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Thomas Jefferson

In the thick of party conflict in 1800, Thomas Jefferson wrote in a private letter, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

This powerful advocate of liberty was born in 1743 in Albemarle County, Virginia, inheriting from his father, a planter and surveyor, some 5,000 acres of land, and from his mother, a Randolph, high social standing. He studied at the College of William and Mary, then read law. In 1772 he married Martha Wayles Skelton, a widow, and took her to live in his partly constructed mountaintop home, Monticello.

Freckled and sandy-haired, rather tall and awkward, Jefferson was eloquent as a correspondent, but he was no public speaker. In the Virginia House of Burgesses and the Continental Congress, he contributed his pen rather than his voice to the patriot cause. As the "silent member" of the Congress, Jefferson, at 33, drafted the Declaration of Independence. In years following he labored to make its words a reality in Virginia. Most notably, he wrote a bill establishing religious freedom, enacted in 1786.

Jefferson succeeded Benjamin Franklin as minister to France in 1785. His sympathy for the French Revolution led him into conflict with Alexander Hamilton when Jefferson was Secretary of State in President Washington's Cabinet. He resigned in 1793.

Sharp political conflict developed, and two separate parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans, began to form. Jefferson gradually assumed leadership of the Republicans, who sympathized with the revolutionary cause in France. Attacking Federalist policies, he opposed a strong centralized Government and championed the rights of states.

As a reluctant candidate for President in 1796, Jefferson came within three votes of election. Through a flaw in the Constitution, he became Vice President, although an opponent of President Adams. In 1800 the defect caused a more serious problem. Republication electors, attempting to name both a President and a Vice President from their own party, cast a tie vote between Jefferson and Aaron Burr. The House of Representatives settled the tie. Hamilton, disliking both Jefferson and Burr, nevertheless urged Jefferson's election.

When Jefferson assumed the Presidency, the crisis in France had passed. He slashed Army and Navy expenditures, cut the budget, eliminated the tax on whiskey so unpopular in the West, yet reduced the national debt by a third. He also sent a naval squadron to fight the Barbary pirates, who were

harassing American commerce in the Mediterranean. Further, although the Constitution made no provision for the acquisition of new land, Jefferson suppressed his qualms over constitutionality when he had the opportunity to acquire the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon in 1803.

During Jefferson's second term, he was increasingly preoccupied with keeping the Nation from involvement in the Napoleonic wars, though both England and France interfered with the neutral rights of American merchantmen. Jefferson's attempted solution, an embargo upon American shipping, worked badly and was unpopular.

Jefferson retired to Monticello to ponder such projects as his grand designs for the University of Virginia. A French nobleman observed that he had placed his house and his mind "on an elevated situation, from which he might contemplate the universe."

He died on July 4, 1826.

Faithful Navigator's Message



We are proud to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Assembly at our next meeting night which is Tuesday, February 28th. It is a black tie dinner meeting and ladies are invited.

There is still plenty of time left in this half of the Columbian Year. We have some important activities to tend to. First, we must support a number of Color Corps events. Please read "Commander'Swords" for upcoming events.

Second, we have a Mid-Year Exemplification in Harrisburg on Saturday, June 17th. We would like to see some of our people represented there and there is still time to recruit new members into our assembly

We will have our annual Renewal of Obligations Ceremony at one of our regular assembly business meetings. Look for the time and date in the next newsletter.

Remember, this newsletter is being distributed via email so please be sure you have sent your address to Mike Diewald at mdiewald@cox.net.

Vivat Jesus!!
Michael P. Sheil
Faithful Navigator

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome to the 10th anniversary celebration dinner for the Acts of the Apostle Assembly. The meeting this month is **Tuesday, February 28th, 2006. Social Hour is 6:30 PM and Dinner will be served at 7:00 P M.** The menu entrée planned is rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, and dessert. Wives are invited to be a part of this historic event!!!

Please RSVP to me by either a call to 703-631-9405 or an email to scoffman@moneymailer.com by 9PM Sunday evening prior.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting!
SK Richard (Skip) Coffman, Captai0

Commander'Swords

There are several events on the horizon. Please pick at least one or two of them to support. Muster is 30 minutes prior to the event.

Date	Time	Event
19 Feb	1:30	Cub Scouts' Banquet at St. Timothy Cafeteria (Presentation of Colors at 1:40)
20 Feb	12:30	Alexandria Presidents' Day Parade
28 Feb	6:30	Tenth Anniversary Dinner – Presentation of Colors
4 Mar	10:00	Confirmation at St. Andrew Church
4 Mar	12:00	Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade
4 Mar	2:00	Confirmation at St. Andrew Church
11 Mar	10:00	Confirmation at St. Timothy Church
11 Mar	2:00	Confirmation at St. Timothy Church
13 Apr	7:00	Holy Thursday Honor Guard at St. Veronica Church
13 Apr	7:00	Holy Thursday Honor Guard at St. Andrew Church
19 Apr	7:30	Confirmation at St. Veronica Church
17 Jun		4 th Degree Exemplification - Harrisonburg

If you are available, please call me at (703) 709-9318 or e-mail michael@thediewalds.net. The assembly has loaner

regalia for you to try. Lately, Color Corps' participation is down. Please join us and show your true colors as a Patriotic Catholic Gentleman.

Vivat Jesus!!!
Michael Diewald, PFN

Third Degree Liaisons

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
Fr. Julius J. Cilinski	Joe Beres, PGK
St. Chung Hasang	Bok Hwang, GK
St. Veronica	Mike Diewald, PGK
St. Clare of Assisi	Dick Nadolski, GK

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1999-2000	Michael J. Diewald, PFN
2000-2001	James L. Adams, PFN
2001-2002	Thomas A. Trudeau, PFN
2002-2003	Paul T. Hannan, PFN
2003-2004	Alvin E. Grimmig, Jr., PFN
2004-2005	Paul St. Laurent, PFN
2005-2006	Michael Sheil

Elections will be held at the February 28 meeting for the position of delegate to the Virginia District's Bi-ennial meeting. There are three candidates from our assembly: the Faithful Navigator and one each per major portion of 100 members. Nominations will be accepted from the floor that evening for those two assembly members to represent the Acts of the Apostles Assembly on 25 March 2005.

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Acts of the Apostles Assembly 2411 proudly announces its

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, 28 February 2006
St. Timothy School Cafeteria
13807 Poplar Tree Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Appetizers at 6:30 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM

Your Master of Ceremonies for the evening:
Richard G. Head, Sr., PSD, Charter Navigator

Reservations: Call Skip Coffman at (703) 631-9405

Cost: \$8.00 per couple