



# NAVIGATOR'S LOG



Pope Paul VI Assembly 2291  
Lewisville, TX

December 08, 2011

## 2011-2012 OFFICERS

Faithful Admiral -- SK Brian Friesenhahn  
 Faithful Navigator -- SK Bill Wilbur  
 Faithful Captain -- SK Jay Darling  
 Faithful Pilot -- SK George Patterson  
 Faithful Comptroller -- SK Ken Johann  
 Faithful Purser -- SK Tom Desilets  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel -- SK Carl Montegna  
 Faithful Scribe -- SK Sean McIntyre  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel -- SK Vince Zawlocki  
 Faithful Friar -- SK Rev. John Stasiowski  
 Color Corp Commander -- SK Grant Beagles  
 Faithful Trustees -- SK Grant Beagles PFN (1 Yr.); SK, Bill Miller (2 Yr.); SK Boyd Burris (3 Yr.)

## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER 2011

December 1 - Council 9884 Business Meeting – St Philips CLC 7:30  
 December 10 - Flower Mound Christmas Parade  
 December 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Event – In Place of Meeting – No Meeting This month at St Philips  
 December 15 - Council Christmas Party

### JANUARY 2011

January 5 - Council 9884 Business Meeting – St Philips CLC 7:30  
 January 12 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting – St Philips CLC 6:30 Meal  
 January 19 – Council 9884 Planning Meeting – St Philips CLC 7:30

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Faithful Navigator – SK Bill Wilbur	972-355-7714	<a href="mailto:bwilbur@tuesdaymorning.com">bwilbur@tuesdaymorning.com</a>
Faithful Captain – SK Jay Darling	214-392-3928	<a href="mailto:jay.darling@verizon.net">jay.darling@verizon.net</a>
Faithful Comptroller – SK Ken Johann	972-539-1316	<a href="mailto:kjohann@verizon.net">kjohann@verizon.net</a>
Color Corps Commander – SK Grant Beagles	972-221-8592	<a href="mailto:beagles@raytheon.com">beagles@raytheon.com</a>



## **Mass for Departed Knights**

**We had a great turnout for the Departed Knights Mass, I counted about 59 persons in church and approximately 35 persons stayed for dinner. Thank you! to those of you who came out and assisted with the ceremony! I have already received thank you cards and several persons stopped and spoke to me and expressed their gratitude.**

## **Veterans Ribbons**

### **St Philips:**

**Our method of recognizing Veterans Day Ribbons at St Philips was a little different this year. St Philips has decided that groups that have a program or ministry may NOT approach individuals directly and discuss or sell their ideals or products. Groups *can* set up a table and put up signs and their products on a table in the courtyard after getting permission from the church office. If a parishioner wants to come to a table in the courtyard and see what the group is offering in the way of communication of sales, then we can speak to them.**

**SK Bob Franco ( and assisted by other Sir Knights for the masses) did set up a table in the courtyard and 3 or 4 individuals came over to see us. We explained what we were doing and they were very grateful for the recognition. Next year we may want to look at a way to get some attention over to our table without being overly ostentatious.**

**We were able to recognize veterans at St Francis, thank you to SK George Patterson and the other Sir Knights that assisted at that parish.**

## **Merry Christmas!**

National survey of Americans say nine in ten personally celebrate Christmas, including 89 percent of agnostics, 55 percent of atheists, and 62 percent of individuals who associate with other religions. Americans surveyed on what they do for the Christmas holiday, what particular activities they do like specifically putting up a Christmas tree, giving gifts, reading or telling the Christmas story from the Bible and if they attend Christmas services.

According to the study, gift-giving is the most popular tradition among Christians at 94 percent, but ranking the lowest is reading or telling the biblical account of the Christmas story as only "28 percent. They said that they read or tell the Christmas story from the Bible."

There a huge gap between the 90 percent of Americans who celebrate Christmas and the 28 percent who actually read or tell the story" of the nativity.

## Catholic Traditions for Advent and Christmas

BY MICHAELANN MARTIN

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to “prepare the way of the Lord” for His coming as our King and Savior. In addition, the Church teaches that:

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptist’s] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: “He must increase, but I must decrease” .



By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse trees or putting on a Christmas play at home, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

“Either we live the liturgical year with its varying seasons of joy and sorrow, work and rest, or we follow the pattern of the world,” writes Helen McLoughlin in [Advent and Christmas in a Catholic Home](#), commenting on the challenge Catholics have of being “in the world but not of the world” throughout the year. She wrote these profound words in the 1950s, but they are even more important today because of the general decline in Catholic family life during the last 40 years. With two parents working in many households, there is less time to devote to the spiritual life of the family. As Catholic parents, we must readjust our priorities and teach our children by living our faith, both inside and outside the home.

**Advent wreath:** The Advent wreath, which has German origins, is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath made of evergreens that is bound to a circle of wire. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the world awaited its Redeemer; it also represents the years that we have awaited His second and final coming. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the “penitential” Sundays and a pink one for Gaudete, the joyful third Sunday in Advent. There are many available prayers and hymns found in the reading list that can accompany your personal Advent wreath ceremony.

**The empty manger:** Each child may have his own individual manger, or there may be one manger for the whole family. The idea is that when acts of service, sacrifice, or

kindness are done in honor of Baby Jesus as a birthday present, the child receives a piece of straw to put into the manger. Then, on Christmas morning, "Baby Jesus" is placed in the manger. Encourage your children to make Jesus' bed as "comfortable" as possible through their good deeds. In the process, explain Christ's incomparable self-gift at Christmas and Easter that enables us to be part of God's family.

**The Jesse tree:** The Jesse tree tells about Christ's ancestry through symbols and relates Scripture to salvation history, progressing from creation to the birth of Christ. The tree can be made on a poster board with the symbols glued on, or on an actual tree. For further information read, *Advent and Christmas in a Catholic Home*.

**St. Nicholas Day:** The feast of St. Nicholas is on Dec. 6th. It is a highlight of the Advent season. Each child puts out a shoe the night before St. Nicholas Day in the hope that the kind bishop — with his miter, staff, and bag of gifts — will pay a visit. The current "Santa Claus" is modeled after St. Nicholas, but commercialism has tarnished the true story. Many families give gifts on both Dec. 6 and Christmas. Read about St. Nicholas in your favorite saints book.

**The Christ candle:** Any large white candle can be used for the Christ candle. The idea is to decorate it with symbols for Christ. Use old Christmas cards, sequins, holly, etc. The candle can be lit on Christmas Eve to show that the Light of the World has arrived. Then continue to light the Christ candle throughout the year at Sunday dinner to remind your family of our waiting for Christ, as well as celebrating His birth and Resurrection.

**The Mary candle:** Some families have the custom of decorating the Christ candle with a blue veil on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On this great feast, others place a candle with a blue ribbon before a statue or picture of the Blessed Virgin, whose "yes" to God enabled our Lord's coming at Christmas. The candle is lit during meal times to serve as a delightful reminder of Mary's eager expectation of the "Light of the World." It can also serve as a reminder to each family member to keep their own light of grace burning as a preparation for Christ's coming.

**St. Lucy cakes:** The feast of St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, is on December 13th. This marks the opening of the Christmas season in Sweden. Her life story can be found in most saints books, as can the recipe for the traditional cakes. The symbolism is rich and her life story worthwhile reading.

**The Nativity scene:** This is the event in which the entire family shares — setting up the Christmas manger. Mary and Joseph should be far off traveling and their approach to Bethlehem can be adjusted daily. Older children can make life-size Nativity models, carve them, cut them out from cardboard, or set up pre-made figurines. The creative ideas are

without limit. Make sure to place the Nativity scene where many can admire the children's efforts to give God glory.

Christmas baking: There are many recipe books available to find great traditional Christmas baking ideas. (See recommended reading below.) The baking usually starts around December 20th. As Christmas approaches, the house will smell of baking and fresh wreaths. The glory of Christmas is at hand! Move the manger to a focal point, add lights to the Nativity to be lighted on Christmas Eve, and anticipate together.

Blessing of the tree: More and more frequently families are blessing their Christmas trees. It is good to remind children that "the tree" relates to many aspects of our faith. For example, we are reminded that our first parents were not allowed to eat from one tree, and that Christ paid the great price for our redemption by hanging on a tree (cf. Acts 5:29-32).

There are many different stories which attempt to explain why we use a tree at Christmas. For instance, St. Boniface in the eighth century gave the balsam fir tree to the Druids in place of the oak tree, the symbol of their idol. He said, "The fir tree is the wood of peace, the sign of an endless life with its evergreen branches. It points to heaven. It will never shelter deeds of blood, but rather be filled with loving gifts and rites of kindness."

There are more stories and blessings included in McLoughlin's *Advent and Christmas in a Catholic Home*. A family can also participate in Advent through daily Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, or at least by following the weekday Mass readings at home, as the Church anticipates her Savior's coming, and then His early life following Christmas. A family that participates together in Mass and other activities during the Advent and Christmas seasons will grow closer in Christ — "The Reason for the Season" — and give a great witness to friends and relatives.

The Jesse tree reminds us of Jesus' Davidic ancestry (cf. Mt. 1:1). For a greater understanding of the relationship between the house of David, Jesus, and the Catholic Church's divine origin, see CUF's FAITH FACT: "Rock Solid: The Salvation History of the Catholic Church."

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

---

## The Great O's"

On the evening of December 17 the final phase of preparation for Christmas begins

with the first of the great "O Antiphons" of Advent.

These prayers are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve.

They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior.

---

December 17

O Wisdom, that proceedest from the mouth of the Most High, Reaching from end to end mightily, and sweetly disposing all things: come and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18

O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law on Sinai: come and redeem us by Thy outstretched arm.

December 19

O Root of Jesse, Who standest as the Ensign of the people, before Whom kings shall not open their lips; to Whom the Gentiles shall pray: come and deliver us, tarry now no more.

December 20

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; Who openest, and no man shutteth, Who shuttest, and no man openeth: come and lead the captive from the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21

O Dawn of the East, Splendor of the eternal Light, and Sun of justice: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness, and the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of the gentiles, yea, and the desire thereof, the Cornerstone that makest both one: come and save man, whom Thou hast made out of the slime of the earth.

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expectation of all nations and their Salvation: come and save us, O Lord our God.

**Calendar Events for the 2011-2011 Fraternal Year**

**December 10 CHRISTMAS PARADE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND!**  
**December 11 Christmas Outing and Dinner – NunCrackers in Lewisville – Call me today if you would like to**

If you have any information about Knights or patriotic events that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, please inform me and the newsletter staff will consider placing a brief article in the monthly publication.

**Meal Volunteers**

<b>Dec</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>
Christmas Outing	Bill- Pete-Jay	

**Thanks to our Meal Volunteers!!!**

**We need a volunteer for February Please!!**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

RONALD	BERTE	12-07
DARREN	WHITE	12-07
DONALD	MERLAU	12-08
FRANCISCO	PORRAS	12-09
DAVID	KERR	12-12
GARY	OSBORNE	12-13
RAYMOND	GAMA	12-17
LAWRENCE	JERMYN	12-21
WILLIAM	MILLER	12-27
THOMAS	SKAUGEN	12-29

**For These We Pray**

<b><u>These Petitions:</u></b>	<b><u>Brothers and Families:</u></b>	<b><u>Repose of the souls:</u></b>
--------------------------------	--------------------------------------	------------------------------------

- For more Seminarians
- For all vocations
- Those serving in our Armed Forces, especially our men and women in harms way
- Expectant Mothers and their babies
- Members of our Government
- The victims of abortion
- The unemployed and underemployment
- The Catholic Church in America and our Clergy
- Pope Benedict XVI
- Catholic Politicians
- All names on our Councils' and Assembly's prayer lists

- Lillian Connole
- SK Mike Connole
- SK Eric Linton
- Chris Apgar
- Carlos Garcia
- Juan Cantu
- Adele Szablowski
- Eddie Fehrenbach
- Vince Zawlocki
- Vinny Zawlocki IV
- Ken Johann
- Eunice Melara
- Lola Cavassin
- Paul Martinez & Family
- Casey Kenny
- George Dooling
- Phil Beagles
- Betty Rajewski

- All our dearly departed. Especially the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in performing their duties trying to make this a better and safer world for the rest of us in which to live.

- ✠ Mary L Keeley
- ✠ SK Norm Urban
- ✠ Brother Joe Messina
- ✠ Don Groh
- ✠ James Jermyn
- ✠ John Newton
- ✠ Doris Lamarre
- ✠ Juliette Keiderling
- ✠ SK Jimmy Allen
- ✠ Ron Patenaude
- ✠ Mildred Meyer
- ✠ Richard Desilets
- ✠ Florentino Varron
- ✠ Lillian Connole
- ✠ John Herrera

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen.

## Meet the Troops Information

### Meet and Greet the Troops - R&R FLIGHTS (Rest and Recuperation)

#### DFW AIRPORT

Updated 2/3/09

The R&R Program started to meet and greet the troops to encourage and support our deployed military. Anywhere from 150 to 250 troops come through DFW airport each day on their way home for a two week R&R (Rest and Recuperation). One flight arrives daily at DFW and one departs each day. A small portion meets their families here but the majority will catch connecting flights home. Volunteers gather each day to welcome these troops off their flight, thanking and encouraging them for their service to our great nation. We have many faithful individuals who come almost every day and deem it a privilege to be there; yet still, many more are needed to make this program even better. Our primary need is for businesses, clubs, churches, organizations and chambers to adopt a week and bring their employees, friends, family and communities to participate. We are so grateful for the many who have participated in the past and look forward to meeting many more of you in the future. IF a week is not possible, you may adopt a day or a weekend, or which ever works best for your organization.

All are welcome to come and participate in the R&R Program. To learn of expected flight arrivals, call 972.574.0392 for a recorded message. You may call after 8:30 p.m. at night up until the flight arrives the next morning. Though most flights are expected to arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., the key is to be flexible as this does change, sometimes even at the last minute. Please know that the Military does their best to keep us informed. You will want to check the recording several times in the morning before coming to the airport. The troops arrive at Terminal D, Gate 22. You may park in the lot located on the ground level. You will walk across to greet the troops in the Arrival Hall. Parking passes will be issued as you arrive so there is no parking fee or charge to your toll tag (toll tags must be taken down before entering the airport, since we are unable to reimburse toll tags).

Thank you for supporting our men and women in uniform. If you have a group of 15 or more-- business, club, civic organization or chamber and need further information, please e-mail or call Christene Wheeler. For additional needed help, you may call Donna Cranston, the on-site coordinator.

Thank You For Supporting Our Troops!

[Christene Wheeler](#) [Donna Cranston](#)

North Texas Commission Meet and Greet Coordinator  
P.O. Box 610246 972-948-7059  
DFW Airport, Texas 75261 jonesb4@aol.com  
Phone: 972.621.0400  
christene@ntc-dfw.org  
[www.ntc-dfw.org](http://www.ntc-dfw.org)

### Check List For Coordinators

*\*All coordinators are urged to participate once at the meet and greet prior to their scheduled week. It will be helpful for your planning! \**

Before Arriving at DFW

- **R&R Update Hotline:** Call the R&R update line at **972-574-0392** for an estimated time of arrival. Flights are scheduled to arrive between 7 am and 9 am. Calling the hotline the evening before after 8:30 pm, as well as several times in the morning helps determine if there are any delays.
- **Signs:** Homemade signs are welcome. You are welcome to leave them and the onsite coordinator will see that they are displayed.
- **Food:** Welcome treats or goodie bags are permissible (Phone cards and gum work the best). Simple is best! Please note there are approximately 200-275 soldiers arriving daily. **NO** Home baked items are allowed. Only prepackaged items will be allowed.
- **Water:** Bottled water is a big hit as most of the soldiers are connecting to other flights and need the thirst quenchers. You do not need to bring ice or coolers. Bring your water and give it to Donna Cranston and she will ice it down for the next day.
- **Supporters:** Encourage businesses and families to come to *Terminal D* and wear patriotic colors. Also, veterans should be encouraged to participate.
- **Phone Tree:** A phone tree is often helpful for you to update your volunteers in case of any last minute changes that would need to be communicated.

Arrival at DFW –Preparation

- **Time allocated:** Volunteers need to plan two hours for this program for driving, parking, set up, greeting and return. You can park across from the entrance in the two hour parking at Terminal D, Gate 22—stay on ground level. Parking vouchers will be available upon arrival.
- **Flags:** There are some flags available to you, but please return for later use.
- **Food:** Your food items or goodie bags are to be placed on the tables that are between the two entrance doors. Please have assigned people to pass them out. This should all be done at the doors or if weather permits outside.
- **Water:** Coolers will be set outside near the buses or at the door as they leave. This allows the soldiers to take what they need. At least one volunteer will be needed to help pass out the water to the soldiers.
- **Helium Balloons:** If you would like to bring balloons to help decorate, only Mylar balloons are allowed – **NO regular helium balloons**, please.

Soldiers Arrival – DFW

- **Families of Troops** are to line up in front, all the other volunteers on either side of the barriers behind family members. Veterans are up front to greet the troops!
- **Keep aisles wide and clear:** The Volunteer Group Leader should work with onsite coordinator to keep the aisle clear. The objective is to welcome the soldier but not encumber their progress to their connecting flight.
- **Cell phones:** You are welcome to offer troops cell phones to call home as they arrive. The best place to do this is outside as they wait for their buses.

The Clean-up Process

- **Signs:** All the signs can be stored in the closet.
- **Flags:** A box is available for their storage however re-supplying may be needed.
- **Food:** Any food left over can be donated to Operation R&R or to the USO. Military are in the airport all day and this is welcomed by the USO. Onsite coordinator will work with you regarding this.
- **Thanks for your help.** If Coordinators need information, please email [heroeswelcome@dfwairport.com](mailto:heroeswelcome@dfwairport.com).