscription, **"Lady of the Year" for the Toledo Diocese Exemplification, presented on October 2020 by Edward A. Ponder, Master, Ohio District 2.** This year was the first time this distinguished award was presented to one of the many Ladies within the Toledo Diocese group. The Toledo Diocese is one of the two dioceses that make up Ohio's District #2. The other is the Diocese of Cincinnati. OH District #2 falls under the Fr. Louis Hennepin Province, which consists of three Districts. So, it was an additionally pleasant surprise to learn that Lady Melody was also honored with the **2019-2020 Fr. Louis Hennepin Province, Ohio District #2, "Lady of the Year" selected by both Vice Supreme Master Clifford F. Wasmund and Master Edward A. Ponder.** To add one more piece of good news, I am also happy to inform all our Assembly 807 members that Faithful Admiral Rob Malone has been recently named by the new Ohio District #2 Master, Sir Knight Michael Gauder, to be Coordinator over both the Toledo Diocese and OH District #2 Exemplifications, no doubt a role that will highlight his special talents. Congratulations again to Sir Knights Ray Darr and Rob Malone, and Lady Melody.

The November Memorial Mass is set to be an in-person gathering at St. Clement's on Friday, November 13, starting at 7:00 PM. Sir Knight Phil Stanchin has made arrangements for all to go to a restaurant afterwards. I hope you will plan to attend.



On the road to Sainthood . . . The **Knights of Columbus' Founder, Father Michael McGivney**, created this Order in 1882 to help families in need due to the high death rate of men, the typical breadwinner at that time, due to the type of jobs available to Irish Catholics. The 4th Degree, which is the highest level of Knight, was added for the primary purpose to "foster the spirit of **Patriotism** in members and communities at large, and encourage active Catholic citizenship." On March 5, 2008, the Knights helped to open the door to sainthood for Fr. McGivney, at which time Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney Venerable, which is the first step. Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to Fr.

From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber continued

McGivney on May 26, 2020. I hope many of you were able to watch the beatification Mass held on October 31, 2020, which was streamed through the Knights of Columbus website as well as carried on EWTN.

Please remember and keep praying for our Veteran's on November 11, as well as those brave people on the front lines, both domestic and foreign; to Vote on Election Day, November 3, to preserve One Nation Under God; and Thanksgiving Day, November 26, in gratitude of family, and most especially, to God. May the Lord bless you and keep you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life. Vivat Jesus!

A Word from Lady Melody Garber

Quote from Alexander Hamilton, Speech on the Compromises of the Constitution 1788:

*"Yet, however weak our country may be, **I hope we shall never sacrifice our liberties.** If, therefore, on a full and candid discussion, the proposed system shall appear to have that tendency, for God's sake, let us reject it! But, let us not mistake words for things nor accept doubtful surmises as the evidence of truth. Let us consider the Constitution calmly and dispassionately, and attend to those things only which merit consideration."*

I am truly thankful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me and my family. As we enter the month of November, I hope you find peace and serenity from having survived a year of what I'll call just a "hot mess."

Let me also extend my thanks to the Knights and Ladies who were instrumental in my being selected the winner of not one, but two, special "Lady of the Year" awards. It's a very humbling experience to say the least.

Normally, we Ladies provide donations to cover the holiday meals to those in most need at this time of year. While this contribution, as well as one or two other activities, have been put on hold, I hope to coordinate an effort through suggestions provided from you, after the first of the year. Please begin thinking of charity-type things that our Ladies could easily participating in doing or putting together. I'll be following up on this at a later time after the upcoming holidays.

Also, we collected \$86.00 from our Basket Raffle that was part of this year's 4th Degree Exemplification. Our winner again was Patsy Rechel, and the money collected was added to the Ladies' treasury. Many thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

Finally, I ask you to keep in your heart and prayers thoughts of loved ones that are dealing with health issues or other difficult life events. I believe our time on this earth and God's plan for us are dependent on whether we abide by His will, not ours. Stay strong to your traditional Catholic teachings, support our Knights of Columbus, and smile. God blesses each of us every day with small wonders that make life worth living. God Bless the United States of America! And, have a wonderful Happy Thanksgiving Day!



From Faithful Captain Phil Stanchin

This is the season for All Saint and All Souls Day. Please remember all our fellow Knights who have passed away this year. There will be a service mass at St. Clement's on November 13th at 7 pm. for the Knights that have died this year. All are invited. This Mass will be live streamed on Facebook, Hulu, and Zoom After Mass we will meet at Shorty's Roadhouse on Monroe Street for dinner.

The officer's meeting is on November 10th at 6 p.m. at Rocket Cafe. Please remember all those we have lost due to the pandemic. Also, good news. Lady Joanne may possibly be home by November 1st. See all of you at Mass November 13th. Vivat Jesus.

NOT A WELL-KNOWN FACT
**“TAPS” played at Military
Funerals -- I didn't know there
were words written for this special
melody. Did you?**

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia . The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

**Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.**

**Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.**

**Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky
As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh**

I have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps,' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.
Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And Returned; and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

VETERAN'S DAY IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020



From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littelmann

Dear Brother Knights and Your Ladies,

Quite a time in our lives right now, but our faith and God's presence is so precious it inspires me to take the opportunity to tie things together to keep growing in that faith. Even in the face of this epidemic pandemic that is really testing us, we get to celebrate the wonderful experience of the Beatification of Fr. McGivney that took place this past Saturday in Connecticut where our former Bishop Leonard Blair now lives. The story of Fr. McGivney's life and death is on line and an inspiring story to not only read but ponder -- just as he would certainly want each of us to do. WE are trying to continue his ministry through all these years, and I suspect we'll have even more inspiration to bring to our own trying times to reach far into the future. That's what sainthood is all about, and Fr. McGivney has cheered in heaven as we celebrated the first step toward declaring his own sainthood!

This is happening at the same time we are experiencing quite a tumultuous presidential election scenario. I wonder if we will still be going through some straining times following the actual election day when this Navlog arrives to give us a glimpse of the foundation of our Order and how we can be a special presence to our nation by living the life of Knights and our families to help our present generation to grow in faith and love. This is tied into our coping with the challenges of Covid19 as we try to use our faith get a lot more saints to take care of our beloved nation.

Our Creator has this all in view from the get-go to loooooong into the future, and the Holy Spirit gives us the tools of wisdom and love to put it into perspective for our generation to learn and grow to make not just our own nation but our whole world safe and happy. We Knights and our families are building blocks for everyone to get to eternal life and to experience the JOY of heaven. It's possible..... Vivat Jesus, Fr. Skip

Thoughts from the Editor's Desk

As I sat down to write this article, my thoughts drifted to the upcoming Thanksgiving Day. As we gather together on this special day at Mass and Thanksgiving dinner with our families, we pause to reflect on how good life has been to us--how good God has been to us. Every year we set aside the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day--a day to be thankful for all our blessings. But is that all there is to it?

It's so easy to get caught up in the hustle-bustle of our daily lives that we forget how much we have to be thankful for every day of our lives. Be thankful that you're alive! Be thankful that you're in good health! Be thankful that you're an American! Be thankful that you're a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus! Above all, be thankful to God, for He made all this possible!!!

All too often we take life for granted. We see the bad things in life and forget about the good. Look on the positive side of life. What is bad could always be worse. Be thankful that it wasn't. How often have we complained about a job that is done badly but forgotten to say thank you or show appreciation for one that is done well? These two little words--THANK YOU--take so little time to say yet mean so much.

There are so many times, so many ways that we can say thank you every day of the year. Let's not let a day go by without expressing our gratitude to someone--at least to God from whom all things come. Let's make each day of our lives Thanksgiving Day!!!

Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

On Friday, November 13, we will have a Memorial Mass at St. Clement's Church starting at 7:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated by our Friar Rev. Skip Littellmann. Please plan to attend and pray for the repose of our deceased Sir Knights. Dress is business casual. **There will be NO honor guard.** No plans have been made at this time for Dinner afterwards.

Larry R. Dargart--November 5, 2019
William H. Eckert—January 3, 2020
Darryl P. Campbell—April 9, 2020

Charles V. Hoffman—November 28, 2019
Paul T. Laurel—March 17, 2020
Tyrone J. Campbell—August 19, 2020

Happy Birthday and Congratulations

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

November Birthdays			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Mary Osswald	1	Andrew Weisenburger	11
Jason Sallows	1	Dawn Aurand	14
Rich Cronin	2	Jim Kreuz	14
Phil Stanchin Jr.	2	Elizabeth Cousino	18
Rev. Skip Littellmann	4	John Bibish	19
Constance Matuszewski	4	Dan McGuire	19
Terry Jiannuzzi	7	Janis Thiemann	20
Donna Riesen	8	Ric Bavin	25
Michael Timmerman	9	Billy Harvey Jr.	30
George Zilba	10		

November Anniversaries	
Name	Date
Dea. Denver & Sally Missing	4
Fred & Pamela Burns	7
Dan & Jennifer Demski	8
Al & Carmen Janicki	9
Jim & Kathryn Morris	9
Michael & Patricia Okragleski	17
Robert & Shron Nicholas	23
James & Mary Savage	28



From the Faithful Comptroller

Dues – Dues – Dues We're down to 12 of you who have not paid your **2020 dues**. All of you will be receiving a call from one of the Trustees or me in the next 10 days. **Unless we receive payment by November 15, we will send a SUSPENION in to Supreme.** Please don't force us to take the final step. I ask again **“Is there a problem? Is there some reason you haven't paid?”** Is it financial? Call me personally (419) 382-0054 to discuss the matter. For the majority of you this is an annual occurrence. You always seem to drag your feet. Stop procrastinating, please!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 13

7:00 PM –Memorial Mass @ St. Clement's



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Obtained A
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