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JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18	19
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NEWS

Our next meeting will consist of the installation of Officers for the coming year. We will be joined by the Brenham/Navasota Assembly. The meeting will be in the St. Mary's PAC, and will begin with a catered meal at 7:00 PM. Dwayne Beran will be catering a BBQ meal for this event. Your spouses are invited to attend with you. The dress will be Tuxedo and Social Baldric. The meeting is scheduled for July 14. This will be our last installation with our current District Master, Mr. Phil Leibowitz. We want to thank him for his work as our Master, and wish him well as he pursues his interests in the future.

The location of our next fallout will be determined at our meeting on July 14.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Father Nock Russell for his support of our 4th Degree Assembly during his stay at St. Ann's Parish in Somerville. He is leaving to become Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Fayetteville. His replacement at St. Ann's will be Father Uche Obikwelu, possibly the best polka dancer around, other than Father Ed Karasek. We wish both of them the best in their new assignments. Please pray for them as they begin their new assignments.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

As we prepare for another installation of officers for the coming year, I want to take a little time to thank all the officers of our assembly for the work they have done in their respective positions. Some positions do not require much in the way of preparation, while others require a lot of time to do the job in the way it was intended to be performed. There are 13 positions that need to be filled in our Assembly, something we do not think about much, but it is a lot when you are looking for someone to fill them. We have been very fortunate in our Assembly, to have men step up to accept these positions no matter what the difficulty of the job entails.

In addition, I think that as an Assembly, we have a very good spirit of cooperation in what we do, as is shown in what we are able to accomplish in our fundraising efforts, and in our turnout for the fallouts that we have. I would venture to guess, that our Assembly probably has more fallouts per year than any other in our District, and maybe beyond. Our decision to make our presence known in our parishes on a regular basis, and participating in other events, shows the dedication that we as an Assembly have, to make the Knights of Columbus a visible part of our parishes, our community, and our state. There is hardly a place where we are present in our Regelia, that we do not receive compliments about what we do, or that they are thankful that we are there to help them celebrate their occasion. I hope that we will continue to be a very visible part of the Knights of Columbus, by our continued commitment to be present at all our fallouts, and wherever we are needed, to make sure the Knights are seen as an example of the good that can be done, when we all work together for a common purpose.

CARDINAL O'MALLEY WELCOMES SUPREME COURT DECISION AFFIRMING FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR PRO-LIFE AMERICANS

June 26, 2014

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court upheld freedom of speech for pro-life Americans in a June 26 decision in the case of *McCullen v. Coakley*. The Court unanimously declared unconstitutional a Massachusetts law barring pro-life advocates from public sidewalks near abortion facilities. Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement.

"Today the Supreme Court found unconstitutional a Massachusetts law imposing criminal penalties on pro-life Americans who peacefully pray for and offer alternatives to pregnant women approaching abortion clinics. This discriminatory law barred these citizens from gathering on nearby public sidewalks, while exempting 'clinic escorts' trained to expedite women into the facility. Clearly this was an attack on pro-life Americans' freedom of speech, and we welcome the Court's decision to overturn the law.

"This now overturned legislation reflects an ominous trend in our society. Abortion supporters, having long denied that unborn children have a right to life, would deny that their fellow Americans who seek to protect the unborn have the same rights as other Americans – the right to freedom of speech and freedom of association; the right to participate in the public square and serve the vulnerable in accord with our moral convictions. Increasingly we see this trend evidenced at various levels of government. We are encouraged and pleased to know that with regard to this particular issue, our highest court has affirmed the American tradition of basic constitutional rights for all."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops had joined with other religious groups in a "friend of the court" brief urging this result. The brief can be found online:

www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs/upload/cls-amicus-brief-filed.pdf

TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS AND YOUR FAMILIES:

WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND RELAXING HOLIDAY AS YOU CELEBRATE ONE OF THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF THE 4TH DEGREE. PATRIOTISM.

But let us try not to be like the person as portrayed by Mark Twain, whose definition of a patriot is: "The person who can holler the loudest, without knowing what he is hollering about".

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