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Cardinal Dougherty ASSEMBLY NEWS

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January 2013

Fourth Degree - Knights of Columbus
Cardinal Dougherty Assembly Instituted May 26, 1920 "One Nation Under God"

SK Donald J. Masse, Faithful Navigator
S K Rev. Dennis Weber, Faithful Friar



NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

My Brother Sir Knights all,

My hopes are that each of you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas and that you all will have a healthful, prosperous and Happy New Year. Unfortunately for those who were not aware; in late November we lost one of our outstanding Sir Knights, Charlie Franks. Charlie was very involved in many aspects of his Council, this Assembly, the Squires and the Order, along with with the Squires in PA. He'd usually be found at every 3rd Degree, selling chances for the benefit of the State Squires. I ask each of you to remember Charlie and his family in your prayers.



I apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter. We usually

strive to have this in our members hands before each month's Conclave. But, with this month's Conclave being on Jan. 2nd and the heavy Christmas mailing load the end of December it made this difficult this month. Thank you for your patience regarding receiving this years membership card and the updating of our Booster Page in the back of each Newsletter, we are doing the best we can with the transferring of records since the following of our recently appointed Comptroller and the administrative work involved with that turnover. Everything should be taken care of asap, please bear with us in these matters.

As you may or may not know we honor the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator of our Assembly with a Testimonial Dinner the year following his term of office. This years honoree is SK Benjamin Linowski Jr. PFN. Ben's Testimonial

Special Dates in January

- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed
17 Desert Storm Air War Begins (1991)
1 New Year's Day
4 Battle of Monte Cassino Begins (1944)
24 Allied Troops Land in Anzio, Italy (1944)
25 Battle of the Bulge Ends (1945)
27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973)
30 Viet Cong Launch Tet Offensive (1968)

- 14 Churchill & Roosevelt Meet in Casablanca (1943)
East Coast (1942)
13 German U-boat Offensive Begins on U.S.
6 Battle of Monte Cassino Begins (1944)
1 New Year's Day

Calendar grid for January 2013 showing days of the week and dates.

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TIME TO RENEW!

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will be on Sat., February 23rd at Anthony's Restaurant in Drexel Hill.

But we need a show of support from each Council and member of this Assembly to #1: attend the Testimonial Dinner and #2: by soliciting ADVERTISEMENTS from a business and/or from each of your Council's, and as many Patrons names as possible for our Program Book. ( Info on how to place an AD or Patron is included opposite this page in this newsletter)

Speaking of support, in order for our Assembly to continue to grow we need the help of every member and every Council to assure us that we can keep up all the good work we do for our Church and community and to do this we must have New Members! Seeing that the 4th Degree Exemplification on May 26th is rapidly approaching we need everyone's help to bring in New Members. Please contact SK Jerry Dugan our Membership Chairman for more info and if you need any recruiting materials, applications or to set up a visit for us to come to your Council, if possible, and given enough lead time.

Don't forget to try to make it to our Conclaves on the 1st Wednesday of each month. February's Conclave is on the 6th. We have a wonderful Dinner at 7pm and the Conclave starts at 8pm in the same room. Dinners are \$22.00 ea, but you don't have to come for dinner if you don't wish to. But please do try to make it to the Conclave. We need you!

May God continue to bless and watch over each of you and your families throughout this year and always.

Donald J. Masse,  
Faithful Navigator

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### Report: Color Corps

The Color Corps provided a Honor Guard for the Bishop at Confirmation of the children of Our Lady of Charity on December the 1st. Thank you to all that took the time to come.

A REQUEST: Sir Knights who have Corps Regalia and do not intend to use it – please return it to me at the Conclave. We are in need of this equipment for new Sir Knights who would like to become involved.

I need YOU to inform me of any requests that come to you where the Corps can be involved. This is a great way of getting the people to see who we are.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Benjamin J. Linowski, Jr PFN

Color Corps Commander



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

### Friar's Message – The Year of Faith

The beginning of the New Year, for many, is a time for making New Year's resolutions- those commitments by which we strive to shape our lives in ways that we believe will be best for us. They require personal effort and discipline on our part and we may meet with various levels of success in keeping the resolutions. As Catholics, there is a similar concept that is essential and part and parcel of our lives; that is, very simply, the concept of faith. Like a resolution, it requires a commitment or relationship on our part, that relationship with God in the Blessed Trinity and more particularly with the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. Our lives are shaped by our Catholic faith and in what we believe and it requires effort and discipline on our part. We may, at times, even waver in our faith as one might waver in keeping a resolution. However, there are some very important differences present. Our faith is a freely given gift that is received at Baptism and we receive all of the help necessary to maintain that faith through the sacramental life of the Church, the grace that comes to us from Jesus Christ, and the Church and its teachings.

In a sense, Pope Benedict XVI has made a "resolution" for all Catholics by inaugurating, on October 11, 2012 the Year of Faith. This date marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council as well as the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father, in his apostolic letter announcing the Year of Faith (Porta Fidei- "the door of faith"), sees the documents of Vatican Council II and the Catechism as "touchstones" for all Catholics especially during this Year of Faith and in the renewal and recommitment of faith that he desires. The Year will end on November 24, 2013 on the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pope Benedict opens his letter in this way: "The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime." The pontiff touches on some very essential elements of our faith- the door of faith is always open, communion with God and the Church, the Word of God (both Sacred Scripture and Jesus) and grace, and faith as a lifetime journey. He goes on to say: "The Year of Faith... is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, God has revealed in its fullness the Love that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins (cf. Acts

5:31)." As with a New Year's resolution, it is sort of a "summons" to a conversion of life and here, the Holy Father emphasizes that the Year of Faith serves also as a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord."

As Knights of Columbus, we have resolved to live a life as "Practical Catholics" and with the Year of Faith we have an opportunity to deepen our commitment as Catholic men entering more deeply into the journey of conversion and in being shaped by the "transforming grace" of Jesus Christ. If we can make one resolution this year, it could be to live deeply the Year of Faith that Pope Benedict has called us to and "in the mystery of his (Jesus') death and resurrection" live the fullness of the relationship with Love (Jesus Christ) "that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins (cf. Acts 5:31)."

Vivat Jesus,  
Fr. Dennis

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### Comptroller's Message

Please remember to send in your dues using the envelope provided in the November newsletter.

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

### Membership

Remember to ask your eligible candidates in your councils to become members of the Fourth Degree. The Exemplification is months away but now is the time to get your candidates to the mandatory degrees. The Exemplification will take place at The Doubletree at Valley Forge on May 26th, Memorial Day weekend. Please let me know if your council would like the Faithful Navigator and myself to attend your meeting to talk about the Fourth Degree.

Jerry Dugan, Sr, Membership Chairman  
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### ★★★ WIN A CHANCE FOR ★★★ ONE FREE DINNER

For every 10 patron ads you collect and pay for prior to February 2, 2013, you will receive a free patron ad listing and 1 entry onto a drawing for one Dinner Dance ticket. The drawing will be held at the February conclave.

TIP: You DO NOT have to be a Knight to have your name placed onto the Patron Ad Listing.

For any questions please call  
SK Michael Vecchione  
Chairman for Patron Ads at 610-449-3633.

GOOD LUCK!



### 93rd Annual Cardinal Dougherty Dinner Dance

Honoring SK Benjamin J. Linowski, Jr., PFN

February 23, 2013 Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Anthony's Restaurant

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#### PATRON AD PLACEMENT FORM

Please print CLEARLY

Name(s) (i.e. S.K. Mr. & Mrs., your name)

Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: SK Michael Vecchione  
1301 Robinson Avenue Havertown, PA 19083  
610-256-6130 veccm@aol.com

\$5.00 Per Listing

Include your check payable to:  
Cardinal Dougherty Assembly

#### DINNER RESERVATION FORM

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Dinner Selection: Name(s)

\_\_\_ Filet Mignon \_\_\_ Crab Cakes  
Special dietary meals are available

Return to: Neal Pizzano  
601 W. Wiltshire Dr. Wallingford, Pa, 19086  
610-876-2401 pizzano601@comcast.net

\$50.00 per person

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