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Faithful Navigator's Column

Brother Sir Knights,

As I write this, there are less than a dozen days before Christmas. And what does that mean? Too few shopping days left to get that great present for a close friend? High ticket prices to fly to family gatherings? Noisy bell-ringers blocking your way to pick up last-minute groceries? Jam-packed parking lots at the mall and 80-minute lines to see Santa Claus? Or, to quote Dr. Seuss, "maybe Christmas means a little bit more?"

Christmas is about the birth of the Christ. We all know this. We work hard to "Keep Christ in Christmas." But what else should we know regarding this miraculous event? How about keeping the family unit together? Jesus was born to lowly circumstances, but he was born to a family with a mother and a father. He defines a traditional family. Joseph was ready to dismiss his pregnant bride-to-be, yet the Lord instructed Joseph to keep her. God wanted His only Son raised in a stable family. The Nativity also shows us obedience to God. Mary was a scared little girl, between 12 and 15 years old. She had never *known* a man, yet she submitted to becoming pregnant by God. Imagine that this occurred today! Would you believe your young teenage daughter if she told you a similar story? If you were engaged to a woman who became pregnant by some source other than you, would you marry her anyway? Because Mary and Joseph were obedient to God, they have been rewarded greatly. Lastly, we learn that the Lord provides. Joseph was not a poor man, and Mary was carrying the Son of God. Surely God could have had a Holiday Inn...or at least a Motel 6...with a room waiting for them, right? Wrong. However, God provided everything the couple *needed*. A room? No, a stable. However, it was warm enough, there was food and water, and each of Mary's basic needs was met. She produced a healthy baby boy.

The importance of family. Remain obedient to the Lord, especially when you do not understand why God is asking you to do something. Trust in the Lord, for He will provide to your needs. These, as well as the famous John 3:16, are the true meanings of Christmas. Do not forget them, my Brothers.

In celebrating Christmas, we held our annual party and ornament exchange on 13 December in Clifton. Those

who attended had a great time with plenty to eat and drink, and the exchange is always a blast.

After the party, the Sir Knights there held a brief meeting. Among the topics discussed was the March for Life on Thursday, 22 January. Traditionally the Knights in this area have acted as marshals for this event. Let me know if you would like to be a marshal this year. The event will be very soon after the inauguration, so plan on DC's being *packed*!

The next meeting will take place 27 January 2009. Please be sure to RSVP to the Faithful Captain so he may plan dinner appropriately.

Vivat Jesus!

Jason Seiler
Faithful Navigator

Captain's Log

I hope every one of our Brother Sir Knights has a Joyous and Holy Advent and Christmas Season.

Vivat Jesus!

Ad Gloriam Jesus!

Michael Lynch, Faithful Captain

Commander's Swords

See the Activity Box elsewhere in this newsletter for upcoming events. We have loaner regalia for anyone interested in trying out for Color Corps.

Michael J. Diewald, PFN

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The Assembly maintains communication with its assigned Councils via liaisons appointed by the Faithful Navigator. Our liaisons are as follows:

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From Your Faithful Comptroller

Dear Brother Knights,
It's that time for 2009 dues. Please send a check payable to the "Knights of Columbus" to:

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ACTIVITY BOX

What	When	Where
Honor Guard for Bishop Loverde	December 21, 2008	St. Leo the Great Parish Fairfax, VA
Honor Guard for Midnight Mass	December 24, 2008	St. Andrew's Parish Clifton, VA
Religious Freedom Day Parate	January 11, 2009	Fredericksburg, VA
March for Life - Marshal	January 22, 2009	Washington DC
Assembly Business Meeting	January 27, 2009	Chantilly, VA

Note: Loaner color corps regalia are available for those who do not have their own. If you want to participate in an activity and don't have regalia, contact Commander Mike Diewald at Michael@thediewalds.net or 703-709-9318.