



The S.S. Richardson

"Building Bridges With All People"

January 2010

Father Edward L. Richardson SMA Assembly No. 3174

Navigator's Log

I hope all of you had a joyous and merry Christmas and wish you a prosperous New Year!

In my November Navigator's report I cited some excerpts from Supreme concerning the Fourth Degree. As promised in that report here is the entire statement:

The Patriotic Degree of the Order - Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.

Vision & Goals - Standing Firm in Support of the Order

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Proudly Serving the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

So, gentlemen, this is just a reminder that in order for us to be effective we need to be **visible**. Please do not hesitate to volunteer for the events that keep coming up. We need your support!

Vivat Jesu!

Fraternally,

Robert A. Rouleau

From the Captain's Cabin

I hope all of my brothers enjoyed a Merry Christmas! Now that the holiday season has passed, I ask each of you to refresh your spirit and contemplate participating in a color guard event before our fraternal year ends on June 30, 2010. Your involvement will demonstrate to all your love for Christ, the church, and our military. Your effort to participate with your brother Knights will also build our Assembly by attracting new members, will provide visibility to our assembly, and will establish fraternal bonds that will last a lifetime. Providing support for one another was the genesis for the Knights of Columbus and your participation will be rewarded tenfold. Consider your time and contact our Faithful Commander to offer your support.

I wish you a prosperous new year and pray that you will be showered with God's divine providence.

Fraternally,

Bryan Roberts,

Faithful Captain

FRATERNAL SUPPLIES

Any assembly member interested in purchasing a shirt, jacket, nametag or other type of Knights of Columbus item, please contact Bob Weiss via email at b1weiss@comcast.net. All charter members can order these items with "Charter Member" included. All Items can be ordered and paid upon receipt.

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FR. Richardson Assembly Color Corps Events



Sir Knights George Darnell, Al Bahr, and Ted Zeunges of Fr. Richardson, SMA Assembly marched in the first Manassas Veterans Day parade on Saturday, November 7, 2009, with members of the Color Corps of Bishop Flaherty and Fr. Kelley Assemblies. The weather was good and there were military service, high school ROTC, and other patriotic marching units in the parade honoring our veterans to the approval of an enthusiastic crowd. This is planned as an annual event.

Fr. Richardson Assembly planned to march in the Lake Ridge Holiday Parade on November 14, but unfortunately it was canceled because VDOT personnel

could not support the parade. They were deployed elsewhere to respond to the damage done by heavy rains and winds in the area.

Fr. Richardson Assembly also planned to march in the Manassas Christmas parade on Saturday, December 5, but we were disappointed again when rain and snow prevented Sir Knights in Color Corps regalia from marching. Hopefully, clear ponchos and chapeau covers will be approved for parades in the future.

Color Corps members from Fr. Richardson Assembly were scheduled to join Fr. Kelley Assembly at the Day of Remembrance ceremony at the McCoart County office building on Saturday, December 12, at 1:00 PM. The Color Corps was to escort and assist scouts in posting and retrieving colors and in placing a wreath to remind county citizens of the number of needless deaths and injuries that have been caused by holiday abuse of alcohol and drugs. This ceremony was initiated by John Paul I Council 26 years ago as a community service supported by county officials.

George D. Darnell, PGK, PFN