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FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE

SURRENDERING TO GOD



Jesus said,

'You shall love the lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest of all the commandments. Saint Catherine of Siena, a Mystic and Doctor of the

Church, saw surrendering to God's love as our purpose in life. And she considered surrendering to God's love a life time activity. St. Catherine's use of the word surrender is significant. To surrender means to: give up completely a course of action, or a way of thinking. Our purpose in life is to surrender any course of action which prevents us from accepting and returning God's love. However surrendering is difficult, because original sin has

flawed our human nature. Original sin influences us to stubbornly hold on to: fears, disbelief, false ideas and harmful fantasies. We are easily tempted to fear divine and human love, rather than embrace them. Our flawed human nature keeps us from simply accepting the gift of God's love and being joyful about it. And so, it takes a life time to achieve our purpose in life---surrendering to God's love so we can love God with our whole heart soul mind and strength. We are a gifted people because in the Divine Plan we were chosen to be loved by God, and created able to return God's love. Jesus, the Good Shepherd keeps us firmly in his care. We belong to him. We are his. Nothing has the power to snatch us away. Surrendering begins by saying : Jesus I trust in you.

Chaplain,
Rev. Leonard Traverso

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights,



I said good-bye to a friend and fellow Sir Knight this October. Our brother SK Richard "Dick" Mizgorski passed away suddenly in October. He didn't feel well after a round of racquet ball, sat down, and answered God's call to return home. I have known Dick for nearly 35 years as a fellow parishioner at St.

Elizabeth's. He was very active in the Knights long before I was. Perhaps as many as fifteen years ago, he stepped back from active volunteerism, both in the Parish, and with the Knights. He wanted to let others have the opportunity to excel and he supported other ministries, including choir at Mission Santa Clara. I became reacquainted with Dick and Carol Mizgorski through the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. I have been involved in Relay for Council #8747 for the past ten years. Carol contacted me about four years ago and asked if they could participate on our Team. Of course I said yes. They raised more money for cancer research that year than any other member of my Team. They walked Relay for me three years in a row. By the way, Dick said "yes" to a request to reprise his role as Grand Knight for our St. Elizabeth's Council 1st degree team. I think he was looking forward to retirement. Dick will be missed by everyone who knew him!

I was humbled to help as a member of the St. Joseph's Color Corps to provide the Honor Guard detail for Dick's funeral service at St. Joseph's Cathedral. We only had five members available to attend in Color. (I am sure my Color Corps Commander SK Ed Blake will mention who and give more details elsewhere in the "Edge".) However, we still received many thanks from attendees for making the occasion more solemn. A Eucharistic Minister approached us after the Mass and thanked us for properly bowing before receiving both species of the Holy Sacrament. She said, "Others may have done so, but you were so much more visible in your (regalia)." She continued, "We need more Knights of Columbus to lead the way."

That, my fellow Sir Knights, is the point of belonging to the Fourth Degree. We are the Patriotic Degree. The Knights of Columbus, as an organization, is all about volunteering. I believe that we all become jaded from time to time. We have many reasons: family, work, Parish activity to name a few. Do not misinterpret what I am saying! All of these things are important and take a toll on you. But all of them can and should be balanced to allow for you to participate in an occasional activity with the Fourth Degree. Most of our activities revolve

around the Color Corps as the visible of arm of the K of C. I have been told by several Sir Knights that they will become active when they retire from their "real job". I may have said the same thing at some point. I can now say from experience that you do not have to wait. The call-outs for our Color Corps happen seven days a week, from early morning to late evening. No way you should be working all those hours. If you are, I used to have that in common with you. They call us "workaholics". The old saying is, "If you have something that needs to get done, give it to a busy man. (The expectation was that "it will get done!")" As an example, today, 10-30-2011, SK Jose Esteves answered a call-out to provide Color for St. Victor's 50th anniversary. As many of you know, Jose is the Mayor of Milpitas, he is an active Minister in both Milpitas Parishes, and (I believe) he has not yet retired from his full time job in the State Court System. So, it can be done and you can do it.

Yes, this is a reprise of my most oft repeated plea. Please join the Color Corps! We have nearly ninety members in St. Joseph's Assembly. Discounting those who are clergy or have retired from the field of battle (aka hung up their swords), we should still be able to answer each call-out with a minimum of seven members, including the CC Commander. Being a volunteer does not mean you have to answer each call-out in the affirmative. However, it would be nice if you could advise the CC Commander when you are definitely unavailable.--- I don't want my Color Corps Commander to become burned out or stressed out.

Some of you who have been in the Knights of Columbus for more than five years have no doubt witnessed volunteer burn-out in our fellow Knights. It comes from both trying to do everything yourself without delegating and not receiving feedback from your Brothers when a request for volunteers goes out. I've already said that it's alright not to volunteer for everything that comes up. However, it is common courtesy to let a chairman or commander know that you are unable to volunteer for a given event when he puts out a general request for help. (This is one more case of communication being vital to the wellness of an organization.)

On another subject, I have been advised by both SK's Andy Dyson and Ed Blake that our revenue stream has dried up. This presents a problem when we receive requests for support from the Parishes, the Diocese, and the many charities that are available, including Programs from Supreme. Our dues can only cover so many of our obligations. In the past we had a reliable stream of income provided by Worthy SK Bill Poehlman. (Thanks for your service and charity Bill!) I'm told he designed, maintained and sold a program for Financial Secretaries and Comptrollers throughout the State. He has looked for someone to replace himself, but he has not had any luck.

Some of our software engineer types have said it might be an “interesting exercise”, but none have been able to commit. If you are interested, please give Bill a call and check it out.

With that in mind, I have been soliciting ideas for events to generate income. One suggestion has been to obtain “share” cards from local businesses. Can we drum up enough support for that? My lovely lady has suggested a bake sale for Valentine’s Day. Some have pooh-poohed the idea, but her lady’s group, “The Roses of St. Elizabeth’s” has made as much as \$900 from a single bake sale. That is better than any pancake breakfast I’ve heard the old timers brag about. The fact that you are not a baker should not deter you. Most of us can buy cupcakes at Costco. (I don’t think they preclude you from reselling their merchandise.) Perhaps a bake sale geared towards the Ladies by SK’s in Tuxedo and Social Baldric for February 14th would draw some interest!! If you have any ideas, bring or send them to a Monday night meeting! (I know, I know! It’s football season. But your Team can’t be playing every Monday night.) The Officer meetings look a lot like the Business Meeting as far as attendees, so you can’t go wrong on either the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the Month.

Don’t forget, the December meeting is still on for the 19th at St. Victor’s.,. Until next month.....
 God Bless,
 Skip Yenchik
 Faithful Navigator
 St. Joseph’s Assembly #2246

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER
November 2011 Edition



“Whoever thinks that the Fourth Degree is just an association of a bunch of boring old men is obviously not a member of the Color Corps.” Those were the words I uttered in a conversation at the Past Faithful Navigator’s dinner to SK Skip Yenchik and Marshall JC Greco.

The month of October for our Color Corps was anything but boring and definitely reflected how we can be called to duty, sometimes with back-to-back events.

In last month’s edition, I mentioned our participation in two installations, Fr. Richie at St. John the Baptist and Fr. Loi at St. Patrick’s Proto-Cathedral. No more than a couple of weeks after Fr. Loi’s event we were lining up and participating in three (3) events on three (3) consecutive days.

On Friday, October 7th, we gathered at St. Elizabeth Church for the annual, Evening with Mary procession

and Mass. I was most grateful to Color Corps Commander Jess Calso and Sir Knight (sorry, I did not catch his name) from Fra Crespi Assembly for adding to our ranks.



Viewing this from L-R (back to front), SKs Dave Marshall, Jose Esteves, Ruben Esguerra, Joe Patajo, Greg Dessel, Skip Yenchik, Ed Blake, and Jess Calso

The Evening with Mary begins with a procession of participants and groups each carrying their particular expression of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We wind up Sequoia, make a “U” turn at the rectory’s driveway, head back down Sequoia, turn right and walk along Yellowstone turn right at the entrance driveway of the parking lot, circumnavigate the parking lot and eventually find our way back to the front of the Church. There we widened ranks, drew swords, and did a present swords for the clergy and the participants.

After the participants have entered the Church, the Color Corps returns swords, closes ranks and then proceeds into the Church where we form an honor guard for the clergy and the procession of each of the statues and icons of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon the completion of Mass, we form up and march outside where we again formed up in two columns to salute the clergy upon their recessing from the Church.

Following on the very next day, October 8th, we were requested to escort the Bishop as St. John The Baptist School celebrated its 25th anniversary.



Pictured from L-R: SKs Ruben Esguerra, Greg Dessel, Dave Marshall, Jess Calso, CCC of Fra Crespi Assembly, Ed Blake CCC of St. Joseph Assembly, SK Skip Yenchik, Faithful Navigator of St. Joseph Assembly, and SK Joe Patajo from Fra Crespi Assembly. Not pictured, SKs Jose Esteves and Dem Nitafan.

Prior to the Mass, the students of St. John The Baptist School performed a ceremony commemorating their 25th anniversary.

The next day, Sunday, October 9th brought us back to St. Elizabeth where we did honor guard duties for the installation of Fr. Justin Le as the new pastor.



Front Row, L-R, SKs Nga Ha, Sa Nguyen, Khanh Ha, Jess Calso, Color Corps Commander Fra Crespi Assembly, Julio Galvan, Jim Schrekenghaust, Dave Marshall, Robert Nguyen, Faithful Navigator, Portola Assembly, Greg Dessel, Jose Esteves, Mayor of Milpitas, need name of Sir Knight; Back Row L-R SK Skip Yenchik, Faithful Navigator St. Joseph Assembly, Ed Blake, Color Corps Commander St. Joseph Assembly, and J. C. May

Our final event of the month of October was the 50th anniversary Mass for St. Victor's Parish. And, I'm proud to say that we had a fantastic turnout of our Assembly's Color Corps. I take this opportunity to recognize and thank for their participation: Sir Knights-

- Greg Dessel
- Ruben Esguerra
- Jose Esteves
- Marciano Estioko
- Julio Galvan
- Eduardo Heras
- Dave Marshall
- Ernesto Tigmo
- Guillermo Uribe
- Skip Yenchik

If I cannot obtain any pictures for this article, I'll make sure to include some in December's newsletter.

Remember that we have a recommended source for tuxedo items. They are:

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San Jose CA 95126

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E-Mail: cs@tuxedofashions.com

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Respectively submitted,

Ed Blake, Color Corps Commander

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ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:

Unless otherwise noted in the calendar, the Assembly **officers' meetings** are held on the **second Monday** of each month at **7:30 PM.** in the St. Christopher Room at St. Elizabeth Church. The Assembly **business meeting** is held at the same location on the **third Monday** of each month at **7:30 PM.**

NOTES FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR:

The deadline for newsletter inputs normally is the **25th of each month (for the following month).** Inputs are accepted at Assembly meetings, by mail or email sent to: adysonjr@att.net, email being the preferred method. The Newsletter is scheduled to be published by the first week of each month. **If you know of anyone who is sick or in distress, please let me know and I will include them in our prayer list.**

PRAYER LIST

Brother Hung Nguyen – our Webmaster

Lady Beth Crews - RIP

Sir Knight Richard Mizgorski

Sir Knight Gilbert Martinez - RIP

Sir Knight Titus Cascara - RIP

Sir Knight Bill Quitagil - RIP

Sir Knight Simon Lopez – RIP

Lady Cherri Poehlman – RIP

Sir Knight Manuel Esteban

Sir Knight Lud Indihar

Sir Knight Bill Poehlman

Sir Knight Ed Kantack and Lady Doris Kantack

Sir Knight Michael Wilhelmi

Sir Knight Lou Horyza

Sir Knight Bruce Poehlman

Sir Knight Bernard McGuinness

Lady Sharon Manfredo

Please remember and pray for the victims of war and abortion; for our young men and women who are valiantly protecting our freedom in around the world; for those who died on September 11, 2001 and for all deceased members of our assembly.

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