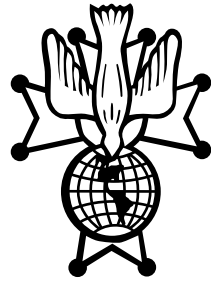


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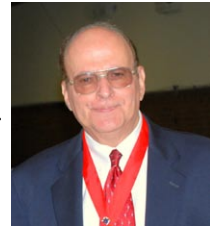


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ADDRESS TO PEARL HARBOR VETERANS, DECEMBER 7, 2009 AT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2461

Good morning, my name is Bob Sherman. I am a District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Colorado, which means that I oversee six councils for our worthy State Deputy, Foster J. Sauter. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal family service organization with 1,700,000 members worldwide. We are 127 years young. Last year, the Knights contributed in excess of \$150 million to charitable causes, expended 69 million man-hours on projects to those in need, and made in excess of 413,000 blood donations.



I am also in Navigator for Father Raphael McCarthy Assembly 2294. Assemblies in our Order are devoted to the principles of Patriotism. Yes, love of country, our flag, with profound respect and gratitude for our people in uniform; and to the veterans who have defended and safeguarded the human rights that have made this the greatest nation on the face of the earth. The Knights of Columbus, during the Eisenhower administration, were responsible for having the U.S. Congress approve the insertion of the term “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was in recognition of the blessings bestowed upon our country, and that we are a godly, honorable and moral people.

We Knights are pleased and honored to participate in this event, which honors you and commemorates the 68th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. You defended our country during a perilous time. A world war was already in progress, and it was obvious that the free world was not doing well. The attack on Pearl Harbor was an unprovoked, treacherous and cowardly act, which was further disguised by the emissaries Japan sent to Washington, DC.

You gentlemen saw the terrible loss of life and destruction. Our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, said, “This day will live in infamy.” The Empire of Japan didn’t know their vicious attack, which brought the United States into the war, would seal their fate with the eventual defeat of the Axis powers.

We Knights are pleased and proud to present to you a Certificate of Appreciation, for your dedication and service to our country during a critical time in our nation’s history.

(Presentation of certificate which read):

“Assembly 2294 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased and honored to recognize you for your dedication and service to our country; and in particular for your defense of the nation during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The attack which cost thousands of lives and inflicted severe damage on the naval forces of the United States, changed history and the outcome of the Second World War, because it was the paramount event that led to the United States entering the war with the subsequent victory for the Allied forces in the free world.

The Certificate of Appreciation and Respect is awarded on the 68th anniversary of Pearl Harbor at Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2461, today this December 7, 2009, with heartfelt thanks for your contribution and is signed by the senior officers of the Assembly:”

Robert A. Sherman, Faithful Navigator; Russell P. Pitrone, Faithful Pilot



Faithful Navigator, Bob Sherman addresses the Pearl Harbor Vets and families; each received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Assembly.



Representatives from nearly all branches of the Armed Services presented the colors.



Brigadier General (Ret) & Sir Knight, Sal Villano, Jr, delivered an inspirational speech on courage, citing the Pearl Harbor Vets as prime examples.



Our first President, George Washington, was on hand to congratulate the Vets.

PEARL HARBOR VETERANS HONORED

Melton Schachterle*

Dave Wilson

Jim Doyle

Guy Valerio

George Richard

George Dorry

Larry Marrill**

Wilmer Bailey

* **Member of the Knights of Columbus**

** **Member of Assembly 2294**

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FIRST QUARTER CALENDAR ASSEMBLY 2294

January 2010 Application for Picnic site

- 1 New Years Day
- 14 Meeting – Rosary 7:00 pm, Meeting 7:30
- 16 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 am at Planed Parenthood 38th and Pontiac
- 21 Dine-Around- Bill's NY Pizza; Holly & County Line
- ? Other Patriotic Event TBD

February 2010

- 11 Meeting – Rosary 7:00 pm, Meeting 7:30
- 20 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30 at Planed. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac
- 20 Sweetheart Dinner/Dance for 4th Degree members and wives (STM)
- 17 Ash Wednesday

March 2010

- 11 Meeting – Rosary 7:00 pm, Meeting 7:30
- TBD Fish Fry at Risen Christ Church
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown Denver (Honor Guard)
- 15 Essay Contest
- 20 Right to Life, Rosary, 7:30 am at Planed. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac

VETERAN'S PLAQUE

The Assembly maintains a plaque honoring it's member-veterans. If you are a veteran and have not given us the information yet, please contact Tim McKenna with your name, branch of service and service dates.

FATHER RAPHAEL MCARTHY

ASSEMBLY 2294

2007-2008 OFFICERS

Faithful Navigator	Robert Sherman	303-791-7394
Faithful Friar	Msgr. Ken Leone	303-758-8826
Faithful Comptroller	Ted Gacek PFN	303-798-8298
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Faithful Admiral	Leonard Micek PFN	303-694-1008
Faithful Purser	David Gross	303-862-9501
Faithful Pilot	Russ Pitrone	303-799-4926
Faithful Scribe	John Kerlin	303-756-6246
Inner Sentinel	Fred Fleming	303-694-6520
Outer Sentinel	Dennis Gilmore	303-660-8616
One Year Trustee	Dave Randolph PFN	303-796-9551
Two Year Trustee	Bruce Tawson PFN	303-683-2686
Three Year Trustee	Joe McAleer PFN	303-740-6261



Every dues-paying member of Assembly 2294 is automatically a participant in the Assembly's Chalice program. Upon death, the Sir Knight's family receives a beautiful Chalice engraved with his name. It is suggested that the family give the Chalice to a priest of their choice so that the deceased Sir Knight is remembered each time that priest says Mass. A Resolution of Condolence from the Assembly is also included with the Chalice.

ASSEMBLY MEMORIAL MASS- A TIME TO REMEMBER

I was brought up in the Knights of Columbus to honor and respect our deceased brother Knights. It went without saying that we were to attend the funeral of any brother Knight that dies. We were to be there to honor him and to extend our comfort to his family. Bereavement is something we Knights take seriously. We are also expected to attend the annual Memorial Mass provided by the Assembly.

On November 7, 2009, the Assembly's annual Memorial Mass for deceased Sir Knights was held at the Church of the Risen Christ. Celebrating was Monsignor Ken Leone, our Faithful Friar. Assisting Monsignor Leone was Deacon Bob Cropp, a member of Council 10205. SK Ed Murphy gave the first reading, while SK John Kerlin, the assembly's Faithful Scribe, gave the second reading. In a touching ceremony, Faithful Navigator, Bob Sherman, lit a special memorial candle inscribed with the Sir Knight's name as the deceased names were read by Ed Murphy. Monsignor Leone gave an inspiring homily about faith, remembering our obligation to our deceased Sir Knights and all members of the Knights of Columbus who have died. Family members were given the memorial candles for their continued prayers and memories. (Many family members were on hand to participate in this lovely Memorial Mass). The Assembly's Honor Guard brought respect and dignity to the day with a special tribute of inverted swords during the memorial candle-lighting ceremony. Following Mass, there was a reception for everyone who attended. There was a genuine sense that the Assembly had fulfilled its obligation, in a very spiritual way, to remember and pray for our deceased Sir Knights. One of the most valued principles of our fourth Degree is to participate in bereavement when one of our members dies. We do this by giving the family and inscribed Chalice, which is then given to a priest for use when he says Mass. Our annual Memorial Mass is the most blessed gift we can give to the families of our deceased members. Finally, our beloved widows are included in as many of the assembly's activities as possible. Below is a list of the deceased Sir Knights honored at the Memorial Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bobby Callichia
John Delay
Leo Fitzpatrick
Paul Frisk
Joseph Gallegos
Jack Gardner, PFN
Kenneth Giesege
Ed Heywood
Tom Hovland
Barry James

Frank Miller, PFN
Mesmin Orchard
Bill Reichert
Don Smerker, PFN
John Tamburello
Robert Tannehill, PFN
Donald Temme
Robert Tyler
John Williams



CC Commander Hut & Msgr Leone after the Memorial Mass



Memorial candles were lit as deceased Sir Knight's names were read.



The Knights Men's choir is the only one of its kind, at least in Colorado. Most members are 4th Degree. With our white shirts and bow ties, we always present a dignified approach. The choir sings each month at the 8:30am Mass on the 3rd Sunday. Those moved by the Holy Spirit to join the choir should contact Tom Shinnars, 303-841-4417; tomshinnars@itipcomm.com

NEW HONOR GUARD COMMANDERS



The Faithful Navigator, Bob Sherman, has appointed Sir Knights, Art Hut and Dennis Gilmore to lead the Assembly's Honor Guard, replacing SK John Allen, who has stepped down. Art Hut will be the Color Corps Commander, while Dennis Gilmore will be back-up. We thank these generous Sir Knights for their unhesitating willingness to serve. Those interested in joining the Honor Guard are encouraged to contact either gentleman.

Help promote:



Charity,

Unity,



Fraternity, and



Patriotism.

NEW YEAR'S DINE-AROUND

Where: Bill's New York Pizza, County Line & Holly

When: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 6 pm.

RSVP: Bruce Tawson, b.tawson@comcast.net;
303-683-2686

Dress: Dinner Casual

Menu: pizza, pasta, salads, sandwiches, Italian fare, libations

Venue: Private room accommodating 40 Sir Knights & their ladies

Special guest: There will be a 20-minute after-dinner speaker on patriotism.

The Assembly dine-arounds are informal and fun. Start the year out by joining your Sir Knight friends for good food at a reasonable price; and, of course, friendly banter!



HONOR GUARD REQUESTS FOR ASSEMBLY 2294

Friday, Jan. 22, 2010 for the Pro Life Mass at 7:00pm

Saturday Feb. 13, 2010 for Clergy Appreciation Mass at 5:30pm

Thursday Apr. 1, 2010 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm and guard at Altar of Repose 9:00pm to Midnight

Sunday June 20, 2010 Feast of St. Thomas More Celebration Mass at 5:30pm

Honor Guard members should be there ½ hour prior to Mass for instructions.

Any Sir Knight is invited to join our Honor Guard, just contact Art Hut 303-768-8398 or ahut6882@comcast.net or Dennis Gilmore 303-660-8616 or gilmoredp@comcast.net for information on ordering Regalia, we'd be honored to have you. Thanks for considering being part of our honored group. God Bless.

Art Hut
Dennis Gilmore
Co- Color Corps Commanders

MEMBERS OF THE HONOR GUARD

John Allen

Sy Becker	Ed Murphy
Joe Borgerding	Ray O'Shea
Joe Caruso	Russ Pitrone
Gary Erickson	David Randolph
Fred Fleming	Bob Schidt
Ted Gacek	Bob Sherman
Dennis Gilmore	Bruce Tawson
David Gross	Mark Worrick
Art Hut	
Joe McAleer	
Tim McKenna	
Derek Moser	



AWE AND RESPECT “GUARDING THE RELICS”

As a member of the assembly’s Honor Guard, I get to participate in many unique activities that quite possibly I wouldn’t otherwise bother to get involved with. One such activity was “guarding the relics” at St. Thomas More on November 1, All Souls Day. I have guarded the relics before, which means one stands near the relics to make sure that they are not damaged or stolen. On this occasion of All Souls Day, we were not in Regalia; but we were asked to wear a suit and tie. Brother Jeff McGarrity, Sacristan at St. Thomas More, had prepared the relics for viewing by parishioners near the main altar. He provided a chair, situated in the back of the table, where we guards could sit and observe. As I was directed to the chair by Sir Knight, Russ Pitrone, I thought that it would be an un-eventful morning. My wife was singing in the Magnificat choir, and I figured at least I would get a close-up view of the ladies.

Instead of sitting right away, I stood for a while observing parishioners filing silently, one by one, to the table of relics. Realizing that they were probably safe, and I might be inhibiting people from visiting the relics, I finally sat down. Now I got a close, straight- up look at the people approaching the table to venerate the relics. It touched me deeply. People of all ages, reverently whispered prayers, examined the relics closely; gently picked them up or actually kissed them.

Now this is what drives Protestants crazy about Catholics. They would say we were “worshiping fragments of dead people.” But venerating our beloved saints by praying before their relics is a time-honored Catholic tradition. I really appreciated the families that brought their children to the table. I noticed moms and dads quietly explaining what the relics meant, and probably what they knew about any individual Saint represented. It’s very possible that some of these children carried the name of one of the Saints. My sense of the whole experience was one of awe and respect. There were relics from 13 Saints and one Blessed, including our own St. Thomas More; St. Benedict; St. Dominic; St. Francis of Assisi; St. Jude; and St. John Vianney (See list below). This has to be one of the finest collections of relics anywhere. And, that’s not to mention the relic of Christ’s cross, which is positioned in the crucifix above the main altar.

I thank God for the experience of witnessing, up close and personal, the veneration of the relics of our precious saints. I also thank God for the privilege of being a member of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, which allowed me to both serve and observe.—

Bruce Tawson, PFN

Blessed Anna Marie Taigi
Saint Anthony Mary Claret
Saint Benedict
Saint Catherine Labouré
Saint Dominic
Saint Francis of Assisi
Saint Jude the Apostle

Saint John Vianney
St. John Neumann
Saint Joseph Cafasso
Saint Marcellinus
Saint Pius X
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
Saint Thomas More

53 ATTEND ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

53 Sir Knights, Ladies and widows attended the Assembly Christmas Party at St. Thomas More December 11th. A delicious dinner of carved beef and baked Salmon was enjoyed by all. In the background, pleasant Christmas music serenaded the couples, while dancing was later. FN Bob Sherman gave out several door prizes as the evening was filled with the social conversation only Sir Knights and their ladies can have — lots of laughter and fun. Our thanks to PFN Ted Gacek for putting the 2009 Christmas Party together. It was a lot of fun and we appreciate all of Ted’s work!



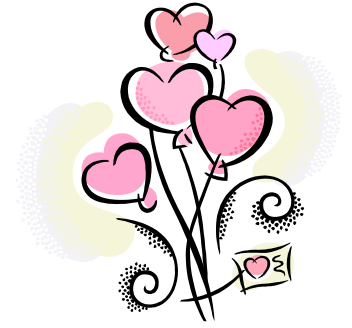
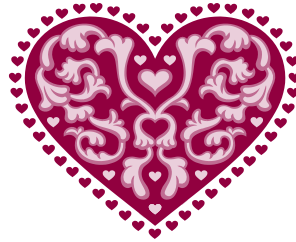
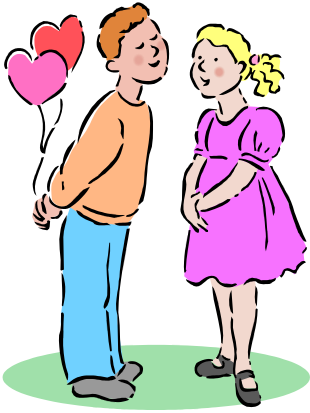
53 Sir Knights, ladies and widows attended the 2009 Christmas party. Photo by John Kerlin



Father Mel Thompson of STM joined the ladies for a little “social” photo by John Kerlin



PFN Tim McKenna and Marie enjoy cocktails before dinner. They celebrated 50 years of marriage recently



**Assembly 2294 Sweetheart Dinner Dance
February 20, 2010**

**Come Join Your Brothers and Their Families for an
Enjoyable Evening!**

6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner, McCallin Hall, STM

Catered Dinner, Stuffed Pork Chops

Open Bar Included

Prizes

Entertainment/Music by David Tschumper

Cost \$25.00/Person

Dress: Sir Knights, Tuxedo with Social Baldric

Draw Checks to K of C, Assembly #2294

**Send to Ted Gacek
8248 S. Pennsylvania Ct.
Littleton, CO 80122**

Your Check is Your RSVP

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