



# THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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## From Faithful Navigator Phil Stanchin

Hello fellow Knights and Ladies:

We have had a mild Winter until now, that we are coming close to February. Today we had 5.5 inches of snow and more to come the following week, along with cold temperatures. We have a month and a half of winter left. I hope all our Councils are having activities for the Winter. At St. Clement council we are having a baby bottle pickup starting this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and an all you can eat breakfast on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 p.m. Please share your activities with us, and share with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights who wish to move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The Exemplification is in April.

Assembly 2800 is having a reverse raffle again at Graystone Hall, Perrysburg, on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The fee of \$30.00 includes raffle ticket and a meal.

We are looking for a new generation of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, so we are holding revolving locations for our monthly meetings. Our February meeting will be held at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and our officers meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Rockets Café on Reynolds Road.

We also need an Honor Guard for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Historic St. Patrick's Church downtown at 10 a.m. Mass. Honor Guards please arrive by 9:30 a.m.

On another note, the Catholic War Veterans are having a takeout Polish dinner on Sunday, February 5 between 1-3:00 p.m. Dinners must be preordered by Saturday, January 28. Call Joan Sylak at 419-726-2326 or Joan Wulf at 419-206-3275. Donation is \$15.

The month of February has Valentine's Day and the first day of the solemn Lenten season, Ash Wednesday, February 22. Remember the Ladies on Valentine's with cards, flowers, candy and a night out! To all the Ladies of the Assembly, I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Please also remember Bernie Zbikowski who has gone to be with the Lord this past month, and also keep Sarah in your prayers during this time of bereavement.

See all of you at St. Pat's.

Vivat Jesus

*The Natural Choice is Life*

## From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littelman

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Not too far from now, on 2/22/23, we'll be celebrating Ash Wednesday to begin the very religious season of Lent in preparation of the celebration of Our Savior's offering His Life and death for our salvation!!! Right now, at the beginning of February we're blessed with the story of how fantastically precious our Christianity is and how much Good News we have to share about what it's like to be a believer of this religion of ours. The word "religion" itself means a bond, and our Christian faith is different from all the other religions in human history in the fact that we Christians understand that we have a **personal** relationship with God brought to us through Jesus.

I'm writing this on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ (2/2). The story is that when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented to their God because He was a firstborn male, they were met by a man named Simeon who was open to the Holy Spirit to bring to light that all the stuff that was happening in this holy place was not very holy at all for the place meant to bring God to human experience. Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. When Simeon first saw Jesus, he took Him in his arms and shared the news with Mary and Joseph. The beautiful story is told in Luke's Gospel (2:22-40),

I'm sharing this with you now because this Christ is the Light of the World, and each of us is related to Him personally as members of His Body. Our Catholic Christian faith brings home the tremendous relationship we have (each and all of us) as we enter our churches and celebrate the coming of Christ in His Word (the New Testament) and His Sacrament (Communion) understanding that we are, through our faith, His Body (brothers and sisters with Him as the family of God). We are called to share this good news in as many ways and times as we can following the Holy Spirit. Christianity is different from all other religions in the world. We Knights with our families are gifted with this treasure and keep it beautiful mixing with the population -- praise God for that. [Brother and Sister Religious also have the presentation of this gift -- praise God.] Our parishes can also capture it -- let's be good Disciples of the Lord.....

{Check Malachai 3:1-4 too!}

Vivat Jesus,  
Friar Ed

## From Commander Irelan

February 18 10:00 AM Confirmations @ Rosary Cathedral

February 25 10:00 AM Group Confirmation @ Rosary Cathedral

| February Birthdays |      |                     |      |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Name               | Date | Name                | Date |
| Carlos Lucio       | 1    | Barbara Lindeman    | 12   |
| Doug Cunningham    | 2    | Margaret Misch      | 12   |
| Donna Darr         | 2    | Phillip Stanchin    | 16   |
| Wendy Floyd        | 3    | Dan Lefeld          | 20   |
| Nancy Jiannuzi     | 6    | Frank Butwin        | 21   |
| Leonard Gustwiller | 7    | Ed Newman           | 26   |
| Pam Malone         | 10   | Rev. Francis Speier | 26   |
| Jane Pavuk         | 11   | Sarah Galla         | 27   |

| February Anniversaries     |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Name                       | Date |
| Milke & Therese Cherry     | 3    |
| Terry & Nancy Jiannuzi     | 6    |
| Martin & Elizabeth Cousino | 15   |



## **Lenten Thoughts from the Archives**

As the Lenten Season begins on February 14, most Catholics will begin 40 days of sacrifice in preparation for Christ's death and Resurrection. The Knights of Columbus are the right arm of the Catholic Church and we must be leaders in today's world. We must show a willingness to share in Christ's journey towards death and Resurrection.

The way of the Cross is not an easy one but then who said that everything in this life was going to be easy? Think of it as an investment in the future--a life insurance policy with an everlasting return. What a small price to pay for such a fantastic return! Each of us has been called to do God's work here on earth. We must try to fulfill the need of our fellow man in the eyes of Christ and help him to hear God's call. Let us unite not only as brother Knights but also as families trying to do God's work here on earth. Let us spread the word of Christ by our actions. Let us show our love for God during this season by making some sacrifice. Take the time to attend the Stations of the Cross or other Lenten services at your parish. Spend some quiet moments each day reflecting on the sufferings and death of Jesus.

Is it too much to ask of a member of the Knights of Columbus to take up the Cross and follow Him. The very name of our noble patron, Christopher, means Christ Bearer. Let us during this Lenten season and throughout the year portray this image both by work and action.

## **The Holy Alphabet**

This is Beautiful >>> Whoever came up with this one must have had some Divine guidance! >>> \* >>> A\*lthough > things are not perfect \* >>> B\*ecause > of trial or pain \* >>> C\*ontinue > in thanksgiving \* >>> D\*o > not begin to blame \* >>> E\*ven > when the times are hard \* >>> F\*ierce > winds are bound to blow \* >>> G\*od > is forever able \* >>> H\*old > on to what you know \* >>> I\*magine > life without His love \* >>> J\*oy would cease to be\* \*\* >>> K\*eep > thanking Him for all the things \* >>> L\*ove > imparts to thee \* >>> M\*ove > out of 'Camp Complaining' \* >>> N\*o > weapon that is known \* >>> O\*n > earth can yield the power \* >>> P\*raise > can do alone \* >>> Q\*uit > looking at the future \* >>> R\*edeem > the time at hand \* >>> S\*tart > every day with worship \* >>> T\*o > 'thank' is a command \* >>> U\*ntil > we see Him coming \* >>> V\*ictorious > in the sky \* >>> W\*e'll > run the race with gratitude \* >>> X\*alting > God most high \* >>> Y\*es, > there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but... \* >>> Z\*ion > waits in glory....where none are ever sad! >>> 'I am Too blessed to be stressed!' The shortest distance between a problem > and a > solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. >>> The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be > with > you forever, Amen. >>> PS: GOD LOVES YOU...PASS THE WORD ON TO MORE FRIENDS AND ASK THEM TO > CONTINUE TELLING OTHERS THAT GOD LOVES THEM TOO. JUST THINK OF HOW MANY > PEOPLE THAT COULD BE REACHED OUT TO AND BLESSED WITH THESE WORDS.

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## **Moments:** A brief time of importance

As we move through our lives, we all have moments of great joy, great sorrow, times of trouble and pain, times of healing, and times we wish we could forget, and times that will last forever.

I have memories of things that have happened in my life like, when I got my driver's license, or the first time my father said here are the keys to the car. "Now be careful as you're driving for the first time alone." Remember the first home run, your first date, or perhaps the time you met that special someone. There are also times in my life that I wish to forget like the death of my father, the death of a close friend, the breakup of your first love, or the time a good friend moved away.

Most of us don't take the time to reflect on the events in our lives or to look for the deeper meaning in them. Our world just doesn't seem to encourage such contemplation. Yet, each of us has defining moments in our lives, experiences that rest in our core and lessons that survive the test of time and help shape our character. Those are much too valuable moments to be selfishly harbored inside us. They need to be shared because they possess the wisdom that should be passed on and reaffirmed by individual after individual.

It's time to remind ourselves who we are, where we came from, and why we are the way we are. Anyone who does that will benefit themselves and, if they can share those moments with others, it will benefit us all.

We need to remember that we are Knights of Columbus and to remember what it was that brought us to this great organization. It is different for each one of us and we need to renew our faith and our resolve as we move into the final four months of our fraternal year. We need to strive to do our very best in the parish, our community and in our Order to pass on the wisdom of Father Michael J. McGivney by reaching out to other men of our faith.

## **From the Archives**

January is behind us, and before we know it, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. The name *dies cinerum* (day of [ashes](#)) is found in the earliest (8<sup>th</sup> century) existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. The [ashes](#) used are made by burning the remains of the palms [blessed](#) on the [Palm Sunday](#) of the previous year.

The [custom](#) of receiving ashes is a [sacramental](#) which is full of the symbolism of [penance](#). It is mentioned for both [clerics](#) and [faithful](#) in the Synod of [Beneventum](#), 1091, but nearly a hundred years earlier than this the [Anglo-Saxon](#) homilist Aelfric said, "in the books both in the [Old Law](#) and in the New that the [men](#) who repented of their [sins](#) bestrewed themselves with [ashes](#) and clothed their bodies with [sackcloth](#). Now let us do this little at the beginning of our [Lent](#) that we strew [ashes](#) upon our heads to signify that we ought to repent of our [sins](#) during the [Lenten fast](#)."

On this day we approach the [altar](#) and there the [priest](#) or distributor dips his thumb into [ashes](#) previously [blessed](#), marks the forehead of each the [sign of the cross](#), saying the words: "Remember [man](#) that thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return." Ash Wednesday is a reminder of the certainty but not necessarily the finality of our death.

I pray all of us will prepare ourselves this Lenten season, with prayer and sacrifices, to be ready to celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday and accept His promise of life ever-lasting.

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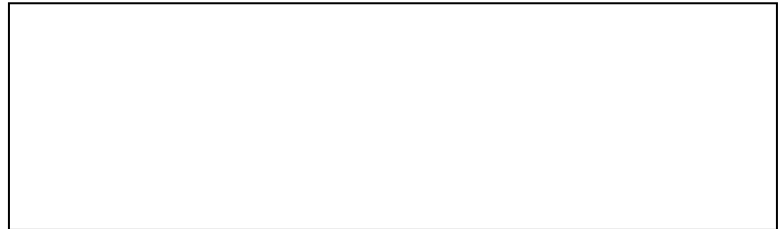
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