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December 2012

NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

My Brother Sir Knights all,
As I approach my 69th
Christmas upon this earth, I
reflect back on my past. (although my wife tells me that I think too much upon that time.)
But they were happy times back then, when life was carefree and my responsibilities were few. My family lived in a small row house in Chester. As many families during those times, we had no car, we mostly walked wherever we had to go, and if we were lucky enough to have the money, we took public transportation. We did not have a lot of money or a lot of the luxuries that we take for granted today. TV was just in its infancy. We mainly watched the



radio and used our imagination to visualize what we heard. (The theater of the mind.)
I remember in particular my very first Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. My oldest brother was home on leave from the Navy, and I was about 10 years old. How excited I was to serve as an Alter Boy at that Mass and to stay up that late. The family; Mom, Dad, my brothers and sister and I, walked to the Church and back home again (about 12 blocks each way.) But, we didn't notice the cold weather because we talked excitedly as we walked the whole way. I guess the point I'm trying to make is that the one "constant" back then was "The Family". So, as we prepare for this Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who was to become our salvation and light upon this earth, also think of the Holy Family and what our

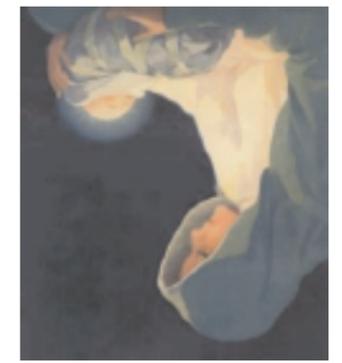
- 31 - New Year's Eve
- 31 - Official End of WWII (1946)
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 21 - 1st Day of Winter
- 8 - War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 7 - Pearl Harbor Day (1941)
- 4 - Conclave Meeting
- 15 - Bill of Rights Day
- 16 - Germans Launch Battle of the Bulge (1944)
- 13 - Saddam Hussein Captured (2003)

- 11 - Germany & Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)

Special Dates in December

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Blessed Mother and St. Joseph had to endure both physically and mentally traveling to the town of Bethlehem and then trying to find a place for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. They had to finally settle in the humblest surroundings for the greatest event in history.

So, if possible, let each of us, as we prepare for this coming Christmas, gather around our families and regardless of our wealth - let us celebrate together the true meaning of Christmas and let the "Family" once again be the "Constant" that draws us together always, no matter what the circumstances are, to say "Thank You" to Jesus on his birthday for everything he has given to us and our families, no matter how great or little we have.

Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas and open our hearts to recall how the Son of God came down to earth in a most humble form in a most humble of surroundings born to his Blessed Mother and Joseph her most chase spouse to be born to save all Humanity.

On behalf of my wife Shirley and our family we wish everyone of you and your families a Holy and Blessed Christmas, no matter how near or far away. We also wish everyone a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Happy birthday Jesus ! And let us all strive to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS !

Fraternally,
Donald J. Masse
Faithful Navigator



Comptroller's Message

Please remember to send in your dues using the envelope provided in last month's newsletter.

Fraternally,
John J. (Jack) Cruice, Jr., PFN
Faithful Comptroller



Membership

Last year we had a successful membership drive for the Cardinal Dougherty Assembly. We hope to continue our success in 2013. With the help of our membership and Councils we can improve on our success. We need to get our potential candidates to the necessary degrees to have them eligible for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in May.

If any Council wishes for the Faithful Navigator and myself to attend your meetings, please call or email me.

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Friar's Message

The following message is an excerpt from our 1999 Christmas Newsletter written by our then Faithful Friar, Rev. Ralph C. Shurer, O.S.A.

The other day while I was waiting for a traffic light to turn green, I was struck by the fact that so much of our lives is spent in "waiting." We wait at traffic lights, barber shops or beauty salons. We wait in dentists' offices or doctors' offices. We wait in lines at the supermarkets, the bank, the post office, theatres. We wait for telephones to ring, for mail to arrive. At work or in class we probably wait for the time to go home. It has been estimated that we spend almost three years of our time "waiting" for something to happen. So we can't help thinking that waiting is a waste of our time.

Advent is generally described as a time of waiting or of expectations. Starting in the ancient church as early as the third century Advent was looked upon as a liturgical season by the ninth century and it also marked the beginning of the new liturgical year. It was a season during which Christians were expected to prepare themselves by prayer, penance and sacrifice to celebrate the Coming of Christ. We celebrate this event not only as a historical event, but since we celebrate the Coming of God in the flesh, it is also a saving event. Advent, which prepares for and brings about Christ's coming in men's souls, is itself a saving event. So the period of waiting is not a waste of time. Advent, then, strongly reminds us daily that Christ in His fullness is among us, if only we will receive Him.

Advent reminds us of the many dreary years that passed between Adam's sin and Christ's Crucifixion, years that were made less burdensome by the promise that a Messiah would come. Advent also reminds us of the quiet time of the nine months which the Blessed Mother waited for the birth of the Christ Child. These two periods of waiting were certainly not a waste of time.

Reflections such as these, perhaps, may help us to use these times in our lives when we are kept waiting to better advantage. If, the next time when we have to wait for something, we think about Advent and what it means, we will be thinking of God. Thinking about God can never be a "waste of time."

A Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year to all.

Rev. Ralph C. Shurer, O.S.A., FAITHFUL FRIAR



Worthy Sirs,

I wish to thank all the Sir Knights who came out to our Memorial Mass on the 11th. It was great display of what this Degree is all about we had 24 Dressed in their Regalia. Also as part of the Mass on Veterans day were the Honor Guard from the American Legion all who are Sir Knights.

The next Request is for DECEMBER THE 1ST at our Lady of Charity in Brookhaven for the Confirmation, as honor guard for the Bishop. The Confirmation mass is at 9:30 AM. All Color Corps and Honor Guard members should report to the rectory by 9:10 a.m. to change into Regalia.

Wishing all a very happy Holiday Season.
Benjamin J. Linowski, Jr. PFN
Color Corps Commander



Chalice Guard

Please remember in your prayers, the death of Brother SK Monsignor Daniel Kehoe, D.O.D. 10/19/12, Marian Council #3753
Michael Vecchione
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Glenn Miller

Bestselling swing and big-band musician, arranger and composer Glenn Miller joined the WWII effort in 1942 at age of 38. Too old to be drafted, he volunteered for the Army and was transferred to the Army Air Corps. Major Miller formed a 50-piece Army Air Forces Band, which travelled to England in 1944 and gave 800 performances.

On December 15, 1944, Miller was scheduled to fly from England to Paris to play for soldiers there. His plane disappeared over the English Channel, and Miller was declared missing in action. His wife accepted a Bronze Star on his behalf in February 1945.



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