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#### FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE

##### *DO YOU LOVE ME?*



When Jesus, was baptized in the Jordan River, a voice came from Heaven, "You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased." Mk 1;11

We too, are beloved, because we share his Divine nature. God is also well pleased with us---not because we proved ourselves or because we did anything at all. God is well pleased with us because we are part of God. We are God's children---created in his image and likeness. God's unconditional love for us declares: whatever you do, I love you. We've been created by God to answer --- and I love you. God's ways are "mysterious." one incomprehensible truth revealed in the Gospels is that God desires affirmation of his love. Especially for the love he gave on the cross. One moment in the Gospels which reveals God's mysterious desire happened after the

Resurrection. The Risen Lord asked Peter, three times: jn.21:15-17 "Peter, do you love me"? When we hear the risen Lord ask us: "do you love me?" Will our answer be as confident as Peter's? "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Chaplain,  
Rev. Leonard Traverso

#### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights,



I have two topics this month. One, a report on the progress of mobilizing our meetings once a quarter, and two, our Past Faithful Navigator dinner scheduled to happen this month.

In the area of a meeting place, not at St. Elizabeth's in Milpitas. Thanks to Sir Knight Bob Morrow and the Grand Knight of Council #4112, we have a room, suitable for a Fourth Degree meeting and worthy

of the term Chamber at St. Victor's in San Jose. It will be available for our regularly scheduled December 19<sup>th</sup> Officer/Business meeting combined. I will I'm sure if you've been checking your Email and (21 of you) your snail mail boxes, you know that we made a unilateral decision to move the date of the Past Faithful Navigator's dinner. You got the word that I got skittish. The choice was to hope that Zahir could put on a formal dinner at his new Zahir's Bistro on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August as I had written about in my first two Faithful Navigator columns, or take the pressure off and sign up for the 17<sup>th</sup> of September which was also available. Yep, the invitations now say September 17<sup>th</sup> at Zahir's Bistro, wear your Tux and social baldric, and bring your favorite date.

I hope to see you all there. In fact I should see most of you there. It is what is known as a "social obligation". We are all members of the Fourth Degree! We are honoring our Faithful Admiral, SK Tim Crews for his service as our immediate Past Faithful Navigator and all Past Faithful Navigators. This event is so important to our Assembly that we have invited as our guest the Master of the Northern District, SK Romey Quevedo. We have also invited as our guest four Priests, including our Faithful Friar, SK Fr. Len Traverso.

What is a Social Obligation? Well, it certainly is not the same as a Holy Day of Obligation, although it shares the same terminology. A long time ago, when I was a second lieutenant in the California Army National Guard, the Colonel gave my peers and I a lecture on the obligations of being an officer and a gentleman. It included what he termed "a social obligation" to attend parties given by the Division General, to wit, a yearly Division Ball. He did not promise bad things if we failed in this obligation: no twenty years of bad luck, no sudden loss of money or illness, and certainly not Kitchen Police (KP). But he made it sound like a social obligation is something you should want to do for its own sake if you are a good Officer and take your job seriously.

I know that most of you are not Officers, even in the Fourth Degree. But, if you take being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus seriously, and you're able, you will attend! I mean, jeez, where else are you going to wear that Tuxedo and social baldric. You don't even have to travel very far. The General's Division Balls were in Los Angeles and cost eighty to ninety dollars a couple in 1976. I'm not a CPA, so I can't translate that into today's dollars, but let's just say it's a good thing Connie made all her own formals.

On another topic, if you haven't attended a meeting in a while, you are unaware that we have been trying to get the material together to make "combat rosaries". The Assembly voted several months ago to make rosaries, suitable for our Troops to carry in a war zone. The principal guide is that the rosary will not make any sounds,

clicks, etc. when the Soldier is praying. We have looked at several different styles: with knots and a crucifix only, with beads with knots between each one, and with beads with a knot between decades. As we get into the making of these Rosaries, we will need work parties. Please make yourselves available to participate in this endeavor which is at once both patriotic and uniquely Catholic. SK Ralph Manfredo is the chair of this project. Please give him your help and support! More information to come.

Finally, I can assure you that you have fellow SK's working to attempt to bring a business meeting to a Parish near you. The only confirmed location, other than St. Elizabeth's, is St. Victor's on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Please pray with me for this small success. Until next month.....

Skipper Yenchik,  
Faithful Navigator  
Assembly #2246

## COLOR CORPS COMMANDER September 2011 Edition

July's Color Corps activities saw us participating in some very worthwhile, and in some cases, emotional events. We For Gil's chalice presentation, I immediately got in touch with Gil's widow, Pauline, who took it upon herself to work with her pastor at Most Holy Trinity Church, Fr. Eddie, to find a worthy candidate. Fr. Eddie didn't disappoint us. He happened to know a newly ordained Jesuit Seminarian by the name of Radmar Jao who had been ordained in early June. Working with Pauline and Fr. Eddie, I revisited the Chalice presentation ceremonial (and video) that we did for Fr. JoJo and saw where improvements could be made. I incorporated those improvements into a script that I passed by Fr. Eddie and Pauline for review and approval with Fr. Eddie being the final authority.

On Sunday, late morning, the following Sir Knights showed up at Most Holy Trinity to participate in the chalice presentation ceremony. I take this opportunity to recognize and to thank:

- SK Greg Dessel
- SK Guillermo Uribe
- SK Skipper Yenchik
- SK David Marshall
- SK Marciano Estioko
- SK Eduardo Heras

Our next foray was the annual Color Corps inspection and installation of officers held at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Santa Clara. Including myself, we had eight (8)



members of our Color Corps turn out with two (2) of the 8 being newly minted Color Corps members.  
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The month of August started off with us doing honors for another of our fallen Brothers. Although not a member of the Fourth Degree, we were asked to provide an honor guard for J.W. "Buck" Schott. The memorial Mass was celebrated by Fr. Stasis and included an honor contingent from the U.S. Navy as Buck was a veteran U.S. Army. Our own SK Greg Dessel was pressed into service as the bugler to play taps. There was a reception for those attending in the St. Elizabeth room afterwards.

The Sir Knights who made themselves available were: SKs Skip Yenchik, Tim Crews, Dave Marshall, and Ruben Esquerro. The rest of the month of August had nothing further of note to report.

On the horizon, we have a St. Elizabeth Church event and a major social activity coming up. The St. Elizabeth Church activity will be on the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning with the afternoon Saturday Masses and continuing through the Sunday Masses, St. Elizabeth Church will be conducting their annual Ministry Faire. All of the various groups and organizations will have booths to promote themselves and the Knights of Columbus will be one of them. Members from both St. Elizabeth Council and St. Joseph Assembly will be present to recruit new members. What has been asked of me as the Color Corps Commander is to see if we can have a Sir Knight in full regalia present for a period of time. The amount of time that one would need to be there is relatively short as it would consist of 15 minutes before a Mass lets out until the time the next Mass starts.

As I'm envisioning this taking shape, we would need one Sir Knight present at the approximate days and times:

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:  
5:45 – 6:30 PM  
7:45—8:30 PM (Vietnamese)  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:  
8:45 – 9:30 AM  
10:15 – 11:00 AM  
11:45 – 12:30 PM  
1:15 – 1:45 (Spanish Mass)  
4:15—5:00 PM (Vietnamese)  
5:45—6:30 PM

I'll gladly set the example and take the 8:45 – 9:30 slot for Sunday, 9/11. Others please indicate your willingness to participate.

The week following the St. Elizabeth Ministry Faire we will hold the Past Faithful Navigator's dinner that is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the newly opened Zahir's restaurant on S. Main Street. A flier and reply sheet has been e-mailed to all and we will do a couple of more follow-on promotions.

What I want to take up with the members of the

Color Corps at this time is regalia. Over the past couple of months, I have been working with Tuxedo Fashions of San Jose on tuxedo items. Before I go any further, here is their contact information:

Israel Wiggins (contact)  
Tuxedo Fashion  
363 Meridian Avenue  
San Jose CA 95126  
Ph: 408-294-3311 ~ Fax: 408-294-3223  
E-Mail: cs@tuxedofashions.com

Web Site: <http://www.tuxedofashions.com/>

The two primary items that I have been working with Israel on are tuxedo shirts and the bow tie. I have often complained about the tuxedo shirt being the most difficult part of getting into one's regalia. Salvation may be at hand. In one of my visits to the store when we were discussing the topic of shirts, Israel Wiggins advised me that there was a style of tuxedo shirt that would comply with KofC guidelines called the "Easy Fit". What this shirt has is an elastic piece that allows one to secure the top button but do so as not to give one the sensation that you've put a noose around your neck.

I elected to try these shirts so Israel measured my neck, had me try on a couple of shirts to verify neck comfort, and we proceeded to order 3 shirts at about \$29.95 each + tax. They arrived a week later and I'm very pleased with them.

The next item that we worked on was the bow tie. One of the problems with the bow tie is to get it snug around your neck without choking off your blood and air supply so that it looks presentable and doesn't droop.

I brought a bow tie for Israel to look at that I had a seamstress do for me. This bow tie had an elastic band that I could put on and take off with relative ease. I brought in that tie and a couple of others I had and asked him if he could modify the two ties plus improve the elastic band of the sample. He did.

For those of you who may be thinking of joining the 2012 competition team, you need to know that Israel put in some of the 1½" bow ties that the competition team wears. These ties run \$10.00 each + tax but do not have the elastic modification. If you would like to purchase a tie and obtain the elastic modification, please discuss that with Israel when you visit the store.

Upcoming Events, please mark your calendars accordingly:

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Ministry Faire  
September 17<sup>th</sup> – Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner  
October 9<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Fr. Justin Le, St. Elizabeth Church, 11:00 AM Mass

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  
Rev. Mike O'Conner - RIP  
Sir Knight Gilbert Martinez - RIP  
Sir Knight Titus Cascara - RIP  
Sir Knight Bill Quitalig - 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  
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 11,201 and for all deceased members of our assembly.*

## DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE



Wow! The summer has flown by and the kids are headed back to their classrooms. School is starting again and as adults, we need to exercise care as we drive when the students are arriving at schools in the mornings and heading home in the afternoons. Let's be careful

as drivers and keep our eyes and ears open around school zones. Let's also be appreciative of all of the school crossing guards. Give 'em a brake!

With the start of the school year the K of C steps into full swing to recruit new members and grow the order. New members are the lifeblood of the Order and the key to the success of Councils and their officers. For Councils who bring in new members, it is important to get the new members initiated as quickly as they can. The rules of our Order are spelled out that this is the responsibility of the Council to which the prospect applies and the initiation is to be conducted by that Council. This gives rise to the duty of Grand Knights to see that there is a First Degree Team within his Council.

Last year we talked about forming First Degree Teams and our District responded magnificently. Council 5796 St John revived their team and is now conducting a Degree once a month on the 2nd Thursday. If they have no candidates, they use the time to practice. Over at St. Victor, Council 4112 has formed a team and they have been practicing and conducted their first First Degree and they did a very credible job. Council 8747 St. Elizabeth is working to ensure that all parts are covered with experiences members so that they can continue their fine tradition of First Degrees. Everyone should keep up the good work of exemplifying the First Degree for new candidates.

This year we want to start a Second Degree Team in District 29. The DD is responsible for the formation and training of the Second Degree Team and to that end I will be sending out an announcement for an organizational meeting. The notice will go to the Grand Knights and I will ask them to forward it to their Council members. The Second Degree needs a cast of at least seven, and it will be good to have more than one man qualified to deliver a part. The initial meeting will be to determine who are the volunteers and to assess the elements of the 2nd Degree Kit. The announcement will be sent once a location is set up and available. Stay tuned. The objective is to get the team up and operating within the next two months.

As usual with the start of the new Columbian Year recruiting is one of our foremost thought. I urge all Councils to be active in recruiting the men in your parishes who are not yet members of the Order. The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has stated several times that as Knights of Columbus we have no less than a moral obligation to make membership in the Order Available to all Catholic men.

I wish all the Councils in District 29 the best of luck recruiting this fall. Let's really get new members and get them involved!

Vivat Jesus!  
Tim Crews, DD-27  
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408/934-0874 home  
408/802-8324 cell

# September 2011

## St. Joseph Assembly #2246 Activities

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# Past Faithful Navigator Dinner

## Saturday, September 17, 2011



[Zahir's Bistro](#) (old Manila Natori Restaurant location)  
 579 S. Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035     [\[ Map it on MapQuest \]](#)

### [Entrée Choices \(on screen, click for menu descriptions\)](#)

**Prime Rib**

**Chicken Zahir**

**Salmon Picatta**

*All entrees include salad with dressing, fresh rolls & butter, beverage (coffee or ice tea) and dessert.*

**Price: \$45 per person (tax & tip included)**

**Reservations by Tuesday, September 13, 2011.** E-mail to SK Ed Blake or mail attached form with check payable to **St Joseph Assembly 2246** to  
**SK Ed Blake**  
**1172 N. Hillview Drive**  
**Milpitas CA 95035-3307**

For more information, call SK Ed Blake, (408) 263-0247  
 Or e-mail him at [ebacal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ebacal@sbcglobal.net)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Dinners:**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Prime Rib**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon**

**Amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Check payable to St Joseph Assembly)**

Hosted by Bishop Manogue 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #50

# Admiral's Ball

## NORTHERN CA DISTRICT

## JUNIPERO SERRA PROVINCE

SATURDAY  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

ATTIRE FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION:  
TUXEDO FOR ATTENDING SIR KNIGHTS, COCKTAIL DRESS  
FOR WIVES AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

**MENU:** Will be Italian Cuisine prepared by  
Assembly 50's In House Chef S.K. Ronald Bell

**Time:** 6:00PM Cocktails / Social Hr., 7:00 PM Dinner

**Dinner Cost:** \$20.00 per person, in advance, \$25.00 at door

R.S.V.P. S.K. Dale Edwards (Faithful Captain) Assembly #50 ([dale@winfirst.com](mailto:dale@winfirst.com))

**Location:** St. Philomene's Parish Hall Sacramento, California  
2428 Bell Street, Sacramento CA, 95825-1008

**Master Romeo Quevedo, will be Master of Ceremonies for this event.**

### **NEARBY ACCOMADATIONS:**

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West** \$103.00

[www.sacramentoardenwest.hilton.com](http://www.sacramentoardenwest.hilton.com) - 2200 Harvard St, Sacramento - (916) 922-4700

**Motel 6 Cal Expo** \$58.00

[www.motel6calexpo.com](http://www.motel6calexpo.com) - 2030 Arden Way, Sacramento - (916) 929-5600

**Hampton Inn & Suites** \$119.00

[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com) - 2230 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento - (916) 927-2222

**Red Lion Hotel Sacramento** \$76.00

[redlion.rdl.com](http://redlion.rdl.com) - 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento - (916) 922-8041

**Residence Inn Sacramento Cal Expo** \$149.00

[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com) - 1530 Howe Avenue, Sacramento - (916) 920-9111

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Sacramento** \$100.00

[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com) - 2224 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento - (916) 923-1100

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sacramento Hotel & Event Center** \$150.00

[doubletree1.hilton.com](http://doubletree1.hilton.com) - 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento - (916) 929-8855

**Best Western Expo Inn** \$81.00

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