



*Knights of Columbus*  
*Holy Cross Assembly No. 3048*  
*Germantown/Collierville Tennessee*

*Navigator's Log*      *December, 2007*

**Officers for the Year 2007/2008**

Faithful Friar	Rev. Jolly Sebastian
Faithful Navigator	Ronald P Schillinger
Faithful Captain	Anthony V DiMaiolo
Faithful Pilot	Philip B Moore
Faithful Comptroller	David E Guntert
Faithful Scribe	Thomas J Shepherd
Faithful Purser	Edgar A Bran
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Vince C Morelli
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Ted E. Bacon
Faithful Admiral	Stanley E. Schulz
Faithful Trustees:	
One-Year	Joseph C Piacenti
Two-Year	Robert B Tragarz
Three-Year	Marvin L Schaefer
Color Corps Commander	Tony DiMaiolo

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***Advent, Immaculate Mary,  
Christmas Novena & The Light***

**Advent** is a time of reflection upon our attentiveness to God with the **Eight Beatitudes** as a guide, a special pre-Christmas gift of stillness, preparation, growth and the deepening spirituality in preparing for the coming of Our Savior. It is within this tradition the Church provides us with an opportunity to prepare us for a mysterious and wonderful time of reentry into the Christmas Season, **the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. The rewards of any feast are relative to the attention and sincerity of details in the preparation.**

**Immaculate Mary** – The **Marian Feast Day** was first approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1476. On **December 8, 1854** the proclamation of the **Dogma of the Immaculate Conception** was presented by Pope Pius IX. One could say the doctrine was confirmed on March 25, 1858, the **Feast of the Annunciation** by Bernadette Soubirous in the town of Lourdes, France when she asked the lady to identify herself, **Our Lady replied “I am the Immaculate Conception”.**

**Christmas Novena** – The Church sets aside nine days before Christmas to focus our attention on the mystery of Jesus’ birth and to be watchful in the way it affects our lives. The gospels during this novena time tell of the

preparation of Mary, Joseph and Jesus and how relatives responded to His birth. **What is our response?**

**The Twelve Days of Christmas, the Secret Catechism of Christmas**

Christmas season begins December 25<sup>th</sup> and lasts until January 6<sup>th</sup> the Epiphany. The celebration of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi

From 1558 to 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era “the **“Twelve Days of Christmas”** was written as a secret catechism with a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church.

*Partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ*  
*Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testament*  
*Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love*  
*Four calling birds are the four Gospels*  
*Five golden rings recall the torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament*  
*Six geese a-laying stand for six days of creation*  
*Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit*  
*Eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes*  
*Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5)*  
*Ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments*  
*Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful Apostles*  
*Twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed*

**The Light** – The light of the Christmas Star guided the wise men to the manger where a **Child brought the Light of Salvation to the world.** When life seems to be the darkest be watchful for the light, **the light always shines the brightest in the dark.**

***Wise men still seek Jesus.***

**The flickering Sanctuary Candle reminds us the Master is home, we are welcome anytime.**

*Respectfully Sir Knight,  
Ronald P. Schillinger  
Faithful Navigator*

**COMMITTEES**  
**WORK-In-PROGRESS**

**Additional Sir Knight's help and suggestions are always greatly appreciated. Please give a few minutes of your talents and skills to strengthen accomplishments and gain fraternal momentum.**

**Color Corps – Tony DiMaiolo Color Corps Commander**

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Midnight Mass** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, reserved seating for Color Corps and family, be at church by 11:30 pm.

**Palm Sunday 10:30 am Mass St. Brigid Church, Lowrance Rd.** Honor Guard

**June Sunday, 10:30 am Corpus Christi Mass St Brigid Church, Lowrance Rd** Honor Guard for Mass and Holy Eucharist procession

**Post Colors for the Police and Fireman Dinners by the Councils** – dates to be announced

**Communication – Vince Morelli - David Guntert**

**Contact Vince Morelli on web-site and David Gunter on address, phone and email updates.** Holy Cross Assembly newsletters, Knights of Columbus information, Council links and other up-dates are available on [www.holycross3048.com](http://www.holycross3048.com).

**Country – Ron J. Scharf - Edgar Bran**

**February/March - Patriotism Essay Contest** for the Church of the Incarnation School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, theme is **“The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society”**.

**VA Hospital Program** – need for volunteers at the hospital, couple hours per week.

**Social – Tony DiMaiolo - Vince Morelli**

**December 2008 “Pot Luck Dinner”** Families of Holy Cross Assembly

**May Wives Appreciation & Award Dinner** - Sir Knights wear Tuxedos and Social Baldric, ladies Sunday dress, the presentation of awards for Sir Knights at the dinner for service during past year.

**The Order – Phil Moore - Bob Tragarz - Marvin Schaefer**

**July 1, 2007 to Sept 8, 2008 Our Lady of Charity, Marion Adoration program** – the preparation of a “spiritual bouquet” to be presented to Pope Benedict XVI. A program recording prayers, Rosaries and charitable works will be kept in a log and up-dated each month.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Eucharistic Adoration** – **Holy Cross Assembly at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, no pre-sign up, when ever you and family can participate, please sign the Holy Cross Rooster at the door.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Corporate Mass Sunday, 12:30 Mass, to celebrate May 3<sup>rd</sup> Finding of the Holy Cross, Feast Day for Holy Cross Assembly.** Sir Knights wear Tuxedos and Social Baldric (no cape, Chapeau or sword) Prior to beginning of Mass, Sir Knights, wives and families will line up to proceed as an Assembly down the center aisle to their reserved seats. Lunch after Mass

**September 14<sup>th</sup> Corporate Mass Sunday, 12:30 Mass to celebrate Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast Day for Holy Cross Assembly** Sir Knights wear Tuxedos and Social Baldric (no cape, Chapeau or sword) Prior to beginning of Mass, Sir Knights, wives and families will line up to proceed as an Assembly down the center aisle to their reserved seats. Lunch after Mass

**SCHEDULED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Special Notice**

A request by Ron Scharf of our SilverFoxes - On Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm Jo Claire Merrill the Program Director at Madonna Learning Center will give a talk to the SilverFoxes and all interested friends on an array of issues dealing with Special Needs children including the different types of mental issues facing society and how they are recognized and dealt with. The SilverFoxes have seen what we first thought were miracles, but after hearing Jo Claire present the above issues to an interested group of parents, teachers and friends we soon realized that yes, there were miracles occurring but... there was also a lot of hard work and VERY SMART women helping to produce the wondrous results. This talk is sure to impress you and give you new insights into the world of God's Special Children. It is free, and we hope all interested people will attend.

**Color Corps**

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**RECENT MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary**

Our Faithful Comptroller David Guntert presented the revenues and expenditures to date and the budget. He also was recognized for his printing of 250 programs to be handed out at the Veteran Day school programs. Motions were made and passed to approve the budget for Fraternal Year 2007-2008; to purchase the Purple Cape and Chapeau for the Color Corps Commander; to purchase the MIA/POW flag. Ron Scharf, Country Committee, presented the details for the Veteran's Day Program at the Church of The Incarnation School on Friday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School on Tuesday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> he also presented the outline for the Patriotic Essay Contest for the two schools for February and March. Phil Moore, The Order Committee, presented the dates for the Corporate Mass and Pope Benedict XVI "spiritual bouquet" program in addition to other tentative programs. It was an honor to recognize Sir Knight Tommy Shepherd, Faithful Scribe, who presented and donated the American Flag to the Holy Cross Assembly Color Corps, a gift that does not have sufficient words to express our great appreciation. Some program dates were set and approved while other tentative dates and programs were presented for consideration.

**The Order**

**Special Notice – 2008 Dues**

Your 2008 dues notice will be going into the mail this month allowing each of you to pay your \$35.00 dues by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Your present dues status expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and to remain an active paid-up member your dues should be received by then. The letter accompanying the dues reviews the programs and reasons for the request for voluntary donations in addition to your dues. **The voluntary donation requests are 100% voluntary not part of the 2008 dues.**

**Country/Color Corps**

**Veteran's Day Program** included presentation of the history and meaning of Veterans Day, the American Flag, the support of Patriotism by Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree, tradition of Taps, Folding of the Flag at military funerals, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the presentation of the MIA Flag - **Program was presented by the Holy Cross Assembly Color Corps** for the student body, faculty, parents and community at:

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am, Church of The Incarnation School, Collierville – by Sir Knights Ted Bacon, Edgar Bran, Mike Carrasco, Ron Giometti, Ron Scharf, Tommy Shepherd, Color Corps Commander Tony DiMaiolo and Navigator Ron Schillinger.**

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Germantown – by Sir Knights Vince Morelli, Stan Schulz, Tommy Shepherd, Color Corps Commander Tony DiMaiolo and Navigator Ron Schillinger.**



**HOLY CROSS ASSEMBLY No. 3048**  
Meeting, Monday December 3rd 6:30 pm  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Germantown  
(Knights Room 212 next to the school gym)

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