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**St. Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J. March 9, 1568 – June
21, 1591**

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

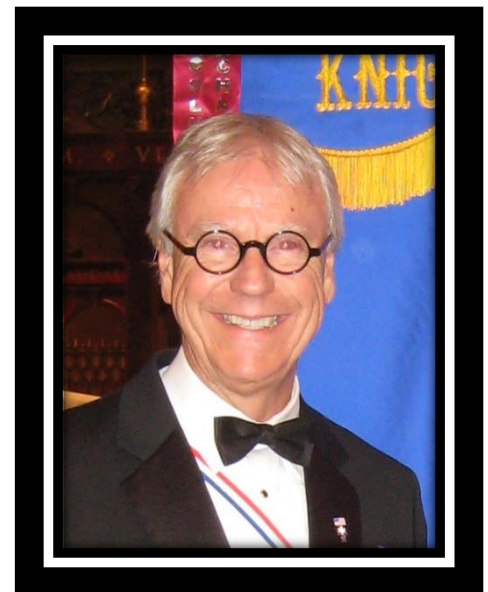
What do you treasure and seek after the most? What do you value above all else? Jesus offers a treasure of incomparable value and worth, but we need healthy eyes - good spiritual vision - to recognize what is the greatest treasure we can possess. What Jesus said about seeking treasure made perfect sense 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

Did you know: They call a pig riding in a rickshaw – pulled pork!



April's FN Message...

I want to thank everyone that helped make the 115th Exemplification on April 18th a huge success. We welcome our eleven new Sir Knights to Bishop Manogue Assembly 50.

The New Sir Knights Dinner for BMA 50 is May 11th at 6:30 PM at 953 Hall with Chef Larry Rositani is preparing dinner. You don't want to miss this!!!

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Watch for the Slate of Officers for our Columbian year 2015-2016 in the June issue of the Helmsman!!!

Our Color Corps Commander has changed. We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to SK Dale Edwards for his exemplary service in that command to our Assembly and welcome SK Michael Langer, newly appointed to the CCC position.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he

had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All

believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

“Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to

those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.”

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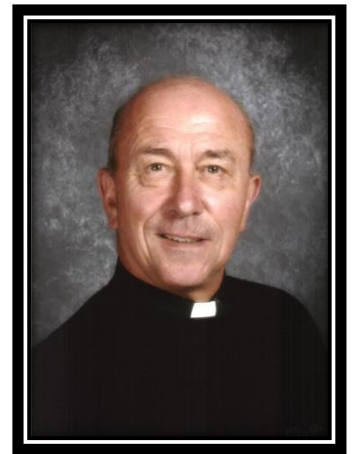
Your Faithful Navigator, SK Michael Brady

Did you know: Claustrophobic people are more productive thinking outside the box

Our Faithful Friar...

The gospel reading for Thursday May 28 (Mark 10:46-52) tells the story of Jesus curing the blind man, the son of Timaeus. When he heard Jesus was coming, he cried “Jesus son of David, have pity on me”. Immediately he encountered an obstacle in that “many rebuked him, telling him to be silent”. That is true in the case of so many miracles that Jesus worked. The petitioner would encounter some barrier preventing him/her from reaching Jesus. Take the cure of the paralytic in Matt 9. Jesus said to him first, “Courage, child, your sins are forgiven”. Immediately the scribes said to themselves “This man is blaspheming”, because only God could forgive sins. But Jesus rebuked them and then proceeded to heal the paralytic.

In Matt 15:22-28 a Canaanite woman begs Jesus to cure her possessed daughter. Opposition comes first from the disciples who urged him to “send her away, for she is crying out after us” Jesus, as if to test her faith, seems to place an obstacle of His own in her way by saying He was “sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. Undeterred, the woman kept begging His help. Finally He said “Oh woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you wish. And her daughter was cured”.



Jesus praised the faith (persistence) of those seeking His help, when he worked those miracles. On Monday, May 25 however, we read the gospel story of the rich young man asking Christ what he must do to possess eternal life (mark 10:17-27). When Jesus said "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me", his face fell. We are told he went away sadly. Unlike the others, he was deterred by the obstacle. He lacked the persistence to pursue Jesus.

It is important to note Christ's reaction, and that of the disciple, to the incident. There was no attempt on Christ's part to lighten the cross, to sugar the pill. He simply remarked "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God". The obvious implication is that the young man, according to Christ, must make a profound and very

difficult change in his life. The cross is a challenge and it cannot be removed.

That is well worth contemplating in the light of efforts being made today to make the cross easier. The consumer society's gospel of convenience is infiltrating our Church. We tend to want to "include" everyone in the Church, even to the extent of abandoning fundamental teachings given us by Christ himself.

The disciples' reaction was similar to that of many people today. It amounted to "oh this is too difficult". We're told "They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, 'Then who can be saved?'". And Jesus assured them "For men it is impossible, but not for God". That was the reaction of the Samaritan woman and of the blind man. Let us pray that we will react to God's challenge in the same way.

Yours in Christ,

❖ **Fr. Patrick Lee**

Color Corps Report

The 2015 Confirmation season is winding down with only two remaining confirmations left for our assembly in June and October:

Saturday	June 20 th	St Elizabeth	Sacramento	5:00 PM	Bishop Cotta
Saturday	October 3 rd	St Philomene	Sacramento	10:00 AM	Bishop Weigand

Please arrive one hour prior to the start of each confirmation. I want to thank all Sir Knights who participated in Color Corps for this year's confirmations. All three bishops have expressed their gratitude to both former CCC Dale Edwards and myself for having the Color Corps present at the confirmations.

Also, at this writing, the Color Corps will have participated in the assembly's annual Memorial Mass on Sunday May 24th at Our Lady of Grace Church in West Sacramento and the 122nd Annual Freeport Portuguese Holy Spirit Festival on Sunday, May 31st at the IDES Portuguese Hall in Clarksburg.

Finally, an upcoming event on June 27th will be the 93rd Annual San Pedro Festa Mass and Procession held at Holy Cross Church in West Sacramento. More information will be sent in a separate callout email. Any questions, please contact me.

**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>
<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
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...

Justification:

The process of a sinner becoming justified or made right with God. As defined by the Council of Trent, "Justification is the change from the condition in which a person is born as a child of the first Adam into a state of grace and adoption among the children of God through the Second Adam, Jesus Christ our Savior" (Denzinger 1524). On the negative side, justification is a true removal of sin, and not merely having one's sins ignored or no longer held against the sinner by God. On the positive side it is the supernatural sanctification and renewal of a person who thus becomes holy and pleasing to God and an heir of heaven.

The Catholic Church identifies five elements of justification, which collectively define its full meaning. The primary purpose of justification is the honor of God and of Christ; its secondary purpose is the eternal life of mankind. The main efficient cause or agent is the mercy of God; the main instrumental cause is the sacrament of baptism, which is called the "sacrament of faith" to spell out the necessity of faith for salvation. And that which constitutes

justification or its essence is the justice of God, "not by which He is just Himself, but by which He makes us just," namely sanctifying grace.

Depending on the sins from which a person is to be delivered, there are different kinds of justification. An infant is justified by baptism and the faith of the one who requests or confers the sacrament. Adults are justified for the first time either by personal faith, sorrow for sin and baptism, or by the perfect love of God, which is at least an implicit baptism of desire. Adults who have sinned gravely after being justified can receive justification by sacramental absolution or perfect contrition for their sins. (Etym. Latin *justus*, just + *facere*, to make, do: *justificatio*.)

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Bishop Manogue Assembly 50 - Officers for 2013-2014

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SK Louis Munoz
SK Garrett Thomas
SK John Sheldon
SK Miguel Acosta

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Faithful Inner Sentinel
Faithful Outer Sentinel
Faithful 3rd Year Trustee
Faithful 2nd Year Trustee
Faithful 1st Year Trustee

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SK Charles Mudd
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