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St. Nicholas aka Santa Claus

Every December 24th millions of people are visited by a short, fat guy in a red suit. Where did he come from, why does he do it, and how does he accomplish this seemingly impossible task?

Santa Claus...Kris Kringle...Old Saint Nick... Well, the original St. Nicholas lived in southwestern Turkey in the 4th century. As the bishop of Myra, a port on the Mediterranean Sea serving the busy sea lanes that linked the ports of Egypt, Greece, and Rome, he was credited with doing a number of miracles involving sailors and children.

Nicholas came from one of the city's wealthy merchant families, and his parents taught him to be generous, especially to those in need. One day, Nicholas heard about a rich man in Myra who lost all his money when his business failed. The man had three lovely daughters, all wishing to get married, but he had no money for their marriage. With nothing to eat, the man in desperation decided to sell one of his daughters into slavery. That night before the first daughter was to be sold, Nicholas, with a small bag of gold in his hand, softly

approached their house, and, tossing the gold through an open window, quickly vanished into the darkness. Nicholas helped this father more than once and one night after the gold fell onto the floor, the father quickly ran out to catch the one who threw it and caught up with Nicholas and asked, "why did you give us the gold?" and Nicholas replied, "because you needed it," and the father asked, "but why didn't you let us know it was you?" and Nicholas said "because it is good to give and have only God know about it."

As bishop of Myra, Nicholas seemed more aware than ever of people's needs. He went all over the city offering help to anyone in difficulty, then quietly disappeared without waiting for thanks. However, his reputation as a holy man grew and grew, even spreading to distant cities that had never seen him.

He was especially interested that families had enough to eat and a good place to live, that children got ahead in life, and that old people lived out their lives with dignity and respect. And he always loved the sailors who lived so dangerously on the sea. Without their ships, people everywhere would be without food and other goods they carried for trade.

Yet, it is as a lover of children that Nicholas is best remembered today. While he lived, he gave the little ones he met small gifts. His kindness touched their hearts and they learned from this holy man what a beautiful thing giving is.

In the figure of Santa Claus, whose name and activity Nicholas inspired, we have this saint with us today.



Assembly Christmas Party

Following this lovely story, I would like to invite you all to a Christmas Party at my home on Sunday, December 18th from 4 PM to 8 PM. My address is: 6422 Springhouse Circle, Clifton (Little Rocky Run). RSVP (703)-818-3096. There will be a very short assembly business meeting in place of our monthly Tuesday meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael P. Sheil
Navigator

Sir Knights of the Month

July	Paul St. Laurent
August	Mike Diewald
September	Paul Hannan
October	Joe Beres
November	Richard Coffman
December	Al Grimmig, Jr.
January	
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April	
May	
June	

CAPTAIN'S LOG



Since there will not be a meeting on Tuesday, December 20th, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in my role as Captain and my wife and I wish you all a very Blessed

Christmas

Hope to see you all at our Faithful Navigator, Mike Sheil's, party.

SK Richard (Skip) Coffman
Captain

From Your Faithful Comptroller

Dear Brother Knights,

It's that time for 2006 dues. Please send a check payable to the "Knights of Columbus" to:

Thomas Wiedemer
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Thank you and Vivat Jesus,
Thomas R. Wiedemer
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The Assembly maintains communication with its assigned Councils via liaisons appointed by the Faithful Navigator. Our liaisons are as follows:

Fr. Robert E. Nudd	Jim Frazer, GK
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St. Chung Hasang	Bok Hwang, GK
St. Veronica	Mike Diewald, PGK
St. Clare of Assisi	Dick Nadolski, GK

Proposed By-Law Change

As noted in the minutes of the Assembly Meeting on 25 October 2005, Jim Adams, PFN made a motion to modify Article 10, Section 2 of the Assembly By-Laws to include spouse death as a reason for a chalice or other religious gift to be given upon her death. Specific motion is to have Article 10, Section 2 read as follows: "Upon the death of any member of this Assembly, who is in good standing, and upon the death of his spouse, the gift of a chalice or other religious memorial shall be made by the Assembly to a church or priest in coordination with the deceased member's family and the Assembly in memory of the deceased member." Motion is seconded by SK Dick Nadolski. Motion is tabled.



Commander's Swords

Thanks to all who turned out for the Confirmations at St. Clare of Assisi and St. Paul Chung Churches on 30 November. The only event on the horizon at this writing is the Annual Religious Freedom Day Parade and Ceremony on 15 January 2006.

Have a Blessed Christmas!!!

Michael J. Diewald

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