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May Meal Reservations

Please contact FN Bou Gazley by 6:00pm on Sunday, May 15th

Email: bou.gazley@gmail.com or Phone: 507-721-3064 (leave message)

Anchors Aweigh

The fraternal year as flew by and it is time for our Assembly elections again. It seems just like yesterday that we held elections, but it is that time again. On page 2 of this edition of the Anchor, you will find a list of current members who have agreed to run for an officer position. There will still be the opportunity to be considered. You can either contact one of the members of the nominating committee, or you can be nominated from the floor. I want to point out that you must either be present at the meeting or notify one of the members of the nominating committee before our meeting if you are willing to accept the nomination.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for members of our Assembly and their families. As you may have seen in the emails, Jim Cox passes away this month, Marlene DeVos (Chuck DeVos's wife) had heart surgery

this month, and PFN Jeff Bagniewski's father passed away. I am sure that your prayers are greatly appreciated by each of these family.

I also want to thank Mike Kleinschmidt at the Honor Guard for a very busy month as well. This past Saturday, the Honor Guard made a presence at both the Living Rosary and the funeral for Jim Cox. The Honor Guard is being asked to be at more events, and as our assembly members get older, sadly, the number of funerals will increase as well. Please take this time to consider joining the Honor Guard so we have enough members to do this service to our passing members. It is greatly appreciated by the family and the least we can do for them in response to their service to both the church and the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Mike or myself if you are interesting in joining the Honor Guard.

Lastly, please join us at our May meeting at St. Francis. Due to Marlene's surgery, Chuck DeVos has asked if someone could replace him on the meal team this month. I will be taking the reservations and preparing a meal. Please RSVP so we can have the correct amount of food. Also, June we will be having our annual steak fry in Byron. The last couple of years, there has been a discussion about increasing the price of this meal from our normal \$8 to help in covering the increased price of the steaks. This will also be discussed at our May meeting. Please plan on attending both of these meetings!

Vivat Jesus!

Bou Gazley
Faithful Navigator



Officer Nominations

Nominations are still being accepted for Officer positions for the upcoming fraternal year. Nominations are also allowed from the floor during elections which will take place at the May 17th business meeting. If you are interested in running for an Assembly Officer position for the 2016-2017 fraternal year, please contact one of the nominating committee members.

Listed to the right are the people who have spoken to the Nominating committee so far. Again, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting, but the person must be present to accept the nomination or notify myself or one of the nominating committee prior.

3yr Trustee Jeff Bagniewski [\(507\) 884-1521](tel:5078841521)

2yr Trustee Greg Sanders [\(507\) 287-8606](tel:5072878606)

1yr Trustee Mike Kleinschmidt [\(507\) 289-3323](tel:5072893323)

Current Nominations

Faithful Navigator: Bou Gazley
 Faithful Captain: Jim Lundholm
 Faithful Pilot: Ken Peters
 Faithful Comptroller: Shawn Peters
 Faithful Purser: Jerome Lensing
 Faithful Scribe: Mike Sheehan
 Faithful Inner Sentinel: Jim Decker
 Faithful Outer Sentinel: OPEN
 Faithful Admiral: OPEN
 Trustee 3 year: Mike Wolter
 Trustee 2 year: Jeff Bagniewski
 Trustee 1 year: Greg Sanders

NOTE: there are still a couple positions that nobody has expressed interest in. Please prayerfully consider running for these open positions, or any position that you would find interesting. Contact any member of the nominating committee if you have any questions about the roles of any of these positions.

Peace Officers Memorial Day

Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed annually on May 15th. On this day, the citizens of the United States pay tribute to the local, state and Federal peace officers. National Police Officers Memorial Day is part of Police Week.

“Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism.” (Wikipedia)

History

Peace Officers Memorial Day was created on October 1, 1961. At that time, Congress asked the president to designate May 15 as a day to honor peace officers. On October 1, 1962, John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law. In 1994, Bill Clinton made an amendment through Public Law 103-322 that directed the United States flag be flown at half-staff on May 15.

Calendar of Events

May 14-15	State Convention	St. Cloud
May 17	Assembly 548 Meeting	St. Francis in Rochester
June 8	Deadline for Anchor Submissions	
June 21	Assembly 5484 Meeting and Steak Fry	Christ the King in Byron

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem: “We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led, it seems to signal to the skies that blood of heroes never dies.” She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael. When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their “Buddy” Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Happy Birthday

Robert Voss	May 6
Art Mueller	May 7
Dale Wellik	May 7
Ken Mueller	May 11
Shawn Peters	May 12
Robert Nix	May 13
Bryan O'Brien	May 13
Mark Zangs	May 17
John Lawson III	May 20



John Hunt	May 21
Fr. Paul Surpenant	May 21
Douglas Trom	May 23
Fr. Paul Nelson	May 24

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- † Jeff Bagniewski family
- † Jim Cox and his family
- † Marlene DeVos
- † Rev. Jim Gorman
- † Brother Knights who are ill or shut in
- † Our Catholic Schools
- † Our Priests and religious
- † Our Police and Military
- † Victims of Abortion
- † All Personal Intentions

Pentecost

After Easter Sunday, Christmas is the second-greatest feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, but Pentecost Sunday is not far behind. Coming 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. For that reason, it is often called the "the birthday of the Church."

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts—granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls—help us to live a Christian life.

After Christ's Ascension into Heaven, the Apostles knew that He had promised to send His Spirit, but they didn't know exactly what that would mean. Granted the gifts of the Spirit at Pentecost, however, they were emboldened to speak the Good News to all men. On that first Pentecost Sunday, over 3,000 people were converted and baptized.

Retrieved from http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/tp/Pentecost_101.htm



May Meeting

Join us May 17 at St. Francis Church in Rochester. Mass/Rosary at 6:00pm, followed by socialization and meal at 6:30. The business meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Assembly elections will be taking place!

Please RVSP to FN Bou Gazley by Sunday, May 15 at 6 PM.