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A message from our Faithful Navigator...

Fellow Officers and Sir Knights of Bishop Manogue Assembly 50, I want to thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Faithful Navigator for this 2014-2015 Columbian year. I sincerely appreciate and thank you for your support and counsel during my tour of service as your Faithful Navigator. **Please plan to attend the FN Dinner I will be hosting on June 22, 2015 at 953 Hall, 6:30 PM. Save the date: Bishop Manogue Assembly's 100th Year Celebration; Saturday, October 3, 2015.** The Centennial lapel pins are available for purchase. The event venue is St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1333 58th Street, Sacramento, for Mass and the Social Hall for the dinner and program. Be looking for historic photos and articles that we can use in developing the Centennial program; email them to jmichael_brady@att.net **Please welcome and support our new Slate of Officers for the Columbian year 2015-2016 .**

Layup Treasure in Heaven

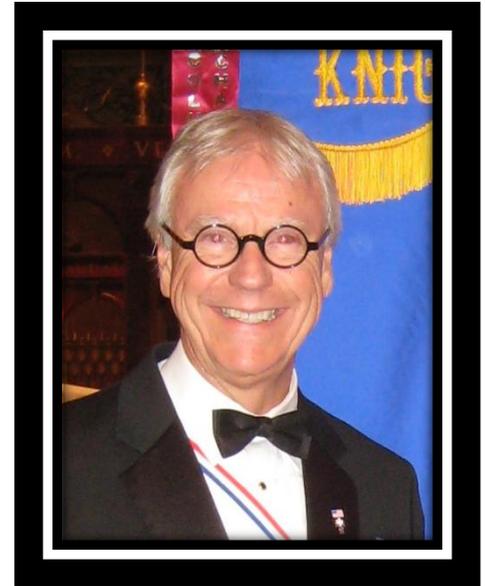
What do you treasure and seek after the most? What do you value above all else? Jesus offers a treasure of incomparable value and worth, but we need healthy eyes - good spiritual vision - to recognize what is the greatest treasure we can possess. What Jesus said about seeking treasure made perfect sense to his audience: keep what lasts! Aren't we all trying to find something we treasure in this life in the hope that it will bring us happiness, peace, and security? Jesus contrasts two very different kinds of wealth - material wealth and spiritual wealth. Jesus urges his disciples to get rich by investing in wealth and treasure which truly lasts - not just for a life-time - but for all eternity as well. Jesus offers heavenly treasures which cannot lose their value by

changing circumstances, such as diminishing currency, damage or destruction, loss or theft. The treasure which Jesus offers is kept safe and uncorrupted by God himself.

What is this treasure which Jesus offers so freely and graciously? It is the treasure of God himself - the source and giver of every good gift and blessing in this life - and a kingdom that will endure forever. The treasure of God's kingdom produces unspeakable joy because it unites us with the source of all joy and blessings which is God

himself. God offers us the treasure of unending joy and friendship with himself and with all who are united with him in his heavenly kingdom. In Jesus Christ we receive an inheritance which the Apostle Peter describes as imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us (1 Peter 1:4). Paul the Apostle describes it as a kingdom of everlasting peace, joy, and righteousness in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

How realistic and attainable is this heavenly treasure? Can we enjoy it now, or must we wait for it in the after-life? The treasure of God's kingdom is both a present and a future reality - like an investment which grows and matures, ever increasing and



multiplying in value, and producing an endless supply of rich rewards and benefits. Seekers of great treasure will go to any length to receive their reward. They direct all their energies and resources to obtain the treasure. We instinctively direct our energies and resources - an even our whole lives - towards that which we most value. To set one's heart on heavenly treasure is to enter into a deeper and richer life with God himself. It is only by letting go of false treasure that one can enter into the joy of a heavenly treasure that is immeasurable and worth more than we can give in exchange. Do you seek the treasure which lasts for eternity?

Jesus also used the image of eyesight or human vision to convey an important principle of God's kingdom. Blurred vision and bad eyesight serve as a metaphor for moral stupidity and spiritual blindness. (For examples, see Matthew 15:14, 23:16 ff.; John 9:39-41; Romans 2 2:19; 2 Peter 1:9; and Revelations 3:17.) The eye is the window of the heart, mind, and "inner being" of a person. How one views their life and reality reflects not only their personal vision - how they see themselves and the world around them, it also reflects their inner being and soul - the kind of moral person and character they choose for themselves. If the window through which we view life, truth, and reality is clouded, soiled, or marred in any way, then the light of God's truth will be deflected, diminished, and distorted.

Only Jesus Christ can free us from the spiritual darkness of sin, unbelief, and ignorance. That is why Jesus called himself the light of the world - the one true source of light that can overcome the darkness of sin and the lies and deception of Satan.

What can blind or distort our "vision" of what is true, good, lovely, pure, and eternal (Philippians 4:8)? Certainly prejudice, jealousy, and self-conceit can distort true and clear judgment of ourselves and others and lead to moral blindness. Prejudice and self-conceit also destroys good judgment and blinds us to the facts and to their significance for us. Jealousy and envy make us despise others and mistrust them as enemies rather than friends. We need to fearlessly examine ourselves to see if we are living according to right judgment and sound principles or if we might be misguided by blind prejudice or some other conceit. Love is not jealous ...but rejoices with the truth (1 Corinthians 13:4-6). Do you live your life in the light of God's truth? "Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. May the light of your truth free me from the error of sin and deception. Take my heart and fill it with your love that I may desire you alone as my Treasure and my All."

Our commitment to excellence and obedience to God are a part of our daily lives as Catholic gentlemen conducting the business of the Knights of Columbus while following the principles of our Order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism through the conduit of our Assemblies and Councils as was the vision of our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Your Faithful Navigator, SK Michael Brady
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Did you know: They call a pig riding in a rickshaw – pulled pork!

Our Faithful Friar...

The vine (or vineyard) is one of the many metaphors God uses to help us understand His love for us and our relationship with Him and with Christ. When Christ said to His apostles, in John 15:1, "I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser", Which was the beginning of the gospel passage read at Mass on the 5th Sunday of Easter this year, his words cannot be fully appreciated without understanding what vine and vineyard meant to people familiar with the Old Testament. There are three places in the Old Testament, where we can look for enlightenment on this topic.

One is Psalm 80:8ff which reads, "You brought a vine [Israel] out of Egypt; You drove out the [heathen] nations and planted it [in Canaan]. You prepared room before it, and it took deep root and it filled the land. The mountains were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs of it were like the great cedars [cedars of God]".

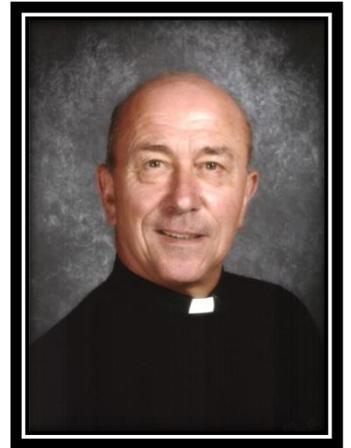
God's people are compared to a vine which God transplanted, and which did not bear good fruit, but only "wild grapes", and disappointed Him. So he punished them, and so the psalmist asks for mercy from God in verses 14ff: "Turn again, we beseech You, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven and see, visit, *and* have regard for this vine! [Protect and maintain] the stock which Your right hand planted, and the branch (the son) that You have reared *and* made strong for Yourself".

Another is Isaiah 5. Sometimes God's people are described as a vineyard, and each member is a vine within the vineyard. In Isaiah 5: 7 we read, "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the

men of Judah His pleasant planting [the plant of His delight]. And He looked for justice, but behold, [He saw] oppression *and* bloodshed; [He looked] for righteousness (for uprightness and right standing with God), but behold, [He heard] a cry [of oppression and distress]!". Note how the unfaithfulness of God's people is highlighted here. They bore bad fruit and were not true to God.

The opening verses of chapter 5 of Isaiah describe the Lord's actions: "My greatly Beloved [God] had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. And He dug *and* trenched the ground and gathered out the stones from it and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it and hewed out a winepress in it. And He looked for it to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between Me and My vineyard [My people, says the Lord]. What more could have been done for My vineyard that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to bring forth grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?". The rest of the chapter deals with how God is going to punish the people for their unfaithfulness.

The third is Jeremiah 2:21ff: "Yet I had planted you [O house of Israel] a choice vine, wholly of pure seed. How then have you turned into degenerate shoots of wild vine alien to Me? For though you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, yet your iniquity *and* guilt are still [upon you; you are] spotted, dirty, *and* stained before



Me, says the Lord". Jeremiah also quotes God describing how He will punish His unfaithful people: "As the thief is brought to shame when he is caught, so shall the house of Israel be brought to shame—they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets— [Inasmuch as] they say to a tree, You are my father, and to a stone, You gave me birth" (Jer 2:26-27).

So the vine disappointed the vine grower. Now we can understand better what Christ meant when He said "I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser" (John 15:1). Christ is the only one who is totally loyal to God, whose will is totally in line with God, and who bears good fruit pleasing to God. The good news for us comes in verse 5; "I am the Vine; you are the

branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit". We are offered the chance, through our union with Christ, to bear fruit pleasing to God as Christ does. This offer is conditional on our membership of Christ's Church. Verse 6 tells us; "However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers". Let us resolve to honor our Father by remaining vitally united to Christ.

Yours in Christ,

❖ **Fr. Patrick Lee**

Color Corps Report

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to SK Dale Edwards for his outstanding job as Color Corps Commander for Bishop Manogue Assembly since he took the position in July 2013. His leadership skills paid off through all of the events the Color Corps participated in during his time as the commander.

Confirmation season is now half over and the schedule is moving along to the four May dates below for our assembly. All of these May dates are available for Color Corps participation and I hope to see many of you at them.

West Sacramento	Holy Cross	Monday	5/4/2015	6:30
PM Weigand	Hancock (Lead)			
Sacramento	St. Ignatius	Monday	5/4/2015	6:30
PM Cotta	Langer (Lead)			
Sacramento	St. Rose	Thursday	5/21/2015	5:30
PM Weigand	Langer (Lead)			
Sacramento Cathedral (Adult Conf.)		Saturday	5/23/2015	5:00
PM Soto	Langer (Lead)			

Finally, May 24th is the assembly Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church in West Sacramento. On May 31st Color Corps will be needed for the 122nd Annual Freeport Portuguese Holy Spirit Festival Parade and Mass at the IDES Portuguese Hall in Clarksburg. Color Corps is needed for these two events. Participation in the Holy Spirit Festival has been a long-standing Bishop Manogue Assembly tradition.

**Your Brother in Christ,
SK Michael Langer, Color Corps Commander**

Good of the Order: SK Richard Schultz, SK Dennis Calvo, SK Ron Bei, Fran Hancock (wife of SK Bill Hancock), Marty Condon (widow of SK John Condon), Lorraine Cutting (wife of SK Dick Cutting), Aurora Wallin (wife of SK Loren Wallin), Lt. Paul Hunt (son of SK Herold Hunt), and for the peaceful repose of the souls of SK Eduardo Murallon, SK Alan Zingleman, SK John Condon, SK Carl Ponciano, SK Tom Loftus, SK Kevin Simpson, SK George Donch, SK Arthur Munguia, Martina Okoye (mother of SK Christian Okoye), CMDR John Regelbrugge (USN) and family, Francis F. Mudd (father of SK Charles Mudd), Evangelista Estaris, Joseph Greco (Uncle of SK JC Greco), the Acosta family, Mary Fong (wife of SK Jerry Fong), and Eunice Stewart (wife of SK Young Stewart, PFN).

Sick or in distress...

If you know of any Brother Knight, Lady of a Knight, and/or family member of a Knight who is ill or has recently deceased, please notify our Faithful Navigator, SK Michael Brady (916.284.9882).

- ❖ For the Men and Woman protecting our rights by serving in the Military, those in law enforcement, and for all of those who risk their lives every day to protect us...
 - ❖ **We Pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer!**
- ❖ For all of our dearly departed Brother Knights, family, friends, and benefactors...
 - ❖ **Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through Thy mercy, rest in peace. Amen!**



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Confirmation Schedule 2015

<u>Parish City</u>	<u>Parish Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bishop</u>	<u>Lead</u>
West Sacramento	Holy Cross	Monday	5/4/2015	6:30 PM	Weigand	Edwards
Sacramento	St. Ignatius	Monday	5/4/2015	6:30 PM	Cotta	Langer
Winters	St. Anthony	Monday	5/11/2015	1:00 PM	Cotta	Edwards
Dixon (Cathedral)	St. Peter	Saturday	5/16/2015	5:30 PM	Cotta	Hancock
Sacramento	St. Rose	Thursday	5/21/2015	5:30 PM	Weigand	Edwards
Sacramento	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Saturday	5/23/2015	10:00 AM	Weigand	Edwards
Sacramento	Cathedral (Adult Confirmation)	Saturday	5/23/2015	5:00 PM	Soto	Hancock
Sacramento	Cathedral	Sunday	5/24/2015	11:00 AM	Soto	Hancock
<u>June (3)</u>						
Sacramento	St. Peter/ All Hallows	Monday	6/1/2015	6:30 PM	Soto	Edwards
Sacramento	St. Peter/ All Hallows	Friday	6/5/2015	6:30 PM	Soto	Edwards
Sacramento	St. Elizabeth	Saturday	6/20/2015	5:00 PM	Cotta	Edwards
<u>September</u>						
Davis	St. James	Friday	9/11/2015	6:30 PM	Cotta	Edwards
<u>October</u>						
Sacramento	St. Philomene	Saturday	10/3/2015	10:00 AM	Weigand	Hancock



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Bishop Manogue Assembly 100th Anniversary

The date October 4th, 2015 denoting Bishop Manogue Assembly's 100th Anniversary is fast approaching. Our Faithful Navigator Michael Brady and Anniversary Chairman SK Ricardo Saldana are working hard to plan a number of events to celebrate this milestone. To ensure that these events are carried out as planned, supporting funds are needed!

Bishop Manogue Assembly has a long history in support of the Diocese of Sacramento resulting from the activities of all of the Sir Knights enrolled in the Assembly. It is fitting, therefore, for us to invite all of the Sir Knights now on our rolls to be supporters of our 100th Anniversary. Since every request needs a goal, **we are asking that every Sir Knight consider making a donation equal to the number of years he has been a Sir Knight.** To ensure that the funds donated are properly designated, please do the following:

1. Make your check out to Bishop Manogue Assembly and indicate to support the 100th Anniversary.
2. Send your check to SK Dick Cutting PSD at 3500 D St. Sacramento, Calif. 95816-3412.
3. Your receipt will be your name listed in **The Manogue Helmsman.**
4. Your reward will be the satisfaction that you have been a part of the 100th Anniversary of Bishop Manogue Assembly.

Thank you for your support of our Assembly!

SK Dick Cutting, PSD

Proposed Officers 2015/2016 Columbian Year



Faithful Navigator – SK Ricardo Saldana

Captain – SK Rich Dewitt

Pilot – SK Garrett Thomas

Comptroller – SK George Mills

Purser – SK Dale Edwards

Scribe TBD (floor nominations)

Inside Sentinel –SK Mario Mejia

Outside Sentinel – SK Bryan McKrell

Admiral – SK Michael Brady

3 Year Trustee – SK Robert Reavis

2 Year Trustee – SK John Cox

1 Year Trustee – SK Lawrence Rositani



ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Date/Function	Time	Chairperson/Location
May 11 New Member Dinner (T, S)	6:30 PM Social 7:30 PM Dinner	SK Rositani 953 Hall
May 14 Ascension of Our Lord (Observed on Sunday, May 17)		
May 24 Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Mass (T, S)	11:00 AM Mass	Our Lady of Grace West Sacramento
May 30 Assembly Social Dinner (C)	6:30 PM	SK Brady TBD
May 31 Trinity Sunday		
No RBM in May		
June 1 RBM/Election of Officers (T)	7:30 PM	SK Brady 953 Hall
June 4 Feast of Corpus Christi (Observed Sunday, June 7)		
June 12 Sacred Heart of Jesus		
June 22 RBM/ FN Dinner (C,S)	6:30 PM RBM 7:00 PM Dinner	SK Brady 953 Hall
July 6 Planning Meeting 2015/16 (C)	7:00 PM	FN Elect YBD
August 22 Installation of Officers (T,S)	TBD	Msgr. O'Connor Hall St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove
October 3 100 th Anniversary Celebration	TBD	St. Mary's Church East Sac

(T – Tuxedo for Officers; C – Casual Attire; S – Spouses Welcome!, * Unknown at this time)

Catholic Definitions...

What Do We Mean When We Say "In Persona Christi"?

At Mass we are full of the Lord, not full of ourselves
by James V. Schall, SJ

A student asked me if I knew of any nearby Catholic churches. He heard a sermon that, as far as he could make out, justified relativism. I often hear parishioners comment that their pastor or assistant is “full of himself”. The very hearing of this acid remark is enough to give any priest reflective pause. Every priest is there in persona Christi, not in his own charming or otherwise qualified personality. The priest is not there to call attention to himself. He is not the main course. Such considerations, plus strange liturgical rubrics, send folks off looking for other parishes where they do not preach relativism or where the pastor is not “full of himself”, where the Mass follows the norms of the Church. Such thoughts came to mind in reading George Cardinal Pell’s comments on the new English-language liturgical translations of the Missal, the coordination of which he is in charge. On hearing these newly translated words, we may finally realize how vapid the present ones we use are. But we are people of habit. Some people won’t like it. A “conservative” will henceforward be someone who does not want to change the present translations, whereas a “liberal” will be one who likes the new ones.

Pell was asked about the direction the priest should face during Mass. He would favor the priest and congregation facing the East, all together facing toward the Lord, the proper focus of attention. Why? “Because it makes it patently clear that the priest is not the center of the show, that this is an act of worship of the one true God, and the people are joining with the priest for that” (Adoremus Bulletin, April 2009, from the London Catholic Herald, March 20). “The priest is not the center of the show” — that is a great line. Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger made this same point in his Spirit of the Liturgy: “A common turning toward the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential.... Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord.” A drum-major marches with his back to the band because he is leading them all to something in front of them. All go in the same direction. An orchestra director has his “backs to the people” so that both he and the audience can see and hear something beyond and in front of them. Cardinal Pell adds something that I had not seen stressed before. If we insist, as many will, on the priest looking at the

congregation and they at him, a crucifix should always be placed between the priest and the congregation. It recalls to both what is going on here. Neither priest nor congregation is the center of attention. The temptation of the priest at Mass is to be an actor. Not a few excel at it. Ratzinger says, however, that, at the altar, the “priest must decrease, the Lord increase”, referring to John the Baptist.

The following Ratzinger words constantly remind us that the “silence” within the Church is there for a reason. “Whenever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment.” We do not attend Mass to be entertained, or to see a good performance, but to worship God. This awe envelops priest, musicians, and congregation.

Cardinal Pell also touched on something that strikes me of great importance. In John Paul II’s encyclical on the Eucharist, among other places, it was specified that neither the Mass nor the priest is a function of the community. Without the Mass, as it is in its integrity, no community exists. The community does not “ordain” its ministers. The Church is not a club or meeting hall or a political party.

All ministers in the Church testify to the truth as it is found in the Creed. This is why the Creed must be said every Sunday. It should begin, as in Latin and Greek, with “I believe”, not the present “we believe”. We stand at Mass attesting to our personal affirmation in the intelligibility of what we hold. We are a religion of intelligence. At Mass, we are full of the Lord, not ourselves. What makes the community is the Mass, not vice versa. The priest is not an actor. He is a priest. He points beyond himself. What he does is not of his own making. He is a servant. He literally follows the books. He does not write them. With his people, he praises the Father through the Son in the unity of the Spirit, whom he, along with them, worships. This worship is what goes on at Mass, nothing less.

Father Schall is professor of political philosophy in the Department of Government at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He is the author of many books, including *Roman Catholic Political Philosophy* (2006), and countless articles. This column was published online at *The Catholic Thing*, May 1, 2009.

<http://www.adoremus.org/0609Schall.html>



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