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History of the Flag



The United States flag is the third oldest of the national standards of the world – older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France.

The flag was first authorized by the Second Continental

Congress in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. This date is now observed as “**Flag Day**” throughout America. The flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire three days later in the battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

The colors of the flag may be thus explained – the red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope, purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The name “**Old Glory**” was given to our national flag on August 10, 1831, by William Driver, a sea captain of Salem, Massachusetts. One legend has it that when he raised the flag on his brig, the Charles Doggett, he said: “**I name thee Old Glory.**”

The flag was first carried in the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777. It first flew over foreign territory January 28, 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands; Fort Nassau having been captured by the Americans in the course of the war for independence. The first foreign salute to the flag was rendered by the French Admiral LaMotte Piquet, off Quiberon Bay, February 13, 1778.

The United States flag is unique in the deep and noble significance of its message to the entire world – a message of national independence, of individual liberty, of idealism, of patriotism

Faithful Navigator’s Message

We have our exemplification at the Harrisonburg Holiday Inn on June 17th. Unfortunately, with the spring degree, not as many SK observers attend the degree. This causes a problem because the need for volunteers to serve as station guards, escorts, door sentinels, etc., is just as critical. If you plan to attend the degree and could help out in any of these capacities, it would be very much appreciated.

FM Rich Aleksy has scheduled a practice for volunteers for Saturday, June 17th at 9:00 A.M. Volunteers need only the service baldric and sword for the practice but must be in full

regalia for the degree which will start promptly at 12:00 Noon.

As my term comes to an end, I would like to thank all of the members of our Assembly that have supported all of the activities over the past twelve months: the meetings, the Color Corps events, the Exemplifications and the social activities. I would also like to thank all of the officers for helping me carry out the official business of the Assembly and the ladies for their support this past year. A special thank you to Skip Coffman and Mike Diewald whose help was invaluable to me and I could not have gotten along without them.

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

Vivat Jesus!!

Michael P. Sheil

Commander’s Swords

Thanks to all who have supported the Color Corps this past year. 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 J. Diewald, PFN

Captain’s Log

The meeting this month is **Tuesday, June 27th, 2006.** **Social Hour is 6:30 PM and Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.** The menu entrée planned is Frogmore Stew.

If you are on the Regular Dinner List below, no need to call unless you will not attend, but if not on the Regular Dinner List, please let me know that you will be attending the meeting by either a call to 703-631-9405 or an email to scoffman@moneymailer.com by 9 PM Sunday evening prior.

If you want to be added to the Regular Dinner List, please send an email to the FN (JOBMMK6@AOL.COM) and to me (scoffman@moneymailer.com).

Hope to see you all at the June meeting!

SK Richard (Skip) Coffman
Captain

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

Our Navigators:

1996-1996	Richard G. Head, Sr, PSD, CFN
1996-1997	Richard G. Head, Sr, PSD, CFN
1997-1998	Ronald J. Savage, PFN
1998-1999	Anthony J. Ascone, PFN
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
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Publication of motion made at the May 2006 Meeting

In response to a request from a US Marine (Nephew of SK AJ Ascone), currently deployed in Iraq I propose to following:

That the Assembly approve the expenditure of funds needed to purchase and ship a 24" high Altar Cross, 2 dozen daily missals and any other items identified by the Marine, that are needed for use in saying daily Mass in Iraq. The total cost available to be spent on these items should not exceed \$1500.00 plus shipping costs. As additional information, a request has been sent to the Marine to provide specific information as to whether or not this is for a Military Chaplain or a Local Priest, and to provide a more detailed list of the items needed. As communications are via e-mail, and as this request as written does not require the additional detail at this time I ask that it be submitted for immediate publication so that it can be acted upon at the next scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by SK Kevin P. Craddock, GK.