



NEWSLETTER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 MEETING SOMERVILLE 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA
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Our next meeting will be in the big city of Somerville, with the first contested mayoral election that I can remember. Usually they have to convince someone to take the position. It will start at 7:00 pm, unless the candidates find out about our meeting, and show up to campaign.

We will conduct a fallout at St. Mary's in Caldwell on Mother's Day, at the 10:00 Mass. We need to be there at 9:30 sharp to beat the Bishop. I bet there will be a lot of mothers who will be very happy to see one of their children confirmed on Mother's Day.

The 25th of May is the Feast of the Ascension, but I can't find out if it is a Holy Day. So many of them are moved these days, that I can't keep up with them.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well here it is, 7:30 pm on Sunday, and I am just getting around to doing the newsletter. We just got back from visiting the Marine Military Academy, where Rogelio is finishing up his first school term. They had a Casino Night for the students and parents, and some other activities for the parents, which started on Friday night, and ended this morning. One thing that always impresses us when we go there, is the Iwo Gima Monument that is on the parade grounds of the Academy (photo on the back page). This is the prototype of the actual monument that was given to the Academy. You can see the flag from about a quarter of a mile before you get to the Academy. With May 29th being Memorial Day, it has a special meaning to see this monument and understand what it means. As with so many other things these days, most of the kids in school know nothing about this monument, because it is not taught in a lot of our schools. Maybe our new Secretary of Education can bring us back to reality in what should be taught in our schools, rather than all this political correctness that dominates what can or can not be taught. I am also adding a description of what the folding of the US Flag represents, and I am willing to bet, that just like me, there are a lot of people who have no idea as to the meaning of the steps gone through to fold the United States flag, and the meaning of each step, and the 21 gun salute that makes up the ceremony at the funeral of our Veterans. I hope this helps in keeping us all aware of the sacrifices these men and women endured for our country.



The Meaning of the Flag Draped Coffin

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms. I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year **1776?**

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of

America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America , and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of ' Liberty and Freedom.'

MAYBE THE SUPREME COURT SHOULD READ THIS EXPLANATION BEFORE THEY RENDER THEIR DECISION ON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. FORWARD IT; MAYBE SOMEONE WITH THE NECESSARY POWER, OR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL INFLUENCE, WILL GET IT TO THEM.

IN THE MEANTIME, MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS.

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