



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

June 2014

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

June's Dinner Meeting	16 Jun
July's Officer's Meeting	07 Jul
July's Dinner Meeting	21 Jul
June Officer's Meeting	04 Aug

OFFICER FOR 2014-2015

We would like to congratulate our officers for 2014-5. Keep them in our prayers as they guide the Assembly. As of the writing of the newsletter, the date of the installation had not been determined.

- FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR** – SK Richard Scholl
- FAITHFUL ADMIRAL** –SK James Garland (PFN)
- FAITHFUL CAPTAIN** – SK Ed Barrier
- FAITHFUL PILOT** - SK Frank Donohoe
- FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER** – SK Paul Coyne
- FAITHFUL PURSER** – SK William McNamara
- FAITHFUL SCRIBE** – SK Jack Turney
- FAITHFUL INSIDE GUARD** – SK Ed Page
- FAITHFUL OUTSIDE GUARD** – SK Dn Mike Betliskey
- FAITHFUL TRUSTEE III** – SK William Fuhrer (PFN)
- FAITHFUL TRUSTEE II** – SK Jim Bradbury (PFN)
- FAITHFUL TRUSTEE I** –SK Raphael Cardenas (PFN)

DINNER MEETING IN JUNE

We will have our Dinner Meeting on **16 JUNE** beginning with a “**SOCIAL HOUR**” at **6:30 PM** and **DINNER** will be served a little after **7:00 PM**.

COLOR GUARD CALL OUT

Spirit of 76 Parade
THURSDAY, JULY 4 AT 12 NOON OL Sorrows Parking lot **PARADE AT 1P**

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of June.

Roberto F. Najera	01 June
Fredric Cogburn	03 June
Terrence J. Bonham	08 June
Aloysius A Meckelborg	08 June
Wilbur F Barry Jr.	10 June
Mark P Vampola	10 June
Walter J Swiacki	27 June

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FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

For our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord Hear our Prayer

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R.

For fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bishop Curry, Terry Pugh, wife of SK Earl Pugh; SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Don Aubrey, SK Larry Torres, SK Bill McNamara, SK Felix Sanchez, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684 & Color Guard), SK Bernie Jochum, SK Al Meckelborg, SK Ken Kuether, Bro. Roy Fong who has Parkinson's Disease, Judy Klinge wife of SK Brian Klinge, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Anita Pullens sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Joe Vampola, brother of SK Mark Vampola, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Patricia Schrader, wife of and David, son of SK Roy Schrader, SK Joe & Ruth Duwel, Daughter of FN Jim Garland, Martha Farebrother wife of SK David Farebrother, for Cindy Peyton's son who has been deployed for a 3rd tour to Afghanistan, Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Bro Dan Engler (Council 1684), Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows, Fr. Bruce, who is having some medical issues, Fr. James, who is having some medical issues, Fr. David Velasquez of St Joseph who is dealing with many medical issues, Fr. Frank Colburn, and Fr. Tom Ellis.

Pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.

CHAPTER TWO UNLESS YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND (CF. IS 7:9) FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL *LIGHT OF FAITH*

Faith and the search for God

The light of faith in Jesus also illumines the path of all those who seek God, and makes a specifically Christian contribution to dialogue with the followers of the different religions. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the witness of those just ones who, before the covenant with Abraham, already sought God in faith. Of Enoch "*it was attested that he had pleased God*" (Heb 11:5), something impossible apart from faith, for "*whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him*" (Heb 11:6). We can see from this that the path of religious man passes through the acknowledgment of a God who cares for us and is not impossible to find. What other reward can God give to those who seek him, if not to let himself be found? Even earlier, we encounter Abel, whose faith was praised and whose gifts, his offering of the firstlings of his flock (cf. Heb 11:4), were therefore pleasing to God. Religious people strive to see signs of God in the daily experiences of life, in the cycle of the seasons, in the fruitfulness of the earth and in the movement of the cosmos. God is light and he can be found also by those who seek him with a sincere heart. An image of this seeking can be seen in the Magi, who were led to Bethlehem by the star (cf. Mt 2:1-12). For them God's light appeared as a journey to be undertaken, a star which led them on a path of discovery. The star is a sign of God's patience with our eyes, which need to grow accustomed to his brightness. Religious people are wayfarers; they must be ready to let themselves be led, to come out of themselves and to find the God of perpetual surprises. This respect on God's part for our human eyes shows us that when we draw near to God, our human lights are not dissolved in the immensity of his light, as a star is engulfed by the dawn, but shine all the more brightly the closer they approach the primordial fire, like a mirror which reflects light. Christian faith in Jesus, the one Savior of the world, proclaims that all God's light is concentrated in him, in his "*luminous life*" which discloses the origin and the end of history. (Congregation for The Doctrine of The Faith, Declaration Dominus Iesus (6 August 2000), 15: 756). There is no human experience, no journey of a person to God, which cannot be taken up, illumined and purified by this light. The more Christians immerse themselves in the circle of Christ's light, the more capable they become of understanding and accompanying the path of every man and woman towards God.



Because faith is a way, it also has to do with the lives of those men and women who, though not believers, nonetheless desire to believe and continue to seek. To the extent that they are sincerely open to love and set out with whatever light they can find, they are already, even without knowing it, on the path leading to faith. They strive to act as if God existed, at times because they realize how important he is for finding a sure compass for our life in common or because they experience a desire for light amid darkness, but also because in perceiving life's grandeur and beauty they intuit that the presence of God would make it all the more beautiful. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons tells how Abraham, before hearing God's voice, had already sought him "*in the ardent desire of his heart*" and "*went throughout the whole world, asking himself where God was to be found*", until "*God had pity on him who, all alone, had sought him in silence*". (Demonstratio Apostolicae Predicationis, 24: SC 406, 117.) Anyone who sets off on the path of doing good to others is already drawing near to God, is already sustained by his help, for it is characteristic of the divine light to brighten our eyes whenever we walk towards the fullness of love.

Faith and theology

Since faith is a light, it draws us into itself, inviting us to explore ever more fully the horizon which it illumines, all the better to know the object of our love. Christian theology is born of this desire. Clearly, theology is impossible without faith; it is part of the very process of faith, which seeks an ever-deeper understanding of God's self-disclosure culminating in Christ. It follows that theology is more than simply an effort of human reason to analyze and understand, along the lines of the experimental sciences. God cannot be reduced to an object. He is a subject who makes himself known and perceived in an interpersonal relationship. Right faith orients reason to open itself to the light, which comes from God, so that reason, guided by love of the truth, can come to a deeper knowledge of God. The great medieval theologians and teachers rightly held that theology, as a science of faith, is a participation in God's own knowledge of himself. It is not just our discourse about God, but first and foremost the acceptance and the pursuit of a deeper understanding of the word, which God speaks to us, the word, which God speaks about himself, for he is an eternal dialogue of communion, and he allows us to enter into this dialogue. (Cf. Bonaventure, Breviloquium, prol.: Opera Omnia, V, Quaracchi 1891, 201; In I Sent., proem, q. 1, resp.: Opera Omnia, I, Quaracchi 1891, 7; Thomas Aquinas, S. Th I, q.1.) Theology thus demands the humility to be "*touched*" by God, admitting its own limitations before the mystery, while striving to investigate, with the discipline proper to reason, the inexhaustible riches of this mystery. Theology also shares in the ecclesial form of faith; its light is the light of the believing subject, which is the Church. This implies, on the one hand, that theology must be at the service of the faith of Christians, that it must work humbly to protect and deepen the faith of everyone, especially ordinary believers. On the other hand, because it draws its life from faith, theology cannot consider the Magisterium of the Pope and the bishops in communion with God as something extrinsic, a limitation of its freedom, but rather as one of its internal, constitutive dimensions, for the magisterium ensures our contact with the primordial source and thus provides the certainty of attaining to the word of Christ in all its integrity.

***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

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