

# Navigators Sextant



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## The Most Active and Fun Assembly in the Diocese

**\*\*\*NEXT MEETING IS 7:30 PM, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, AT ST. ROSE CAFETERIA, IN TEACHER LOUNGE, ROOM A\*\*\***

### NAVIGATOR'S COLUMN

Brother Sir Knights,

We had a great time at the tractor pull and if you missed it you really missed out on a great time. You might not realize it at the time but the entertainment is not only on the track it's in the stands, around the front of the stands and throughout the fair grounds, as many of us can attest through personal experience. The work of usher and ticket seller is not hard but the rewards are immeasurable. Conversations with the people in the stands are most rewarding and you would be shocked at the number of times that complete strangers would offer to buy you something to drink or something to eat. Because they know that you have been at your post for hours. These are the real Americans.

An additional item that was really evident to me but is always ignored by the media is the posting of the colors and the singing of the national anthem. Most of you are probably saying "so what" this is always done at football, baseball and most types of competitions in the country. I would have to agree, yes it's done. However the next time you go to a mud hen game or attend a football game, look around and notice the behavior throughout the stands. At the tractor pull everyone stops. Everyone removes his or her cap, and there is dead silence. I could even hear the Pennzoil and other promotional flags flapping in the breeze. If an individual neglects to remove their cap then someone next to them nudges them as a reminder. I personally observed all of this behavior. This is a real slice of Americana, where the words Duty,

Honor, Country still mean something. These are the people that the newspapers on the East and West coasts refer to as fly over country, and area to be ignored. This is where the flag is given it justly deserved respect. Where each session is opened with a prayer given by the chaplain and he even use terms like Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and asks the intervention of our Lord, in public no less. This happened at all five sessions and the same respect was given to our Canadian neighbors when their flag was raised and the national anthem "O Canada" was sung. Contrast this with the letter in the opinion page of the Blade recently complaining about the behavior of the attendees of the German American Festival at the opening parade and posting of the colors. Characterized as disrespectful by the author.

Congratulations and a big thanks goes out to Bob and Carol Warnimont who were our liaisons with the National Tractor Pullers Association and did most of the set-up for our participation at this event. To Mark Pickard for the use of his grill and for taking care of the refreshments. We had a time at our three-day picnic. Thanks also go out to those who participated as ushers in the stands and ticket sellers. Included were: Wayne "FULL PULL" and Ruth Vreeland, Steve Benner and his sons Matt and Mark, Dave Sowinski, Jim McGowen, Jim Szymanski, Ray Darr, Jerry Karpinski, his daughter Karen and niece Jennifer, Bob Owens and his sons Todd and Brian, Dick and Sally Johns, Joe and Judy Woyme, Bob and Sue Boyer, Bob and Carol Warnimont, Mark Pickard, Robert Russo and his wife, Bill and Sharon Chenevert, Dan Smith, Leo Brenot and his grandson Tyler.

Remember that our next meeting will be in the St. Rose School Cafeteria, on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

By our words and deeds will we be known as Knights,

Jerry Karpinski, PGK, PFN  
Navigator





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### FAITHFUL FRIAR DEACON LARRY

My fellow Sir Knights,

An African boy and three Western men survived a plane crash in the jungle. The boy said he knew the way to safety, but the men refused to believe him, thinking he was too young to know. Eventually the men went their own way and perished.

This story may provide an insight into the *unforgivable* sin against the Spirit.

When people reject Jesus' offer of help, they doom themselves, just as the Western men doomed themselves by rejecting the African boy's offer of help.

Not even Jesus can help us if we deny he has the power to do so, or reject his offer to do so when we read the scriptures.

Jesus invites us to ask ourselves: Are we cutting ourselves off from the forgiveness of Jesus in any way?

Jesus also invites us to forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Deacon Larry  
Faithful Friar

### From our Friar-at-Large Fr. Don

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

I just arrived in Walbridge from my latest mission in Boston with the intention of writing an article for the August News Letter only to find the News Letter among my e-mails. Jerry has invited me faithfully each month to write something for the News Letter and I really appreciate his invitations.

As many of you know, my time here in the USA is mostly geared to raising funds to feed, clothe and shelter the 33 young people that I am supporting through High School and College in the Philippines. That requires a lot of traveling, attending dinners and parties and a lot of meeting and greeting of people. While all of this sounds somewhat glamorous, I find it to be physically and emotionally exhausting. It also keeps me from doing things that I would

rather be doing like attending the monthly meetings with the Assembly and even with my own home Council in Walbridge.

This year I have traveled to Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Dallas, San Antonio, Las Vegas and Boston. I still have one more trip to Omaha and Minneapolis before I depart for the Philippines again on, of all days, September 11.

Thank God, so far the results of these labors have been fruitful, even though I have not yet reached the goal of our budget for this year.

At the meeting in July I was asked if there was something the Assembly could help with. At that time I told the gathering that I would ask later for whatever help I needed. One reason for that was because at that time, money was coming in quite rapidly. Another reason was, and is, that I prefer that financial decisions concerning donations to my work be made, when possible, at times that I am not in attendance. I feel that this give both the Assembly and the Council more freedom to accept or reject any proposal that I might make.

I would like to take this opportunity to propose two projects for your consideration. One is the support of a Seminarian. This is a Brother from a very poor congregation who really live out the vow of poverty. He needs about \$300 per semester to continue his studies. I would propose that the assembly take on the burden of one semester and I will ask the Walbridge Council to take on the burden of the second semester.

The second project is the shipping of religious education books to the Philippines. These books will be used in the preparation of Religious Education Teachers for Catholic High Schools and preparation of Catechists for Religious Education in Government Elementary and High Schools. The books that I have access to are teachers manuals that cost about \$40 each here in the USA. There are some 900 pounds of books to be shipped and the shipping cost is \$944. I got the books for free from a parish in Boston Diocese and I know that they will be of great value to the four Dioceses in my area. Any help in the shipping of these materials will be a great help in furthering the work of the Church. Only you, Brother Knights, know what is possible for the Assembly to do ... As the founder of my Society, the Columban Fathers, said long ago, "Do what you can do

- God does not expect any more and neither do I."

I will promise you an article for the September issue of the News Letter, because I will write it tomorrow, as planned. I hope it does not get misplaced in the mean time before the next issue is published. (Ha Ha Ha)

By the way, next year, I will be tied down and here for a longer period because I will be having my left knee replaced. If I stood on any of you for 60 years, you would need to be replaced also. I also have to have work done on my shoulders, especially the left shoulder ... Does that mean I have been carrying to many heavy burdens all these years??? God only knows.

May God be with us all as we continue to bring His Brotherhood to one another and to the World.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Father Don Kill  
Friar-at-Large

Dear Brother Knights,

Your Friar-at-Large has indeed been "At-Large". In spite of my best efforts, I only got to attend the one Assembly Meeting.

First of all, I want to thank all of you for your continued support for my work in the Philippines, but even more so for accepting me into our Assembly even though I can only attend sporadically. It is always a pleasure to join with the Brother Knights for meetings and fellowship.

Just to let you know, I have made contact with many of the Councils of the Knights of Columbus in the area where I work in the Philippines. It is unfortunate that all of the Councils meet on Sundays and usually during the second Mass, at a time when I cannot attend. I hope to work out some way to get free from that second Mass so that I will be able to attend more meetings with the brothers in the various Councils.

The students are all in school and working hard to secure their future. I cannot wait to get back to be with them again.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, I will be undergoing surgery on my left shoulder in the Philippines, probably in January. That should allow sufficient time for that to heal and be rehabilitated before I undergo surgery on my left knee when I return to the USA next July. Both of the

surgeries are necessary because of an excess of calcium deposits on the outside of the bones. Of course, my weight does not help the problems with my knees, but, if I had healthy knees and no excess calcium deposits, I might not have to have the knees replaced.

One good thing about having the knee surgery here next summer is that I will not be able to travel as much as usual and will have more time to spend with the Brother Knights at both Council and Assembly meetings.

The last trip I am embarking on this visit is to Omaha Nebraska where I will be presenting all of the Mission Awareness Materials that I have developed for use in the Catholic High School and Colleges. All of that material is in English since the medium of Education in the Philippines is in English. By next year, I will be translating all of the works into the language that we speak (Cebuano Visayan) so that the lessons can be used in the parishes by the Lay Leaders who run the worship ceremonies each week in the many barrios attached to each parish. It is a challenging job, but one I feel very comfortable doing and a job I believe the Lord has called me to do.

I pray that the Lord will continue to inspire all of us as we carry out our various works for our God and for our Country.

Father Don Kill  
Friar-at-Large

## Items of interest found at "catholicleague.org"

**August 30, 2006**

### **ITALIAN EXORCIST TRIGGERS HYPE**

Catholic League president Bill Donohue commented today on some of the remarks being made about Father Gabriele Amorth's recent interview on Vatican Radio:

Various forums on the Internet are alive with chatter over Father Amorth's August 27 interview. Father Amorth is a Pauline priest who works as an exorcist in the Diocese of Rome. In the interview, he said, I am convinced that the Nazis were all possessed by the devil. Furthermore, he asserted that the horrors committed by Stalin and Hitler also demonstrate that they were possessed by the devil. Unfortunately, some are now reading these remarks as Father Amorth's way of saying Stalin and Hitler were nuts who cannot be held responsible for their actions.

Catholic teaching on exorcism does not equate demonic possession with mental illness. On the contrary, the Catholic Catechism says, Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to his Church. Illness, especially psychological illness, is a very different matter; treating this is the concern of medical science. And in no way does exorcism imply that those possessed by the devil are not responsible for their actions. Satan, the Church teaches, was at first a good angel, made by God. Indeed, at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, the Church made plain that The devil and the other demons were indeed created naturally good by God, but they became evil by their own doing. So much for giving totalitarians a pass: over 20 million lost their lives to the Nazis and over 150 million were killed by communists in the 20th century.

Father Amorth is alleged to have said something about how Harry Potter hides the work of the devil. Were not sure. What we do know is that in 2003, Father Don Peter Fleetwood, who helped write a Vatican document on New Age phenomenon, told a Vatican press conference that I dont see any, any problems in the Harry Potter series. Indeed, he praised the good intentions of the British writer, J. K. Rowling, who authored the series.

**September 8, 2006**

### **ATTEMPT TO CENSOR 9/11 FILM OKAY BY PUNDITS**

The reaction to the ABC film, The Path to 9/11, is the subject of the following remarks by Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

When The Da Vinci Code was in production, the Catholic League raised a red flag, the result of which was that we were denounced for criticizing a film before we had seen it. When we asked Ron Howard to put a disclaimer in the movie, we were condemned for disrespecting his artistic liberties. To top it off, we were told to lighten up its just a movie. But when everyone from Bill Clinton to the more than 100,000 protesters garnered by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) demand that ABC cancel The Path to 9/11, no one denounces them for criticizing a movie they havent seen. Moreover, they suffer no condemnation for tampering with artistic liberties. And no one tells them to lighten up the refrain, its just a movie, is nowhere heard.

The double standard is not the most upsetting aspect of this fiasco. Censorship is. Bill Clinton and the DNCs troops have every right to complain, but sitting government officials are a different animal altogether. The letter sent to Robert Iger, president and CEO of The Walt Disney Company, by the senate Democratic leadership shows contempt for the First Amendment: they are not registering a complaint they are demanding that the film be *cancelled*.

Senator Harry Reid, Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Byron Dorgan should be censured from the senate floor for their attempt to censor The Path to 9/11. In their letter of September 7, they literally invoke a federal law, the Communications Act of 1934, warning ABC that their free broadcast license is predicated on acting responsibly. Are they the new tribunal? And in vintage McCarthyite fashion, they even go so far as to say that the film raises serious questions about the motivations of its creators. Maybe a special prosecutor can be appointed to discover what they are.

The failure on the part of media commentators to express outrage over this abuse of power is the real story behind The Path to 9/11.

### **On the lighter side**

#### **Southern Grandma**

Lawyers should never ask a Southern grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the

worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney almost died. The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you to the electric chair."

## The Ship Wreck

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agree that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.

However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, and more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

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As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

When Jesus died on the cross he was thinking of you!

## Calendar of Events for Msgr. Yates Assembly #2800

### \*\*\*Upcoming Events\*\*\*

9/14/06	Assembly Meeting, St. Rose Café, 7:30 PM Teacher's Lounge Room A
9/29/06	Provincial Meeting, Sterling Heights, Michigan
10/12/06	Assembly Meeting, St. Rose Café, 7:30 PM
10/15/06	Diocesan Meeting, Tiffin Council #608, 1:00PM
10/22/06	1 <sup>st</sup> Diocesan Meeting @ Tiffin Council, 1:00 PM
10/29	Dedication at St. Adalbert 's of Pope John Paul II statue, 10:00 AM Mass
11/9/06	Assembly Meeting, St. Rose Café
11/23/06	Thanksgiving
12/13/06	Assembly Meeting, St. Rose Cafe
12/TBA//06	Assembly Christmas Party

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