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From Faithful Navigator Jamie Aurand

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

Hard to believe that another year has come and gone and once again July brings us change to the assembly. As I step up into my new position as your Navigator and the officers all settle in with their new positions I ask everyone to be patient, especially with me. I am sure I am going to make a few mistakes and fumble a few times too, but that is how we learn. So, for all of you out there that have not been to an Assembly meeting in a while why not come out on Friday, July 14, and have a few laughs at my expense? We will be meeting at Rosary Cathedral School at 7:15 pm for the Rosary with the comedy show "our meeting" to follow. After the meeting, we will be going out for dinner together as a group so everyone can poke a few jabs at my performance.

All jokes aside, I do want to take this time to thank all that attended the new member dinner this past month. It was really nice to see all of you there. To finally get the chance to bring this event back to the Assembly was exciting for me. I do have to mention congratulations to three men that have given of themselves over and over to make sure that our Bishop has had an Honor Guard every time it has been requested. These men have spent many nights and weekends serving in this capacity and deserve recognition. I want to thank Nate Rechel 2019, Bill Garber 2020, 2021, 2022, and Ray Darr 2020 for their commitment to serving the Bishop's honor guard over the past 4 years. Thank you to Johnny O for helping us get the venue at Brandywine. Brandywine did a great job making our event a success with good food, drinks, and the atmosphere. Thank you to Rob and Pam Malone for the cake and John Burgan for getting all the invites out along with awards and gift cards. Thank you to my beautiful wife Dawn for all the centerpieces. And finally, I have to thank all the new members who made it to this event. Without you Assembly 807 would not exist.

I also want to take this moment to give a special thank you to Phil Stanchin for his leadership over the past two years and all of his efforts in getting us back up and running after the world fell apart. I have to admit that I am glad that it was him and not I that was the Navigator over this two-year period.

Let's not forget that on Saturday, July 15 at 9:00 am the Installation of Officers will take place at St. Michael the Archangel Findlay, Ohio. All are welcome to come and I would love to see you all there.

And finally, to everyone in Assembly 807, both the men and women, I truly feel blessed to be your new Navigator. I am asking everyone to please reach out and help me to make our assembly better than ever before. If you have a question or an idea or just want to get more involved let me know. We are in this together and when we work together we can make great things happen.

God Bless each and every one of you.

In Christ,
Jamie Aurand, Navigator

A Word from Lady Melody Garber

Congratulations to the upcoming Assembly 807 officers who begin their new roles with the July meeting!

It is customary for the Navigator's Lady to step into the role as Host for the Ladies group. Sometimes Murphy's Law comes into play. With that said, at the June gathering I proposed an idea to those Ladies present to consider co-hosting an upcoming month's meeting. This would be strictly voluntary, but also provides an opportunity that otherwise would not ordinarily be possible. More details on how this works will be provided at the July 14 Assembly meeting. I encourage all our ladies to consider being a part of this joint leadership venture. I sure could use a break! Let me add that I very much appreciated Lady Donna Darr stepping in to cover the hosting duties this past year. Continued prayers for her health and recovery.

Our next monthly of Assembly 807 is on Friday, July 14, 7:00PM. Meeting location is at the Rosary Cathedral.

At the New Member Dinner held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, Navigator Phil Stanchin along with Navigator-elect Jamie Aurand welcomed our newest Knights and Ladies into Assembly 807. Lady Pam Malone recognized and gave a token of appreciation to those Ladies for their support of their husbands at turnouts, and especially for Exemplifications. Those receiving acknowledgement included: Lady Donna Darr, Lady Terry Owczarzak, Lady Kathy Irelan, Lady Sarah Zbikowski, Lady Marge Dell, Lady Patsy Rechel, Lady Jane Cunningham and Lady Melody Garber. Their Knights serve in the Honor Guard, Color Corp, and are degree team members at Exemplifications. Honor Guard Commander David Irelan along with Navigator-elect Jamie Aurand also acknowledged those Knights, as members of the Bishop's Honor Guard, who achieved the highest participation at scheduled events from 2019 through 2022. Kudos to SK Nate Rechel, SK Ray Darr, and SK Bill Garber!

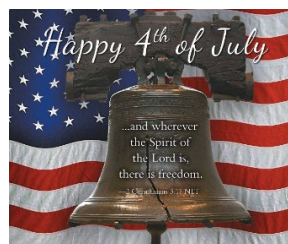
JULY 2023 dates to note:

Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day!

Friday, JULY 14– Knights Assembly 807 monthly meeting -- at the Rosary Cathedral

Saturday, JULY 15 – Knights Installation of New Officers at St. Michael the Archangel, Findlay, OH

<u>In your Daily prayers, please continue to include:</u>	
Lady Betsy Cousino's family members & friends	Lady Sarah Zbikowski
Lady Jane Cunningham's family members & friends	Lady Tammie Shank's family members
Lady Kathy Irelan's various family members	SK Bernie & Lady Anne Drouillard's family members & friends
Lady Kim Sallows	SK John & Lady Barb Spears
Lady Marge Dell	SK Nate & Lady Patsy Rechel
Lady Melody Garber's family members	SK Ray & Lady Donna Darr
Lady Noelle Avolio's family members	
In addition to the above, for any SK or Lady and family members in need of prayers.	



From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littellmann

Dear Brother Knights and Your Ladies,

We begin a new month with celebration that our whole nation enjoys each and every year and which we Knights take special care for through the grace given to Fr. McGivney to call us together to constantly focus on the gift of our freedom and the wisdom of our Creator God. We all join together not only as a nation but as the human family to have some unusual (fireworks!) fun together calling to mind who we are not only for ourselves but for the whole world.

The weather, the health challenges, the politics, the sense of justice, the avoidance of world war, the search for wisdom and carefulness for nature and populations, all these challenges are dealt with in our Catholic faith (and others as well). WE get together at our meetings and gatherings to support one another with prayer to God, with care for our own personal challenges and Council and Assembly programs, to learn and grow for the sake of our Knighthood calling to advance our local, communal, state, national and world wellbeing!!!!

Each of these thoughts could easily be a whole paragraph to ponder, but I'm suggesting that we just take time at our meetings to listen to one another's thoughts about each item, and share developing ideas to gift our full Knights groupings, parishes and church for the benefit of the world. Come, Holy Spirit!

Vivat Jesus, Fr. Skip

Happy Birthday and Congratulations

July Birthdays			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Mary Jo Antalek	3	Rozanna Knurek	20
David Snyder	4	Kathleen Kralovic	20
Mike Szymanski Sr.	4	John Spears	21
Victor Matuszewski	5	Natalie Langenderfer	22
Willi Meyer	5	Jim Lemert	24
Kim Langenderfer	9	John McIntyre	24
Anne Habbouche	10	Rob Malone	25
Dan Demski	11	Melody Garber	26
Dan McQuade	11	Kent Riesen	26
Stephen Yarbrough	12	Ron Miller	27
Ron Grothaus	16	Debbie Youngpeter	30
Richard Hens	18	Marianne Bush	31
William Berry	19	George Pavuk	31

July Anniversaries	
Name	Date
Walter & Sharon Beckford	1
William & Barbara Lindeman	9
Ray & Antonette Olejniczak	11
Jim & Robeta Lemert	13
Georges & Anne Habbouche	14
Derek & Sarah Galla	16
Jason & Michelle Thomas	17
Mike & Jennifer Froelich	20
Leonard & Mary Gustwiller	24
Harry & Marci Watson	31



The Natural Choice is Life

The United States of America's National Anthem

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so valiantly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: '[In God is our trust.](#)'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

[From the Editor's Archives](#)

It's fitting, as we start the new fraternal year, we celebrate the birth of our Country. During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: *The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.*

Adams' prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. The myth that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 had become so firmly established that, decades after the event and nearing the end of their lives, even the elderly Thomas Jefferson and John Adams had come to believe that they and the other delegates had signed the Declaration on the fourth. Most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776. In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.

May God Bless and keep safe all the men & women who have fought to keep our Country free.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE to the United States of America

I pledge allegiance — I promise my loyalty
to the Flag of the United States of America — to the Flag symbolizing
the USA, and all of its 50 states,
and to the republic for which it stands — a country where people have
the right to choose their representatives to form the government,
one nation — a united nation
under God — God willing / having faith in God -- *The Knights of
Columbus successfully had included in our Pledge!*
indivisible — a country that cannot be divided
with Liberty — personal freedom
and Justice — fair treatment from the law
for all — for each and every citizen of the country

Last Standard Bearer

For many years, all Americans took on the duty of flag bearing from childhood. Every family had a flag and felt a duty to fly to on national holidays. Until recently the only serious question about flying the American flag went back to King George. A recent poll said a majority of Americans see the waving of an American flag as divisive and don't feel comfortable having one in their yard.

The flag standard bearer in battle was first used in 1777 in the Battle occurred during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware. Several patriots died holding the flag against a charge of crack Hessian troops. During the Battle of the Republic, the flag bearer was considered a mark of great distinction and it required a soldier of extraordinary bravery. The army's flag bearers were always the prime target and were in the densest and most violent fighting. Thousands would die in the act of holding the flag. Often it would be the flag bearer that rallied the Union when the fight against slavery was near collapse.

The Irish were first to take the flag in those bloody Civil War battles and hundreds of Irish flag bearers died. Not surprisingly, it would be an Irish American, who in the 1908 started the tradition of never dipping the American flag to other nations at the Olympics in England. The international press considered it blatant nationalism. The debate on dipping the flag continued until Hitler's 1936 Olympics in Berlin. The practice was codified when the American team voted not to dip flag to Hitler's review. The world noted it was not American nationalism that was to be feared but Nazis Germany's national socialism.

During the Spanish-American War, Teddy Roosevelt used the flag and flagbearer to turn the battle of San Juan Hill. With modern warfare, the flag bearer was used less. But the flag remained a rallying point. Thousands more American soldiers gave their lives to merely keep the flag from touching the ground. The rising of the flag during the Battle of Iwo Jima become a rallying point for the nation. A similar image to that of the Raising the Flag Over Iwo-Jima, the World Trade Center photo has become equally as famous on September 11, 2001 with firefighters raising the flag above the rubble. Modern warfare eliminated the need for battlefield flagbearers, but many millions of average Americans took on the tradition as civic duty. By the 1950s, we were a nation of flagbearers.

The question we face today is will there be a last flag bearer. The flag faces the total defeat that it was avoided for years by foreign powers. It is a legend that the American flag will never be taken in war, but this enemy is among us. It is an enemy far tougher the Hessians, the British Black Guard, the German Storm Troopers, the Japanese island defenders, and terrorists of September 11. It is "political correctness" and wokeness that shames us from flying the flag. Only a few decades ago on July 4 every house would fly the flag. Today on the 4th you can drive miles and not see an American flag. Young Americans don't see the flag as a symbol of freedom but one of oppression. People don't want to offend their neighbors by placing a flag out, when only a few decades ago put seem strange not to fly the flag on the 4th.

For centuries, American flag bearers gave their lives just so the flag would not touch the ground. Today, American flags are used as rags. The flag is burned every day on our streets. In instead of a remembrance of those millions that died for it, it is disrespected as a sign for political causes. Christ asked if when returned there would be any believers. Americans might ask if in ael76i generation there will be someone to bear the flag. Has the last flag bearer already been born?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Have You
Obtained A
NEW MEMBER?**

**They can't join the 4th Degree, if you don't get them
into the 3rd Degree!
Meetings 2nd Friday of the Month – 7:15 PM (Rosary 7:00)
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**



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